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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.



Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time - February 9, 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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> PARISH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - THURSDAY 9 AM - 4 PM (closed 12:15-1 PM)

> > Parish Office FRIDAY HOURS 9 AM - 12 NOON

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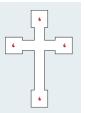
Evening Hours by Appointment Only

"For I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures..."

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PUT OUT INTO DEEP WATERS



Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael

This is the instructions Jesus gives his disciples in this week's gospel reading. At first glance, the instruction does not make a lot of sense. First, this was not the first time the disciples ever went fishing; this was their livelihood long before Jesus came along. They did not need guidance on the proper way to fish. Second, it's not as if the disciples had been goofing off and needed to focus on their work. We hear that they had been fishing all night long. In spite of the unusual request, the disciples did as they were instructed.

Of course, this story needs to be understood on a symbolic level. What implications do these instructions have in our lives? Honestly, this is not the best image for me to hear. I love taking a cruise on a huge ship. But put me on a little bouncy fishing boat, and I turn the same color as my new car (green). I have never been a great swimmer. I could not advance in Boy Scouts because of my limitations in the pool. For me, this invitation is somewhat threatening and uncomfortable.

Even if you love every aspect of the water, there is something in this message that is meant to be a challenge. Deep waters connote a certain level of mystery and uncertainty. This does not mean that it is to be avoided at all costs. The sea is a place of great beauty. The sea is a place of abundant life. But we need to dare ourselves to enter that great abyss.

The instruction of Jesus leads to a miraculous catch of fish. On a practical level this was a great blessing to the disciples. But Jesus had something in mind other than a bonanza of fish. He needed them to look at life differently and understand what they were capable of doing. He said to them from now on they would "be catching men." Jesus was calling them to discipleship. Their initial response was fear and saying they were unworthy. Yet, the assurance of Jesus allowed them to overcome their uncertainty and trust in the call. We hear that "they left everything and followed him." They would now be drawing people to share in the mystery and gift of Jesus. This one event of putting their nets back into the deep waters changed their lives.

Hopefully you have had at least one moment in your life when you were challenged to grow. Perhaps you can recall that moment when you felt called to choose a particular path to walk in life. The Scripture readings do not call us to risky behavior. But they do remind us that at times God will call us to do more than we think we can do. God will sometimes teach us that we are capable of accomplishing something new and transforming in our lives.

May we be mindful of deep waters that surround us. Let us ask for the wisdom to discern where there is beauty and life. We are asked to trust in the Lord that he will lead us where we need to go. May we, too, reap in the abundance of God's mercy and blessings as we move forward in the journey of our lives.

By the way, Happy Super Bowl Sunday. I will dutifully watch the game and eat a chicken wing.



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ON THE CALENDAR

Saturday, February 8th After 5:00PM Mass, Atrium	YCC HOSPITALITY
Saturday, February 8th After 5:00PM Mass, Atrium	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Sunday, February 9th After all Masses, Atrium	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Sunday, February 9th 10:00AM-11:00AM, Fr. Joe Room	OCIA
Monday, February 10th4:00PM-6:00PM, Atrium, Worship Area	SPECIAL NEEDS
Tuesday, February 11th 10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room	IN STITCHES
Wednesday, February 12th 11:30AM-2:30PM, Atrium	SENIORS
Wednesday, February 12th 1:30PM, Fr. Joe Room	GRANDPARENTS' PRAYER
Thursday, February 13th 10:00AM, Atrium	SCRIPTURE STUDY
Thursday, February 13th6:00PM-9:00PM, Worship Area	LEVEL 8 RETREAT
Sunday, February 16th	CHILDREN'S LITURGY

CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



FEBRUARY 15

5:00 PM FR. MICHAEL

FEBRUARY 16

8:00 AM FR. MICHAEL

9:30 AM

FR. FRANK

11:30 AM

FR. FRANK



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 16

+ Jeremiah 17:5-8

+ 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

+ Luke 6:17,20-26



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.

www.holycrossrc.org (631) 265-2200

11:30AM Mass, Fr. Joe Room

WE PRAY...CELEBRATE...REMEMBER



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

Bob Alderdice Theresa Arzillo Alejandro Astegiano Jo Barry Kathy Barry Barbara Bombace Cole Brennan Dan Bryan Judy Carlson Hank Champagne Mary Champagne William Ciccarelli Grayson Danielski Anthony DeGennaro Manuela Diaz Ann Egan Vincent Esposito Ralph Farino

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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.

