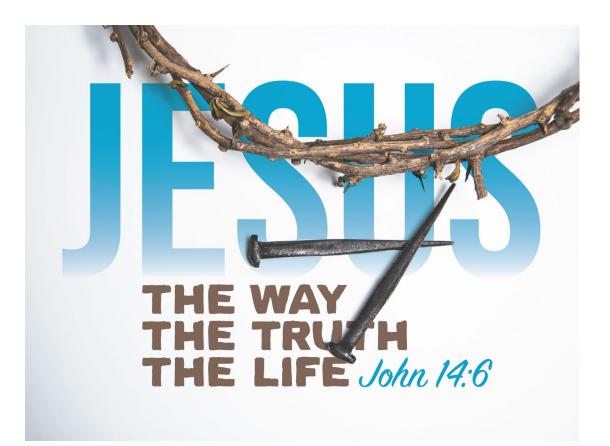
The Parish of the Holy Cross

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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!

Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 7, 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:

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	Bob Alderdice	Theresa Arzillo
0	Jo Barry	Kathy Barry
	Barbara Bombace	Cole Brennan
0	Dan Bryan	Ann Callari
Č	Judy Carlson	Pattie Daly-Matonti
0	Jason DeLuca	Manuela Diaz
	Ann Egan	Ralph Farino
0	Sienna Fricke	Linda Heinrichs
	Debbie Jablinowski	Kristen Kennedy
0	Roberta Lamb	Dora Libretti
	Gerald Losquadro	Charlotte Lynch
0	Viola Malek	Erin & baby Malley
	Jeanne Marie Malley	Olivia Melia
0	Loretto Narducci	Carina Ranieri
	Liam Richards	Elaine Ruane
0	Barbara Sherry	Celeste Sichenze
	Kyle Sweeney	Bill Tanner
0	Peter Warns	Danny Youngworth
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Upcoming Mass Intentions

Week of Sunday, May 7, 9AM Masses

Mon.Maria ConteTue.Vincenzo BarattaWed.Helen DalamangoThu.Tom Dunn

Saturday, May 13th, 5PM Mass

All Mother's Day Mass Remembrances

Sunday, May 14th, Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM All Mother's Day Mass Remembrances9:30 AM All Mother's Day Mass Remembrances11:30 AM All Mother's Day Mass Remembrances

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.

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

by Father Michael

I have previously spoken about the condition of the "colonnade" that is on two sides of the courtyard. Clearly its age is showing in the cracks, flaking, and discoloration of the material. Many folks have said, "It just needs a good power washing." We have tried that; the areas that are black are permanently discolored. I have also heard that we should just slap a coat of paint on it and it will look as good as new. That may buy us a few years, but it does not address the cracking, chipping and disintegration of the material on all the corners. It needs to be addressed in a bigger way. We have had estimates from three companies to refinish and restore the columns. The estimates range from \$32,000 to \$59,000. This cost seems excessive, and I would not be comfortable spending parish money on this project. If you think you know a more cost effective way to properly address this issue, I would love to hear from you.

When the building was first constructed in 1995 the eastern row of columns were the defined "border" between the courtyard and the path leading through the woods to the parking lot. Since then, several significant improvements have been made. One was the creation of the Children's Memorial Garden in 2013. In addition, the outdoor Stations of the Cross were gradually built and enhanced through the years through various Eagle Scout projects. Both of these efforts have included landscaping, which greatly beautifies that side of the courtyard. Much of that landscaping is hidden by the columns and the trees in the courtyard. Recently four of the pear trees in the courtyard were removed as several of them were dying. I never felt as though those trees encumbered the courtyard, but since they were removed, it feels much more spacious.

I believe we need to consider removing the colonnade. I appreciate this would be a drastic step and would alter the original design of the building. But I believe it would open the space to fully appreciate all the beautiful landscaping that is already there. I have not investigated the cost of that, but we do have a parishioner whose business is demolition, and he offered his assistance if we choose to move in that direction.

Don't worry, I don't have a bulldozer warmed up and ready to go, but we do need to address this in some way. As any homeowner knows, if you don't look at the ole homestead with a critical eye, it can deteriorate and no longer hold the beauty and purpose it once had. No decisions have been made, but I want to share with you what I am thinking. I would welcome any suggestions or ideas regarding this. More to come...

