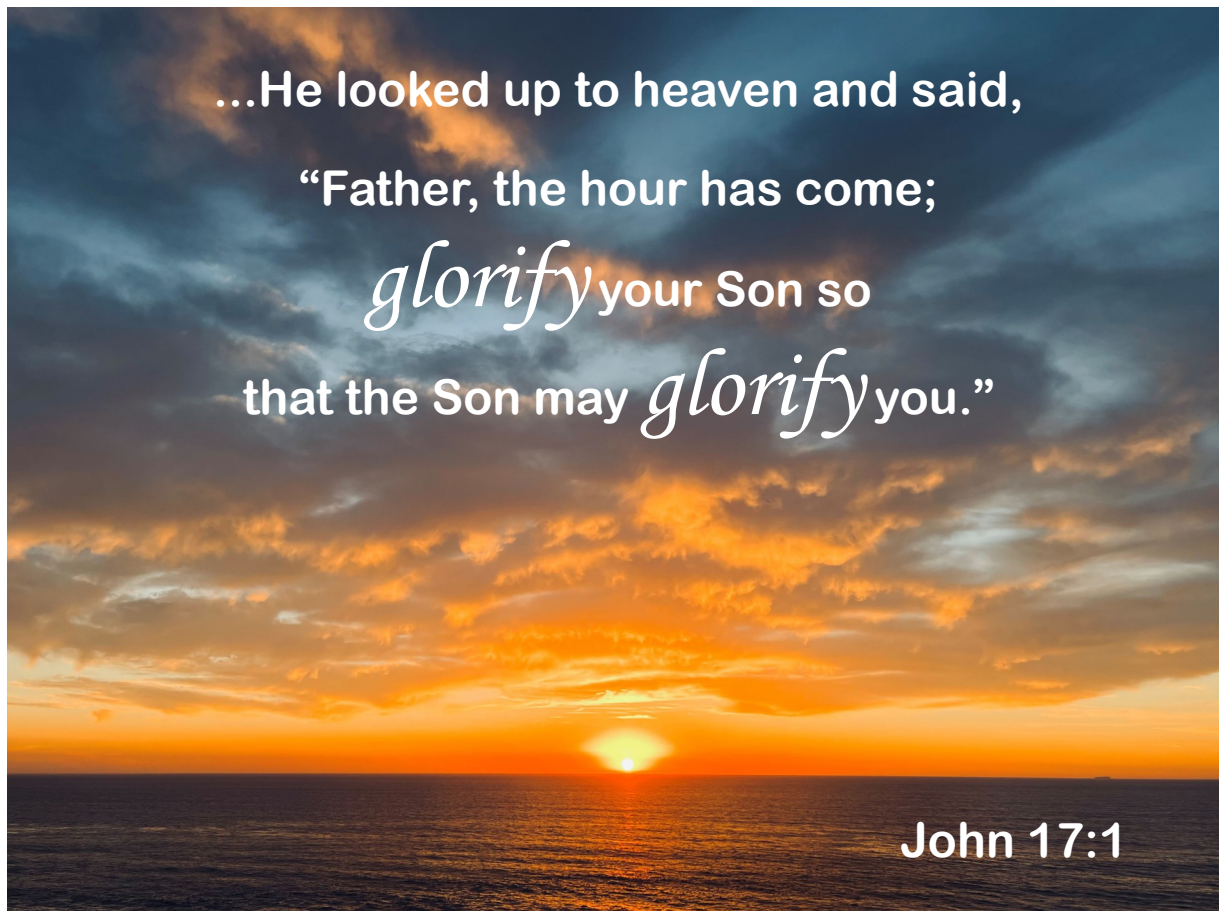


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Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM; Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM
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We celebrate Reconciliation

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

Barbara Bombace

Cole Brennan

Dan Bryan

Ann Callari

Judy Carlson

Pattie Daly-Matonti

Jason DeLuca

Manuela Diaz

Ann Egan

Ralph Farino

Sienna Fricke

Linda Heinrichs

Debbie Jablinowski

Kristen Kennedy

Roberta Lamb

Dora Libretti

Gerald Losquadro

Charlotte Lynch

Viola Malek

Jeanne Marie Malley

Olivia Melia

Loretto Narducci

Carina Ranieri

Liam Richards

Arthur Rivers

Elaine Ruane

Barbara Sherry

Celeste Sichenze

Kyle Sweeney

Bill Tanner

Peter Warns

Danny Youngworth

Upcoming Mass Intentions



Week of Sunday, May 21, 9AM Masses

Mon. Bob DeFilippis
Tue. Benjamin Reichbach
Wed. Mr. & Mrs. Bruno Santina
Thu. George F. Raplee

Saturday, May 27th, 5PM Mass

Donna Elmeselmani, Gena Ryan, Harry
Motschenbacher, Ann Pardi, James Lenahan

Sunday, May 28th, Pentecost Sunday

8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Christina Spero
11:30 AM Linda Cosentino, Diane Jones, Ronnie
Graziose, Sylvester Evangelista, Jack
Ahearn

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 SPIRIT IS COMING

by Father Michael

This weekend is the final Sunday celebration in the Easter season. Next weekend is Pentecost. I wish we had more than one day to focus on this gift of the Holy Spirit. If ever I become pope 🙄, I would change the liturgical calendar in some way to give more attention to this feast. It is a powerful moment when God's presence is given to us. Join in the spirit of the day—remember to wear red next weekend!