Upcoming Mass Intentions

Week of Sunday, February 9, 9AM Masses:

Mon. Maureen O'Malley (living) **Tues.** Charlotte Wangenstein

Wed. Thomas Barrett **Thur.** Joseph McSherry

Saturday, February 15, 5 PM Mass

Roberta Lamb, Richard P. Canalini, Rose Furnari, Debbie Hahn, Eric Schwarz

Sunday, February 16, Masses Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. O. DeSanto, Judy Collins, Maureen McGinley, Fran Molinaro, Alexis Bruno

9:30 AM Gloria Posimato, Joseph Gatto

11:30 AM People of the Parish



Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way.

The Lord be with you all.

2 Thessalonians 3:16



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



THE WATERS OF OUR BAPTISM



LITURGY BYTES by Michele Hall



Matthew's Gospel ends with the great commission: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Mt. 28:19-20)

Baptism is the central part of our lives as Christians. The liturgy of baptism is rich in meaning, using the symbols of water, oil, a new garment, and a lighted candle. Most of us do not recall our baptisms except from the pictures our family showed to us.

Using the imagery of the blue cloth waving in the sanctuary today at Mass and the words of the song "Living Waters of Hope" that was introduced this weekend, let us reflect on the meaning this sacrament has for each of us. Baptism embraces the Paschal mystery—the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus as we are immersed in the waters, we are re-born to new life, receiving the new garment signifying new life in Christ. The sacrament also involves conversion, pardoning and cleansing. It takes away the sin of Adam and Eve (original sin). The link between baptism and original sin is that the newly baptized, or in the case of an infant, the parents, have chosen discipleship in Christ and initiation into a community that fosters the values of discipleship and renounces sinfulness. Most importantly, baptism offers the grace to overcome sin. This great sacrament also shares the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Just think about the words of baptism when we become temples of the Holy Spirit. Through sanctifying grace, we are able to live by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit through the gifts that the Spirit shares with us. The Church speaks of the seal of baptism imparting an indelible spiritual mark that shows we belong to Christ. It is the reason the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders are received only once. Lastly, baptism joins us to the Body of Christ, the Christian community sharing in the Church's mission to spread the good news of Jesus. We are sacramentally bonded and united to all those who have been baptized. What can we do as Pilgrims of Hope this week to truly live out our baptisms?

Have a safe, healthy, and blessed week ahead!

Practice of Faith

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



Our Scriptures today are flush with "call" stories. After the prophet Isaiah's vision, his mouth is purified with a burning ember, and he hears the call of the Lord. St. Paul testifies about his conversion to faith in his letter to the people of Corinth. St. Luke narrates how Jesus called Simon, James, and John out of their fishing boat and into their destiny as disciples. These accounts inspire reflection on our call.

Sketch a timeline of your life, paying special attention to when you experienced the Lord's call. What happened and how did you respond?



Reflect on how you use your voice in service of faith. What words of glory, praise, and gratitude do you speak? How do you share your faith with others in your circle of influence?

The Church observes February 11 as both the optional Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of the Sick. Join in prayer for all those in need of physical and spiritual healing and all those who are called to the healing professions around the world.

PARISH OUTREACH





We will meet on Tuesday, February 18th, 1-3PM 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 sewers create beautiful dresses. We hope that each dress symbolizes how special and loved each girl is. Our prayers are with them all.

If you would like to join us, we meet monthly to create the dress kits. If your talent lies in sewing, you are welcome to pick up a dress kit (with instructions) and create a beautiful dress for a girl in need.

All are welcome to join us. Not sure what you can offer? Our ministry leaders will help guide you as you work alongside others.

If you are interested, we ask that you please RSVP to the Outreach Office at 631-265-2200 so we can prepare for all those who will attend.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



Girl Scout Sunday

Tell your Scouting friends.....All Are Welcome

March 16th, 2025 9:30 Mass

Scouts should arrive 15 minutes early Uniforms/Sashes for scouts & leaders

Please contact
Andy Bodor and Kim Loh Bodor
Akilb23@optonline.net or 516-996-2295

Please let us know how many scouts & leaders will be attending by March 10th so we have enough reserved seating for your group



2025 Missalettes

are still available for purchase for \$12 each in the Parish Office.



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

Thank you for your continued support.

2024 Statement of Contributions

A statement of your contributions to Holy Cross for the year 2024 will be sent to you upon request. If you would like a copy, please print your name and address on the form below and drop it in the collection basket or at the Parish Office. You may also request a statement by emailing your information to: **parish@holycrossrc.org** or calling the Parish Office at 631-265-2200 x122.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION





Parish of the Holy Cross Religious Education

Catechists Needed for 2025-2026

We are seeking volunteers willing to share our faith with our parish children.

