

# The Parish of the Holy Cross

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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.*



## Come and pray with us!

### 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 8, 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

# WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

631.265.2200 + Fax: 631.265.2229 + Email: parish@holycrossrc.org  
Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 4 PM (closed 12:15 - 1 PM)

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## Remembering Our Sick

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

<b>Bob Alderdice</b>	<b>Theresa Arzillo</b>
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<b>Grace Van Epps</b>	<b>Peter Warns</b>
<b>Danny Youngworth</b>	

## Upcoming Mass Intentions

### Week of Sunday, October 8, 9AM Masses

**Mon.** James Trube Jr.  
**Tue.** Casey Schultz (living)  
**Wed.** William McLoughlin  
**Thu.** James Petrunaro



### Saturday, October 14, 5PM Mass

Richard E. Siebel, Anthony Fiorito, Calogero &  
Carmela Volpe, Maria Antonia & Guiseppa Alaimo,  
Nils Gustav Alfred Carlstrom

### Sunday, October 15, 28th Sunday Ordinary Time

**8:00 AM** Salvatore DeRise  
**9:30 AM** Stasia & Patrick Egan, Maria Ligabo,  
Marie Eannacone, Chester A. Hingle,  
Marina Paulino  
**11:30 AM** People of the Parish

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.

# FROM FONT TO FONT

*by Father Michael*

On July 9, 1961 my Uncle Tony stood next to his beloved wife Bea, who was my godmother. They witnessed the pouring of the water of my baptism at the font in Notre Dame Church in New Hyde Park. On October 3, 2023 I took water from the baptismal font at St. Theresa's Church in Spring Hill, Florida, to bless his body as his funeral Mass began. His journey on this earth came to an end after ninety-eight beautiful years. Perhaps these may be seen as two random moments in the life of the Church. But with God's Spirit, very little is left to chance. These moments have the capacity to create deep human relationships and open ourselves to the wonder of God.

The sacraments of the Church are rich in meaning, but there is also a profound simplicity to them. A touch of oil, a piece of bread, and a few drops of water may not seem to be all that significant. But, indeed, deep connections can be made with one another. And more importantly, they become moments of contact with God. We can plan for a sacrament and schedule it for a specific time. We can't underestimate the blessings that can take place when we avail ourselves to the sacraments of the Church. Perhaps too often today, they are not valued or embraced by all. But once we place ourselves in the midst of that prayer, it is all left to the workings of the Spirit which are beyond our control. We may see it as a defining experience in our lives at that moment. Or it may take the passing of time for us to realize all the ways in which God's wonder was at work.

I'm sure on the day of my baptism my uncle had no idea this two-week-old baby would one day be officiating at his funeral Mass. Some things we can anticipate. As I approached my ordination, I knew in the back of my mind that one day I would need to officiate at my mother's funeral. This opportunity to minister to my uncle and his family was an unexpected moment that came along. I came to the realization a little over a month ago that it may happen. I was able to visit him in his home in Florida along with my sister and brother-in-law. I was privileged to anoint him. It was a moment of mutual giving and receiving. I shared with him a sacrament of the Church. He shared with us the witness of life that was lived with love and gratitude for all he had.

Would there still be sadness at my uncle's passing if we had not had these holy encounters? Yes. Would there be a profound sense of God's presence woven throughout and beautifully revealed had we not shared these sacramental moments? I'm not so sure. There were sixty-two years between those two experiences around the font, a lot of time transpired. Although perhaps not always noticed, there was an unmistakable flow in the river of God's life that once again has bubbled to the surface to remind us how blessed we are. Rest in peace, Uncle Tony.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Weekly Calendar

