



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.

Behold,

a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said,

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”

Jesus came and touched them, saying,

“Rise, and do not be afraid.”



Second Sunday of Lent - March 1, 2026



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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WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

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MONDAY - THURSDAY
9 AM - 4 PM
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Parish Office
FRIDAY HOURS
9 AM - 12 NOON

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

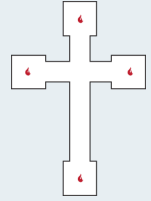


“Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.” - 1 Peter 3:8-9



IT IS GOOD THAT WE ARE HERE

Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael



These famous words are spoken by Peter in the midst of the transfiguration story, which is the gospel for this week. There is a mystery woven throughout this event. Jesus is on the mountain with three of his disciples. Holy occurrences begin to unfold around them. Although fear was the initial reaction, it gave way to trust and awe. Although Peter did not always get it right, he did have an open heart to embrace what was around him. Perhaps, was that why Jesus chose him? He was not rigid or unyielding, but was willing to grow and be transformed in the new life that Jesus offered. Peter can teach us a lesson. Rather than complain or run away from what is before him, he sees it as good and delights in the moment. Perhaps we can be more mindful of the circumstances we find ourselves in and try to find reason to be joyful or hopeful.

I don't usually write these articles in my house. But the appearance of twenty plus inches of snow demands that some of the usual routines be put on hold until things thaw out. It is an odd experience when we have to create new agendas and activities when we have no control over some of the circumstances of our life. A blizzard will do that. As I was not able to get out of my house, the daily Mass was live-streamed from my living room. It brought back memories of life during the crazy months of the Covid shutdown. I sorted out a few mystery boxes that had been buried too long in the closet. When I'm locked up in the house, I feel that meals take on a different dynamic. I place more emphasis on its timing, the menu, and preparation than I normally do. I suppose it was a fun adventure, but I'd rather have a frost-free day.

This week's events prompted me to postpone a trip to see my sister, brother-in-law, and grand niece in Florida. I was concerned the ripple effects of the blizzard would lead to travel delays. In addition, our office was closed two days. I would have left too much work behind to be away from the office for an additional few days. This time was meant to be. I will reschedule it as soon as I can. I was looking forward to this trip as I had decided to take Amtrak rather than fly. I always wanted to travel overnight on a train. I had a roomette booked which would have made for a great travel adventure. It is still on my list, and I will get to it in due time.

One of the "fruits" of my recent retreat was being reminded of the tradition of praying for the intentions of the Holy Father. Each month the pope chooses one specific need and asks the world to join him in prayer. My hope is to provide a simple reminder in the bulletin as well as make an intention that is publicly prayed for once each month at our weekly liturgies. The intention for March is to pray for disarmament and peace. For more information regarding the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, please visit popesprayerusa.net.

I pray this Lent is going well with you. May it be filled with prayerful moments and God's blessings. But even if it is filled with challenges and moments of mystery, may you have the trust and hope-filled spirit of Peter and be able to say, "Lord, it is good that we are here." (Although, for the moment I wish "here" had a lot less snow.)

"Lord, it is good that we are here."

2026		MARCH					
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	31					

ON THE CALENDAR

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



MARCH 7
5:00 PM
FR. MICHAEL

MARCH 8
8:00 AM
FR. MICHAEL
9:30 AM
FR. MICHAEL

11:30 AM
FR. MICHAEL



SCRIPTURE READINGS for MARCH 8

- + Exodus 17:3-7
- + Romans 5:1-2; 5-8
- + John 4:5-42

Saturday, February 28th YCC HOSPITALITY
After 5:00PM Mass, Atrium

Sunday, March 1st BAPTISM GATHERING
9:30AM Mass, Worship Area, Fr. Joe Room

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

Sunday, March 1st CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
11:30AM Mass, Fr. Joe Room