Special Need Catechists, Mondays 4pm-6pm

Level 2 Catechists for the following areas – Cherokee, Wenonah, Bretton Woods, Mills Pond, Eugene Auer, Mt. Pleasant, Hiawatha, Slocum and Cayuga

Level 3 Catechists

Level 6 Catechists

Level 7 Catechists

For more information, please contact Jennifer or Mary at the Religious Education Office at 631-265-2200

WE GROW IN FAITH





For the Ride Home.....

What did you hear today in the Scriptures?

- Peter does not always live up to what he promised when he left everything to follow Jesus. His journey with Christ is like ours, having ups and downs at times. Where are you on your walk with Jesus?
- What imperfections do you have that you try to keep out of your life of faith? How might you offer these to God to work with?
- What might God be asking you to leave behind to more wholeheartedly follow Jesus?

For the young people

- What did St. Paul tell us today in the second reading?
- · What miracle happened in the Gospel today?
- How did the Apostles react?





Our parish is always in need of more Ministers of Holy Communion...

to serve at the weekend Masses. The Diocese is offering training this Spring. If you are interested, please speak with Fr. Michael, as a letter on your behalf needs to be submitted to the Bishop's Office. Please check below for the Spring Training dates and sites. If you have any other questions, please contact Michele Hall at: mhall@holycrossrc.org

Date and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Part A and Lectors (participant chooses ONE ministry in which to be trained)

Saturday, March 29* - Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach Parish Hall; 9 am - noon; EMHC Part A and Lectors

Thursday, April 3 - St. Agnes Cathedral/Rockville CentreMsgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm - 10 pm; EMHC Part A and Lectors

Tuesday, April 8 - St. Elizabeth/MelvilleMsgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm; EMHC Part A and Lectors

*We are offering Part A and B on the SAME day. Those who attend Part A in the morning are welcome to bring lunch or leave for lunch and return for the Ipm Part B session.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Part B

presented in conjunction with Catholic Health:

Saturday, March 29* - Immaculate Conception Westhampton Beach

Parish Hall; 1 pm - 4 pm

Tuesday, April 29 - St. Elizabeth Melville

Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm

Thursday, May 8 - St. Agnes Cathedral Rockville Centre

Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm - 10 pm

Renewed by the Eucharist Sent on Mission



As Catholics, we are sent on mission to spread the Gospel to everyone we encounter. A common phrase you may have heard is, "preach the Gospel, and if necessary, use words." The idea behind the phrase is that our actions should speak louder than our words, and our actions should exemplify us as disciples of Christ. One way for us to do this is by making a sacrificial gift to the benefit of another person. The Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) gives us an opportunity to do just that.

Support of the CMA is crucial for the survival of numerous ministries and programs throughout the Diocese. They include Faith Formation of our seminarians, deacons, and lay leaders; Faith Formation for our young adult and youth ministry and our children in Religious Education classes; Respect Life initiatives; Catholic Charities affordable housing for seniors and people with disabilities, substance abuse programs, food programs and Parish Social Ministry support.

The work that the CMA funds is so important, as it reaches across Long Island and all generations. Think about the impact your gift today will have for years to come. A gift today can fund the education of a seminarian who will become a priest and bring others to Christ throughout his life. Your gift can help someone start life over again by breaking the chains of addiction and living life with dignity and faith. A gift may be used to help a young single mother raise her baby with confidence and security. Our gifts touch so many lives in our community.

I ask you to please join me and all your brothers and sisters within our diocese to prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please do so to the best of your ability as all gifts matter, regardless of the size. Please also remember, 100% of every dollar raised is restricted to fund the objectives, programs, and mission supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal. No donations are used to fund the bankruptcy settlement.

Finally, if you are unable to make a gift at this time due to circumstances in your life, please reach out to the parish at any time so that we may help you in any way that we can. You are never alone, and your church community is always here to support you.

May God bless you, your loved ones, and our parish.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Tr. Michael

Winter Windfall

For many years the Cash Calendar was a part of the Holy Cross routine, and this fundraiser provided some additional financial support to the parish. At this time, it is unlikely that we have enough parishioners attending Mass on a weekly basis to support a monthly drawing, so we will continue as we have done for the past few years with our quarterly drawing.



- \$10 per ticket
- Tickets are available for purchase through December, January and February.
- Drawing will be held February 28.

This is the pay scale which will be offered:

- * 1 Prize @ \$250
- * 2 Prizes @ \$100
- * 10 Prizes @ \$50
- * 15 Prizes @ \$25



- This formula was based upon selling 250 tickets @ \$10 each. If more than 250 tickets are sold, the number of prizes will be increased.
- Please use the tear-off tickets below. You may return your entries by placing them in an envelope and depositing it in the basket on weekends, or returning them to the Parish Office.

Thank you for your support!

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