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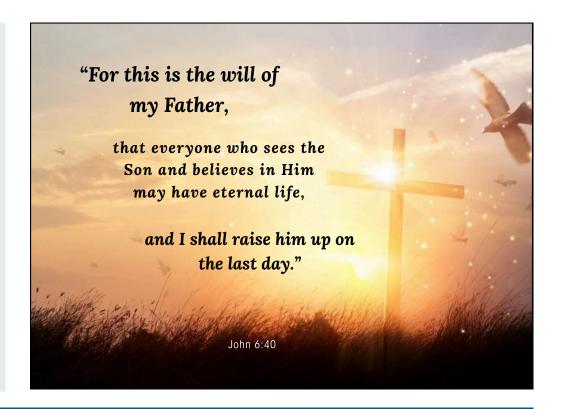
Holy Cross



Let All Who Enter Be Welcomed as Christ!

Vision Statement:

Holy Cross is a vibrant Catholic community striving to maintain a spirit of welcome to all, serving as a guiding beacon to nourish and sustain prayer, work and play.



All Souls' Day - November 2, 2025



Come and Pray with Us!

We celebrate Eucharist

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM; Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM The 9:00 Weekday Mass & Sunday 11:30 Mass are livestreamed on Facebook.

We celebrate Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM; Wednesday after 9:00 AM Mass



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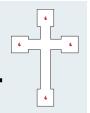
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GO IN PEACE



Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael

There are certain days and celebrations in the life of the Church that just ring true in the hearts of the faithful. For example, we don't have to convince people to begin the season of Lent in a prayerful way. On Ash Wednesday the place is packed. All Souls' Day is another one of those celebrations. We don't need a lengthy list of reasons why one should pray on that day; people are naturally drawn to it as they think about loved ones who have died. This year, the number of those who will share in All Souls' Day will be even greater, as the day falls on a Sunday. All of us together share in remembering those who have died. It is a universal experience. All of us share in the hope of God's promise of life and peace.

When I attended the college seminary, I was introduced to what is called Compline which is the prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours that ends the day. I was always struck by the final words of the prayer, "May the Lord grant us a restful night and a peaceful death." When you are twenty years old, you don't spend a lot of time reflecting on death. But I have always found beauty and comfort in those words.

Needless to say, the circumstances of a death vary tremendously. Accidents and other tragedies can take a life without warning. Sometimes the progression of an illness or old age allows for more reflection and preparation for death. There is a deep-rooted desire in all of us that whatever the circumstances may be, we pray that death not be a time of fear or dread. We pray it may become a peaceful moment of transition as we meet God. One of the most beautiful settings I experience as a priest is when I make a visit to a home or hospital to anoint someone who is dying, and I find them surrounded by family and loved ones. It can be a helpless feeling to journey with someone as they approach death. But there is a profound beauty in literally surrounding them, so they know they are not alone.

No one knows what is happening in the head and heart of someone who is nearing death. I believe there is a rich unfolding of God's mercy as His eternal kingdom draws closer to this life. I believe even in the midst of difficult circumstances, God is there to offer comfort and peace that the observer cannot fully understand. It seems Jesus had the ability to take that step from this life to the next with trust and courage, "Father, into your hands I commend my Spirit." We desire this gift of peace for ourselves and for those we know; go in peace.

Yes, we pray and hope for a peaceful death to all who are close to us and for ourselves. But that is not the only time we use that phrase. Every Mass ends with those same words, "go in peace." God's peace is not reserved for only what happens at the end of life. Jesus came to offer that gift here and now. Even in the midst of great trials, we can know God's gift of peace. That is what unites us today. We are a people who share in a gift that goes beyond all of us, yet through God's graciousness is offered to all of us. May we know that peace in death. May we know that peace in life.



NOVEMBER 2025

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CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



NOVEMBER 8

5:00 PM FR. FRANK / DCN. JOE

NOVEMBER 9

8:00 AM FR. FRANK / DCN. JOE

9:30 AM FR. MICHAEL

11:30 AM FR. MICHAEL



SCRIPTURE READINGS for NOVEMBER 9

+ Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 + 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17 + John 2:13-22

