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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.



"And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit..."

Acts 2:2-4

Come and pray with us!

Pentecost Sunday - May 28, 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!

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Remembering Our Sick

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

Bob Alderdice Jo Barry **Barbara Bombace** Dan Bryan **Judy Carlson** Jason DeLuca Ann Egan Sienna Fricke Debbie Jablinowski

Roberta Lamb Gerald Losquadro Viola Malek Olivia Melia Carina Ranieri **Arthur Rivers**

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Kathy Barry

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Bill Tanner

Danny Youngworth

Upcoming Mass Intentions

Week of Sunday, May 28, 9AM Masses

Mon. Those Who Served Our Nation

Tue. Joan Kretz

Wed. Arthur Buckhout Thu. Anne Mattera

Saturday, June 3rd, 5PM Mass

Ginny Conlin, Jack Conlin, Edward Proper, Richard Kennedy, Anasuya Naridoo

Sunday, June 4th, The Most Holy Trinity

8:00 AM People of the Parish 9:30 AM Howie Missback

11:30 AM Michael Farco, Josephine & Bob Grieco,

Joan Wilczek, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick,

Vincenzo Baratta

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.

WIND AND BREATH OF LIFE

by Father Michael

Today we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost. As I wrote last week, it is through the Spirit that our gifts and abilities are brought to fruition. We are a blessed community in that so many people are willing to share their gifts for the sake of keeping the gospel message alive at Holy Cross. Last Sunday we were able to enjoy a thanksgiving BBQ in gratitude with those who volunteer and minister. It was a great afternoon of prayer, friendship and food. Thank you to all who are an active part of this faith community.

While we are always grateful for those who are part of this community, we also recognize that the number of active and supporting parishioners is in decline. This phenomena is happening in virtually every parish. Some parishioners who were once abundantly active are now more limited by their age or health. Some parishioners have returned to the Lord. For others, the opportunity to settle in a different part of the country causes them to pull up roots from Holy Cross. New younger generation families are not arriving or supporting in the same proportion as older generation families.

I don't mention these realities in a pessimistic way or to depress everyone. But it is important to understand that the very nature of a living community is that things change. Sometimes things that were always done can no longer happen. Sometimes new opportunities come along. The Holy Spirit has never hit a dead end, and it is not going to happen now.

In this week's bulletin, we have a special section of "Help Wanted Ads." We have identified specific needs and tasks we need help with. We hope you read, pray, and consider if the Lord may be asking you to take a step into the realm of parish ministry. Some folks may find the concept of ministry to be intimidating; they don't see themselves as ministers, but they are willing to help. It doesn't matter what we call it, but a willing spirit helps to maintain and foster life. In the simplest of ways, great things can be done when there is a desire to be part of a community that brings life.

In scripture, the Holy Spirit is described as a driving wind. At that first Pentecost there had to be moments that were scary, and there had to be moments of excitement and new life. One night in the summer of 2000, I was at the Grand Canyon. It was the first parish trip I ever ran. It was a full moon. I stared into the bluish depth of God's creation as a warm driving wind pushed at my back. It was a moment of beauty, strength, and wonder. I was so grateful of what God had already given, and was abundantly aware of God saying there was more to do. May we remain open to the power of the Spirit drawing us to new and abundant life. May the Spirit continue to bring new and abundant life to Holy Cross.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 28th 11:30 Mass
• ADULT CONFIRMATION Worship Area

Monday, May 29th 9 AM

• DAILY MASS Worship Area (The Parish Office is closed for Memorial Day.)

Tuesday, May 30th 10 AM
• IN STITCHES Fr. Joe Room

Wednesday, May 31st
 BEREAVEMENT
 THE CHOSEN
 1:30-3:30PM
 Fr. Joe Room
 7PM Chapel, Atrium

Thursday, June 1st

SCRIPTURE STUDY

THE CHOSEN

WOMEN'S PRAYER

10 AM

Fr. Joe Room

Chapel, Atrium

7PM Chapel

Saturday, June 3rd 3:45 - 4:45 PM
• HOLY HOUR Worship Area

Sunday, June 4th

 ANOINTING OF THE SICK
 BAPTISM PREP TEAM MTG. 12:30PM Fr. Joe Room

The Parish Office is closed on Monday, May 29th, for Memorial Day. The Daily Mass will take place at 9AM.

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

Scripture Readings for June 4, 2023



- + Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9 + 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
- + John 3:16-18

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, June 3rd/4th



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 28th - June 3rd have been donated in loving memory of **William Larsberg** by Serafina & Sal Maraviglia.