Men's Prayer Group

Upcoming Meetings - Mondays, May 15 and June 12, at 7:30 PM

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, May 6th	2	10 AM & 1 PM
• FIRST COMMUNION	Atr., Wor. Ar.	
• HOLY HOUR	3:45-4:45PM	Worship Area
Sunday, May 7th		After 9:30 Mass
• ANOINTING OF THE	SICK	Worship Area
• BAPTISMS	1PM	-
Tuesday, May 9th		10 AM
• IN STITCHES		Fr. Joe Room
• LEV. 2 COMM. REHE	ARSAL 5 & 6	6PM Atr., Wor. Ar.
• ADULT CONFIRM. C	LASS 7PM	Fr. Joe Room
Wednesday, May 10th	1	1:30 - 3:30 PM
• BEREAVEMENT		Fr. Joe Room
• THE CHOSEN	7PM	Chapel, Atrium
Thursday, May 11th		10 AM
• SCRIPTURE STUDY		Fr. Joe Room
• THE CHOSEN	1:30PM	Chapel, Atrium
• LEV. 8 CONFIRM. RE	CHEARSAL 6	-
Saturday, May 13th		10 AM & 1 PM
• FIRST COMMUNION	S	Atr., Wor. Ar.
Sunday, May 14th		9:30 Mass
• BAPTISM GATHERIN	NG	Wor. Ar., FJ Rm.

Special Collections

This weekend at the offertory we will also be collecting for **Tomorrow's Hope** which creates scholarships for students to attend our Catholic elementary schools.

Next weekend we will also be collecting for our **Renovations and Major Repairs** fund. Thank you for your support of these collections!

Scripture Readings for May 14, 2023



+ Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 + 1 Peter 3:15-18 + John 14:15-21

<u>Celebrants for Next Weekend's</u> <u>Masses, May 13th/14th</u>



Fr. Frank Fr. Frank Fr. Michael/Dcn. Joe Fr. Michael/Dcn. Joe

The **Bread and Wine** for the week May 7th - 13th have been donated in loving memory of **Jim Emerson** by his wife, Teresa.





<u>Banns of Marriage</u> <u>First Time</u> Emily Grasso & Douglas Milne

We remember and pray for the following Holy Cross parishioners who passed away recently: Richard DeBenedictis Filomena T Catella

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May they rest in peace, and may their loved ones be consoled.



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

PARISH NEWS



Pray for Our Military

Sgt David Basler Cpl Richard J. DeKanchuk, USMC FC2 Lane Dyar AS Brandon Ferrara MIDN Jonathan A. Goohs Jr., USNA WO Christopher Kaminsky Sgt Michael J. Knipper, USMC SSGT Ryan Mauldin PFC Ryan McCoy, USMC Lt Ryan Montvydas Cpl Michael Palagonia, USMC

We thank the men and women who serve in our military for their service. We will continue to pray for them through 2023. Please let us know if their service is finished or their title has changed.

May God bless all who serve our nation. Pray for Peace!

Holy Cross Welcomes These Newly Baptized Children

Sophia Elizabeth Aliperti Justin Juan Diaz Luna Rose DiRico Michael Anthony Feola Sienna Rose Florio Hailey Rose Gobris Salvatore John Grella Giuliana Rose Lucatorto Sienna Grace Lucatorto Thomas Michael Onorato Hailey Marie Schwartz Mason Douglas Smiroldo Kayden Ray Stromberg Joseph James Wenstrom



Mother's Day Mass Remembrances will appear in the bulletin on Mother's Day.

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

Anointing of the Sick

In the past, people received the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick only when they were gravely ill. However, the Church believes that the Anointing of the Sick should be experienced while we are still able to be aware of God's peaceful presence within us.

You are strongly encouraged to receive this Sacrament if you are having upcoming surgery, are dealing with a chronic or debilitating illness, are suffering from addiction, mental health issues or frailty.