ON THE CALENDAR

Saturday, November 1st 9:00AM, Worship Area	ALL SAINTS' DAY MASS
Saturday, November 1st9:00AM - 11:00AM, Parish Grounds	GROUNDS CLEAN-UP
Saturday, November 1st3:45PM - 4:45PM, Worship Area	HOLY HOUR
Sunday, November 2ndAfter 9:30AM Mass, Worship Area	ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Sunday, November 2nd CHIL 11:30AM Mass, Fr. Joe Room	DREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
Monday, November 3rd4:00PM - 6:00PM, Worship Area, Atrium	SPECIAL NEEDS CLASS
Tuesday, November 4th 10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room	IN STITCHES
Tuesday, November 4th7:00PM, Fr. Joe Room	USHER DISCERNMENT MTG.
Wednesday, November 5th 9:30AM - 11:30AM, Atrium, Fr. Joe Room	
Wednesday, November 5th 1:30PM - 3:00PM, Fr. Joe Room	BEREAVEMENT
Wednesday, November 5th7:00PM, Chapel, Atrium	THE CHOSEN
Thursday, November 6th 10:00AM, Atrium	SCRIPTURE STUDY
Thursday, November 6th 1:30PM, Chapel, Atrium	THE CHOSEN
Thursday, November 6th7:00PM, Fr. Joe Room	OCIA
Saturday, November 8th5:00PM, Atrium	. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SALES
Sunday, November 9thAll Masses, Atrium	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SALES
Sunday, November 9th9:30AM Mass, Worship Area, Fr. Joe Room	
Sunday, November 9th 1:00PM, Worship Area	BAPTISMS



Next weekend we will also be collecting for the Archdiocese of Military Services.

This collection is only taken once every 3 years to help provide pastoral care for over 1.5 million Catholics on ships, in combat, on bases and in 153 VA hospitals.

Visit our website at **www.holycrossrc.org** to find out more about the different ministries we have to offer, how you can be involved, and when they meet.

WE PRAY...CELEBRATE...REMEMBER



Upcoming Mass Intentions

Week of Sunday, November 2 9:00AM Masses:

Mon. Bob DeFilippis

Tues. Michael Hyland (living) Wed. Helen Dalamango Thur. Catherine Holzmann

Saturday, November 8, 5PM Mass

Douglas Sternberg, Teresa Dragotta, Margaret Maher, Stephen Mattera, Officer Vincent Pelliccio

Sunday, November 9, Masses Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00AM Jerry Garguilo **9:30AM** People of the Parish **11:30AM** John Schultz, John Joseph Sullivan, Peter Buscemi, Michael O'Donnell, Anna Maria Angelini



We thank the men and women who serve in our military for their service.

We continue to pray through 2025 for ...

SSGT David Basler
Cpl Brian S. Brophy Jr., USMC
Cpl Richard J. DeKanchuk, USMC
FC2 Lane Dyar
AS Brandon Ferrara
MIDN Jonathan A. Goohs Jr., USNA
WO Christopher Kaminsky
Sgt Michael J. Knipper, USMC
Dr./Cmdr. Eric J. Koch, USNA
SSGT Ryan Mauldin
PFC Ryan McCoy, USMC
Lt Ryan Montvydas

Please let us know if their service is finished or their title has changed.

May God bless all who serve our nation.

Pray for peace!

Please pray for those in our parish who are sick, their families and caregivers

Bob Alderdice Alejandro Astegiano Jo Barry Kathy Barry Alison Bilski

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Judy Carlson

Mary Champagne Peter Chirafisi

William Ciccarelli Stephen Crawford

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Andrea Nocito Darin Pitkanen

Patricia Pitkanen

Colleen Prinz

Carina Ranieri

Bernardine Reichbach

Rob Remhild Lvnn Rodger

Sean Romeo

Elaine Ruane Casey Schultz

Kathy Schwinn

John Serri

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Calvin Tatone Grace Van Epps

Peter Warns

If you would like to have the name of your loved one listed in our prayers for the sick, please call 631-265-2200 x122.

Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up.

If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.

James 5:14-15



Sunday, November 2nd, will be the next date that the Anointing of the Sick will be offered after the 9:30 AM Mass



PARISH OUTREACH/PARISH EVENTS

All Souls' Mass of Remembrance 2025

We invite all of our parishioners who have lost a loved one during the past year or who are still grieving a loss in their life, to **join us on the weekend of November 1 & 2**, as we pray and remember our loved ones.

This year, the feast of All Souls will be celebrated at each of the weekend Masses.

All are welcome to join us as we celebrate your loved one's place in the Communion of Saints.



HOLY CROSS BEREAVEMENT

Newly Bereaved

This group will meet on Wednesdays from 1:30pm to 3:00pm in the Father Joe Room, beginning November 5th.

Beginning on Wednesday, November 5th, the Parish of the Holy Cross will be offering a 5-week support group for the recently bereaved and those still struggling with unresolved loss.

