



# Parish of the 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.



## **First Sunday of Advent - December 1, 2024**



## **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



# WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

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Deacon Joseph Maffeo..... Ext. 124  
**Pastoral Minister**

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**Pastoral Associate**

Mrs. Michele Hall..... Ext. 120  
**Pastoral Associate**

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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**

## PASTORAL STAFF

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**Office Support Staff**

Mrs. Susan Ribeiro  
**Bulletin Editor**

**NEW OUTREACH HOURS:  
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday  
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Evening Hours by Appointment Only**

**"May the Lord make you increase and  
abound in love for one another and for all,  
just as we have for you..."**

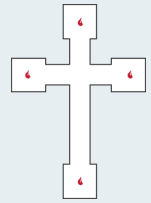


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for more information on how we can serve you.



# THE ART OF WAITING

*Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael*



Whenever we hear that we need to face a period of waiting, inevitably we think that something has gone wrong and we try to minimize the delay. Be it waiting for a flight held up for stormy weather or a doctor whose appointment schedule is woefully overbooked, we tend to scrunch up our faces, look at our watches, and think how an injustice is being done to us. None of us likes to wait. Yet, in the face of these strong feelings of disdain, the Church tells us we are entering into a holy season where the focus is meant to be waiting and anticipation. This time of waiting in the Church looks and sounds different than how the rest of the world faces these days.

I don't know whether it is part of my DNA or it was something I was taught, but for me, waiting has its fruits. As a child, every summer we used to go away in August for a one-week vacation to New Hampshire. I remember delightfully counting down the days and planning. To this very day for me, planning and anticipating a trip is half the fun of going. In spite of that, I too find Advent to be a challenging time.

There is one exception to this rule of waiting that most people happily embrace. When an expectant mother shares the news that a child is on the way, there is a response of joy and excitement. Everyone knows the process can't be rushed; it will take nine months. We cannot lose the connection between a human birth and the story of the incarnation which proclaims that God has taken on human flesh and dwelt among us. Just as we anticipate the joy of a newborn child, we are called to have an open heart to allow the power of Christ Jesus to touch us once again. Too often we allow our failings or feelings of inadequacy to interfere with God touching our hearts. Allow these days to offer comfort and hope, and try not to fret about the busyness of the season.

We are happy to be able to offer a bit of spiritual guidance for this holy season. We have invited Father Larry Lewis to be with us. Father Larry is a Maryknoll priest whose full-time ministry is at Cormaria Retreat House in Sag Harbor. He regularly leads retreats and missions in addition to being a spiritual director. One of his passions is identifying spiritual themes in movies. The Pastoral Team and Staff shared an experience with him at one of his days of prayer last spring. We were touched by his lively spirit. In particular, he spoke of the spirituality of waiting which sparked in our minds the idea to invite him to Holy Cross for Advent. He will be preaching at all the Masses this weekend. On Monday evening, we will offer a more extended presentation regarding the charism of waiting. I am confident his words will help to provide a framework that will allow these days to be filled with wonder and joy. Please consider coming and giving a boost to your spiritual journey.



# ON THE CALENDAR

## CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



**DECEMBER 7**

**5:00 PM**

**FR. MICHAEL**

**DECEMBER 8**

**8:00 AM**

**FR. MICHAEL**

**9:30 AM**

**FR. MICHAEL**

**11:30 AM**

**FR. MICHAEL**



**SCRIPTURE  
READINGS  
FOR DECEMBER 8**

**+ Baruch 5:1-9**

**+ Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11**

**+ Luke 3:1-6**

**Saturday, November 30th** ..... **ADVENT MISSION** with FR. LARRY  
**5:00PM Mass**, Worship Area

**Sunday, December 1st** ..... **ADVENT MISSION** with FR. LARRY  
**All Masses**, Worship Area

**Sunday, December 1st** ..... **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**  
**After 9:30AM Mass**, Worship Area

**Sunday, December 1st** ..... **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**  
**11:30AM Mass**, Fr. Joe Room