It is through the gift of the Spirit that life is breathed into our own lives as well as this community of faith. It is through the Spirit that our individual gifts and abilities are brought to life. May it be a day when you give thanks for the recognition of how the Spirit has been at work in your life allowing you to find joy and satisfaction in your own journey. Pray that you may remain open to the Spirit calling you to more. And celebrate the way in which the work of the Spirit collectively brings life to this community.

It takes a while to appreciate the nuance of giftedness as well as unique abilities and how we come to appreciate them. There will always be individuals who stand out as gifted people. I'm sure all of us can remember from our earliest days in school that there was always a star athlete or a gifted musician, and there was always one super-duper "smarty pants." There is nothing wrong in seeing great strengths in others. But sometimes that leads some who may be insecure or who may have not yet developed a deep self-awareness to believe they are not gifted in their own way. It can take the passing of years to appreciate who God made us to be.

There are some gifts that when exercised well, naturally draw attention and put people in the spotlight. But for most of us, the true depth and nature of what God has given us the ability to do, may only be known by a few people. For instance, how many married people see a beauty in their spouse that may not be seen or appreciated by others? How many who are in the medical profession offer great compassion and kindness that is seen only by the patient? How often are parents great fonts of wisdom whose insights are known only by their children? And in this case, how often does it take many years for them to appreciate what their parents offered?

The very nature of the Spirit always leads us on a continually unfolding journey. It's not like "Wham-O," you suddenly have full awareness of what has been given to you. Like the early disciples and the early Church community, it took time for them to appreciate what was given to them at that first Pentecost. As we once again celebrate this great gift of God, may that mystifying, life-giving and joyful gift fill our hearts.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, May 20th	5 PM Mass
• YOUTH GROUP	Worship Area
• YOUTH GROUP MTG.	6-8PM Atrium
Sunday, May 21st	1 PM
• BAPTISMS	Worship Area
• PARISH APPRECIATION	3-6PM Courtyard
Tuesday, May 23rd	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
• ADULT CONFIRM. CLASS	7PM Fr. Joe Room
Wednesday, May 24th	11:30AM-2:30PM
• SENIOR GROUP	Atrium
• BEREAVEMENT	1:30-3:30PM Fr. Joe Room
• THE CHOSEN	7PM Chapel, Atrium
Thursday, May 25th	11 AM
• THE CHOSEN	Chapel, Atrium
Sunday, May 28th	11:30 Mass
• ADULT CONFIRMATION	Worship Area

Scripture Readings for May 28, 2023



- + Acts 2:1-11
- + 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13
- + John 20:19-23

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



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 May 21st - 27th have been donated in loving memory of **George Reich** by Jennifer & Charles Miller.*



Special Collection

This weekend we will also be collecting for **Catholic Communications**. Thank you for your support!



Banns of Marriage Third Time

Emily Grasso & Douglas Milne

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

Women's Prayer Group

Women's Prayer Group will be meeting on the first Thursday of the month at 7 PM in the Chapel. All women in the parish are welcome. Next meeting: June 1st, 7-8PM.

Mother's Day Mass Remembrances



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JACKIE/THEODORA DENICOLA
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MARIE KOERICK

LITURGY BYTES

Transforming Power of the Mass



With the spread of COVID these past years, we are reminded of our limitations, vulnerability, and naturally the reality of sickness and even death. The public health emergency caused us to do things differently. As we all know, our Diocese limited the celebration of public worship in compliance with what the State mandated. It was a very unusual time for all of us.

Today I continue to think about those who are still not coming back to Mass in person. A new practice emerged from COVID with the live streaming of daily and weekend Masses. The live streaming has continued and is a blessing for so many who are in poor health. However, I still wonder about the healthy ones continuing to watch Mass at home. Is there something missing for them? Also, what about those who are very sick? How is the Mass strengthening them?

In the Eucharistic prayer, bread and wine become Christ's Body and Blood, which is brought to the sick as Communion by our Ministers of Holy Communion to the homebound. We include the sick and dying in the General Intercessions at every Mass. The full meaning of sickness and death, as well as the Church's care for the sick and dying lie in the person of Jesus. He freely embraced suffering and death. He identified with the sick and the dying and had great compassion for them. Healing the sick and the dying are among Christ's first miracles. Having heard of the Lord's healing power, people either brought the sick and dying to him or would intercede with him on their behalf. We see this in many Gospel passages in Scripture. Jesus entrusted care of the sick and the dying to the Apostles. Jesus identifies with the sick to such an extent that they become his presence in the world: **"When I was sick, you visited me."** (Matthew 25:36)

What a wonderful way to be a Eucharistic people—bringing this gift to those who are homebound because of illness or hospitalization. At the present time, our Diocese is finishing up the spring training sessions for those wishing to be Ministers of Holy Communion. If you wish to become part of this ministry, please let me know, as I would be happy to speak with you. Training does resume in the fall.

