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LET ALL 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.*

JESUS

Therefore God ... bestowed on him

THE NAME

that is above every name.

Philippians 2:9

Come and pray with us!

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 1, 2023

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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Remembering Our Sick

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

Bob Alderdice	Theresa Arzillo
Jo Barry	Kathy Barry
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Ann Callari	Judy Carlson
Jason DeLuca	Manuela Diaz
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Elaine Ruane	Albina Sangemino
Carol Ann Schultz	Casey Schultz
Barbara Sherry	Celeste Sichenze
Kyle Sweeney	Bill Tanner
Grace Van Epps	Peter Warns
Danny Youngworth	

Upcoming Mass Intentions

Week of Sunday, October 1, 9AM Masses

Mon. James Trube Jr.
Tue. Regina Hickey
Wed. Linda Sieldecki (living)
Thu. Damien Pickel



Saturday, October 7, 5PM Mass

Estelle Sternberg, Maria Reczuch, Gren Family,
Reczuch family, Dorothy Pachal, Dominick Pizzurro

Sunday, October 8, 27th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. O. DeSanto
9:30 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Celeste E. Babi, Joseph M. Babi,
Lorraine Reichle, Angelina Boden, Laura
Romano, Catherine & Arthur Olsen

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.

WELCOME AUTUMN

by Father Michael

As I write this article, I am watching the installation of ductwork for our new heating and air conditioning units. The old units were hauled away last week and were replaced with new energy efficient units. This week's projects include connecting the gas, electric, and ductwork as well as testing the system. The rainy weather at the beginning of the week meant a few lost days, but I am hoping everything will be fully functional by this weekend. Once again, I want to thank you for making this project possible. Through your on-going and generous contributions to the Repairs and Major Renovations fund, we were able to cover the cost of \$155,000 without any additional collections. Thank you for making my job so much easier.

There is another project that might be moving from the "wish list" to the "need to do" list. For the past few years, I have been looking at updating the spotlights in the worship area that are pointed towards the sanctuary. This now goes beyond simple aesthetics as some new legislation will impact what kind of light bulbs that can be used. Virtually all the lights in the worship area are incandescent. Incandescent lighting will no longer be permissible in New York State. I can't imagine they will be handing out violations for using what is already in place. The problem becomes replacing bulbs as they burn out. Incandescent bulbs will no longer be available. It is not as simple as swapping out what we have for a new LED bulb. We utilize some unique fixtures that do not have an LED replacement. And, if there were a bulb that would fit, the dimming system we have will only function with incandescent lighting. This means replacing both fixtures and the control system to turn them on and off. There is also the added complication of access. In most instances, we would need a scaffolding system to reach the tall lights.

We have had numerous electrical contractors look at our church. So far none of them have expressed any interest in taking on the job because of the unique and obsolete equipment we utilize. We called in the manufacturer of our current system (Lutron), and they have the ability to help us. We are awaiting their quotes, but I am concerned it's not going to be a small amount. Whoever thought replacing a light bulb would get so complicated?

Although autumn weather can be beautiful, I do miss summer when it ends. Mother Nature will put on a spectacular display of colors as we move into cooler weather, but we have fewer hours of daylight to enjoy them. As much as I enjoy the season, I think there is a pumpkin spice overload during these weeks. It is found in everything. I really don't need pumpkin spice shaving cream. Enjoy these days as we transition into this new season.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered this Sunday after the 9:30 AM Mass.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, September 30th	6 PM
• YOUTH NIGHT	Atrium
Sunday, October 1st	After 9:30 Mass
• ANOINTING OF THE SICK	Worship Area
Monday, October 2nd	7 PM
• LEVEL 1 PARENT MEETING	Atr., Wor. Ar.
• KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Fr. Joe Room
Tuesday, October 3rd	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
• LEV. 7 CATECH. TRNG. 1:30 or 7PM	Fr. Joe Room
Wednesday, October 4th	1:30 - 3:30 PM
• BEREAVEMENT	Fr. Joe Room
• LEVEL 1 PARENT MTG. 1:30PM	Worship Area
• LEVELS 3&4 PARENT MTG. 7PM	Atr., Wor. Ar.
Thursday, October 5th	10 AM
• SCRIPTURE STUDY	Fr. Joe Room
• LEVS. 3&4 PARENT MTG. 1:30PM	Atr., Wor. Ar.
• PRE-CANA MEETING 7PM	Fr. Joe Room
• LEV. 7 PARENT/STUDENT MTG.	Worship Area
• WOMEN'S PRAYER	Chapel
Saturday, October 7th	3:45 - 4:45 PM
• HOLY HOUR	Worship Area
• BASKET RAFFLE SALES 5PM	Atrium
Sunday, October 8th	All Masses
• BASKET RAFFLE SALES	Atrium
• BLESSING OF ANIMALS 12:30PM	Courtyard
• BAPTISMS 1PM	Worship Area