This group is designed to assist the bereaved in learning about the grief process; develop skills to manage their grief and to learn to live in the world without the deceased.

The group will meet on Wednesdays from 1:30pm to 3:00pm in the Father Joe Room. We will meet on November 5th, November 12th, November 19th, December 3rd and December 10th.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Kelley in the Outreach office at 631-265-2200. You must register before November 4th. All are welcome to attend.



We will meet on Wednesday, November 5, 9:30AM - 11:30AM in the Atrium

Every girl should have the chance to receive, own and wear a new dress. Our "Dress a Girl" ministry helps make this possible. We gather monthly to lovingly create dress kits at our "Cut-Ups" session. These dress kits are then available to take home, where skilled sewists create beautiful dresses. We hope that each dress symbolizes how special and loved each girl is. Our prayers are with them all.

We are looking for sewists and donations of fabric to continue our ministry.

Do you like to sew? If creating a beautiful dress in the comfort of your own home, sharing your talent and making a difference to a young girl sounds like something you may be interested in, then the "Dress a Girl" Ministry is for you!

If your talent lies in sewing, contact the Outreach office to make arrangements to pick up your "take home dress kit." Instructions and support are available as you create a dress from one of our dress kits.

If you would like to join us, we meet monthly to create the dress kits. We are so grateful for all those who played a part in our "Dress a Girl" Ministry. This ministry could not exist without the many volunteers who have cut out a dress, sewn a dress or donated fabric. We need fabric to keep creating these beautiful dresses and offering hope. We are in need of 2-3 yards of a cotton blend fabric. We invite you to be part of this ministry by donating fabric and helping to support the good work that we are doing. All donations can be brought to the Outreach office.

If you are interested in joining our "Dress a Girl" ministry or have any questions, please contact Kelley in the Outreach office at 631-265-2200. Thank you!!!

PARISH OUTREACH





Thanksgiving Basket Program

If you were assigned a basket, please look for the Outreach table in the atrium where you can pick up your shopping list and gift cards after all Masses this weekend.

Thank you

to everyone who signed up to create a Thanksgiving basket for one of our Outreach families. Once again, our volunteers outnumbered our need.

Thank you!!!

We hope you will give us a chance next year to assign you a basket.

REMINDER:

Completed Baskets are due
Sunday, November 16th, from 3pm-5pm.
Our families will be picking up baskets
on Monday, November 17th, in the morning
and throughout the day.

Please make every effort to have your basket here on the 16th. Thank you!

Monetary Donations in Support of this Outreach Program

Cash, Check, or Supermarket Gift Cards are greatly appreciated to help defray the expenses of our Thanksgiving Basket Program. You can mark your envelope "Thanksgiving" and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the Outreach office.

We thank you for your continuing support of our Outreach ministry.

We are grateful for anything you can do to make this a real time for "Giving Thanks."



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This past weekend our Level 8 Confirmation Candidates submitted their Red Covenant Letter to Fr. Michael at all four Masses. The letter is a commitment letter signed by both the candidate and their parent acknowledging that they are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation as they continue on their faith journey toward full initiation in the Sacrament of Confirmation.





















LEVEL 3 – Please bring your letter to the Veterans and place it in the mailbox labeled "Thank you, Veterans" by November 9th.



Guidelines for writing your "thank you" letter are found in this week's bulletin.

LEVEL 3 – Please come to any of the Masses on Saturday, November 8th or November 9th, to receive your blessed rosary beads.

> Please bring back your rosary beads on Monday, November 10th, at 7pm so that we can have a lesson on the rosary.

LEVEL 4

Thursday, November 13th, at 7pm

in the Worship Area

Lesson on the 10 Commandments

LEVEL 6

Wednesday, November 12th, at 6pm Temple Tour at 6pm

> at Temple Beth Chai 870 Townline Rd, Hauppauge, please review your permission slip for more information

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION





St. Pius X Award

Pictured above is award recipient, Amber Lerner, with Fr. Michael and Jennifer Miller, Religious Education Coordinator.

This award is presented to those who have contributed 10 years of outstanding volunteer service in the catechetical ministry.

Catechists Recognized for their Years of Service

Every year the Diocese of Rockville Centre, through the Office of Catechesis, recognizes volunteers within the Catechetical Ministry and the years they have served within our parish communities.

Last weekend, Fr. Michael presented our honored catechists with their awards at Mass.



Pictured above are this year's award recipients, Melissa Bruno (L) and Amy Jaekle (R), with Fr. Michael and Jennifer Miller, Religious Education Coordinator.

