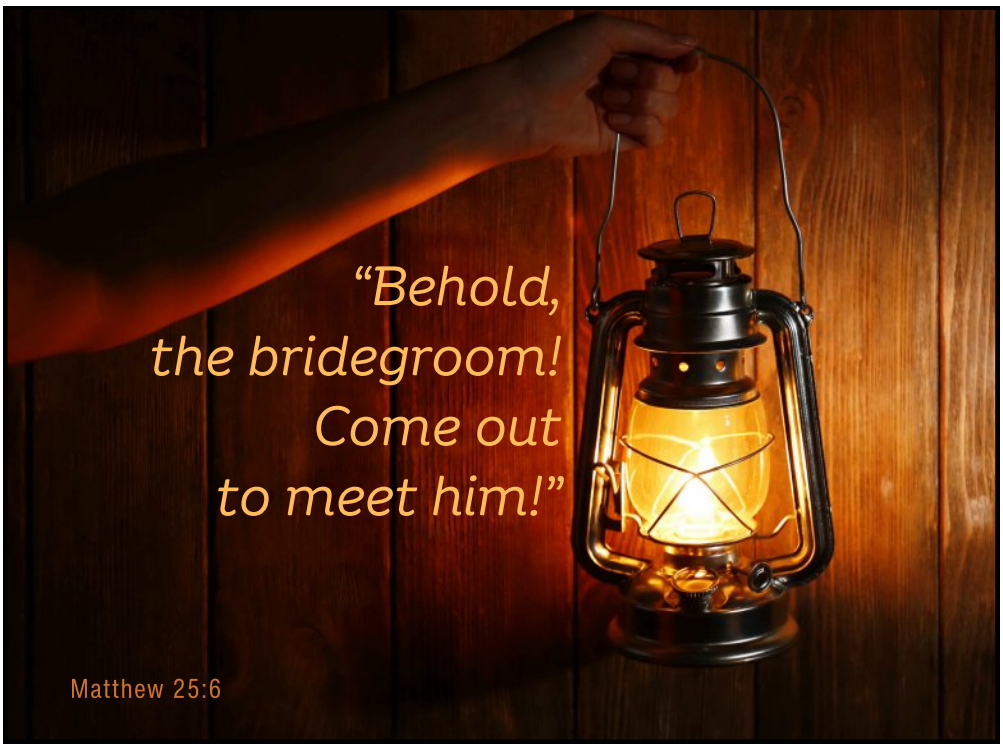
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Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
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I have gazed upon You in the sanctuary
so that I may behold Your power and Your glory.
Your kindness is a greater joy than life itself;
thus my lips will speak Your praise.

-Psalm 63:2-3



LIVE IN THE PRESENT MOMENT

Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael

Sunday's Gospel is a parable that teaches us to live in a state of readiness. It tells a story of ten virgins who are awaiting the arrival of the bridegroom. Their watch extends through the night. Half of them prepare for the long wait and bring extra oil to keep their lamps burning. The other half were ill-prepared and did not have enough oil to get them through the darkness. To live in a state of readiness is not always easy, it requires forethought and preparation. But to live with an awareness of what surrounds us allows us to embrace opportunities when they present themselves. It opens us to the fullness of life and all that is offered to us.

There are some who may try to live in a state of readiness out of fear of punishment for doing the wrong thing at the wrong time. Remember when you were in school and the teacher left the room for a few minutes? You did not want to be caught throwing a paper airplane at the exact moment he or she returned. (For the record, I was an angelic child and never would have done such things.) Fear of punishment is understandable but not always the best motivation. Fear is not a good foundation in creating a mature or meaningful relationship with God. Seeking to do good often requires taking the higher road. It often demands sacrifice and patience. But it brings us greater opportunities to experience the fullness and depth of life.

It is difficult to live in the present moment. Worries about the future can consume our time and energy. Living in the past and replaying memories can keep us from moving forward. It can feel like a balancing act to consciously live in the present moment. But when it happens, the richness of what surrounds us can come to life. Time is a unique entity. We are all equal in that everyone is given the same 24 hours each day. We are on a common field when it comes to time. How we use that gift becomes the challenge of life. Use well the time you have been given. Try to live in the present moment and receive all the blessings that are offered.