Scripture Readings for October 8, 2023



- + *Isaiah 5:1-7*
- + *Philippians 4:6-9*
- + *Matthew 21:33-43*

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, October 7th/8th



5:00 PM	Fr. Michael/Dcn. Joe
8:00 AM	Fr. Michael/Dcn. Joe
9:30 AM	Fr. Frank
11:30 AM	Fr. Frank



Banns of Marriage *Second Time*

Jessa Randazzo & Derek D'Ambrosio

The Blessing of the Animals will take place after the 11:30 Mass on October 8th!



Pray for Our Military



Sgt 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
 Cpl Michael Palagonia, USMC

We thank the men and women who serve in our military for their service. We will continue to pray for them through 2023.

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!

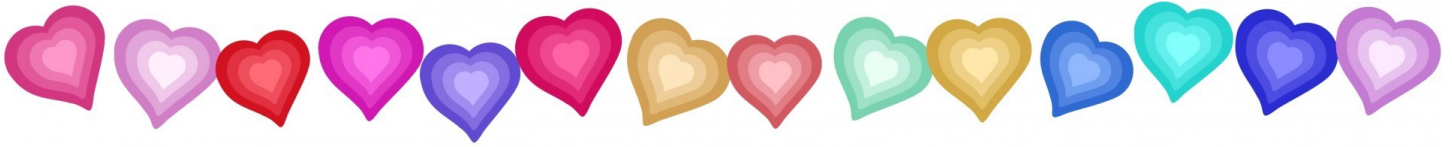


We remember and pray for the following Holy Cross parishioners who passed away recently:

Ricky J. Lucyk
Steven Tocci
James Trube Jr.
Richard Zak

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

ADOPT A GRANDPARENT MINISTRY



Do you know a senior who is homebound or a senior who would like some interaction with young people?

Our **Adopt a Grandparent Ministry** will connect Faith Formation classes with a senior and share cards, pictures, and crafts throughout the year.



The idea is to help build a relationship between the students and the "grandparents" and connect our seniors to the parish community.



If you are interested in joining our "grandparent" team or know someone who may be interested, please call Outreach at 631-265-2200 ext. 113.



Special Collection

This weekend at the offertory we will also be collecting for **Respect Life**. The Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics promotes the principle that human life at all stages is a gift from God. Thank you for your support of this important collection.

PARISH NEWS



Lincoln Alexander DeRosa
Mackenna Mae Jones
Xavier Joseph Laroche
Connor John McCloskey
Angelica Mendez
Cameron James Morrill
Sophia Grace Santospirito
Aliana Zara Yavuz

*Holy Cross
 Welcomes These
 Children Baptized in
 September*

Charlotte Farrugia, a parishioner of Holy Cross and a Junior at Newfield High School, is working to create an herb garden in our courtyard as she pursues her Girl Scout Gold Star Award. We support Charlotte in her efforts and thank her for thinking of Holy Cross for her project.



Holy Hour for Sanctity of all Human Life

We offer our Holy Hour on the first Saturday of the month from 3:45 to 4:45 PM in the Worship Area. The next one will take place on **Saturday, October 7th**. Please come and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament praying for God's gift of life to be recognized by all.

What Does It Mean to be Holy?

Whatever our station in life, each of us is called by God to grow in holiness. What does that mean, and how can we do it?

All adult parishioners are invited to join in a five-week DVD presentation by renowned Franciscan preacher and writer, Fr. Albert Haase, OFM,



The BE Attitudes: 10 Paths to Holiness

Five Wednesday evenings, 7:00 – 8:00 PM, Oct. 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15

or

Five Thursday afternoons, 1:30 – 2:30 PM, Oct. 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16.

