

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.*

I AM THE
GOOD SHEPHERD
I KNOW MY SHEEP
AND MY SHEEP
KNOW
ME.

JOHN 10:14



Come and pray with us!

Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 21, 2024

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:

| | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Bob Alderdice | Theresa Arzillo |
| Alejandro Astegiano | Jo Barry |
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| Dolores Serri | Barbara Sherry |
| Celeste Sichenze | Bill Tanner |
| Grace Van Epps | Peter Warns |

Upcoming Mass Intentions

Week of Sunday, April 21st, 9AM Masses

Mon. JoAnn Brooks
Tue. Jim Sayres (living)
Wed. Farney family (living)
Thu. Stefano LoPiccolo



Saturday, April 27th, 5 PM Mass

Sara Connor, James Connor, Thomas Brophy,
Michael Terranova, Dr. Joseph Terranova, Adrienne
Reilly

Sunday, April 28th, Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Gloria Posimato, Richard Hartmann,
Sarah Breslawski, Richard Gelston,
Claire Bodor
11:30 AM Robert Jones

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 FR. ALBERT

by Father Michael

We are happy to be able to welcome Fr. Albert Haase, OFM, to Holy Cross this weekend. I first encountered Fr. Albert in 2023 when the Pastoral Team attended the Religious Ed Congress in California. The name of his workshop sparked my interest, “Jesus the Electrician: Rewiring Your Understanding of Authentic Happiness.” The aspect of Fr. Albert’s preaching that I find most effective is that he always speaks to the heart. There is no encounter with God that will be apart from our humanity. The more we let the power of Christ in our lives, the deeper we will know him and the more peaceful we will be. I believe there is already a small Fr. Albert “fan club” here at Holy Cross. Those who participated in Jude Pickel’s “Be Attitude” offering are familiar with his work. I am confident that this will be a rich opportunity for us as a parish community. We are blessed he is able to be with us this week. Take the time to be part of our evenings, and bring a friend!

This weekend is our Pre-Cana weekend for our engaged couples. While some couples arrive somewhat apprehensive about what may take place, most couples find it to be an affirming and helpful experience. One of the unique elements of our program is that we even offer a dance lesson! I think the grooms are more appreciative for that opportunity. Everyone wants to look good for that first dance.

This time of year can be like a two-edged sword. There is something energizing and exciting as we watch trees come into bloom and signs of spring surround us. But we can also be overwhelmed as our yards and gardens remind us they need much attention after the winter. Not to forget those who have allergies, this can be a rough time of year. This week I spent time picking up a mountain of branches that have accumulated over the past few months. Happily, being surrounded by woods makes it easy to relocate everything that has fallen.

I have also been spending time repainting a small powder room in the house. A few months ago we discovered that the pipes to the sink all needed to be replaced as they were leaking tremendously into the basement. One wall was opened up, the pipes were replaced, and new sheetrock was installed. All I had to do was smooth out the spackle and paint the room. If God wants to give me a miserable task in purgatory, he should put me in a room with new sheetrock and ask me to sand it down. I don’t know why, but I find that task to be tedious and frustrating. And, to be honest, I am terrible at it. But after sending plumes of plaster dust throughout my living room, I finally got the project done. I will not be winning any awards for my work, but it is complete.

Have a blessed week. I pray our Parish Mission is a gift to you and touches your heart.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, April 20th 9AM - 5 PM
 • PRE-CANA WEEKEND Atr., Wor. Ar.

Sunday, April 21st 11:30 Mass
 • CHILDREN'S LITURGY Fr. Joe Room
 • BAPTISMS 1PM Worship Area
 • PARISH MISSION 7PM Wor. Ar., Atr.

Monday, April 22nd 7 PM
 • PARISH MISSION Wor. Ar., Atr.

Tuesday, April 23rd 10 AM
 • IN STITCHES Fr. Joe Room
 • PARISH MISSION 7PM Wor. Ar., Atr.
(Join us for hospitality following the Mission!)