Pope Paul VI Award

This award is presented to those who have contributed 5 years of outstanding volunteer service in the catechetical ministry.

Congratulations and our many thanks to this year's recipients!

Not pictured, but honored for her 5 years of service is Nicole Suridis

You're invited to

The 58th Vianney Pall

CURÈ OF ARS DINNER DANCE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025 5:30PM TO 10:30PM AT THE CORAL HOUSE 70 MILBURN AVENUE, BALDWIN, NY 11510



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Honoring FATHER JOSEPH SCHLAFER Celebrating his 50th Anniversary to Priesthood

Dear Parishioners of Holy Cross,

Since my retirement last year, I have been living and helping out at Curé of Ars Parish here in Merrick. As I celebrate the 50th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood, my years at Holy Cross are among my most cherished memories. Holy Cross is always in my prayers. The pastor here in Merrick, Father Frank Caldwell, has graciously designated me to be the honoree at the annual Parish Dinner Dance that the parish has been celebrating for 58 years. The information listed below explains the "when, where and how" of the event, and, as you can see, it will also benefit major work in renewing the buildings and resources of the parish. Everyone is welcome to participate. I thank your pastor, Father Mike, for allowing this notice to appear in the bulletin, and please keep Curé of Ars in your prayers. Always with gratitude, Fr. Joe

VIANNEY BALL RESERVATIONS \$100 per Adult includes: Cocktail Hour, Dinner, DJ, Dancing, Open Bar, Door Prizes & Raffles. For information, please contact (516)623-1400. No tickets will be sold after Friday, November 7th. 1st Prize - \$1,000, 2nd Prize - \$500, 3rd Prize - \$250 (Winner need not be present) Name:_____ Email:_____ Address: If paying for more than one ticket, please list names: Please seat me/(us) with: Dinner Reservations \$100 pp # of Adults: x \$100 = # of Raffle tickets: ____ x \$ 25 = ____ Raffle Tickets \$25 each # of Vianney Angel: ____ x \$100 = ____ Vianney Angel: 5 Raffle tickets for \$100 TOTAL: (Your name will be published in the Vianney Ball Journal) *Please make all checks payable to "Curé of Ars" ***NET PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE CURÈ OF ARS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN *** Please prayerfully consider taking out an ad in The 58 th Annual Vianney Ball Journal. (Journal Deadline Thursday, November 6, 2025) Vianney Ball Journal Ad: Back Cover: \$1,500 Inside Front OR Back Cover: \$1,000 Full Page: \$200 Half Page: \$100 Quarter Page: \$60 Eighth Page: \$40 Please email ad to secretary@cureofarschurch.org or deliver your ad to: Vianney Ball Committee, Curé of Ars Rectory, 2323 Merrick Ave, Merrick, NY 11566



Prayer for All Souls' Day

Merciful Father,
Hear our prayer and console us.
As we renew
our faith in Your Son,
whom You raised from the dead,
strengthen our hope
that all our departed brothers and
sisters will share in His resurrection,
who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.



ShareCatholic



We remember and pray for the following Holy Cross parishioners who passed away recently:

Theresa Arzillo
Harriet Frances Cople
Margaret Cortegiano
Marion Maloney-Caputo
Richard Peters
Kenneth Tomlinson
Kathleen Wareing

May they rest in peace, and may their loved ones be consoled.



Holy Cross Welcomes these Children Baptized in October

Senna Jane Abbruzzese
Jake Phillip Cabrera
Dean Richard Ciancio
Keegan Peter Costello
Theodore Jerome Diaz
Savannah Adele Gilroy
Eliana Rayne Hughes
Christopher John Labiento
Henry Joseph St. John

God Bless these Children and their Families. Our Holy Cross family celebrates with you!



Banns of Marriage

Cayla Ebbecke & John Tymeck, Jr. Maria Sorto & Michael Borsch Cynthia Knott & Anthony LoCascio



HOLY HOUR

EVERY 1ST SATURDAY
OF THE MONTH

NOVEMBER 1st

3:45PM - 4:45PM

Please come and spend some time with the Lord in personal prayer as you pray before the Blessed Sacrament during the Parish Holy Hour.

Children's Liturgy of the Word



Join us at the 11:30AM Mass <u>every 1st and 3rd Sunday</u> <u>of the month.</u>

Join us Sunday, NOVEMBER 2nd

During the Mass, children from Kindergarten through 3rd Grade will be invited to move to a separate space and hear God's Word in age-appropriate language. Older children are welcome to assist as helpers. Don't miss this special opportunity for the entire family to experience Mass in a more meaningful way.