Monday, March 2nd SPECIAL NEEDS
4:00PM - 6:00PM, Worship Area, Atrium

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

Tuesday, March 3rd LEVEL 2 RECONCILIATION PRACTICE
7:00PM, Worship Area, Atrium

Wednesday, March 4th DRESS A GIRL
9:30AM - 12:00PM, Atrium, Fr. Joe Room

Thursday, March 5th SCRIPTURE STUDY
10:00AM, Atrium

Thursday, March 5th LEVELS 5 & 6 STATIONS OF THE CROSS
7:00PM, Worship Area, Atrium

Saturday, March 7th HOLY HOUR
3:45PM - 4:45PM, Worship Area

Saturday, March 7th 1st SCRUTINY
5:00PM Mass, Worship Area, Fr. Joe Room

Sunday, March 8th GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY
9:30AM Mass, Worship Area

Sunday, March 8th BAPTISMS
1:00PM, Worship Area



Practice of Faith

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

The transfiguration of the Lord gave the disciples a glimpse of Jesus in His glory. We experience the glorified Lord every time we visit Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Before the tabernacle, we experience heaven on earth. As we gaze upon the Lord in adoration, we follow the command of God the Father, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." Unlike the disciples, we can enter this experience daily. This week, nurture your Eucharistic spirituality:

Before or after Sunday Mass, spend time in silent prayer before Christ in the tabernacle. Gaze upon the Lord and tell Him, "It is good for me to be here."

Before or after work or school, visit a chapel. Sit quietly before the blessed Presence.

Practice "adoration from afar." Find a quiet place in your home and imagine yourself before your parish tabernacle. Unite your heart with Jesus and adore Him.

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, March 1

9:00AM Masses:

Mon. Anita Campbell

Tues. Bob DeFilippis

Wed. Maria Conte

Thur. Mirta Astegiano

Saturday, March 7, 5PM Mass

James E. Guiliano, Patricia Kiernan,
Jack Sylvestre, Frank Lawlor

Sunday, March 8, Masses

Third Sunday of Lent

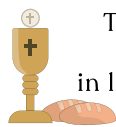
8:00AM People of the Parish

9:30AM Daniel G. Moran

11:30AM Maron Brady, Steve Matonti,
William Boucher, Inez Garrambone,
Alberto Cruz Sr.

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

Bob Alderdice	Kristen Kennedy
Alejandro Astegiano	Caroline Lazar
Jo Barry	Carol Leahy
Kathy Barry	Victor Lewandowski
Alison Bilski	Mary Lopez
Cole Brennan	Gerald Losquadro
Laurie Bronzino	Jeanne Marie Malley
Veronica Buscemi	Janet Mangano
Judy Carlson	Olivia Melia
Michael Castellano	Geraldine Muscarnera
Mary Champagne	Loretto Narducci
Peter Chirafisi	Andrea Nocito
William Ciccarelli	Darin Pitkanen
Stephen Crawford	Patricia Pitkanen
Kimberly Crawford-Arbocus	Colleen Prinz
Grayson Danielski	Carina Ranieri
Anthony DeGennaro	Bernardine Reichbach
Manuela Diaz	Mary Ann Reilly
Peter DiMauro	Rob Remhild
Claudia DiPalermo	Marcello Ricciardi
Ann Egan	Lynn Rodger
Lisa Eger	Sean Romeo
Vincent Esposito	Elaine Ruane
Ralph Farino	Jacqueline Santamaria
Yolanda Fattarusso	Casey Schultz
Sienna Fricke	Kathy Schwinn
Linda Giordano	John Serri
James Greene	Celeste Sichenze
Linda Heinrichs	Todd Skala
Ralph Hughes	Sue Southard
Ryan Huscher	Bill Tanner
Debbie Jablinowski	Calvin Tatone
	Grace Van Epps
	Peter Warns



The **Bread and Wine** for the week have
been donated
in loving memory of **Richard P. Canalini**
by MaryAnn Canalini & family



