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March 1, 2026

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Monday through Friday: 9am – 1pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

OFFICE HOURS

Sunday 9am-11am,
Monday 9am-4pm
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MARRIAGES: Parishioners should call the rectory office at least six months in advance to schedule an appointment to meet with a priest to schedule their wedding.

BAPTISMS: Parents must be registered and active members of Holy Cross Parish for six (6) months prior to scheduling baptism. Please contact the Parish Office for additional information. Baptisms are scheduled on the second and last Saturday of each month,

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call the rectory for those who are gravely ill and need the sacrament of the sick. For those preparing for surgery, see Father after Mass in order to be anointed.



THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, WITH
WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED;
listen to him.

MATTHEW 17:5

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Second Sunday of Lent

CELEBRATE WITH US...

Saturday Evening Mass: 4:00pm

Sunday Morning Mass: 8:00am & 11:00am

Daily Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:00am
Wednesday 7:00pm

Confessions: Saturday before Mass 3:00pm - 3:45pm

Adoration: Friday 6:00am - 1:00pm

Rosary: 1/2 hour before Saturday & Sunday Mass

Holy Days: Check Bulletin

Monday, 3/2/26 9:00AM	Parishioners of Holy Cross
Tuesday, 3/3/26 9:00AM	Parishioners of Holy Cross
Wednesday, 3/4/26 7:00pm	Peggy McLaughlin
Thursday, 3/5/26 9:00AM	Parishioners of Holy Cross
Friday, 3/6/26	NO DAILY MASS
Saturday, 3/7/26 4:00PM	Charles Hanson
Sunday 3/8/26 8:00AM	Mary Jones
11:00AM	Jozefa Ciborowski

Please note: before adding an individual(s) name to the Prayer List, please be sure to get permission from the individual or their family.

PRAYER LIST

Pray for those who are ill or in need of prayers:

Mia Elizabeth Daly	Maryann Wesseldine	Ashley Uske
Nelly Santana	Joe Geider	Derek Hadden
Jack Ryan Brooks	John Festa	Kristina Dusevic
Jamie Keens	Angela D'Esposito	Frank Ferdinadi
Diane & Al Fenical	Randy Decker	Robert Thomson
Frank D'Esposito	Michael Klem	Special Intention for Heather
Lou Curcio	Jennifer Roussos	Robin Clark
Barry Clark	Ronald D'Esposito	Amber Halstead
Christa Dwyer	Chris Woldeck	Rosemary McTigue
Tracey Ferraro	Nora Orlovski	Helen Smith
Patrick (Pat) McLaughlin	Tom De Torres	Chris Earl
Edith Biesele	Jimmy Faughnan	Michael Reilly
Nicole Calabro	Joanne & Kenny Balzano	Lori Haggard
Joseph Costic	Olivia Pawlowski	Granville Waterman
Patrick Mahady	Jake Ramano	Ann Walter
Caterina Adel		
Gloria Ellington		

We are always updating our Prayer List. If any names are to be added or removed, please contact the Parish Office at

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

God promises Abram a great blessing.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33:4-5,18-20,22

God's mercy is upon those who trust in God.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Through God's grace we are called to holiness.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE DEFENDING OUR NATION

Please remember especially:

George Vanacore	Matthew J. Montesi	Pietro Siena
Sean Fitzgerald	Michael Herrera	Noah Pelenski
Peter Fitzgerald	Ralph Cocco	Thomas Denonno
Ryan P. Hopkins	Francis Hernandez	Ryan Aldana
Christopher M. Hopkins	Luis Batista	Logan Emery
Andrew Pitt	Michael Giannini	Luke Greiner
Alexandrea Enderes	Brian Legrow	Payton Briecke
Karrissa Lazzari	Eric Greiner	AJ Aeberli
Gerald John Hopkins	Conner Greiner	Frank Hauber
Erick Christerer	Joseph Howard	Anthony Sannella
Alex Prezioso	Jared F. Renna	Brian M. Hanson
Daniel Howard	Gennaro Bonfiglio	
Sean O'Brien	Matthew Higby	
George Xavier Trautlein	Timothy Ganuncio	

And let us pray for peace.

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Join us as we pray **The Most Holy Rosary**
One half hour before each mass.



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday: Chair of Saint Peter

Monday: Saint Polycarp

Tuesday: Blessed Luke Belludi

Wednesday: Blessed Sebastian of Aparicio

Thursday: Saint Maria Bertilla Boscardin

Friday: Saint Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows

Saturday: Blessed Daniel Brottier

MASS ATTENDANCE

Mass attendance for Ash Wed., 2/18 was: **485**

and Mass attendance for the weekend of 2/21 & *2/22 was: **405** (*Blizzard)

Interested in joining the
St. Therese of Lisieux Altar Confraternity,
please call the
office at: 845-355-4439



LENT, HOLY WEEK, AND TRIDUUM

SIMPLE SOUP AND BREAD 6:00PM-6:45PM FOLLOWED BY STATIONS OF THE CROSS:
Fridays during Lent at 7PM

TIME OF EASTER VIGIL - The season of Lent culminates with the celebration of the Triduum of the Lord's Last Supper, Passion, Death, and Resurrection. The Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection, celebrated on Holy Saturday Night, is not to be scheduled before nightfall (Sacramentary, Easter Vigil, No. 3, i.e. at least half an hour after sunset.) In the Northeast this year, it will occur at 7:23 pm. Therefore, the Holy Cross celebration of the *Easter Vigil Mass* has been scheduled for **April 4th at 8 PM.**

LENTEN RECONCILIATION MONDAY will be observed on **Monday, March 30th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 6:00 to 9:00 PM** in the Archdiocese and the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre, in *every parish* from the east end of Long Island to the Catskills.