Each 25-minute presentation will be followed by small group sharing/discussion.

Please fill in the tear-off below and return to the Office by Oct. 13.
Questions? Call Jude, x116

I would like to attend **The BE Attitudes** on: ___ Wed. evenings ___ Thurs. afternoons

Name: _____ Phone: _____

LITURGY BYTES

Praying Grandparents



Recently, I came across an old calendar marking Grandparents' Day on a particular Sunday. This reminder drew me to my days as a Director of Religious Education where I met and spoke to numerous grandmothers and grandfathers who were assuming the role of bringing the Faith to their young grandchildren.

As a grandparent of four from my Hahn family side, and in recent days of another four from my Hall family marriage, I reflected on the various stages of life that all eight of these wonderful young people are engaged in.

I am sure, if you wear the "grandparent hat," you understand exactly what I mean. Some of our wonderful grands are babies, some are toddlers, some are in the early years of elementary school, or are entering middle and high school. We have some in college and beyond, as well as starting careers and also preparing for marriage.

No matter which of the above categories yours might be in, you love them, worry about them, and are so very proud of them! You are over the moon to be with them, celebrate their accomplishments in school, or out on the field, the gym or at the recital. No matter their age, they are precious.

Think about a special gift we can give to our grands that doesn't mean writing a check, getting in the car, or picking up the telephone. It dawned on me when I saw the Grandparents' Day notation I mentioned above ----- what about prayer?? In my *Catholic Grandparents Handbook*, I found these words. Please keep them handy for your special ones or to share with another grandparent.

Kind and loving God, I humbly implore you to guide and protect my grandchildren. Shower them with your love. Keep them safe from all harm. Help them to grow in faith and in holiness. Amen.

Have a blessed, joyful, healthy, and "grand" week ahead! ~ *Michele Hall*

Liturgy Committee Meeting – Tues. 10/17 at 7 PM in the Chapel



Worship Committee

MORE HAPPENINGS



Outreach Food Pantry

Next Saturday and Sunday, **October 7th/8th**, will be our monthly Food Drive for our Parish Outreach Pantry. The following items would be most helpful:

- Soup
- Canned Fruit
- Pasta
- Sauce in a Jar
- Rice
- Hot Cereal
- Jelly
- Meals in a Can
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper



Please don't forget to check expiration dates! It will greatly assist the volunteers who stack the pantry with your donated goods. Thank you!



Calling all Parishioners!

Would you be interested in helping out at our Trunk or Treat Halloween party for the children of Holy Cross? Here are the details:

- Friday, October 27th
- Set-up 6pm
- Trunk or Treat from 6:30pm-7pm

- Children Trick or Treat out of the trunk of your car
- Decorate your car for Halloween or a Theme
- Wear a costume if you want!
- Bring your own candy (we will bring extra if you run out)

RSVP to tclarke@holycrossrc.org if you can make it...



Family Fall Festival Dessert Table!!!

Do you like to bake? We are looking for items that can be individually wrapped to sell at our **Dessert Table at the Family Fall Festival**. Cookies, brownies, muffins, or non-iced cake that can be cut into individual slices are welcome. Come share your gift of baking with us!

All individual wrapped donated baked goods are needed at the parish on **Friday, October 13th, between 1PM and 3PM**. Thank you in advance! If you are able to help, please call **Julie at 631-873-7166**.





The Parish of The Holy Cross
FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 14, 2023

PUMPKIN PICKING 11 AM - 2PM, SAND ART 10 AM - 2:30,
FACE PAINTING 10 AM - 2:30, GAMES FOR KIDS
NESCONSET FIRE DEPARTMENT
TASTE TESTING CONTEST 2PM

10 AM -
3PM

NIFTY
50/50

*Come join the
fun!*

CONCESSION STAND/DESSERT TABLE

BASKET RAFFLE !!!

FALL FESTIVAL TASTE TESTING CONTEST

Apple Everything!!

Do you have a favorite apple-based recipe? Come share your culinary expertise and enter your selection in our **Taste Testing Contest** to be held at our Family Fall Festival on October 14th. Winner will be declared at the Family Fall Festival.