Wednesday, April 24th 11:30AM-2:30PM
 • SENIORS Atrium

Thursday, April 25th 10 AM
 • WOMEN'S BIBLE CIRCLE Fr. Joe Room

Scripture Readings for April 28, 2024



+ Acts 9:26-31
 + 1 John 3:18-24
 + John 15:1-8

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, April 27th/28th



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

Bakers Needed!

We will have hospitality on the last evening of the Mission, April 23rd.

Please contact Michele Hall at 631-265-2200 x120 if you can help. Thank you!

Adult Confirmation

Are you a baptized Catholic who has not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation?

If so, it's not too late! Classes will start soon in preparation for Adult Confirmation on the **Feast of Pentecost.**

Call Jude at extension 116 for more information.

"I will pour out my Spirit on all people."

Joel 2:28



Holy Cross Parish Mission

“ Signed and Sealed with the Cross”

Over three evenings, Fr. Albert Haase, OFM, will lead us in examining the ancient gesture of the Sign of the Cross. What challenges do we face and what responsibilities do we accept when we sign ourselves with the cross?

Please join us from 7:00-8:00 PM on:

Sunday, April 21: Our Image of God

Monday, April 22: Finding Jesus in the Storms of Life

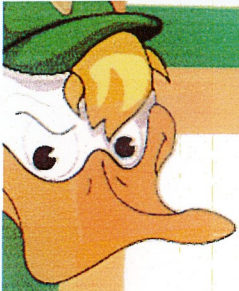
Tuesday, April 23: Being Sent on Mission

Fr. Albert is a former missionary to mainland China, and a popular teacher and preacher. He is the award-winning author of over 15 books on spirituality and the presenter of 5 best-selling videos. He currently resides in San Antonio, TX. Visit his website at www.AlbertOFM.org

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enriching
experience
for all.***



***Come
and
bring
a
friend!***



*Parish of the Holy Cross
Annual Day with the LI Ducks
SUNDAY, JULY 21ST, 2024*

All you can eat Picnic begins at 3:35 PM

Game begins at 5:05 PM

Adults - \$45. & Children - \$40.

FREE PARKING

**RESERVE NOW: Complete and return to the Parish
Office the form. DEADLINE IS: MAY 28TH, 2024.**

Join with your family and the Parish family for some fun,
good food and BASEBALL!!

Gates open by the Picnic area at 3:35 PM for the picnic
until the game begins at 5:05.

Sundays are family fun days at the Fairfield Properties
Ballpark. Kids can have a catch on the field before the
game and run the bases after the game.

DUCKS GAME TICKET REQUEST FORM (please print
clearly)

Kindly return to the Parish Office: *Attn.: Michele Hall*



Name _____ Phone# _____

Email: _____

of Tickets: Adult _____ Children _____ Total Ordered: _____

Amount Paid: \$ _____ (circle one) Check or Cash

(Questions? – call Michele Hall, ext. 120)

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US FOR
THE
FIRST
TIME

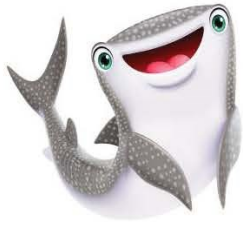
WHY JOIN US?

- YOU'LL GET DINNER & DESSERT
- PLAY GAMES
- BURGERS AND HOT DOGS, KICKBALL GAME & MORE
- HANG OUT WITH FRIENDS IN A SAFE PLACE
- FAITH & FRIENDSHIP
- LISTEN TO MUSIC
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**CHECK US OUT
OR
CONTACT US**





**The Parish of the Holy Cross
VBS Camper Registration Form 2024
July 15th to July 19th – 10am to 1pm
Kindergarten through 5th Grade**



Child's Name: _____ Age: _____ Date of birth: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Grade entering Sept. 2024 _____

Home phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Parish if not Holy Cross: _____

Mother/guardian emergency contact # / cell # _____

Father/guardian emergency contact # / cell # _____

Important: Allergies or other medical conditions: Yes / No (please circle one) (if "yes" please call the Religious Ed office to obtain an "Allergy Action Plan" Form.)