**Monday, December 2nd** ..... **ADVENT MISSION** with FR. LARRY  
**7:00PM**, Worship Area

**Tuesday, December 3rd** ..... **IN STITCHES**  
**10:00AM**, Fr. Joe Room

**Thursday, December 5th** ..... **SCRIPTURE STUDY**  
**10:00AM**, Atrium

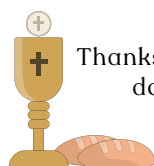
**Saturday, December 7th** ..... **HOLY HOUR**  
**3:45PM - 4:45PM**, Worship Area

**Saturday, December 7th** ..... **K of C SALES**  
**5:00PM Mass**, Atrium

**Sunday, December 8th** ..... **K of C SALES**  
**All Masses**, Atrium

**Sunday, December 8th** ..... **BAPTISM GATHERING**  
**After 9:30AM Mass**, Fr. Joe Room

**Sunday, December 8th** ..... **OUTREACH GIFTS DUE**  
**11:30AM Mass**, Atrium



The **Bread and Wine** this  
Thanksgiving weekend have been  
donated in loving memory of  
**James Reid** by the  
O'Hara & Saluzzi families.

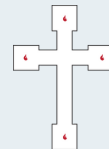


The Anointing of the Sick  
will be offered  
after the 9:30 AM Mass  
on Sunday, December 1st

Visit our website at **[www.holycrossrc.org](http://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, December 1, 9AM Masses

**Mon.** Nicholas Severino

**Tue.** Tammy Sayres

**Wed.** Paul Loiacono

**Thu.** Irma Guzman

### Saturday, December 7, 5 PM Mass

Joseph Svercel, Charles Miller,  
Vincent & Helen Mirando, Liz Shea,  
Barbara Sherry, Giuseppe Traina

### Sunday, December 8, Second Sunday of Advent

**8:00 AM** Mary Jane & Harold Smith,  
Carol D'Angelo, Mildred Sinkowsky,  
Frank Perrino, Alec Ross, Louis Italiano

**9:30 AM** Jack Hough

**11:30 AM** People of the Parish

*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  
Jason DeLuca  
Manuela Diaz  
Ann Egan  
Vincent Esposito  
Ralph Farino  
Yolanda Fattarusso  
Sienna Fricke  
Linda Giordano  
Linda Heinrichs  
Debbie Jablinowski  
Kristen Kennedy  
Roberta Lamb  
Caroline Lazar

Carol Leahy  
Mary Lopez  
Gerald Losquadro  
Charlotte Lynch  
Viola Malek  
Jeanne Marie Malley  
Steve Matonti  
Olivia Melia  
Loretto Narducci  
Darin Pitkanen  
Patricia Pitkanen  
Carina Ranieri  
Rob Remhild  
Liam Richards  
Lynn Rodger  
Sean Romeo  
Elaine Ruane  
Louise Scagnelli  
Casey Schultz  
Kathy Schwinn  
John Serri  
Celeste Sichenze  
Bill Tanner  
Grace Van Epps  
Peter Warns  
Emma Zeidman



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

*We continue to pray  
through 2024 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  
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!***

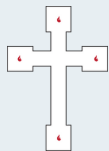
**If you would like to have the name of your  
loved one listed in our prayers for the sick,  
please call 631-265-2200 x122.**



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

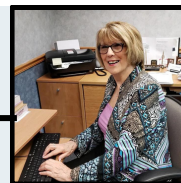
**Susan G. Cecchini  
Lisa Ann Perrone  
Joan Stevenson**

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



# HAPPY NEW YEAR

LITURGY BYTES *by Michele Hall*



Every year as we begin the Advent season, I use the Happy New Year greeting because for the Church it is the beginning of a new year! We move into another cycle of Scripture readings, especially noted is the Gospel which will be from Luke this year.

Even though the world around us has been moving into Christmas since early October (just visit the stores and you will see what I mean), the Church in her wisdom tells us to take time to prepare the way for the Lord.

