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.



"Did not our hearts burn within us... while he opened to us the Scriptures?" Luke 24:32

Come and pray with us!

Third Sunday of Easter - April 23, 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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Mrs. Mary Inghilterra Weekend Sacristan

Remembering Our Sick

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

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Upcoming Mass Intentions

Week of Sunday, April 23rd, 9AM Masses

Mon.James Sayres (living)Tue.Maureen O'Malley (living)Wed.Ronnie Graziose

Thu. Adrienne Reilly

Saturday, April 29th, 5PM Mass

Mildred Kane, Jacqueline Maloney, James Lechner, Stefano LoPiccolo, Diane Jones

Sunday, April 30th, Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 AM Timothy D'Arcangelis
 9:30 AM Penzavecchia family, Mary Masullo, Msgr. Peter Kain, Sean Rowley, Daneris Hernandez
- **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.

THE LONG AND WINDING ROAD

by Father Michael

Three years ago at this time we were in the midst of the shutdown. For Sunday Mass the only three people in the building were Brian for music, Vinny for livestreaming and yours truly. This weekend we hear the familiar gospel story of the "Road to Emmaus." It was on that occasion, three years ago, that we began the Mass with a ceremonial walk up the driveway from Nichols Road into the Worship Area. We made that unusual procession to the tune of the Beatles' song "Long and Winding Road." It seemed to be an appropriate song for where we found ourselves at that time. (That video is still available for viewing on our Parish Facebook page.)

We have moved beyond the greatest challenges of those days, but for each of us the path of faith continues. We face the disappointments and joys of our lives, and we seek to see the hand of God in all we do. As we continue to move through this season, we open ourselves to the power and gift of the Risen Lord touching our lives. Today's gospel reminds us we may not always immediately recognize the presence of the Lord. But, the reality is, the Lord is with us. Moments like the breaking of the bread as well as other insights into our lives help us to realize the Lord journeys with us. May these days continue to be a source of hope and life.

I have been speaking with a number of my brother pastors. We all had a similar experience with Holy Week and Easter. Uniformly, attendance numbers were up noticeably from last year. Although there were more folks attending, those numbers did not lead to an increase in the collections. Most pastors noted a slight decline in donations. We held about even from last year. There may be many factors that explain this, but it seems reasonable to assume that folks are working with tighter budgets at home as the cost of so many necessities has increased. I am grateful to the generosity of so many who keep us in a relatively stable financial position.

Does anyone like to weld as a hobby? We have an old wagon that is used around the garden and at my house. Unfortunately, it is getting wobbly and one piece of steel that controls the steering has rusted out. I think it just needs a little ingenuity, know-how and the right tools to get the old buggy back on the trail. If you can help with this, please let me know.

These days are just exploding with life as trees, bushes and nature are finally waking up. It is a beautiful time to celebrate rejuvenation in all that surrounds us. Of course, for those who suffer from allergies, some of the beauty gets lost in sneezing and wheezing, but I hope they are still joyful days for you.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, April 22nd	10:30 AM
• VIRTUS	Fr. Joe Room
Monday, April 24th	7 PM
• LEVEL 8 RECONCILIATION	Worship Area
Tuesday, April 25th	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
Wednesday, April 26th	11:30AM-2:30PM
• SENIORS	Atrium
• LEVEL 8 RETREAT 6-9PM	Atrium
Thursday, April 27th	1 - 3 PM
• DRESS A GIRL	Atrium
Saturday, April 29th	1 PM
• LEVEL 8 RECONCILIATION	Worship Area
Sunday, April 30th	1 PM
• BAPTISMS	Worship Area

Scripture Readings for April 30, 2023



+ Acts 2:14. 36-41 + 1 Peter 2:20-25 + John 10:1-10

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, April 29th/30th



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

Do You Have a Green Thumb?

We are looking for helpers to plant flowers in the courtyard to prepare for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please contact Tricia Clarke at tclarke@holycrossrc.org if you are interested!



Adult Confirmation

Are you a baptized Catholic who received First Communion but never celebrated Confirmation? If so, and if you would like to be confirmed, please contact Jude Pickel at 265-2200 x116.

And, congratulations to Daniel Albanese (pictured on the right) who was initiated into the Catholic Church last weekend at the 5 PM Mass.



RCIA

Congratulations to William Thomas Quinones, Christine Prinz and Brittany Kump on their initiation into the Catholic Church, and to Tracy Quinones on making her Profession of Faith at the Easter Vigil.



Women's Prayer Group



Women's Prayer Group will be meeting on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Chapel. All women in the parish are welcome. *First meeting: May 4th, 7-8 PM*

LITURGY BYTES

The Offertory

Have you ever brought up the gifts of bread and wine at Mass? Sometimes people who have the Mass intention will ask to do it. Most weeks, the ushers seek out people to do this or, on some occasions, will bring up the gifts themselves along with the weekly offerings. You might ask, why is this so important? First of all, next time at



Mass, listen to the words of the Priest at the conclusion of the offertory: "Pray brothers and sisters that **my sacrifice and yours** may be acceptable to God the almighty Father." These words call to mind that what just happened in the offertory is a significant sacrifice of the baptized people gathered for Mass. Naturally, this is distinct from the sacrifice of Jesus about to be represented on the altar through the prayers of the priest.