***** Under NO circumstances may outside food be brought in.**

Fees:
\$60.00 for 1 camper
\$100.00 for 2 campers
\$140.00 for 3 campers

May request one name for a child to be placed with:

_____ This is only a request. Campers may be placed in same crew OR group. Siblings will be placed together if requested.

Photography release: I hereby **give / do not give** permission for my child _____ to be photographed during the week at VBS.
(must circle one and sign)

FOR PARISH USE ONLY:

Payments Made: Date: _____ Amount: _____ Cash Check # PayPal



The Parish of the Holy Cross
 VBS Helper Registration Form 2024
 Entering 6th through 8th Grade
July 15th – July 19th – 10am to 1pm
 Please print clearly



Name: _____ Age: _____

Street Address: _____ Grade in Sept. _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Home Phone: _____

Parent's E-mail: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Names: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relation to Helper: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: YES/NO If yes, please fill out Allergy/Medical Form

VBS REFERENCE INFORMATION

1. Is this your first year helping at VBS? YES/NO
 - a. If no, have you been a Station Helper or Crew helper? YES/NO

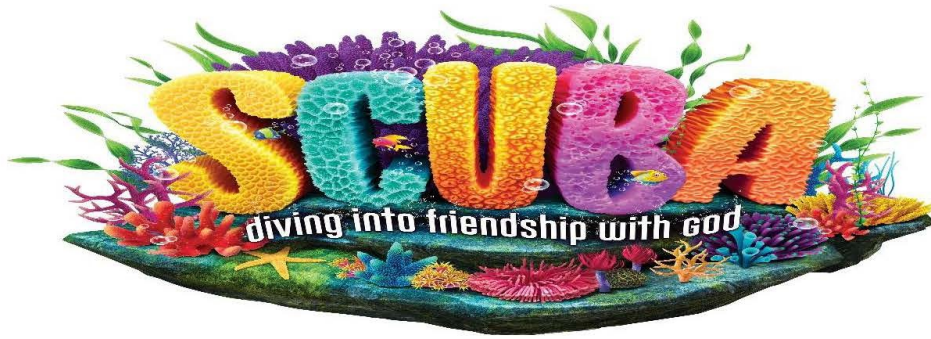
If you helped with a station, which station were you in? _____
2. Do you have a sibling enrolled as a camper this year at VBS? YES/NO
3. What parish do you attend and where do you attend Religious Education?

Do you have a request to work with a crew or station? _____

We will try to honor all requests. Thank you for volunteering! 😊

Tee Shirt Size (Please Circle One): Adult Small Adult Medium Adult Large Adult XL

***Tee Shirts will be handed out in June at the final meeting before VBS**



**The Parish of the Holy Cross
VBS Volunteer Registration Form 2024
July 15th to July 19th - 10am to 1pm
Crew Leaders and Station Leaders
Please Print Clearly**

Applicant Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

If you are in High School, state your grade in September _____

Circle One: College Student Out of College Parent Adult

Emergency Information:

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Number: _____

Allergies: Yes / No If yes, please fill out Allergy Form. Any Medical Conditions, please explain: _____

Tee Shirt Size (Please circle one): Small Medium Large XL 1X 2X

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Attention All Volunteers

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People in the Diocese of Rockville Centre is in the process of updating its records.



If you are currently active in parish ministry, have already attended a Virtus session, and have been background screened, you may be at—or beyond—the 5-year rescreening requirement. If this is the case, you will receive an email from **Sterling Volunteers** asking you to complete the background screening application online.