Banns of Marriage

Christine Holmes & Sean Lee



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

**We continue to pray
through 2026 for ...**

SSGT David Basler
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!*

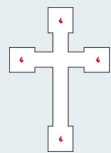
**If you would like to have the name of your
loved one listed in our prayers for the sick,
please call 631-265-2200 x122.**



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

**Maureen Campanelli
Frances Jackson
Salvatore Sollazzo
Helen J. Twohig**

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



OCIA FORMERLY RCIA

LITURGY BYTES *by Michele Hall*



Since it is the Lenten season, it also means that we have adults amongst us wishing to become Catholic. For those who have been around a while, the process we used went by the initials RCIA – which means Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. In recent years, the process became known as OCIA – meaning, Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. Getting beyond all these letters, let us explore what this process is all about and see that we, as parishioners, can take part.

Folks come to be interested in being Catholic through many avenues. Sometimes it is through their spouse, sometimes through friends, or sometimes an individual searches many different forms of religion on their own. What matters most is the interest and desire to be a Catholic. The timetable involves a period of inquiry, hearing about the faith and personal faith experiences of others that lead a person to seek acceptance and be welcomed, desiring to become a member of the Catholic Church. People who are unbaptized are given the title Catechumen, and people who have been baptized in another Christian tradition and wish to become Catholic are known as Candidates. Both are warmly welcome by the parish congregation which affirms their desire and wish to be Catholic.

During this time, they explore and discern many aspects of the Catholic faith. These people are also guided by a sponsor who can assist in helping them with their questions. This period leads to the Rite of Acceptance. At this time, they make a formal commitment to grow in faith. For those needing Baptism, as well as those already baptized, this next period covers basic Catholic teachings, prayer, and the life of the parish to name a few areas. They are asked to attend Sunday Mass, just staying for the Liturgy of the Word and being dismissed to further understand and discuss what they heard. By being present at Mass, the parish community gets to know them and pray for them during their journey.

We will continue with this journey in the next column. In the meantime, please pray for those men and women of our parish who have embraced wishing to become Catholic this Easter.

Have a safe, blessed, and prayerful week ahead!



For the Ride Home..... a Gospel Reflection for families

What did you hear today in the Scriptures?

Today we heard in the Gospel that God the Father told the disciples with Jesus that “This is my Beloved Son, listen to him.”



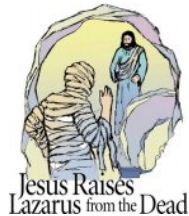
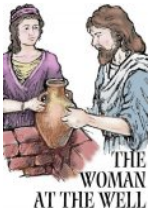
How can you do that this week? Think about one or many ways you will try to do that.

- Don't be afraid, trust in God, just like the man in the First Reading, Abraham, did. He was called by God to leave his home in Ur for Canaan, trusting in promises of land, descendants, and divine blessing. He was afraid, but he trusted in God.
- So, as we try to be closer to God this Lent, carry these lessons of great faith and trust in our hearts.



The Scrutinies

On the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent, parishes with an active OCIA are asked to witness and participate in a special rite called the Scrutinies. The Scrutinies are part of the initiation process and support the Elect (the unbaptized) as they move into the final period of preparation for the Easter sacraments. *"Their purpose is to deliver the Elect from the power of sin and Satan, to help them resist temptations, and to find strength in Christ."* (OCIA #141) The church calls this time immediately preceding initiation the "Period of Enlightenment and Purification." This really is what Lent is meant to be for all of us as we are called to reflect on our own lives and on our need for God's help.



The Scripture readings for the Scrutinies include the Gospel stories of the Samaritan woman at the well, the healing of the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus. These readings were chosen for their powerful images of sin, surrender, conversion, faith and healing, and remind not just the Elect but the whole parish community of the ways God delivers us from thirst, from darkness, from death. God does not scrutinize the Elect to focus on what's wrong with them, but rather to make known to them God's compassion and healing.