Unlike Lent, where we tend to fast or give up things, Advent is a time of anticipation as well as preparation. Perhaps, joining with our Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph recalling their journey awaiting the birth of Our Lord is something on which we could reflect. How did they prepare? At this time of the year, I think about waiting especially when I am on a line waiting to check out. It is a good distraction to think, even for a few moments, on the waiting Mary and Joseph experienced and how they handled it. Waiting should also remind us of who we are waiting for and how prepared we are.

Another symbol that surrounds us is light. There are special displays all over Long Island with beautiful and spectacular lights. Many homes are decorated with lights, even before we celebrate Thanksgiving. Can we take this spectacular vision and be reminded of Christ, who is the Light of the World? Do we see these lights as a sign of renewal? Can we be a light for our world? Would this be the symbol to choose for your Advent this year?

May we all go forth whether in prayerful waiting or blessed lighting as we grow in our love for the birth, once again, of Our Lord Jesus.

## *Happy Advent!*



### *Advent Wreath Weekly Prayer & Blessing for Your Home*

This year, why not give some meaning to your Advent wreath to deepen your family's understanding and appreciation for this beautiful Advent season. Set aside a time when the family is together to pray and light the candle for the appropriate week. It is a wonderful way to engage in something prayerful with those you love.

#### **Start with blessing the Advent Wreath:**

**Pray:** Dear Jesus, as we light the candle on this Advent wreath, may the light of your presence bring joy to our hearts. Bless our family and our friends, and be with all who are in need this holiday season. Amen.

*(Sprinkle some holy water over the wreath if you have it.)*

#### **First Week of Advent: December 1, 2024**

Light the first purple candle.

**Pray:** Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.



# Christmas Angels



## IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR ALL OUR SHOPPERS

**If you are participating in our “Be an Angel” Christmas program, next weekend, December 7th and 8th, will be your LAST OPPORTUNITY to return your angel gifts or gift cards.**

If you have not had an opportunity to participate, this will be the last week Angels will be available. Remember to indicate the amount of the gift card on the envelope or on the card itself with a marker.

**Our Outreach committee will be sorting the gifts by Sunday, December 8th.**

**Unfortunately, gifts that come in after December 8th may not go to the people in need of them.**

**Thank you for understanding our need to have  
all Angel items returned by Sunday, December 8th,  
so that they can be distributed during that week.**

Please be mindful of the following instructions for ease of distribution:

We are requesting gift cards from these local stores (Kohl's, Target, Wal-Mart) to enable our families to purchase for themselves and their children the items they need. We are also requesting supermarket gift cards to enable each household to have a special holiday meal.

**(Reminder: gift cards need to be activated at the register)**

Sometimes Angels get separated from the actual gift card when they are returned. We ask that you, **in permanent marker, mark the amount of each gift card purchased directly on the gift card.** This can be done on the top right of the front or back of the card. This would be very helpful in eliminating the time-consuming job of calling for amounts on cards of unknown amounts. Thank you in advance for your help in this matter.

Some Angels are coded (orange, purple, green, red) for the agencies we reach out to each year (Mercy Haven, Talbot House, Pronto, Olsen's Rest Home). If you choose one of these angels, **attach the Angel on top of the item with tape and return it to the Atrium by Sunday, December 8th.**

**When you purchase a gift card, please put the gift amount on the gift card.**

This information is needed so parish outreach can distribute the cards equally. **Gift cards do not need to be wrapped.**

Please put the gift card in an envelope and place it in the GIFT BOX on the table near our Angel signs.

**Please do not wrap gift items.**

This makes it easier on sorting day to count and distribute to the agencies.

*Thank you in advance for your understanding.*

**Gifts and gift cards can be returned until next weekend at Mass or dropped off during the week at the Parish Office.**

**PLEASE NOTE: Sunday, December 8th, is the last day to return gifts and gift cards.**

*We thank you for the Spirit of Generosity you bring to our program each year.*

*-Parish Outreach*



# PARISH OUTREACH



## THANKFUL

### Outreach Thanksgiving Thank You!

***This year 39 beautiful baskets were distributed to our families in need.***

We are so grateful for the volunteers who shopped and created these one-of-a-kind baskets!  
The families who received baskets were overwhelmed  
by the generosity of our parish community.