Banns of Marriage First Time

Stefanie Gelo & John Rabal

Holy Hour

We offer our Holy Hour on the first Saturday of the month from 3:45 to 4:45PM in the Worship Area. The next one will take place on **Saturday**, **June 3rd**. Please come and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament praying for God's gift of life to be recognized by all.



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.

Next meeting: June 1st, 7-8 PM

Holy Cross Edition

HELP WANTED

LECTORS 😂



Proclaim God's Word at weekend Masses. Once а month. Training is offered by the Diocese and at the parish.

USHERS



(Greeters. Ministers Hospitality of Welcome): Serve the weekend Masses by greeting parishioners before Mass, taking up $_{
m the}$ weekly and offerings distributing bulletins at the conclusion of Mass. Weekly.

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Run slides at one of our weekend Masses other special events. Approximately one Mass per month.

ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST BE VIRTUS CERTIFIED AND COMPLETE A BACKGROUND CHECK.

PLUMBERS ELECTRICIANS CARPENTERS PAINTERS

Handy men or women, skilled in these areas, for assistance / repairs in parish building. needed.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

COURTYARD MAINTENANCE

Maintain the courtyard gardens in the spring, and fall: summer weeding. clearing debris, etc. As needed.

SHOPPER

Assess items needed for hospitality and special events and make purchases from Costco and other local merchants. On-going, once a month.

RCIA TEAM MEMBERS

Share your faith with persons interested in joining the Catholic Church. Some Tuesday evenings. 8:30 PM. 7:00 occasional Sundays.



PICK-UP TRUCK AND DRIVER

Large van or pick-up truck needed to haul large items from local stores and to assist Outreach clients in moving furniture. As needed.

POWER WASHING



Power wash front walkway of parish house. Annual project.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

To guide our children, ages 5-8, in an age appropriate experience of the Sunday Scripture readings. 11:30 AM Mass, Sept-June. Training provided by the parish.

Holy Cross Edition

HELP WANTED

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO OLSEN'S REST HOME

Bring Holy Communion to the residents of Olsen's Rest Home. Once a month. Diocesan training will be offered in the Fall.



EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Distribute Holy
Communion at
weekend Masses.
Diocesan training
offered in the Fall.
Serve once a month.



EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND

Bring Holy Communion to your sisters and brothers who are unable to leave their homes. Once a week. Diocesan training offered in the Fall.



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ANY OF THE OPPORTUNITIES LISTED,

RESPONSES AND INQUIRIES
MAY BE MADE TO:
PARISH@HOLYCROSSRC.ORG

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HELP WANTED

PRE-CANA ADMINISTRATOR

Highly organized person to assist in scheduling Pre-Cana sessions, notifying engaged couples of dates, scheduling rehearsals and other details regarding this important marriage preparation program. This ministry can be done remotely at home.

WEDDING & REHEARSAL COORDINATOR

wedding party, Greet organize procession, lead a "walk through" of the wedding. Two (2) people needed per rehearsal, a perfect ministry for married couple. Most rehearsals are Thursdays at 6:00 PM.

WEDDING DAY COORDINATOR

Be present for weddings to welcome guests, assist the wedding party in lining for up the procession, etc. Approximately 12-15 weddings per year.

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COMMUNITY 🖏 GARDEN 🛬

Maintenance. weeding and care of the community garden. Once week during growing season.

ම්ස FLOWER සම්

Water and maintain flowers in the sanctuary during the area Christmas and Easter seasons. Seasonally.

HOSPITALITY **COMMITTEE**

Prepare and refreshments at parish functions throughout the year. Occasional planning meetings, presence at events.

RAFFLE TICKET



Sell tickets after the weekend Masses for our Quarterly Cash Raffles. On-going, approximately once a month.



SPECIAL ☆ ☆ ◆ EVENTS HFI PFRS

Assist with set-up, welcoming, and hands-on assorted tasks at special events. 2 or 3 times a year.

GIFT/DONATION SOLICITATION

donations Seek goods, services, gift cards from local merchants for annual basket raffle fundraiser. Annual project.

Thank You for Your Help!

GIFT BASKET MAKER ww

Assemble attractive gift baskets for our annual basket raffle fundraiser. Annual project.

CHRISTMAS **BOW MAKERS**

Make large bows for Christmas wreaths to be hung throughout the Worship Area. One-time project.