As I write about using the gift of time, I am reminded that this past Friday, my mother would have been 100 years old. There is a part of me that wishes she could be here to celebrate the day. But the end of her life was hard, and she was tired from her journey of 92 years. It was her time. This time of the year (All Souls' Day and moving to Thanksgiving and Christmas) reminds many of us of those who were dear to us and are no longer here. Connections of the heart transcend time and space. We can still deeply feel their absence, but we can also feel the way in which they remain present in our lives. This can also serve as a reminder for us to cherish those moments here and now that we share with loved ones.

Additionally, as we reflect upon the gift of time, we remember those who gave of themselves in service of our nation. This Wednesday is Veterans Day. Many men and women carry physical and emotional scars from their service. We are grateful for all they gave. For many who have served, they describe those years as a remarkable part of their life journey. May God Bless them.

Strive to live in the present moment. It is the only opportunity we have to know God and to know love.



ON THE CALENDAR

2026 NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Saturday, November 7th ..... **YCC HOSPITALITY**
After 5PM Mass, Atrium

Sunday, November 8th ..... **BAPTISM GATHERING**
9:30AM Mass, Worship Area, Fr. Joe Room

Sunday, November 8th ..... **YCC HOSPITALITY**
After 11:30AM Mass, Atrium

Sunday, November 8th ..... **BAPTISMS**
1:00PM, Worship Area

Monday, November 9th ..... **SPECIAL NEEDS CLASS**
4:00PM - 6:00PM, Worship Area, Atrium

Tuesday, November 10th..... **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**
9:30AM - 12 NOON, Chapel

Tuesday, November 10th ..... **IN STITCHES**
10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room

Tuesday, November 10th ..... **OCIA**
7:00PM, Fr. Joe Room

Wednesday, November 11th ..... **DAILY MASS**
9:00AM, Chapel

THE OFFICE IS CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY.

Thursday, November 12th ..... **JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATES MTG.**
1:30PM - 3:00PM, Fr. Joe Room

Saturday, November 14th ..... **THANKSGIVING BASKET DROP-OFF**
Before OR After 5:00PM Mass, Atrium

Saturday, November 14th ..... **K of C MUSIC BINGO NIGHT**
7:00PM - 10:00PM, Atrium

Sunday, November 15th ..... **THANKSGIVING BASKET DROP-OFF**
Before OR After All Masses, Atrium

Accepting baskets till 2:00PM on Sunday, November 15th, in the Atrium

Sunday, November 15th ..... **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**
11:30AM Mass, Fr. Joe Room



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.

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES

NOVEMBER 14
5:00 PM
FR. MICHAEL/DCN. JOE

NOVEMBER 15
8:00 AM
FR. MICHAEL/DCN. JOE

9:30 AM
FR. MICHAEL

11:30 AM
FR. MICHAEL

SCRIPTURE READINGS for NOVEMBER 15

+ Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
+ 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
+ Matthew 25:14-30

WE PRAY...CELEBRATE...REMEMBER

Upcoming Mass Intentions

Week of Sunday, November 8
9:00AM Masses:

Mon. Patricia Adrion
Tues. Margaret Jones
Wed. Joseph Svercel, Nick Svercel
Thur. Christopher Giarraputo

Saturday, November 14, 5PM Mass
Alfred Izzo, Daniel J. Dunn, John Boccuzzo, Janet Thompson, Jeanne Block, Joseph Boccuzzo

Sunday, November 15, Masses
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM People of the Parish
9:30AM William Boucher, John Hanley, Michael Mendolia, Sal Sparacino, Fred White, Charles Mulle
11:30AM Anthony DiGiovanna





The **Bread and Wine** for the week have been donated in loving memory of **Barry Armandi** by the Armandi family.

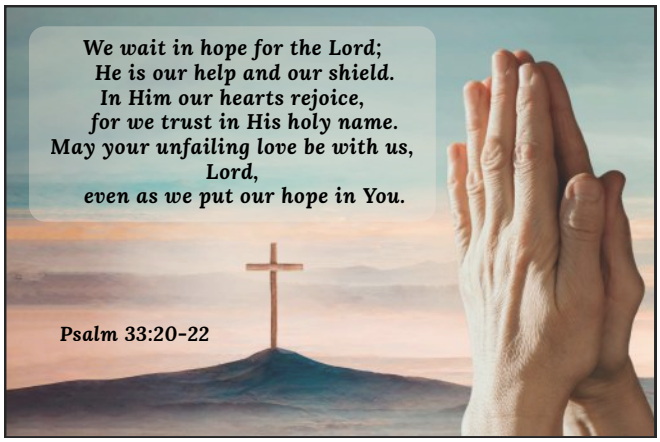


We thank the men and women who serve in our military for their service.