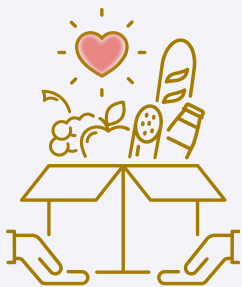
We also appreciate the volunteers who worked on Basket Day, on sign-up weekend, and those who gave monetary donations and gift cards. Special thanks to our Thanksgiving Coordinators, Susan Lampach and Joellen May Wadsworth, who organized the whole project. I am grateful. I would be remiss if I did not thank Donna Akuntius, Mary Inghilterra and my office partner, Michele Alderdice, for all their help this Thanksgiving season and throughout the year.  
I am thankful for you all.

**May the blessings of Thanksgiving remain with you  
and your families during the coming year.**

*Peace, Kelley*

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

**The collection will be the weekend  
of December 14th & 15th.**



**Pasta  
Pasta Sauce  
Chicken in a can  
Mayo  
Soup  
Coffee (small cans)  
Snacks  
Hot Cereal**

*Thank you for checking expiration dates before donating.*

*Thank you for the donations of bags for our pantry.  
We are not accepting any more at this time. Thank you!*

***Thank you for your continued support!***



**LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND**  
*A Voice for the Unborn on Long Island*

*Local Outreach - Can you help?*

### **LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND**

**LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND** has reached out to parishes across Long Island. They are asking for Winter Donations for all four of their centers. *They are in need of gently used and new winter clothes for boys and girls in sizes Newborn through 4T, along with other baby care needs.*

The four centers accepting donations are located in **Hempstead, Massapequa, Deep Park, and Smithtown.**

If you would like to help, please visit their website at **[www.lifecenterli.org](http://www.lifecenterli.org)** for information on how to contact the centers, and other ways you can help.  
Thank you!



# "Let there be Light"



After 30 years, the lighting fixtures in our Worship Area are failing and need to be updated. In addition, the obsolete dimming and control panel must be replaced.

For this reason, we are doing a special fundraiser to cover the \$98,200 cost of the project. We need to be able to make this improvement without utilizing our limited savings. This is an expensive undertaking, and we need your help.

*We are grateful for your support as a faithful community, together assisting in maintaining the facility, so we can offer Masses, Baptisms, Communions, Confirmations, Weddings and Funerals here at Holy Cross.*

You can find envelopes for the "Let there be Light" fundraiser in the atrium, or you can do a direct donation using the Venmo or PayPal QR code.



If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Parish Office.

*God bless you and Thank You for being part of "Let there be Light."*



*This weekend we will have a special collection for the Religious Retirement Fund. Thank you for your continued support.*

**Retirement Fund  
for Religious**

**Please give to  
those who have  
given a lifetime.**



## *An Invitation to Advent Prayer*

**In the busyness of this Advent season,  
why not take some time away with God?**



Join us for a special prayer experience  
incorporating Dallas Jenkins' film, *The Shepherd*.

**Wednesday, December 11, 1:30 – 2:30 PM or  
Thursday, December 12, 7:00 – 8:00 PM**

*All parishioners are invited.*

Please fill in the tear-off below and **return to the Parish Office by December 9th.**

I will attend Advent Prayer on \_\_\_ Wed., Dec. 11, at 1:30 PM \_\_\_ Thurs., Dec. 12, at 7:00 PM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_





# Grateful, Thankful, Blessed

We would like to thank the following catechists for their dedication to teaching our young people and helping them grow in their faith through our Religious Education program:

## **Level 2**

Melissa Batista  
Elaine Becker  
Danielle Carrero  
Marissa DelColle  
Janine Downing  
Lisa Eger  
Elizabeth Gibbons  
Anthony Greco  
Lauren Gutes  
Elizabeth Henneborn  
Rosann Markowitz  
Eluisa Mastro  
Danielle Milito  
Lisa Modafferi  
Danielle Neri  
Diane Palermo  
Keri Patanaude  
Fran Pekor  
Marianne Perkins  
Kelly Rappa  
Tracy Reilly  
Deanna Rosenberg  
Jaclyn Sorce  
Allison Tursi

## **Level 5**

Laura Albanese  
Diana Anderson  
Eric Barker  
Melissa Bruno  
Nicole Chwalek  
Paula Cottone  
Kristin Donohue  
Heather Ferraro  
Elizabeth Gibbons  
Lori Harned  
Cynthia Howard  
Kristin King  
Laura Kruppenacker  
Nicole Martocci  
Jennifer Miller  
Lorraine Pace  
Keri Patanaude  
Donna Nasso  
Beth Rivalsi  
Deanna Rosenberg  
Allie Troiano

## **Level 3**

Laura Agostino  
Kimberly Arbocus  
Katie Bacigalupo  
Kerin Beedenbender  
Joanne Cangelieri  
Michelle Chorney  
Paula Cottone  
Rita Dychkowski  
Jessica Foley  
Meredith Formica  
Laura Kruppenacker  
Meredith Murolo  
Mary Pannone  
Nicole Petrocelli  
Robin Rostron  
Nathalia Wenstrom

## **Level 6**

Michele Alderdice  
Melissa Bruno  
Tricia Clarke  
Christina Clifford  
Joy DeDonato  
Rita Dychkowski  
Lisa Eger  
Colleen Faelner  
Amy Jaekle  
Michelle Keane  
Nicole Kearnes  
Kathleen Nasta  
Diane Palermo  
Tracy Reilly  
Robin Rostron  
Kelly Ruggiero  
Dawn Thelian

## **Level 4**

Karyn Gillan  
Erika Lazzaruolo  
Amber Lerner  
Rosann Markowitz  
Melissa Martinez  
Nicole Petrocelli  
Sabrina Pupplo  
Tracy Reilly  
Deanna Rosenberg  
Nicole Suridis  
Kelly Tartamella  
Dawn Thelian  
Jennifer Welsh

## **Level 7**

Melanie Calefato  
Linda Creighton  
Jennifer Draney  
Anthony Greco  
Amber Lerner  
Josephine Matula  
Thomas Mayer  
Jennifer Miller  
Raymond Muchow  
Jenine Naples  
Vivian Oleksa  
Lorraine Pace  
Ivelysse Powers  
Katie Risolo  
Beth Rivalsi

## **Level 8**

Michele Alderdice  
Diana Anderson  
Michele Clifford  
Christina Clifford  
Susan Creighton  
Susan Cunningham  
Amy Cusumano  
Colleen Feulner  
Rosalind Kamor  
Kristin King  
Wade Lendin  
Sally Marselle  
Jaime McGrade  
Stephanie Portillo  
Tracy Reilly  
Monica Scali  
Barbara Schaff  
Jacqueline Siino  
Angela Wichtendahl

**We are so thankful  
for you all!**



# WE GROW IN OUR FAITH



## *Advent: A Time of Holy Waiting*

### **Welcome Fr. Larry Lewis to Holy Cross**

**Guest Celebrant at all Masses the weekend of  
November 30 & December 1**



Fr. Larry is a Maryknoll priest whose ministry is based at Cormaria Retreat House in Sag Harbor. He regularly offers retreats, missions, and days of prayer. He is also a Spiritual Director.

Fr. Larry has an engaging personality and offers keen insights into the spiritual journey. We are blessed to have him join us for this holy season.

**Fr. Larry will also offer an evening of prayer on Monday, December 2nd.**



**We Wait for God.**

**God Waits for Us...**

***and in the Meantime?***

**Join us, Monday, December 2nd, at 7:00 PM**



## *Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love*



### **Practice of Faith**

*(Excerpt from "At Home with the Word 2024")*



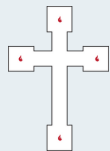
The Church provides the season of Advent as a time to prepare for the coming of Christ. Mark the days through Advent with an Advent calendar, Advent wreath, and the daily reading of seasonal stories.