Let us pray for our Elect, Bonnie, Vinnie and Ashok, and for our candidates, Dan, Nicole, Alexandra, Alejandra and Gabby, as their journey to Easter continues. May these readings inspire us all to thirst for the Lord, to truly see as Jesus sees, and to die to whatever keeps us from following the way of Jesus.

On the 1st Sunday of Lent, the Catholic Church celebrates the **Rite of Election**, in which Catechumens (the unbaptized) are publicly acknowledged as being ready to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Due to the snowstorm, the Rite was celebrated in parishes this year rather than at a diocesan event. At our 11:30 Mass, Bonnie, Vinnie and Ashok signed their names in the Book of the Elect, signifying their faithful commitment. We continue to journey through Lent with them, offering our prayers and support.



An Invitation from the Sisters of St. Joseph



CATHOLIC
SISTERS WEEK



Sisters of St. Joseph
MEMBERSHIP OF
United in God's love

In celebration of National Catholic Sisters Week (March 8–14), the Sisters of St. Joseph warmly invite you to **join us at Holy Spirit Convent at Cleary School on Sunday, March 8, 2026** for a cup of coffee, warm conversation, and a glimpse into the journey of our community—where we've been, where we are, and where God is leading us next. This gathering will be especially meaningful as Sisters Maura, Lynn, and Preenika prepare to close convent later this year. We would love to share this special time with you!

You're welcome to drop in between 1:00PM and 4:00PM.

www.catholicsistersweek.org

Eat Simply...So Others May Simply Eat



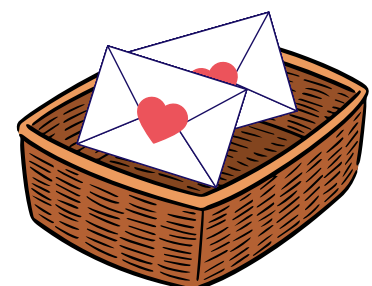
Lent offers us a unique period of time to evaluate our life journey as a follower of Christ. We are encouraged to assess if this journey has led us to an improved understanding and deepening of our relationship with our Lord, with our neighbors, and with our brothers and sisters of the world community.

For the last 34 years, we at Holy Cross have embraced our Lenten Project “Eat Simply So Others May Simply Eat” as a way to raise our consciousness to the significant needs of our struggling friends. We willingly sacrifice larger or better meals for simpler meals during Lent. Our joint effort to “EAT MORE SIMPLY SO OTHERS MAY SIMPLY EAT” unites us in a special way with one another and also with those who are struggling on Long Island.

We encourage you not only to participate in this program, but also to discuss it at the dinner table with your children and family members. Many of us are not consciously aware of the number of people that are struggling and hungry right here in our own area. *During 2025, our Outreach pantry served an average of 180 people each month.*

The Lenten envelopes marked, EAT SIMPLY...SO OTHERS MAY SIMPLY EAT, will be available throughout the weekends of Lent. We suggest that you place the envelope in a prominent place in your kitchen as a reminder of how you and your family will be uniting yourselves with our struggling neighbors and with those facing food insecurity in the world. We encourage you to reflect, discuss and to decide how you will eat more basic meals during Lent. Perhaps you have a favorite simple recipe to share. We'd be happy to put it in the bulletin for fellow parishioners to try.

Each weekend or whenever you choose during Lent, you may place your envelope in the collection basket. The monies donated will be used to help those who come to Parish Outreach for assistance. We are continually grateful for the very generous response of our parishioners of Holy Cross in donating money, food, and supermarket gift cards which enables us to meet their needs.



BECAUSE IT TAKES MORE THAN FOOD TO FEED THE HUNGRY



**Who are the hungry on Long Island?
We share some facts compiled by
Long Island Cares:**

Food Drive

**Please bring your non-perishable food items
to Mass the weekend of
March 14th & 15th**



No glass jars,
please



Approximately 234,000 people

on Long Island suffer from food insecurity – including 65,000 children.

