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"GIVE...
TO GOD

THE THINGS
THAT ARE
GOD'S."

MATTHEW 22:21

Come and pray with us!

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 22, 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:

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Danny Youngworth	

Upcoming Mass Intentions

Week of Sunday, October 22, 9AM Masses

Mon. Joan Hughes
Tue. Gerard Connelly (living)
Wed. Robert Remhild (living)
Thu. Lucy Blass & Roseann Quintana



Saturday, October 28, 5PM Mass

Lee Montalaro, Ryan Gribbons, Charles Mantione,
Steven Tocci, John Newton, Ivan Homola

Sunday, October 29, 30th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Dorothy & Harold Kohler, Harold Kohler
Jr., Louise Kohler, Richard Zak, Jon
Raugalas, Veline Therenciel
11:30 AM Kathryn Lattuca

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.

WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO SUNNY SATURDAYS?

by Father Michael

I think this is the third Saturday in a row that precipitation was the predominant feature in the weather report. In spite of last weekend's rain, our Family Fall Festival was still a success. A few activities such as fire engines from the Nesconset Fire Department had to be cancelled. The pumpkin patch was moved from the garden to underneath the tent. All the other activities were moved into the atrium. Several dozen families with young children came. Parents were appreciative that the kids could have some fun with face painting, sand art, and even get a pumpkin, all for free.

We did have a few fundraising aspects to the festival. The 50/50 raffle was a success with the winner receiving over \$1,000. The basket raffles were also successful. While we still have not hit the final total button, we did clear at least \$5,000 profit for the parish. I am so grateful to Kelley Mowat and her committee of dedicated volunteers who were able to organize this event.

The white "Exaltation of the Cross" cloth has been removed from the cross. In the beginning of September, we invited everyone to write a prayer intention or the name of a loved one on the cloth. The following weekend it was dramatically brought forth and placed upon the altar. Since the end of September, the cloth was draped around our cross. This is not the last time you will see this cloth. It will be used in future liturgies.

The wheels are turning for the next "special liturgy." If you recall, on the Feast of Corpus Christi and for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross we had special liturgies and processions. These liturgies were very well received, but they take a lot of work to bring together. We are now looking forward to the entire season of Lent. We would like to build around a single theme and have it reflected in the Sunday liturgies as well as special offerings during the week. As those days draw nearer we will be asking for extra helping hands. But the more immediate need is planning. If you like what has been done in the past and you would like to be part of creating these special spiritual moments, please join in the conversation. There will be a planning meeting on Tuesday, November 7th, at 7:00 PM. There will be more information in next week's bulletin.

You may have noticed in the bulletin a new ministry offered through our Parish Outreach Office, "Adopt a Grandparent." The primary "ministers" will be the children in our Religious Education program. The children will reach out to a senior citizen or a homebound parishioner through periodic cards, letters, and perhaps some handmade crafts or small gifts. Children can bring great joy and hope. The items the kids write or make might brighten the day of someone whose contact with children is limited. If you know someone who might benefit from this ministry, please contact our Parish Outreach Office.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, October 21st	9 AM - 6 PM
• PRE-CANA WEEKEND	All Areas
Sunday, October 22nd	1 PM
• BAPTISMS	Worship Area
Monday, October 23rd	4 - 6 PM
• SPECIAL NEEDS	Atrium
• LEVEL 3 ROSARIES	7PM Worship Area
Tuesday, October 24th	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
• EUCHARISTIC MIN. MTG.	7PM Worship Area
• YOUTH PLANNING MTG.	Atrium
• RCIA	7:30PM Fr. Joe Room
Wednesday, October 25th	11:30AM-2:30PM
• SENIORS	Atrium
• BEREAVEMENT	1:30PM Fr. Joe Room
• BE ATTITUDES	7PM Atrium, Chapel
Thursday, October 26th	10 AM
• WOMEN'S BIBLE CIRCLE	Fr. Joe Room
• DRESS A GIRL	10AM-12PM Atrium
• BE ATTITUDES	1:30PM Atrium, Chapel
Friday, October 27th	6 - 9 PM
• TRUNK OR TREAT	All Areas
Saturday, October 28th	5PM
• K OF C RAFFLES	Atrium
Sunday, October 29th	All Masses
• K OF C RAFFLES	Atrium

Scripture Readings for October 29, 2023



- + Exodus 22:20-26
- + 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10
- + Matthew 22:34-40

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, October 28th/29th



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| 5:00 PM | Fr. Michael |
| 8:00 AM | Fr. Michael |
| 9:30 AM | Fr. Michael |
| 11:30 AM | Fr. Michael |

The Bread and Wine for the week October 22nd-28th have been donated in loving memory of Dorothy, Harold, Harold Jr. & Louise Kohler by Penny Kohler.