On the first Sunday of each month, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is offered after the 9:30 AM Mass. **Sunday, May 7th, is the next date the Anointing will be offered.**

	Attention All Volunteers		
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		
Let's begin the day with a Prayer of Gratitude at 3 pm, and then enjoy the bbq directly after. *Volunteers = anyone who has volunteered for any ministry/activity at the Parish			
Please con	nplete the tear off below and return to the Parish Office not later than May 12th.		
Name			
Phone			
Email			
I v	vill be attending the Volunteer Appreciation BBQ		
Please re	turn this slip to the Parish Office no later than May 12th.		



Saturday 6-8pm MAY 20, 2023

7th - 12th grade

Bring a Friend

LITURGY BYTES

Mary's Month



Traditionally, the month of May has always been known as Mary's month. As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, actually among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us.

Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to Mary in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.

The second Vatican Council clearly explained her role. What Mary does for the salvation of the human family does not come from her own power, but from a gift of divine grace that is bestowed on her through her Son. Mary, in no way, replaces Christ. Rather, her role is to bring us to Christ. We see this illustrated in Mary's words at the wedding feast of Cana when she told the waiters: "Do whatever he tells you." (John 2:5)

As we sing of Mary this May, let us embrace her grace, courage and "yes" in accepting God's invitation to be the Mother of Jesus. Throughout the liturgical seasons, we honor Mary at different times such as: January 1st – Mary, Mother of God; March – Annunciation; Saturday after Corpus Christi Sunday – Immaculate Heart of Mary; May 31st – Visitation when Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth; August 15th – Assumption of Mary into heaven; August 22nd – Queenship of Mary; September 8th – Mary's birthday; September 15th – Sorrows of Mary; October 7th – Our Lady of the Rosary; November 21st – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; December 8th – Immaculate Conception of Mary; December 12th – feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Church honors and celebrates Mary, as a woman of great faith all year long, not just during the month of May. All of the above feasts remind us that Mary put God first in her life and lived with much love her entire life.

Happy May, be blessed, be safe and healthy! ~~ Michele Hall

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!

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

SAVE THE DATE!

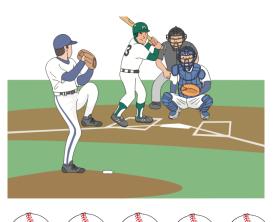
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Parish of the Holy Cross Picnic & Baseball Game at the LI Ducks



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!







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.

	The Parish of t BS Camper Regist July 10th to .	ration Form		
Child's Name:	Age:	Date	of birth:	
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<i>Important</i> : Allergies of (if "yes" please call the Form.) *** Under NO circu	e Religious Ed office to	o obtain an "Al	ergy Action Pl	an"
Fees: \$60.00 for 1 camper	May <u>request one</u>	name for a child	to be placed wi	ith:
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PARISH OUTREACH



Let's Talk about Mental Health

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, and act. It also helps determine how we handle stress, relate to others, and make healthy choices.

People often don't get the mental health services they need because they don't know where to start. <u>Talk to your primary care doctor or another health professional about mental health problems</u>. Ask them to connect you with the right mental health services.

If the situation is potentially life-threatening, get immediate emergency assistance by calling 911, available 24 hours a day. If you or someone you know is suicidal or in emotional distress, contact the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. Trained crisis workers are available to talk 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Your confidential and toll-free call goes to the nearest crisis center in the Lifeline national network. These centers provide crisis counseling and mental health referrals. If you or a loved one needs help, please reach out.

<u>Telephone Reassurance</u>

Telephone Reassurance is a FREE program designed to benefit isolated or homebound seniors to provide a safety check or a social chat. All calls are made in the morning, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM.



These calls are made by RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program), senior volunteers who have been screened and trained. The volunteers work under the supervision of an RSVP staff member and regularly participate in ongoing seminars designed to build skills and gain knowledge of the senior population and community resources.

A brief enrollment form with client information and emergency contacts is all that is needed to begin this free service. Enrollment forms can be found in the Outreach office, or you can call RSVP directly at 631-979-9490 Ext. 21. All calls are confidential.



Dress a Girl Around the World

Dress a Girl Around the World will not be meeting in the month of May. We will meet again on June 29, 2023. Dress kits are available in the Outreach office.

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.

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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