DATE: Sunday, July 16, 2023

TIME: Game at: 5:05 PM

Picnic at 3:35 PM

(Gates open at 3:35 pm for Picnic)

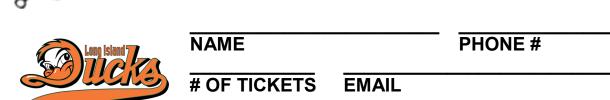
PRICE: \$40 adult & \$35 children,

FREE PARKING

RESERVE NOW: Deadline to purchase tickets—July 1
PICK UP TICKETS AT CHURCH: Beginning weekend of July 8 & 9
NEW THIS YEAR: Gluten free menu available (check below)
For those wishing to sit together, please buy your tickets together when placing the order.

Join the Parish at Fairfield Properties Ballpark for Family Fun, Good Food and Baseball!

PRE-GAME PICNIC INFO: 90 Minutes—all you can eat buffet. Gates open by the Picnic area at 3:35 PM for the picnic until game starts at 5:05! Sundays are family fun days at the ballpark. Kids can have a catch on the field before the game and run the bases after the game.



TOTAL AMOUNT \$
(checks payable to Holy Cross; cash is fine too!)

If you need a gluten free meal please check here

CELEBRATING OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Here are some pictures from our Volunteer BBQ that was held on Sunday, May 21st, from 3-6 PM in the courtyard of the church!







































FOR YOUTH

On Saturday, May 20th, from 6-8PM we got together for the 5PM Mass and then enjoyed dinner, games, faith and friendship. Here are some pictures!



PARISH OUTREACH

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.

PARISH OUTREACH

Please join us on Monday, June 12, at 2 PM

as we welcome our guest speaker from

RSVP (Retired & Seniors Volunteer Program) of Smithtown



They will guide us through the many programs of Medicare and Medicaid.

Join Us as we

- Learn more about your Medicare coverage choices and the different parts of Medicare
- 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 8° .



Outreach Food Pantry

Next Saturday and Sunday, **June 3rd/4th**, will be our monthly Food Drive for our Parish Outreach Pantry. The following items would be most helpful:

- Tomato Sauce
- Snacks
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Chicken
- Mayonnaise
- Canned Fruit
- Ketchup
- Coffee



Please don't forget to check expiration dates! It will greatly assist the volunteers who stack the pantry with your donated goods. Thank you!



The Parish of the Holy Cross VBS Helper Registration Form 2023

July 10th to July 14th
Please print clearly

Jame:		Age:
treet Address:		Grade in Sept
City:	Zip:	Home Phone:
arent's E-mail:		
arent(s)/Guardian(s) Names:		
mergency Contact Name:	Phone:	
allergies or other medical conditions: YES/NO	If yes, please fi	ll out Allergy/Medical Form
VBS REFER	RENCE INFORMA	ATION
1. Is this your first year helping at VBS?		YES/NO
a. If no, have you been a Station Ho	elper or Crew helpe	er? YES/NO
If you helped with a station, which	ch station were you	ı 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 Religio	ous Education?
Oo you have a request to work with a crew or station		
We will try to honor all requests. Thank yo	u for volunteering!	
-Shirt Size (Please Circle One): Adult Small		

*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:	A	ge:	_ 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 of	ontact # / cell #	<i></i>			
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One Family - Tourneying togother in Communion, Participation and Mission



"Welcoming people with disabilities and responding to their needs is a duty of the civil and ecclesial communities."

- Pope Francis

The goal of the Parish Social Ministry is to connect and bring people together in communion in order to build community. At Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Centerport, there are approximately 15 ministries that are a part of the PSM; youngsters to seniors minister to build a community of faith, hope and love.

Christopher is a Leader in the OLQM Special Needs Respite Program for many years.

"It's a very fun way for people with special needs to socialize and meet new people by participating in various activities, games and special breakfasts with prayer and guest speakers. There is a Special Needs Mass and I lector. The program has helped me build more confidence socially and to step outside of my comfort zone and to interact with more people with special needs. My family is blessed to have me a part of the program," shared Christopher.



To make a donation, you can also visit https://www.drvc.org/CMA/ or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296. Thank You!

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Address		
ity, State, Zip:		
Phone:	Signature:	Date:

TAKE A CHANCE!

Summer Cash Sizzle

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 "Summer Cash Sizzle." This is a similar idea, however it will be offered initially on a quarterly basis.

- \$10 per ticket
- Tickets are available for purchase through June, July and August.
- Drawing will be held **August 31st**.

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!

Name	Summer Cash Sizzle	Summer Cash Sizzle
		_
Town		Address
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	Summer Cash Sizzle	Summer Cash Sizzle
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