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

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Andrew Arbocus
Alejandro Astegiano
Kathy Barry
Alison Bilski
Cole Brennan
Norma Capule
Judy Carlson
Michael Castellano
Mary Champagne
Peter Chirafisi
William Ciccarelli
Maria Ciminiello
Justin Curran
Grayson Danielski
Baby Phoenix Dawson
Manuela Diaz
Peter DiMauro
Rose Dugan
Ann Egan
Lisa Eger
Vincent Esposito
Ralph Farino
Yolanda Fattarusso
Irene Feldman
Baby Lorenzo Follo
Sienna Fricke
Linda Giordano
James Greene
Linda Heinrichs
Ryan Huscher
Debbie Jablinowski
Kristen Kennedy
Caroline Lazar
Carol Leahy
Victor Lewandowski
Mary Lopez
Gerald Losquadro
Jeanne Marie Malley
Janet Mangano
Sarah Masi
Hank McCormick
Loretto Narducci
Kevin Neeson
Daniel Neville
Andrea Nocito
Joann Pezzano
Janine Pixley
Colleen Prinz
Carina Ranieri
Bernardine Reichbach
Mary Ann Reilly
Rob Remhild
Marcello Ricciardi
Lynn Rodger
Sean Romeo
Diane Rorick
Elaine Ruane
John Saccenti
Jacqueline Santamaria
Casey Schultz
Kathy Schwinn
John Serri
Dennis Shin
Joan Shin
Celeste Sichenze
Elizabeth Skolnick
Tracy Snyder
Sue Southard
Barbara Swingle
Calvin Tatone
Grace Van Epps
Wayne 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.



PARISH OUTREACH



The weekend of

November 21st and 22nd,

will be the first weekend of our

Outreach Parish Christmas Program

We are once again requesting gift cards
from local stores (i.e., Target, Wal-Mart)
to enable our Outreach families
to purchase for themselves and their children
the items they need.

As you may know, we have also helped the following agencies
for the last several years and will continue to do so this Christmas:

Olsen's Rest Home is a neighborhood facility for frail elderly on Gibbs Pond Road. Residents of the home have always been considered members of our parish community. Holy Cross ministers to our friends at Olsen's in a variety of ways during the year.

Mercy Haven is a provider of housing and other services for persons who are elderly, those living with mental illness, those families who are on limited income and those with special needs.

Pronto is a human service agency located in Brentwood helping people in need with food, clothing, and other necessities. They assist approximately 500 families for the holidays each year.

Talbot House Chemical Dependency Crisis Center is a 24-hour voluntary chemical dependence crisis center licensed by the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services to provide short-term medically monitored inpatient withdrawal services to adult men and women who are in crisis. This facility provides nourishing meals, counseling, limited transportation, support groups, and referrals.

SEE NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN FOR MORE DETAILS ON OUR CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROGRAM!

PARISH OUTREACH



Thanksgiving Basket Program

Monetary Donations in Support of the Outreach Thanksgiving Project

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 continued support of our Outreach ministry.

Thank you to everyone who signed up to create a Thanksgiving basket for one of our Outreach families.

REMINDER:

Completed Baskets are due the weekend of NOVEMBER 14th & 15th.

Baskets can be dropped off on Saturday, November 14th, before or after the 5PM Mass and Sunday, November 15th, before or after all Masses in the Atrium until 2PM.

Please see the Outreach volunteer to check in your basket.

Please make sure all baskets and parcels are clearly marked with your assigned family numbers.

Our families will be picking up baskets on Monday, November 16th, in the morning and throughout the day.

Please make every effort to get baskets here by November 14th & 15th. Thank you!

If you have any questions, please contact the Outreach office at (631) 265-2200.



This weekend, we will be collecting the following items:

Pasta - Pasta Sauce Jar only
Mac and Cheese
Beans - Chicken in a Can
Paper Towels

Thank you for checking expiration dates before donating.
Thank you for your continued support!