The reforms from the second Vatican Council allowed this important part of the Mass to have a greater prominence after years of decline. In the early Church, sacrificial references to the Eucharist are present in writings of St. Clement of Rome and St. Justin Martyr. After continued development of the offertory with prayers and processions, it saw a minimization during the medieval period. It was much later that Pope Paul VI insisted upon giving the offertory a new and special prominence. He said this to the synod of Bishops in 1967: *"The offertory should be given a special prominence so that the faithful may exercise their special role as offerers."*

As the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward in procession by the people and then slightly elevated upon the altar by the priest, we have a key opportunity to participate in the Eucharist by joining our individual spiritual sacrifices to Jesus through this ritual moment of our celebration. Perhaps recalling something from the past week that was difficult or particular intentions that we carry could be part of our own offering. The specific role each person plays in the drama of life is now caught up in the one sacrifice of Jesus in the midst of each Eucharist celebrated throughout the entire world. So, consider how important and significant a reminder the offertory is for all of us to participate as unique offerers each week. May we look to bring up the gifts at Mass more frequently.

Have a beautiful, healthy, and safe week ahead! ~~ Michele Hall

LAST CALL FOR THOSE WISHING TO BECOME EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Training is starting in early May, so please let us know if you are interested in serving.

Please join us on Sunday, May 21 st , from 3pm to 6pm for the Volunteer Appreciation BBQ (Catered by The BBQ King) in the Courtyard of The Parish of the Holy Cross <i>Let's begin the day with a Prayer of Gratitude at 3 pm,</i> <i>and then enjoy the bbq directly after.</i> Volunteers = anyone who has volunteered for any ministry/activity at the Parish Come join us as we show our appreciation for all that you do for The Parish of the Holy Cross Please complete the tear off below and return to the Parish Office not later than May 12 th .
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Name
Phone
Email
I will be attending the Volunteer Appreciation BBQ
Please return this slip to the Parish Office no later than May 12th.

PARISH OUTREACH

The Parish of the Holy Cross

And

The Nesconset Fire Department

Would like to invite you to join us for

CPR and AED Training

Get Certification in CPR & AED in just one day!

Learn and Practice Your Skill on How to Save Lives

Saturday, April 29th

10am to 12:30pm

Nesconset Fire Department

25 Gibbs Pond Road-3^d Floor

Nesconset, NY 11767

In this course, you'll learn how to perform CPR and how to use an AED. You will also be given a Heartsaver® CPR AED Student Workbook, which you will be able to keep. At completion of course, you will be eligible for your American Heart Association E-Card which is valid for 2 years.

Cost-\$25 per person Last day to register- April 26th

Please make checks payable to The Parish of the Holy Cross

CPR and AED Registration- Please return to the Outreach office

Name_____

Phone _____ E-Mail_____

____Yes, I will be attending the CPR and AED Training Class on 4/29 at the Nesconset Fire Department at 10 am.

Please make checks out to The Parish of the Holy Cross Check Enclosed

This training class is limited to 18 people.

PARISH OUTREACH



Losing a loved one is painful for anyone. How we cope is as unique as our fingerprints. It can be experienced as losing the ability to see the beautiful colors in a rainbow. Our world seems so gray.

Making the time to listen to others dealing with grief enables us to begin to see the colors once again. This also allows us to share our stories and gain from others ways to move forward.

This Bereavement Group is for **anyone dealing with grief**. All are Welcome

We will meet for six consecutive Wednesdays beginning May 3rd through June 7th from 1:30 to 3:30 in the Father Joe Room.

If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please call Outreach at 631-265-2200. All who will be attending will be asked to complete a registration form that is to be returned by April 28th.

"Come to me, all who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you." Matt: 11:28

Lets talk about it...

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS 101

MHW 101 reframes the conversation about mental health-teaching that we ALL have mental health; it's not just about the presence or absence of an illness. The one hour training will help participants understand mental health as an integral part of overall health, prevalence of mental illness, and risk & protective factors; promote help-seeking behavior, recovery and self-care.

Join us May 15, 2023 at 2:00PM in the Atrium

Goals of the training:

- Increase basic knowledge of mental health to help reduce stigma.
- Understand Mental Health as a continuum of wellness that defines us every day — it is illness, recovery and all of the space in between.
- Promote wellness, treatment seeking behavior, recovery and self-care.

Why is this important?

Abociation for Mental Health and Wellness

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Consider this: the median time between the onset of mental illness (when symptoms first appear) and when an individual gets appropriate treatment is **10 years**. During that time, a person is likely experiencing periods of increased symptomology and periods of wellness. Mental Health and recovery are dependent on an individual's ability to recognize and manage where he/she is each day on the continuum between wellness and illness and take care accordingly, an important piece to quality of life. Education and early intervention promotes wellness.

