

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!

Corpus Christi Sunday - June 11, 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)

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Michael F. Holzmann
Pastor, ext.115

Deacon Joseph Maffeo
Pastoral Minister, ext.124

Mrs. Judith Pickel
Pastoral Associate, ext.116

Mrs. Michele Hall
Pastoral Associate, ext.120

Mrs. Tricia Clarke, ext.112
Director of Religious Ed.

Mrs. Kelley Mowat, ext.113
Coordinator of Parish Outreach

Mr. Brian Reich
Director of Music Ministry

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Mrs. Mary Inghilterra
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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	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, June 11th, 9AM Masses

Mon. Barbara & Bill Burger (living)
Tue. Florence Kiendle
Wed. Michael & Terry Dawson (living)
Thu. Edward Lloyd



Saturday, June 17th, 5PM Mass

All Father's Day Mass Remembrances

Sunday, June 18th, 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM All Father's Day Mass Remembrances
9:30 AM All Father's Day Mass Remembrances
11:30 AM All Father'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.

REAL PRESENCE

by Father Michael

This weekend we celebrate the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, traditionally called Corpus Christi. This annual feast draws our attention to the gift of the Eucharist. Uniquely, this year it takes on even more meaning. The United States Bishops have called us to engage in what is known as a “Eucharistic Revival” which begins on a parish level this weekend. There is growing concern that the belief in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist is in decline, even among Catholics. On one level this could be seen as a theological issue that needs to be addressed. But I believe it is a much wider issue of how we look at life.

As Catholics, we hold and believe that something transformative happens to the bread and wine during the consecration; they become the Body and Blood of our Risen Lord. For us, it is more than just a symbolic meal. It is a deep encounter with Christ Jesus. Perhaps this is something that needs to be expressed with greater clarity to reinforce this sacred doctrine. Having said all that, the problem becomes when we believe the Eucharist is the only place where we can have an encounter with the Lord. To see the presence of Christ in a piece of bread, but not in the eyes of our brothers and sisters is a seriously misguided stance. This is where our understanding of real presence needs to have a much broader scope.

A great challenge is for us to live with a depth awareness of what is before us at any given moment. To live in the “now” is not easy. For many of us, we overlook what is in front of us to worry, plan, or envision what’s going to happen later today, next Tuesday, or two years down the road. If it is not the future that consumes our energy, it is the past. We can live in our memories and the way things used to be, but the only moment any of us will ever have is the present here and now.

There are defining moments, apart from the Eucharist, when the sacred and holy is apparent such as the birth of a child. We need to expand our vision to see that same presence is before us even if something dramatic is not happening. Can we relish in God’s presence even in the ordinary? A sunrise, the laughter of a child, the warm embrace of your beloved can all be reminders of that divine presence of the Lord that is woven into every aspect of life.

I pray that the Eucharistic Revival is successful in bringing people to a deeper appreciation of what has been given to us in the Eucharist. But I also pray for our awareness of God’s presence that is woven into all that surrounds us. As we say “Amen” to the Body of Christ, may we also say “Amen” to every breath of life.

Men’s Prayer Group is Monday evening at 7:00. Weather permitting, we will gather around a bonfire at the garden.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, June 10th	1 PM
• CONNETQUOT CONCERT	Worship Area
Sunday, June 11th	1 PM
• BAPTISMS	Worship Area
Monday, June 12th	2 PM
• MEDICARE PRESENTATION	Atrium
• MEN'S PRAYER GROUP	7PM Garden
Tuesday, June 13th	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
<i>(The Parish Office is closed after 12PM for Staff Planning Day.)</i>	
Wednesday, June 14th	11:30 AM-2:30 PM
• SENIOR GROUP	Atrium
Thursday, June 15th	10 AM
• SCRIPTURE STUDY	Fr. Joe Room
Saturday, June 17th	8 - 10 AM
• GARDEN CLEAN-UP DAY	Vegetable Garden
Sunday, June 18th	9:30 AM
• BAPTISM GATHERING	Wor. Ar., FJ Room

Scripture Readings for June 18, 2023



- + Exodus 19:2-6
- + Romans 5:6-11
- + Matthew 9:36-10:8

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, June 17th/18th



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 June 11th-17th have been donated in memory of **Kathleen Pettit** with love, by Mary Thomas.*



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

Banns of Marriage



First Time

Tess Maloney & Dennis O'Hara

Second Time

Reanna Terano & Joseph Guerette

Third Time

Stefanie Gelo & John Rabal

Some Quotes to Ponder

"A Eucharist that does not pass over into the concrete practice of love is intrinsically fragmented." ~

Tricia O Mahony Hoyt



"What difference does it make if bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ and we don't?" ~ Robert Wicks

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Monday, June 12, at 7:00 PM

Weather permitting at the garden

Bring a flashlight

God saw all he had made, and it was good.