"Love is a fruit in season at all times and within reach of every hand."
– Mother Teresa

Christmas Outreach Elves Needed



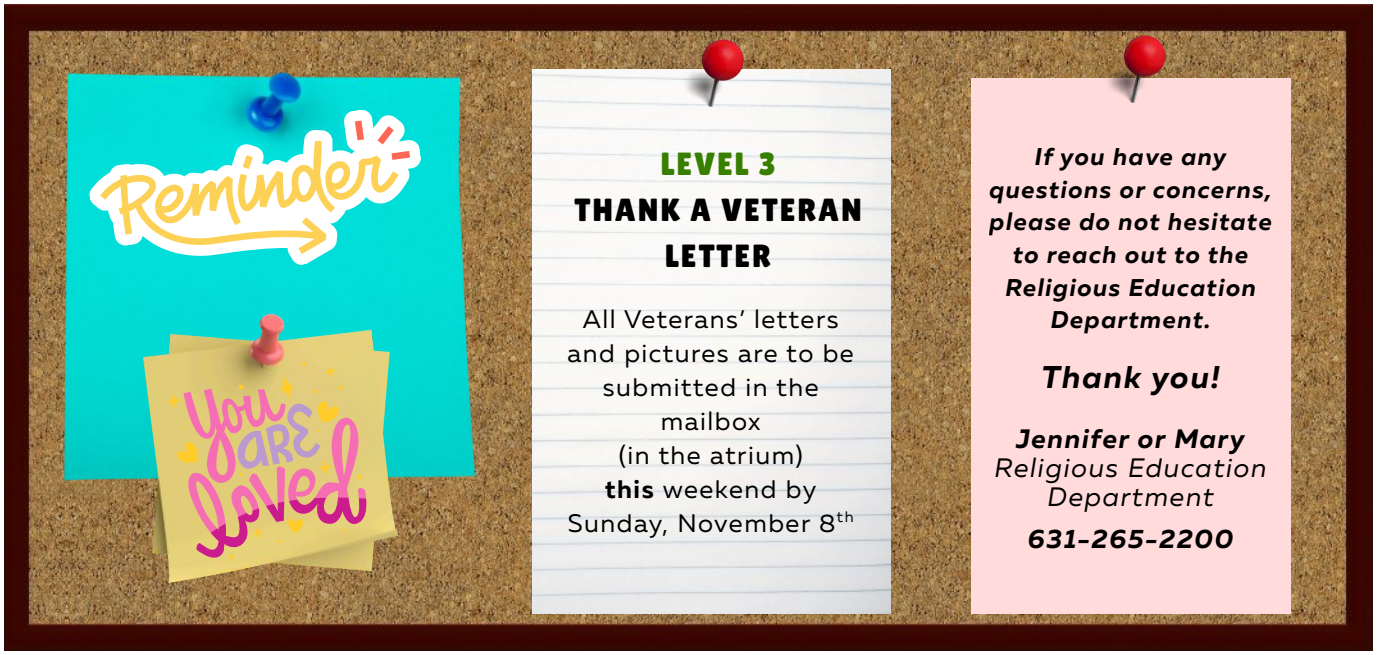
Outreach is looking for a few "Christmas Elves" to help sort and organize the Christmas Angel gifts after all the Masses on the following weekends:

November 21-22, November 28-29, and December 5-6.

If you are interested, please call Kelley in the Outreach office at 631-265-2200, ext. 113
Thank you!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



LEVEL 3

THANK A VETERAN LETTER

All Veterans' letters and pictures are to be submitted in the mailbox (in the atrium) **this** weekend by Sunday, November 8th

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Religious Education Department.

Thank you!

Jennifer or Mary
Religious Education Department
631-265-2200

LEVEL 8

Red Covenant Letter Weekend



Please bring your red covenant letter to any of the Masses on **Saturday, November 7th**, or **Sunday, November 8th**, and please hand them in to Fr. Michael during Mass.



Looking ahead...

LEVEL 1 (required)
LEVEL 2 (optional)

ADVENT WREATH CRAFT

on Monday, November 23rd, at 6pm in the Atrium

Make an Advent Wreath craft, take it home and bring your Advent Wreath back to Mass during the weekend of November 28th and November 29th to have your wreath blessed.

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.
-Proverbs 22:6

Level 4

Walk through Mass with Fr. Michael

on **Tuesday, November 17th, at 5pm** or **Wednesday, November 18th, at 5pm**

Please check with your teacher.