This weekend at the offertory we will also be collecting for **World Missions**. These missionaries are building churches, educating children, and healing the wounds caused by war, cruelty, oppression, terror and despair. Thank you for your support of this important collection.

Check out our website holycrossrc.org for Knights of Columbus upcoming events!



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If you're interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in your faith or having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you.

Please visit our table before or after all Masses the weekend of October 28th and 29th.

Philip Goglas, Grand Knight
631-258-3433 or three7three@gmail.com

PARISH OUTREACH

Thanksgiving Baskets

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PUT TOGETHER A THANKSGIVING BASKET FOR AN OUTREACH FAMILY?

SIGN-UP THIS WEEKEND!

Any parishioner interested in participating in our Thanksgiving Basket Program can sign up after all the Masses this weekend. We will do our best to assign everyone a basket. We thank you in advance for your patience.

Please note that you must be able to bring in the Thanksgiving Basket on Sunday, November 12th, between 3pm-5pm in the Atrium.

Each volunteer shopper will be responsible for buying and packaging the food, and will be given the following:

- Menu
- Shopping list
- Supermarket gift cards to cover the cost

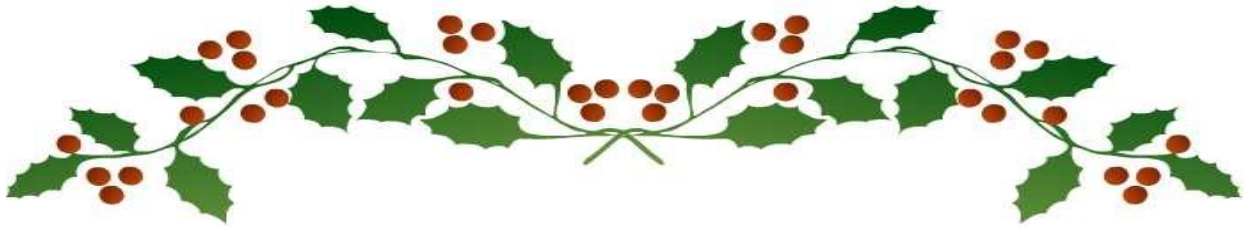
The completed baskets will be brought to the Parish Center on Sunday, November 12th, between 3pm-5pm.

If you are unable to do a basket, but would still like to support this program, donations of money or supermarket gift cards will be greatly appreciated. Envelopes marked "Thanksgiving" can be dropped in the collection basket or brought to the Outreach office.

We are grateful for anything you can do to make this a real time for "Giving Thanks."



PARISH OUTREACH



Holiday Bereavement Support Group

For those who are grieving a loss, the holidays can be a particularly difficult time. Grief is like taking the color out of your world at any time of the year, yet during a holiday those grieving often experience a more intense sense of loss.

This Bereavement Group will consist of those handling the passing of a spouse, either a wife or husband.

We will meet on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.
The dates are as follows:

October 25th, November 8th and November 15th

If interested, please register by calling Holy Cross Outreach at 631-265-2200 ext.113, leave your name and number, and you will be contacted by the Facilitator of the group.

We welcome you to share, listen and find companionship with others who are encountering grief at this time. You may be able to put the rainbow back in your life.



LITURGY BYTES

More October Saints



One of the most popular saints, **Francis of Assisi**, is celebrated every year on October 4th. Many parishes, either on the day or another closer to the feast, will have a special blessing of their parishioners' pets. He is also the patron saint of Italy. Coming from a rich background, he embraced poverty trying to be Christ-like because he believed in these words of Jesus: "*Announce the kingdom! Possess no gold or silver or copper in your purses, no traveling bag, no sandals, no staff.*" (Luke 9:1-3) Francis was torn between a life devoted entirely to prayer and a life of active preaching of the Gospel. He decided in favor of preaching but always returned to solitude when he could. He wanted to be a missionary but never got to his destination, either in Syria or Africa, because of illness. He lived a short life, dying at the age of 44. Two years before his death, he received the stigmata, the real wounds of Christ in his hands, feet, and side. He recognized creation as another manifestation of the beauty of God. In 1979, he was named patron of ecology. He is also the patron saint of animals, archaeologists, merchants, messengers, and metal workers. On his deathbed, he said these words over and over: "Be praised, O Lord, for our Sister Death." This became the final addition to his *Canticle of the Sun*.