The Four Elements

Earth

Sky

Fire

Water

PARISH OUTREACH

Community Vegetable Garden

For many years, our vegetable garden has provided wholesome vegetables for those seeking assistance from Parish Outreach. As we begin a new season, we are looking for volunteers to help with our **Spring Clean-Up and Planting**. So, mark your calendars and please join us on Saturday, June 17th, from 8-10 AM to help clean up and prepare for our upcoming gardening season. Our planting day is June 24th from 8-10 AM. Just bring yourselves and your gardening gloves!



*We are looking for volunteers of all ages, from students to retirees.
All are welcome! Any questions, please call the Parish Office at 631-265-2200.*

HELP WANTED

LECTORS

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

USHERS

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

HCTV

Run slides at one of our weekend Masses or 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. As needed.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

COURTYARD MAINTENANCE

Maintain the courtyard gardens in the spring, summer and fall: 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, 7:00 - 8:30 PM, 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.

HELP WANTED

**EUCCHARISTIC
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.



**EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTERS**

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



**EUCCHARISTIC
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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Holy Cross Edition

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

Greet wedding party, organize procession, lead a "walk through" of the wedding. Two (2) people needed per rehearsal, a perfect ministry for a 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 up for the procession, etc. Approximately 12-15 weddings per year.

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COMMUNITY GARDEN

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

FLOWER CAREGIVERS

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

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

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

RAFFLE TICKET SELLERS

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

SPECIAL EVENTS HELPERS

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

GIFT/DONATION SOLICITATION

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

Thank You for Your Help!

GIFT BASKET MAKER

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.

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



The Parish of the Holy Cross NIGHT WITH THE DUCKS

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.



NAME _____ PHONE # _____

OF TICKETS _____ EMAIL _____

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

If you need a gluten free meal please check here

LITURGY BYTES

June Saints



In the month of June, we celebrate many family events in addition to birthdays, Father's Day and graduations. Dance recitals, school endings and championship sporting events fill our time as we prepare for those lazy, crazy days of summer. I thought for the next few weeks, we could explore the lives of some of the saints for the month of June.

June 1st we celebrate **St. Justin Martyr**. He converted to Christianity around the year 130 AD. He taught and defended the Christian religion in Asia Minor and at Rome. His role can be summed up in one word: it is that of a **witness**. He was known as a philosopher but found that the Christian religion answered the great questions about life and existence better than the philosophers. Justin is known as an apologist, one who defends in writing the Christian religion against the attacks and misunderstandings of the pagans. Because of his staunch adherence to Christianity, he was martyred in the year 165.

Our next June saint is a popular one, **St. Anthony of Padua**, and is celebrated on **June 13th**. St. Anthony, then known as Fernando, was born in Lisbon, Portugal. He came from a wealthy family and was educated at an abbey where he learned theology and Latin. He eventually was ordained a priest and later joined the Franciscan order where he changed his name to Anthony. On one occasion, a special book containing his notes and pointers to use in teaching went missing. He prayed for it to be returned and it was. On top of that, the person who took it also returned to the abbey. Anthony proved to be a wonderful speaker and impressed many groups. He occasionally taught at universities, but his best work was the role of the preacher. He died at the age of 35, canonized one year later, and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1946. He is best known as the patron for lost people and things.

Have a "saintly," blessed and healthy week ahead! ~~~ *Michelle Hall*

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! All Are welcome!

Telephone Reassurance

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.



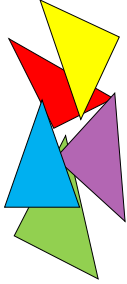
These calls are made by RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program), senior volunteers who have been screened and trained. The volunteers work under the supervision of an RSVP staff member and regularly participate in ongoing seminars designed to build skills and gain knowledge of the senior population and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

PARISH OUTREACH

Dress a Girl Around the World

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



Our “Cut-Ups” will meet **Thursday, June 29th, 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!

Eucharistic Ministers Needed

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 x113. Commitment is once per month on a Wednesday morning at 10 AM.

Blessing Bags

With the lazy, hazy days of summer right around the corner, vacation cannot be too far away. Outreach is looking for travel size soap, shampoo, conditioner, and hand lotion to create **Blessing Bags** for the homeless. Please keep us in mind as you set off on your vacation. All items can be dropped off in the Parish Office. Thank you in advance for your help, and have a great vacation!





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? _____

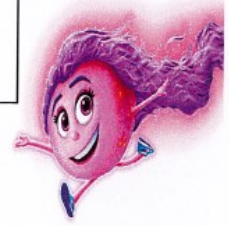
We will try to honor all requests. Thank you for volunteering!

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

TAKE A CHANCE!

Summer Cash Sizzle

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 June, July and August.
- Drawing will be held **August 31st**.

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!

Summer Cash Sizzle

Name _____
Address _____
Town _____
Phone _____

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