YOUTH COMMUNITY CARES VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



If you are a middle school or high school student looking for community service hours, we currently have great opportunities for you to share your time and talent!

For additional information, join our Remind group: rmd.at/ycchc

or please email Angela at: youthcc@holycrossrc.org
to get a Sign-Up Genius Link



AFTER MASS HOSPITALITY

We are seeking
youth members to help
serve refreshments
after Mass on
designated weekends
throughout
the school year.







PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY

We are seeking youth members to help make "no sew" blankets for the parish prayer blanket ministry on November 14th.

5 spots left!*



*at time of printing



THANK A VETERAN

Do you want to write a personal "Thank You" note to a Veteran?

Please write your letter to a Veteran and place it in the mailbox in the atrium labeled "THANK A VETERAN"

no later than Sunday, November 9th and we will personally hand deliver them to Veterans at the VA Hospital in Northport and the Long Island State Veterans Home in Stony Brook.

Guidelines for writing a letter:

- "Dear Service Member" or "Dear Hero"
- Introduce yourself
- Express Gratitude ex: "Thank you for serving our country and protecting our freedoms"
- Share something positive and uplifting share a fun story
- Keep it kind and respectful
- Choose a friendly closing –
 "With Gratitude" or "Sincerely" or "Best Wishes"
- Add a quote, draw a picture
- If you would like, you may include your return address, however, you may not receive a response.



Practice of Hope

WORKS (Excerpt from "At Home with the Word 2025")

The Old Testament reading for today offers a most beautiful metaphor for the souls of the dead: "They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; /... / But they are in peace. / ... they shall shine, / and shall dart about as sparks through stubble; /... /and the Lord shall be their King forever. /... / and the faithful shall abide with Him in love."

Though we trust in this vision, the Church teaches us to pray for the dead and acknowledge our ongoing communion with them. Pray each night this week for your departed loved ones: "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."

Attend Mass; visit the grave of a loved one if you can.

Tell a friend how a loved one influenced your faith.





Outreach is currently in need of the following items for the food pantry.

The collection will be this weekend, November 1st & 2nd

Pancake Mix - Syrup - Canned Chicken Shampoo - Toothpaste - Bars of Soap Pasta Sauce - Fruit in a can

Thank you for checking expiration dates before donating.

Thank you for your continued support!



This weekend at the offertory we will also be collecting for our Renovations and Major Repairs fund.

Thank you for your continued support!





Our Religious Education Program is expanding and we are looking for a

Special Needs Teacher (Mondays 4-6PM)

If you enjoy working with children and are available to help, please call Jennifer or Mary at the Religious Education office at 631-265-2200





YOUTH COMMUNITY CARES is looking for youth volunteers to create no sew blankets

as part of the Holy Cross Prayer Blanket Ministry



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2025 from 7:00PM - 9:00PM

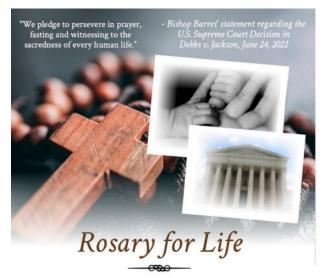
Join us as we gather together to create no-sew blankets for the Holy Cross Prayer Blanket Ministry. Last year, our teen volunteers created over 15 blankets which were blessed at Mass following our event. These blankets were then distributed to individuals to bring comfort and serve as a reminder to them of God's love. Parishioners have the opportunity, after the blankets are blessed, to receive these special blankets.

Registration is required for this event. 5 spots left!*

(*at time of printing)

For additional information, join our Remind group: **rmd.at/ycchc** or please email Angela at: **youthcc@holycrossrc.org** to get a Sign-Up Genius Link





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Blessed Sacrament Council #11416 Parish of the Holy Cross

will have a table in the atrium during weekend Masses welcoming parishioners, selling chance tickets and Christmas magnets

November 8th/9th

Stop by and purchase chances to help support Holy Cross and other charities

We welcome prospective members to join The Knights

Visit: www.kofc.org for more info

"Good works are links that form a chain of love."



Thank you to all of our youth volunteers who came to help serve complimentary refreshments at our monthly "Hospitality after Mass" this past weekend, including those who helped set up and clean up. We are proud of our teens!































TRUNK OR TREAT FUN!



Families enjoying Trunk or Treat festivities on Friday, October 24th, at Holy Cross





















































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