Following the feast of St. Francis, on **October 5th**, the Church gives homage to **St. Maria Faustina**. You might recognize her name as being connected to the annual feast of Divine Mercy celebrated the second Sunday after Easter each year. She was born in Poland and was the third of ten children in her family. She worked as a housekeeper before joining the Sisters of Mercy in 1925. In addition to her sisterly duties, Faustina had a deep interior life. She received revelations from the Lord which were recorded in her diary at the request of Christ and her confessors. At a time when some Catholics had an image of God as a strict judge, Jesus chose to emphasize his mercy and forgiveness for sins acknowledged and confessed. He told Faustina the following: "I do not want to punish aching mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to my merciful heart." Faustina said that the two rays emanating from Christ's heart, represent the blood and water poured out after Jesus' death. She died of tuberculosis in Poland in 1938. She was canonized in the year 2000 by Pope John Paul II. There is a Divine Mercy chaplet which is a popular devotion prayed by many Catholics daily which is credited to Faustina. This devotion resembles devotion to the Sacred Heart which also encourages that God's love and mercy endure forever!

Have a blessed, prayerful, peaceful, and healthy week ahead! ~~ *Michele Hall*

UPCOMING EVENTS



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...

Holy Cross EMs



Join us for a gathering on

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

AT 7 PM

IN CHURCH

(A time for prayer, reflection and discussion)

UPCOMING EVENTS

All Souls Mass of Remembrance

We invite all of our parishioners who have lost a loved one during the past year or who are still grieving a loss in their life, to join us for a special Mass of prayer and remembrance. This year our Liturgy will be celebrated on the



Feast of All Souls

Thursday, November 2nd,

at 7:00 PM

in the Worship Center

All are welcome to join us for this special Mass which celebrates your loved one's place in the Communion of Saints.

Mystics and Mysticism

Come join us for an evening on
Julian of Norwich, England (1342-1423).
We will meet in the Chapel on October 30 from 7-9 PM.
Bring a friend. Please tear off the registration form
if you are a new member to the group.



Given by Kathleen Reid, MA

I am interested in attending the discussion on October 30 from 7-9 PM on the female mystic, **Julian of Norwich**.

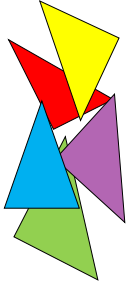
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PARISH NEWS

Dress a Girl Around the World

**Please take note
of the time!**

Cut-Ups: (those who cut the material and assemble our dress kits)



Our “Cut-Ups” will meet **Thursday, October 26th, from 10AM to 12PM** in the atrium. We will continue cutting out dresses for the little ones in need. **Please RSVP to Outreach at 631-265-2200** (limited space available). No skill required. All are welcome!

We are, once again, looking for donations of larger pieces of cotton fabric (2-3 yards) for the body of the dress. Thank you in advance for your constant support and generosity of our *Dress a Girl* ministry.

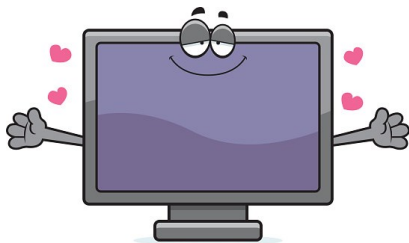
Stitch-Ups: (those who sew the dresses found in our dress kits)



Our “Stitch-Ups” are welcome to pick up completed dress kits by calling the Outreach Office at 631-265-2200. Everything you need to complete a dress is included in a kit including instructions. Any questions—we are just a phone call away! Thank you!

HCTV Ministry

The HCTV Ministry that runs the slides at the weekend Masses, is looking ahead to Christmastime. Because December 24th lands on the Fourth Sunday in Advent this year, they are going to need a lot of extra help running the slides at the Masses.