Approximately 40%

of food-insecure Long Island households are above the poverty level but don't make enough to keep up with the high cost of living in Nassau and Suffolk Counties, making them ineligible for nutrition assistance programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).



Food-insecure children

are more likely than their peers to experience behavioral issues, reduced ability to learn social skills, and impaired cognitive learning – even permanent brain damage.

The health effects of hunger

range from lack of stamina and increased illness – which increases missed work time – to feelings of hopelessness and despair.



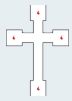
Seniors who are hungry

experience depression and anxiety. They are also at increased risk for illness, disease, and even premature death.

As we have done for the last few years during Lent and as part of our Baptismal call to live out the Beatitudes, our parish will sponsor a food drive on behalf of Long Island Cares. Long Island Cares is an organization that collects and delivers food to more than 600 community-based agencies in Nassau and Suffolk. In a typical year, it distributes over 7 million pounds of food.

We thank you for being a community that consistently stocks our own food pantry, reaches out to our surrounding communities and finds ways to assist our global family (through Heifer International).

**Boxes will be available on Friday, March 13th, in the Atrium
to drop off non-perishable food items the weekend of March 14th & 15th**



PRAYER, ACTION & COMMUNITY



OUTREACH & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HANDS OF COMPASSION



How it works:

To help, we are asking each grade to donate their assigned pantry item and return it on their assigned weekend.

We are only asking for one item per student.

Please see the list below for your grade's assigned item and weekend:

Grades 2 & 5

One (1) can
of vegetables
(any kind)

2/28 - 3/1

Grade 3

One (1) jar
of
grape jelly

3/7 - 3/8

Grades 1 & 4

One (1) jar
of
mayo

3/14 - 3/15

Grades 6 & 8

One (1) jar
of
pasta sauce

3/21 - 3/22

Grade 7

One (1) bottle
of juice
(non-refrigerated)

3/28 - 3/29

After you place your item in the wagon, please write your name on a paper hand and leave it on the table so we can place it on the Hands of Compassion board.

Thank you, in advance, for making Outreach families a part of your Lenten Journey.



Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 20th, at 7:00PM in the Worship Area

**The entire family is invited to participate
in praying the Stations of the Cross.**

LENTEN FAMILY CALENDAR



Suggestions to deepen your Lenten season with your family
brought to you by Loyola Press

Sunday

Second Sunday of Lent

Forego a favorite TV program for a week.

Monday

Go through your closets and donate usable clothing and household goods to a local charity.

Tuesday

Pay attention to someone you are tempted to brush aside.

Wednesday

Fast from gossip.

Thursday

Pray at the sound of sirens from emergency vehicles. Pray for the people who might be in trouble.

Friday

Fast from e-mail, text messaging, or both for a day.

Saturday

Speak less and listen more. Give others the gift of your undivided attention.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Level 2 Reconciliation PRACTICE
Tuesday
March 3rd
at 7PM

Level 2 Reconciliation
Tuesday
March 10th
at 4pm or 6pm
or
Saturday
March 14th
at 9:30am

REMINDER

GOD LOVES YOU!

Level 5 & Level 6 Stations of the Cross
will take place on
Thursday
March 5th at 7PM
in the Worship Area

Level 1
Draw What You See
at the Masses
the weekend
of March 14th & 15th

DRAW WHAT YOU SEE
the weekend of March 14 & 15

Please have your child take a piece of paper and crayon at the table in the atrium and draw what they see in Church and then return the drawing to the basket marked "Completed" in the atrium.

The pictures will be displayed during the weekend of March 21st and 22nd.

LEVEL 4 RECONCILIATION
Wednesday, March 18th
at 5:30PM
and 7:00PM
in the Worship Area

LEVEL 6 SEDER

**Monday, March 16th, at 6PM
&
Tuesday, March 17th, at 6PM
in the Atrium**

Please check with your catechist to find out which date that you are assigned.