All entries must include apple and be homemade. Possibilities are apple pie, apple muffins, apple bread and apple tart, but all apple-based recipes are welcome for entry.



We ask that a copy of your recipe be submitted by October 11th and be printed and displayed the day of the judging.

The winner will be picked by a panel of judges.
Good Luck and have fun Baking!!!

If you would like to enter or be a judge, please fill out the form below and **return** to the Parish Office by October 9th. A copy of your recipe must be submitted to the Outreach Office by October 11th.

If you are interested in being a judge at our contest, please fill out the form and check the appropriate box.

Name _____

Phone _____



_____ - Yes! I will submit my delicious recipe and culinary creation to be entered in the Family Fall Festival—Apple Everything Taste Testing Contest. I agree to submit a copy of my recipe by October 11th to the Outreach Office.

_____ - Yes! I agree to be one of the judges that will fairly determine the winner of the Family Fall Festival—Apple Everything Taste Testing Contest.

If you would like to enter, please return the completed form to the Parish Office no later than October 9th. A copy of the recipe is due to the Outreach Office by October 11th.

If you have any questions, please call Outreach at 631-265-2200 x113.



BASKET RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

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THE PARISH OF THE HOLY CROSS

DRAWING SATURDAY OCTOBER 14TH 3PM

Sample Baskets that will be offered

MOVIE NIGHT

GIFT CARDS

GARDEN BASKET

SPORTS THEMED

SPA DAY

FAMILY NIGHT

OVER 24 BASKETS!

**Drawing will be at our
Family Fall Festival at 3pm**

Tickets can be purchased after the Masses on
9/30-10/1, 10/7-10/8 and the
Family Fall Festival

3 for \$5
7 for \$10

Do not have to be present to win - Thank you and Good Luck!

HOLY CROSS' FEAST DAY

On the weekend of September 16/17, we celebrated our feast day, the Exaltation of the Cross. The 5 PM Mass on Saturday and the 11:30 AM Mass on Sunday had extra celebrations along with hospitality after the 11:30 Mass. Here are some pictures of the celebrations!



MAJOR RENOVATIONS

Over the past two weeks, there has been a lot of activity outside the church. We have replaced the Heating and Air Conditioning Units which were on their way out. Thank you to all who support our **Repairs and Major Renovations fund**. Because of you, we were able to afford this much-needed job. Also, thank you to Frank Mondo for these great pictures!





Celebrating our Fall Breakfast with

Immaculée Ilibagiza

Faith, Hope, and Forgiveness

Saturday, November 4, 2023

St. James Roman Catholic Church

429 Route 25A

Setauket, NY 11733

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Doors open at 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast begins promptly at 9:30 a.m.

First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m.



New York Times best-selling author and international speaker, Immaculée Ilibagiza, is a survivor of the 1994 Rwandan genocide that took the lives of nearly one million Tutsis. Men, women and children, including her entire family except for one of her brothers, were massacred at the hands of Hutu marauders. Immaculée found shelter at a pastor's home, where she and seven other women hid from the deadly rebel mob in a 3-by-4-foot bathroom for 91 days. During those 91 days of unimaginable suffering, Immaculée found her faith, taught herself English, and most incredibly, committed herself to a life of peace, hope and forgiveness, even for those who had murdered her family. Immaculée has gone on to work at the United Nations, receive five honorary doctoral degrees, write seven books about her faith and her life journey, and is the recipient of the Mahatma Gandhi International Award for Reconciliation and Peace.

Charismatic music and praise led by Magnificat Worship Team.

Prayer teams and book signing with Immaculée following the talk.



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FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL





Try your luck with the
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this fall!

- Tickets are \$10 each.
- Jackpot builds as tickets are sold.
- Enter as many times as you wish.
 - How to enter:
- Please use the tear-off below. You may also find raffle chances in the Parish Office.
- Please return all completed raffle chances to the Parish Office.
- Drawing will be held at the Family Fall Festival on October 14th. The winner does not need to be present.

Thank you for your support!

Good Luck!

 <p>Nifty 50/50 raffle</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>Town _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p>	 <p>Nifty 50/50 raffle</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>Town _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p>
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