From Saturday, December 23rd, to Monday, Christmas Day, there will be ten Masses to cover. If you are a regular parishioner, high school student, or even a college student home for the holidays, please consider helping.

Please call **Wendy at 631-724-0930** if interested. Training included. *Thank you!*

Holy Cross Seniors

Our Holy Cross Senior Group is always looking for new members to join them for an afternoon of fun and socializing. You are invited to stop in on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month and meet some new friends. The meeting is held in the atrium of the church from **11:30AM to 2:30PM**. **Our next meeting is October 25th**. We hope to see you there!





Teens



Prayer



Blankets

Making



♥ **Teen
Community
Service Night!**
October 13th
2023



Live Worship Music



Thank You!



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Rain, rain go away, if not we will find another way!

by Kelley Mowat

We did find another way. The forecast for Saturday predicted rain, but that did not stop us from hosting our Family Fall Festival. We shifted things around and got to work. We started on time to welcome all those who attended. I hope we brought a little sunshine on a rainy Saturday. I would be remiss if I did not thank all those who made the Family Fall Festival happen.

To make the Festival and the Basket Raffle a reality we needed many hands. I want to thank all the festival committee members for their dedication, support, creativity, and hard work that made the day a wonderful experience for all. Each committee member oversaw one activity, from the planning to the execution of the activity, and what a great job they did! Thank you for being part of the planning committee and for your dedication and hard work. Our Family Fall Festival Committee is made up of the following volunteers:

Tricia Clarke	Shawn Ryan	Joellen May-Wadsworth	Linda Denninger
Karina D'Angelo	Julia Plume	Gerri Schreiber	Susan Lampach
Jude Pickel	Colleen Hoyt	Carol Johnsen	Donna Akuntius
Mary Pannone	Daniel Emerson	Arlene Lechner	
Patrice Saccone	Giny Rae	Mary Ann Viscusi	

Thank you to Kim and Andrew Bodor who graciously donated all the pumpkins for our Pumpkin Patch. Also, thank you to Barbara and Bill Burger for the two beautiful signs at our entrance and exit. A special thank you to Mary Ann Viscusi and Linda Denninger, our Basket Raffle coordinators, for their hard work that brought the Basket Raffle to fruition. There were a lot of moving parts to the Basket Raffle but both Mary Ann and Linda worked tirelessly to make it happen. Thank you, Mary Ann and Linda, it would not have been the success it was without both of you. I must say thank you to our judges who had a hard job judging all the wonderful baked items at our Taste Testing Contest. A special thank you to all our bakers who entered the contest also. We are grateful to you for being part of our contest. Our judges: Arlene Pisapia, Marianne Yager and Joyce Knipper. Our contestants: Patrice Saccone, Joellen May-Wadsworth, Janice Schwarz, Ingrid Hanley, Tricia Clarke, Claire Becker, Joan Barrett, and Susan Dunbar. Congratulations to Susan Dunbar, Joellen May-Wadsworth, and Tricia Clarke on being the judges' top three choices. A special thank you to Frank Mondo for spending the day taking pictures of all the activities, capturing all the people who attended and sharing in the fun. Thank you, Frank! Thank you to all who volunteered that day to help set up and clean up. The festival could not have happened without all your help and support. I am so grateful to you all. Rain or shine—I hope to see you all next year!

Thank you to all parishioners who donated items and baskets for our Basket Raffle. Below please find a list of local merchants who donated items or gift certificates for our Basket Raffle. We thank them for their support and encourage our parishioners to patronize their fine establishments.

Nesconset Pizza	Ace Hardware
Empanadas and More	Party Hardy
Blvd. Bagels	North Shore Farms
Tiffany Nails	Theatre 3
Smithtown Spirits	Dunkin' Donuts
Uncle Giuseppe's	Panera Bread
Tower's Flowers	Macy's
Il Trio Restaurant	Target
Angelina's	Diamond Jewelers
Gino's Pizza	Crunch Gym
	Block Chiropractic



FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

We had a wonderful time at our Family Fall Festival on October 14th.
Thank you to Frank Mondo for these great pictures!

Please check out our website for more great pictures of the festival!



FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL



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.





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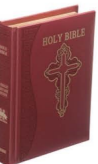
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