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



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the following children who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation this week!

*Isabella Elba Acosta
Christian Peter Amature
Brayden Patrick Arbocus
Constance Elizabeth Armentano
Maria Pauline Armentano
Robert Nicholas Auerbach
Olivia Julia Bacigalupo
Dylan Sebastian Barker
Aidan Michael Bartone
Matthew Lawrence Bieler
Lucas Peter Bouchard
Jonathan Anthony Bruno
Sean John Paul Cairns
Matthew Joseph Callea
Madison Genesisus Champion
Kyle Joseph Chianese
Ryan John Chianese
Michael Eugene Chwalek
Aiden John Ciro
Ryan David Clifford
Jillian Elizabeth Conter
Amanda Theresa D'Agostino
Matthew Anthony Daley
Matthew Joseph Davide
Victoria Cecilia Dawson
Morgan Catherine Delaney
Adrianna Teresa DiMondo
Olivia Cecilia Eger
Jasmine Maria Farrugia
Liam Patrick Feulner
Riley Elizabeth Fleming
Juliana Marie Gandarillas
Alexis Anne Heffernan
Paul Joseph Hein
Brooke Teresa Hiranandani
Richard John Hoering
Ethan Sebastian Hupp
Marco Michael Intintoli*

*Angelina Nicole Jurlando
Branden Jonathan Jurlando
Kaylee Teresa Keane
Andrew Francis Khandpur
Grace Francis Knuth
Alyssa Christina Kriegsman
Jake Sebastian LaMura
Nicholas Michael Lisanti
Sophia Isabel Long
Ava Joan Lukasik
Aidan Daniello Mackay
Mason Thomas Mahig
Thomas Vincent Massa
Nicholas Carmine Mazovec
Wyatt James McKinnon
Emily Cecilia McMahon
Ryan Sebastian McMahon
Kaitlyn Colette Mennella
Benjamin Richard Morreale
Jeremy Jerome Nagosky
Alexa Teresa Nasso
Mason Patrick Nasta
Justin Peter Nodell
Brian Vincent Noon
Gabriella Margaret Palazzo
Angelina Rose Palazzolo
Julianna Sophia Palazzolo
Collin Brian Peters
Makenna Catherine Phillips
Addison Anne Pitman
Francesca Antonina Platania
Meghan Michelle Prevet
Gabriella Maria Rivoire
Markus Sebastian Rodriguez
Kaitlyn Anne Romano
Derek Anthony Roper
Lanie Elizabeth Ryder
Matthew Michael Salmieri*

*Gabriel Francis Santos
Gianni Sebastian Santos
Julianna Veronica Scanlon
Abigail Mary Seitz
Caitlin Nicole Snak
Madison Rose Sottung
Jack Daniel Svercel
Kate Christina Tenety
Kristen Gemma Tesone
Joshua John Thomas
Maya Rose Troiano
Sierra Margaret Van Riel
Christina Claire Vilagos
Brooke Camilla Visnius
William Francis Whittaker
Taylor Joan Wright
Chloe Jane Young
Daniel Michael Youngworth
Ellie Nicole Zimmerman*

Students from Saints Philip and James who received the Sacrament at Holy Cross

*Ava Madeline Bishop
Gracyn Claire Catalanotto
Brianna Elizabeth Cerullo
Jack Peter DeRosa
Madison Marguerite Devitt
Sarah Bridget Feeney
Faythe Elizabeth McGovern
Reese Kateri McHale
Anna Rose Murray
Valentina Gabriella Pipia
Madison Mary Trabosh*

PARISH OUTREACH



Please join us on **Monday, June 12, 2023, at 2 PM**
as we welcome our guest speaker from

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- Find out more about the difference between Original Medicare and Medicare Advantage Plans (Part C) and Medicare Supplement plans
- Understand low-income subsidy programs, including “Extra Help” and how to apply for New York State’s Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC)

and so much more!

To register, please call Outreach at 631-265-2200 by Thursday, June 8th.

Eucharistic Ministers Needed to Bring Communion to Olsen’s Rest Home

We are looking for a few Eucharistic Ministers to bring communion to the residents at Olsen’s Rest Home. A member of our dedicated team of Eucharistic Ministers visits Olsen’s one day each week providing holy communion, prayer, comfort, and a friendly face. If you are interested in being part of this wonderful ministry, please call Outreach at 631-265-2200 x 113. Commitment is once per month on a Wednesday morning at 10 AM.



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: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

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!

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.**



**The Parish of the Holy Cross
VBS Camper Registration Form 2023
July 10th to July 14th**



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

Street address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Grade entering Sept. 2023 _____

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 or more 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

SAVE THE DATE!

Parish of the Holy Cross Picnic & Baseball Game at the LI Ducks



Sunday, July 16th

Picnic first starting at 3:30, Game time is 5. Ticket purchases begin the weekend of May 27/28 through the Bulletin. Those wishing to sit together with friends should buy their tickets together. New this year, gluten free menu available!



LAST CHANCE TO BUY TICKETS!

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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