- 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
- Monday, October 9th** 9AM  
 • DAILY MASS Chapel  
 (The Parish Office is closed for the Columbus Day holiday.)
- Tuesday, October 10th** 1:30 or 7 PM  
 • LEVS. 5&6 PARENT MTG. Atr., Wor. Ar.
- Wednesday, October 11th** 11:30AM-2:30PM  
 • SENIORS Atrium  
 • BEREAVEMENT 1:30PM Fr. Joe Room  
 • CHILDREN'S MASS REHEARSAL 4PM Worship Area
- Thursday, October 12th** 10 AM  
 • WOMEN'S BIBLE CIRCLE Fr. Joe Room  
 • FAM. FALL FESTIVAL MTG. 7PM Atrium
- Friday, October 13th** 7 - 9 PM  
 • YOUTH NIGHT Atrium
- Saturday, October 14th** 10 AM - 3 PM  
 • FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL All Areas
- Sunday, October 15th** 9:30 AM  
 • BAPTISM GATHERING Wor. Ar., FJ Rm.  
 • CHILDREN'S MASS 11:30AM Worship Area

## *Scripture Readings for October 15, 2023*



- + Isaiah 25:6-10
- + Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
- + Matthew 22:1-14

## Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, October 14th/15th



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



## Banns of Marriage Third Time

Jessa Randazzo & Derek D'Ambrosio

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



Check out our website [holycrossrc.org](http://holycrossrc.org) for Knights of Columbus upcoming events!

The Parish Office is closed on Monday, October 9th, for Columbus Day. There is a 9:00 Mass Monday morning.

## Family Fall Festival Basket Raffle



Our Basket Raffle is off to a great start! If you haven't had a chance to check out our assortment of great baskets, please join in the fun this weekend after the Masses and at our Family Fall Festival next weekend. The amazing response to our request for baskets far exceeded our expectations. We had so many baskets that we had to put aside a number of them for a smaller basket raffle at Christmas. If you don't see your basket at the raffle now, be assured that it will be in the raffle at Christmas. Thank you to everyone who donated a basket or an item for a basket. Your support is helping to make this fundraiser a huge success!

# 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

Next weekend at the offertory we will also be collecting for our **Repairs and Major Renovations** fund.  
Thank you for your support of this important collection!



# 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 27<sup>th</sup>
- 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](mailto:tclarke@holycrossrc.org) if you can make it...

## *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

## The Angels



On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Guardian Angels. This feast is most comforting as it was one of the first prayers I was taught in first grade. Perhaps a few might recall these words: “Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God’s love, commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guide to rule and guard. Amen.” Guardian angels are not just for children. Actually, their role is to represent individuals before God, to watch over them always, to aid their prayer and be with them at death.

Devotion to the angels began to develop with the monastic tradition, specifically with St. Benedict and St. Bernard of Clairvaux. The latter is known as an eloquent spokesman for the guardian angels and angelic devotion. Their feast was first observed in the 16<sup>th</sup> century and added to the Roman calendar by Pope Paul V. Always keep in mind that the angels are an expression of faith of God’s enduring love and providential care that is extended to each of us day by day.

A few days before the Feast of the Guardian Angels is the Feast of the Archangels: Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Devotion to Michael is the oldest angelic devotion beginning in the East in the fourth century and then in the West in the fifth century. Michael is depicted as the defender, the warrior in the book of Daniel as well as in the book of Revelation where he is seen leading God’s armies to the final victory over the forces of evil. Also, in the book of Daniel, Gabriel is pictured announcing Michael’s role in God’s plan. He is best known for his appearance to Mary as she consents to bear the Christ Child. Raphael’s activity is mostly in the Old Testament in the story of Tobit. He guides Tobit’s son, Tobiah, through a series of fantastic adventures leading to many happy endings: marriage to Sarah, healing of Tobit’s blindness, and restoring the family’s fortune.

Each of these archangels performs a different mission showing us God’s protection, communication, and guidance. We cannot dismiss angels too lightly.

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

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



Worship Committee



Holy Cross Youth Group  
serving grades 7-12

sponsors

## A COMMUNITY SERVICE NIGHT FOR TEENS

### PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY

# NEED COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS?

Holy Cross is looking for teens to help replenish a dwindling stock of Prayer Blankets.

These blankets are lovingly created and distributed to individuals to bring comfort, and serve as a reminder to them of God's love.

*We need you*

**OCTOBER**

**13**

**7-9 PM**

**HOLY CROSS ATRIUM**

**Community Service Letters** stating participation will be handed out that night

**Snacks, Refreshments, and Music** will be provided throughout the evening

Supplies for No-Sew blankets will be provided. Learn how to make blankets for those in need.