Level 2

Please come to Mass on the First Weekend of Advent
on either Saturday, November 28th, at 5pm
or Sunday, November 29th,
at 8am, 9:30am or 11:30am
instead of going to Class this week.

PRAYER, ACTION & COMMUNITY



In Memory of parishioner

John Hanley

When we reflect on the Holy Cross Thanksgiving program, we are lovingly reminded of John Hanley and the quiet generosity he brought to it each year. John was always present, never seeking recognition, but simply ready to serve wherever he was needed most.

He could be found carrying frozen turkeys up from the basement, helping recipients bring their Thanksgiving baskets to their cars, or delivering meals to those unable to come to the church. He often invited his golfing buddies to join him, extending his spirit of kindness and fellowship to others.

John's compassion and willingness to serve were a true reflection of his faith, and his presence made a lasting difference in the lives of so many.

As we give thanks to Our Lord for our many blessings, let us also remember with gratitude John and the beautiful example of love and service he shared with our community.



our deepest Gratitude

Sacrament of Reconciliation

CONFESSION TIMES

- Saturday: 12:00 Noon – 1:00PM
- Monday: 6:00PM – 7:00PM
- Wednesday: Immediately after the 9:00AM Mass
- By Appointment at other times

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

-1 John 1:9

Veterans Day Holy Hour

will take place on
November 11th at 7:30pm
at Good Shepherd in Holbrook.
It will be a great night of prayer in honor of America's Veterans.

Practice of Hope

(Excerpt from "At Home with the Word 2026")

It is good for us to remember, in this window of All Saints and All Souls, that the fundamental truth of Christianity is the hope of what is to come. The second reading from 1 Thessalonians consoles us with the reminder of the hope for eternity that our faith provides us; but it is only through our Christian practice that we can stay ready for when it is time to enter into that eternal life. It is not a depressing reality, but a hopeful one, toward which we are all journeying.

In this month of remembrance, did today's second reading give you any hope in your grieving of those who have "fallen asleep"?

Prayerfully reflect on the parable in today's Gospel. What images does it evoke of what awaits us in eternal life?

What kind of hope can you find in the readings? How can you center your memory of your beloved departed in light of what Scripture says here?

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HOLY CROSS

MUSIC MINISTRY Concert

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd



I will sing to the Lord all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.
Psalm 104:33

All are Welcome

to join us for a prayerful and engaging afternoon which will feature many of the favorite liturgical songs that we sing during our worship at Mass.

5PM - Wine and Cheese Hospitality
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5:30 PM Concert begins
(lasts approx. one hour)

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and a Song in Your Heart

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MUSIC BINGO NIGHT

REMINDER FOR TICKETHOLDERS:
Saturday, November 14, at 7PM
Doors Open at 6:30PM



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

Thank you for your continued support!



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

EVERY 2nd TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

NOVEMBER 10th
at 9:30AM - 12 NOON
in the Chapel

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

Please join in prayer for the Prayer Intention of the Holy Father

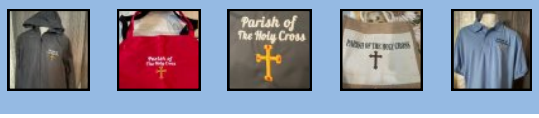
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FOR THE PROPER USE OF WEALTH



Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

For more information, please see:
Popesprayerusa.net

PARISH OF THE HOLY CROSS APPAREL



Orders are now being taken

Apparel order forms can be found on the tables in the Atrium.
Last day to order is December 11th.

Next week, November 14 & 15, we will be collecting for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the CCHD at **www.usccb.org/cchd**.

CCHD is an essential part of the Church in the United States' social mission, and a unique part of the Catholic community's broad commitment to assist low-income people, families and communities.

Please visit the Holy Cross website
to find a link for a survey or use the QR code to find out what songs our parishioners would want to hear at this year's **Holy Cross Concert** that will be held **on Sunday, November 22nd**
Let your voice be heard - then come sing along!





Scan the QR code for the survey.

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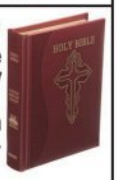
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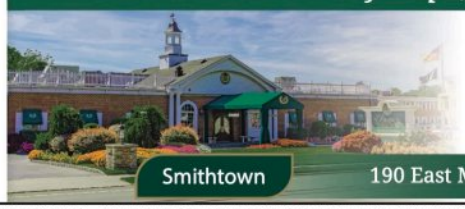
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