If you have any questions, please call the Religious Ed. Office at (631) 265-2200 Ext. 112

Volunteers Needed

Catechists for our Religious Ed. Program

Catechists Needed for 2026-2027
We are seeking volunteers willing to share 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

If you enjoy working with children and are available for 1 hour a week, please call Jennifer or Mary at the Religious Education office at 631-265-2200



Hands of Compassion



This year we as a parish will embrace the theme of a people **“Called to Compassion.”**

What does compassion mean to you?

Think of being called by name to share in this experience. Think about compassion you have received. Let that gift inspire your life to be a means of love and compassion to those who you meet.

Lent traditionally is a time when we reflect upon our lives and actions.
Take time in prayer to look into your own heart.

How can you be more like the heart of Jesus?

In what ways can you become the eyes, the hands of Christ, offering compassion to your family, your community, the world?

We ask you to think about the ways in which God may be inviting you to be an instrument of compassion. Write down what it is YOU can do so that God’s love is brought to the world in some way.

Write your intention below in the heart, cut on the dotted line, and bring it with you when you come to Mass on the weekend.

You will be invited to bring it before the altar where it will remain for the season of Lent.

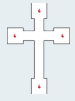
“Christ has no body now but yours. Yours are the hands with which He blesses all the world.”
~ St. Teresa of Avila



Cut along the dotted line.

Bring this to Mass with you and wait for the invitation to bring it to the altar.

PRAYER, ACTION & COMMUNITY



Holy Cross Welcomes these Children Baptized in January

— ♥ —
Anna Maria Buscemi
Theodore John Vincent Castro
Austin Charles Flynn
Callie Lydia Kolln
Natalie Antoinette Norton
Gabriella Mae Panarello
Christopher Eric Wenstrom

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



Matthew and Sofia Hancock made their First Holy Communion on Sunday, February 15th at the 9:30am Mass.

Congratulations to Matthew and Sofia!



We will be having a Soup Supper on Sunday, March 15 at 5:00PM and we are looking for soup makers.

If anyone can make a crock pot of soup and bring it, or drop it off, on the 15th, please call the parish office and let us know. *Thank you!*



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

The collection will be the weekend of March 7th & 8th

**Pasta Sauce in a jar - Mayo - Coffee
Paper Towels - Shampoo - Toothpaste**

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



on Saturday, February 28th after the 5PM Mass.



An Invitation to all Girl Scouts to join us Sunday, March 8th 9:30am Mass

(Daylight Savings Time Weekend)

All Girl Scouts and their families are welcome!

(You do not need to be a parishioner.)

Please arrive at 9:15am

Scouts will walk in with the procession.

Please wear your Girl Scout best with vest/sash.

****Please stay for a quick photo after Mass on the altar****

**Parish of the Holy Cross
95 Nichols Road, Nesconset**

**Please RSVP by March 4th
(to reserve seating and patches)**

**RSVP to Lisa Eger at:
lisameger@gmail.com**



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

Thank you for your continued support!

Burning of the Palm Leaves on February 15th



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Bank Account #: _____

Please attach to this form a Voided Check if you've chosen a checking Account or a pre-printed savings deposit ticket if you have chosen a Saving Account.

Note: This authorization is to remain in full force effect until the Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Cross received written notification at least five business days in advance of the desired termination.

(Signature) (PrintedName) Date: _____

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Phone: _____

NOTES:

1- *This form will be seen by the Business Manager only.* You may mail it to the Parish of the Holy Cross or drop it at the office in a sealed envelope, **Attention: Karina D'Angelo.**

2- For any questions contact Karina D'Angelo by phone or email at **business@holycrossrc.org**



Spring Cash Fling



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 March, April, and May.
- Drawing will be held June 1st

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 cut out and use the 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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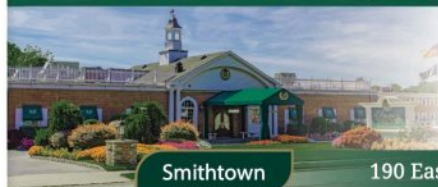
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