Build a home library of books focused on this season. Wrap the books and place in a basket near the Advent wreath. Unwrap and read one weekly.

The Jesse tree is an Advent custom that helps us connect the festive practice of decorating Christmas trees to the ancestors leading to Jesus' birth. Start with a bare branch or tree and hang one ornament representing an individual figure from the ancestry of Jesus each day.

Celebrate the optional Memorial of St. Nicholas on December 6. St. Nicholas was the bishop of fourth-century Myra (modern day Turkey) and, according to legend, he anonymously offered generous help to those in need. One story says he dropped bags of gold down the chimneys of poor families, widows, and orphans. Surprise family members with a stocking filled with little gifts. Plan an anonymous gift for a person or agency in need.





# OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



**Knights of  
Columbus®**

**Blessed Sacrament Council #11416  
Parish of the Holy Cross**

will have a table in the atrium during  
weekend Masses welcoming parishioners  
on the following weekend:

**December 7th/8th**

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

*We welcome prospective members to join The Knights*

For more information, visit our website:  
[kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus)



**Holy Cross Welcomes these  
Children Baptized in November**



Nina Marie Caminiti  
Ava Rae Cirrone  
Camden Richard Depresco  
Lincoln Thomas Depresco  
Weston Michael Depresco  
Sage Charlotte Gantwerker  
Charles Edward Goehle  
Michael Vincent Kochen IV  
Luciano Joseph Magaddino  
Luca Giorgio Mitrani  
Andrew Patrick Ritchie



*In Stitches*

Join us for conversation and laughs as we work  
on new or unfinished knitting, crocheting,  
quilting, needlepoint, crafts or sewing projects.

**We are meeting on December 3rd  
and then every Tuesday from 10AM to 12PM  
in the Father Joe Room**

Contact: JoEllen May-Wadsworth (631) 360-1373  
Email: [jpmclady@yahoo.com](mailto:jpmclady@yahoo.com)



**Youth  
Community  
Cares**

**"Serving our youth as our youth serves others"**

YCC (Youth Community Cares) is a new program in  
which we encourage our youth church members to  
participate in our church community through service.

We will be hosting hospitality after 5PM Mass on

**December 14th**

**If you are a middle school or high school student  
looking for community service hours,**

*Please register for this event to participate.*

To register, send an email to Angela & Susan at  
[youthcc@holycrossrc.org](mailto:youthcc@holycrossrc.org) and/or join our  
Remind group to receive a SignUpGenius link.

Sign up for Remind at: [rmd.at/ycchc](https://www.remind.com/join/rmd.at/ycchc)

Sign up for Remind to receive notice about other  
community service opportunities

**HOLY HOUR ~ December 7th  
EVERY 1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH**

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





# *Giving Thanks*

For the expanding grandeur of creation,  
worlds known and unknown, galaxies beyond galaxies,  
filling us with awe and challenging our imaginations:

**We give thanks this day.**

For this fragile planet earth, its times and tides,  
its sunsets and seasons:

**We give thanks this day.**

For the joy of human life, its wonders and surprises,  
its hopes and achievements:

**We give thanks this day.**

For our human community,  
our common past and future hope  
our oneness transcending all separation,  
our capacity to work for peace and justice  
in the midst of hostility and oppression:

**We give thanks this day.**

For high hopes and noble causes,  
for faith without fanaticism,  
for understanding of views not shared:

**We give thanks this day.**

For all who have labored and suffered for a fairer world,  
who have lived so that others might live  
in dignity and freedom:

**We give thanks this day.**

For human liberty and sacred rites; for opportunities to  
change and grow, to affirm and choose:

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We pray that we may live not by our fears but by our hopes,  
not by our words but by our deeds.

**We give thanks this day.**

- O. Eugene Pickett

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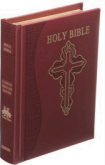
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