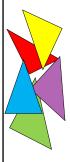


HEALTHY MINDS FOR A HEALTHY NEW YORK

PARISH OUTREACH

Press a Girl Around the World

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



Our "Cut-Ups" will meet **Thursday, April 27, from 1PM to 3PM** 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!

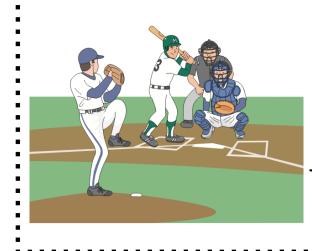
We are, once again, looking for donations of larger pieces of cotton fabric (2-3 yards) for the body of the dress. Thank you in advance for your constant support and generosity of our *Dress a Girl* ministry.

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!

SAVE THE DATE!



Holy Cross Parish Day with LI Ducks Sunday, July 16th, 2023 (picnic first, followed by game at 5)

A big hit last year, so don't miss it!

Tickets will go on sale soon, so watch the bulletin for more details!





We remember and pray for all our loved ones-those living and those who have gone before us.

SOTTUNG FAMILY

DUMINUCO FAMILY

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Holy Cross Parish

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN TO BENEFIT LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND

The Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit the Life Center of Long Island will be completed with collection of the filled bottles on the weekend of:

MAY 13th & 14th



Please continue to say the prayer attached to the bottle.

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support. Be assured it is making a **<u>BIG, POSITIVE DIFFERENCE</u>** with the mothers and fathers served by our pregnancy care centers!



The Parish of the Holy Cross VBS Helper Registration Form 2023 *July 10th to July 14th* **Please print clearly**

Name:	Age:
Street Address:	Grade in Sept
City:	Zip:Home Phone:
Parent's E-mail:	
Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Names:	
	Phone:
Allergies or other medical conditions: YES/NO	If yes, please fill out Allergy/Medical Form
VBS REFEREN	NCE INFORMATION
1. Is this your first year helping at VBS?	YES/NO
a. If no, have you been a Station Helpe	er or Crew helper? YES/NO
If you helped with a station, which s	station were you in?
2. Do you have a sibling enrolled as a camper	er this year at VBS? YES/NO
3. What parish do you attend and where do yo	ou 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	or volunteering!
T-Shirt Size (Please Circle One): Adult Small	Adult Medium Adult Large Adult XL Adult 2X

*T-Shirts will be handed out in June at the final meeting.

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Child's Name:	Age:	Date	of birth:	
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Fees: \$60.00 for 1 camper	May <u>request one</u>	name for a child	to be placed wi	ith:
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OR PARISH USE ONLY:				
Payments Made: Date:	Amount:	Cash	Check #	PayPal



One Family - Journeying together in Communion Participation and Mission



WHAT IS THE CATHOLIC MINISTRIES MONEY USED FOR?

100% of every dollar raised is restricted to fund the objectives, programs, and mission supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal, touching each of our 133 parishes and more than 600,000 people. Together, as *One Family in Mission -- Journeying together in communion, participation and mission*, parishioners on Long Island reach many more people than one parish could ever do on its own. Some of the areas include:

- Priests', Deacons' and lay leaders' education and formation
- Respect Life Initiatives
- Youth, Campus and Young Adult Ministries, special treats, such as Quo Vadis
- Faith Formation, including Baptismal Preparation, Marriage Prep and RCIA programs, Religious Freedom
- Respect Life Initiatives
- · Hospital ministry to those who are ill and their families
- Prison Ministry
- Catholic Diversity Initiatives
- Catholic Charities Programs:
 - Affordable and safe housing for seniors, veterans and adults with mental and physical disabilities. Food programs for seniors, lowincome families and women and their children. Substance abuse services and day treatment programs

There is no organization or body on Long Island that provides the breadth and depth of spiritual and social services to so many individuals and families as the Catholic Church.

Please make check payable to the Catholic	Ministries Appeal
Name:	Parish: Parish of the Holy Cross—176
Address:	
Telephone number: Home	Cell:
Signature:	
To make a donation, you can also visit	t https://www.drvc.org/CMA/or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296.
	Thank You!
or more information, please pick	up a brochure in the Holy Cross atrium. Thank you

TAKE A CHANCE!

Spring Cash Fling

For many years the Cash Calendar was a part of the Holy Cross routine. This fundraiser provided some additional financial support to the parish. In addition, many parishioners enjoyed participating in it. Unfortunately, it was one of the many parts of parish life that was lost to COVID. At this time, it is unlikely that we have enough parishioners attending Mass on a weekly basis to support a monthly drawing. And so, we introduce the "*Spring Cash Fling.*" This is a similar idea, however it will be offered initially on a quarterly basis.

- \$10 per ticket
- Tickets are available for purchase through March, April and May.
- Drawing will be held May 25th.

Because we anticipate smaller participation, there will be a different pay scale:

* 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. (In the event the response is strong, we will resume a monthly drawing as soon as possible.)
- Tickets will not be sold after Mass. 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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