**Bring a Friend!**

**Join us anytime between 7 - 9 pm**

Only have an hour? That's ok! We appreciate the time you give!



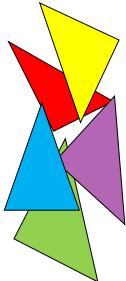
# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

## 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.

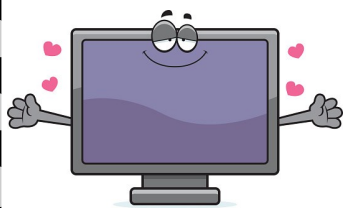
**Stitch-Ups:** (those who sew the dresses found in our dress kits)



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, 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!*

## 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 individually wrapped, donated baked goods are needed at the parish on **Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 9<sup>th</sup>. A copy of your recipe must be submitted to the Outreach Office by October 11<sup>th</sup>.

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

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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 9<sup>th</sup>. A copy of the recipe is due to the Outreach Office by October 11<sup>th</sup>.

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!



# PARISH OUTREACH

## “BEING CHRIST”

*“COME TO ME ALL OF YOU WHO ARE BURDENED  
AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST...”*

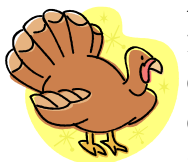
These comforting words greet all who enter the doors of Holy Cross Church. They are the foundation of the mission of Parish Outreach, which is to “Be Christ” to those who are burdened by serious illness, financial instability, loss of a job and other crisis situations. Our ability to do that is only possible through the giving spirit of the parishioners of Holy Cross.

**We thank you so very much for your consistent support of  
Parish Outreach and its programs.**

As we draw near to the holiday season (the busiest time for Parish Outreach), we invite you to consider these suggestions on ways to join us in “Being Christ” for our neighbors who continue to struggle in their life journey.



1. Monetary “basket” donations (cash, check or supermarket gift cards) will be appreciated to help defray the expenses of our Thanksgiving Basket Program. You can mark your envelope “Thanksgiving” and drop it in the collection basket.



2. Volunteer shoppers are needed to purchase and package a Thanksgiving basket for a needy family. You will be given a menu/shopping list and gift cards to cover the cost. We anticipate about 60 baskets will be provided to families in our community this year. If you would like to create a basket, you can sign up after any of the Masses on the weekend of October 21st-22nd in the rear of the atrium.



3. During last year’s winter, Outreach was able to provide 100 gallons of emergency oil to some households as a direct result of your generosity. If you would like to help keep a family warm this winter by making a donation, please mark “Fuel Assistance” on your envelope.



4. Participate in our Christmas “Be An Angel” program. Again, this year, we will provide gift cards to the families Outreach assists throughout the year and gifts for several other agencies. This program will run from November 12th through December 3rd. Future bulletins will contain important information on this year’s Christmas Angel program.

If you have questions about any of the above, please call the Outreach office. We sincerely appreciate the support we continuously receive from our parishioners. **We are truly blessed with a loving and generous community!**

# HOLY CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

## THANK YOU SO MUCH!

We would like to express our appreciation to our parishioners who donated blood at our annual Blood Drive on September 28th. Thanks to your willingness to share the gift of life, we were able to help our fellow Long Islanders in need of blood.

The day went very smoothly thanks to our chairperson, Marianne Nawrocki-Caruso, and to the volunteers who worked both before and during the Blood Drive. A special thank you to Claire Becker for helping the day run efficiently.

Below are the official results of the blood drive:

- 58 registered donors
- 3 deferrals
- 44 whole blood donations
- 8 = 4 Alyx donations x (2 units)
- 52 whole blood donations = more than 156 lives affected

If you were unable to give at our drive this year, we encourage you to donate at:

Long Island Blood Services  
3125 Veterans Highway  
Bohemia, NY 11779



The Holy Cross Group # is 10019.

Thank you again for your support.

Parish Outreach

# FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL





Try your luck with the  
**Nifty 50/50 raffle**  
**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 14<sup>th</sup>. The winner does not need to be present.

**Thank you for your support!**

**Good Luck!**

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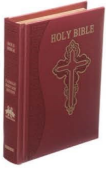
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