Please be aware that this is not a scam, nor has your email been hacked. To complete the application, simply follow the prompt in the email or log into your Virtus account. And, thank you for your support of the ministries and activities that make Holy Cross the vibrant community it is.

Questions? Contact Jude at 631-265-2200 x116.

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APPEAL
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*Revitalizing our Faith –
Renewed by the Eucharist*



Dear Friends:

A Blessed and Happy Easter! We entered this season of Easter seeing the many difficulties facing our world and community. Through it all, the People of God on Long Island continue to be inspired by the Word of God and devoted to being instruments of Eucharistic Revival.

Pope Francis reminds us that *"The Eucharist impels us to a strong and committed love of neighbor, for we cannot truly understand or live the meaning of the Eucharist if our hearts are closed to our brothers and sisters, especially those who are poor, suffering, weary or may have gone astray in life."*

So crucial to our work as instruments of Eucharistic Revival are the funds raised by the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Those funds help us to strengthen our mission and be present in ministry to so many people throughout our beloved Diocese. We can provide programs and services to our parishes, offer hope to those in need, nurture the faith of our youth, college students, and young adults, and support formation for our deacons, lay leaders, and seminarians.

Ordained in 2023, Rev. Stephen McClernon shared why the Appeal was so important to his formation. *"The CMA has been influential in my life. One of the ministries it supports is the Holy Hours for Vocations at the Seminary. We gather young people from across the Island to hold Eucharistic Adoration. During my college years, this experience was a big part of my faith and my decision to become a priest. The Catholic Ministries Appeal has helped foster my vocation to the priesthood."*

Thank you for prayerfully considering a gift to the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please pray for the success of this year's Appeal and for those who are supported by it.

You and your loved ones are remembered in my prayers and Masses. May the Risen Lord guide and strengthen you in this Easter season.




Sincerely in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John O. Barres".

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre



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Evenings for Prayer



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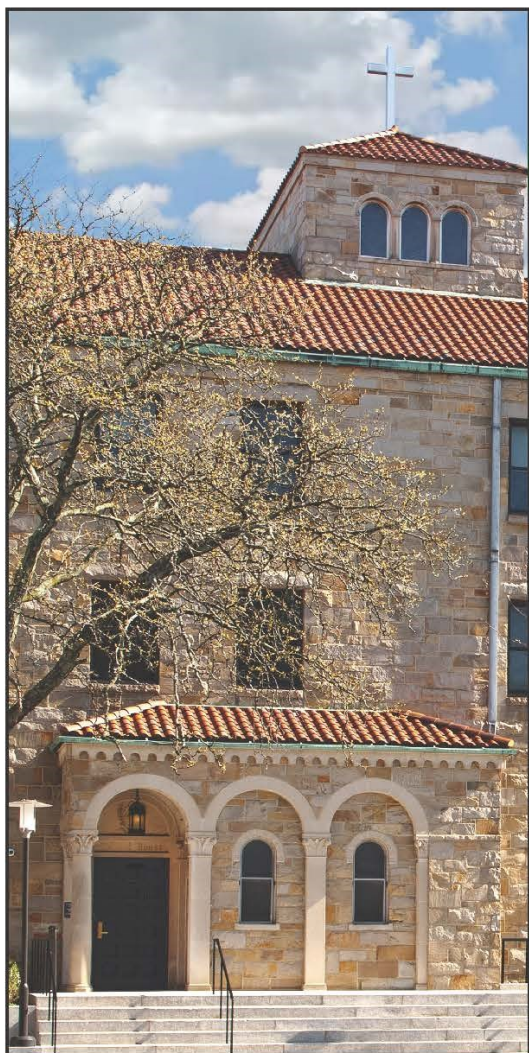
– Fr. James O’Shea CP

The program runs from 7 - 9 PM.
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TAKE A CHANCE!

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 through March, April and May.
- Drawing will be held **May 30th**.

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 use the tear-off 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!

Spring Cash Fling

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