Palm Sunday - The Passion of the Lord (**March 29th**)
Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

SACRED TRIDUUM: The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil.

The Liturgical Services that take place during the Triduum are:

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: APRIL 2nd at 7 PM.
Eucharistic Procession to Chapel of Repose to Follow.

April 3rd - GOOD FRIDAY- FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD: 3 PM

April 4th - MASS OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (*Easter Vigil*): 8 PM

April 5th - EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
Masses: 8 & 11 AM

WHAT IS RECONCILIATION?

Reconciliation (also known as Confession or Penance) is a sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ in his love and mercy to offer sinners forgiveness for offenses committed against God. At the same time, sinners reconcile with the Church, because it is also wounded by our sins.

Every time we sin, we hurt ourselves, other people, and God. In Reconciliation, we acknowledge our sins before God and his Church. We express our sorrow in a meaningful way, receive the forgiveness of Christ and his Church, make reparation for what we have done, and resolve to do better in the future.

The forgiveness of sins involves four parts:

Contrition: a sincere sorrow for having offended God, and the most important act of the penitent.

There can be no forgiveness of sin if we do not have sorrow and a firm resolve not to repeat our sin.

Confession: confronting our sins in a profound way to God by speaking about them—aloud—to the priest.

Penance: an important part of our healing is the “penance” the priest imposes in reparation for our sins.

Absolution: the priest speaks the words by which “God, the Father of Mercies” reconciles a sinner to himself through the merits of the Cross.

(USCCB/United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

WEEKLY OFFERTORY UPDATE -- FEBRUARY 14 & FEBRUARY 15

Thank you for your generous support!

Weekly Budgeted Expenses:

- Sunday Collection 2/21 & 2/22: **\$3,522.00**
 - Weshare 2/21 & 2/22: **\$1,043.00**
- Total Income: \$4,565.00**
- Weekly Budgeted Expenses: **\$8,054.00 (- \$3,489.00 deficit)**

HOLY CROSS RELIGIOUS ED. FUNDRAISER -- LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA

Please support our Religious Ed. Program by ordering pizza:

The Fundraiser begins **February 25th** and ends on **March 11th**

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Pizzas will be delivered to Holy Cross the week of **March 23rd**

Thank you as always, for your support!

OUTREACH MINISTRY/FOOD PANTRY

The Pantry is prepared for a large turnout at this 1st Saturday "open" Pantry. Given the hard Winter we've all faced and combined with the high cost of utilities and food, we expect many families to seek help with their food insecurities. Thanks to generous parishioner food donations we will have a large selection of basic nutritional foods available. Because of our partnership with the NY Regional Food Bank, we will also be able to provide some frozen fish, poultry, pork and beef as well. We should be able to provide food assistance to all who request our help. On behalf of those less fortunate, we thank you for your continued help and support.

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BREAKFAST TIME

Holy Cross Parish Center

Join us for our next breakfast next week (it's a special one!)

SUNDAY, MARCH 15th - 8:30am - 12:00pm

Adults:\$13 - Seniors:\$10 - Children (5-10): \$10 Children under 5 free

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SIT DOWN BREAKFAST

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Don't miss it!

Hosted by: Holy Cross Religious Education Program

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Bible Study takes place on **Thursdays - - 7:00-8:30pm** in the *Meeting Room* of the Parish Center.

All that is needed is your bible - writing utensil and notebook are optional.

We welcome women in all walks of life *so join us* and bring a friend or two!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Men's Bible Study takes place on **Wednesdays - - 7:30-9:00pm** in the *Meeting Room* of the Parish Center. All men are welcome.



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PATRON SAINT OF STORMS

Saint Medard (or Medardus) is the primary Catholic Patron Saint of storms, bad weather, and rain. A 6th-century French bishop, Medard is famously the Patron Saint to be called upon when needing protection from bad weather.

Patronage: His patronage tells that, as a child, he was sheltered from a rainstorm by an eagle. Known as the patron saint against bad weather, storms, and hurricanes. He is also the Patron Saint of farmers, brewers, and against toothaches.

His feast day is June 8, and he is invoked for protection against storms. An old French folktale says if it rains on St. Medard's Day, it will rain for the next 40 days.

PRAYER TO SAINT MEDARD

Saint Medard, patron saint for protection against bad storms, we ask you to intercede for us during the storms of our lives as well as the storms in nature. Please protect our families and our homes.

We pray for assistance for the victims of snowstorms, hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, and other natural disasters.

You calmed the storm on the Sea of Galilee; deliver us from the storms that are raging around us now.

Saint Medard, pray for us. Amen

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