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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.*



Come and pray with us!

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 16, 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

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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	Joseph Donlon
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Carina Ranieri	Liam Richards
Arthur Rivers	Elaine Ruane
Abby Reid Schaeffer	Baby Frankie Schaeffer
Barbara Sherry	Celeste Sichenze
Betty Sullivan	Kyle Sweeney
Bill Tanner	Grace Van Epps
Peter Warns	Danny Youngworth

Upcoming Mass Intentions

Week of Sunday, July 16th, 9AM Masses

Mon. Robin Quick Dunning
Tue. Assunta Capogna
Wed. Frederick Guethman
Thu. Henry Wangenstein



Saturday, July 22nd, 5PM Mass

John Sofia, Phyllis DeRita, Madeline Wissemann,
Juan Astegiano

Sunday, July 23rd, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Michael Corcoran
11:30 AM Alan Hahn, Vincenzo Baratta, Bernadette
Kuczewski, Stefano LoPiccolo, Dee
Mattera

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.

SOMETIMES YOUR WORDS COME BACK TO YOU

by Father Michael

Last week in my homily I spoke about one of the lines from the Gospel, “What you have hidden from the wise and the learned, you have revealed to the little ones.” I said that those words might be dismissed as being too simplistic and naïve. What insight do “little ones” have that adults might be missing? But I also suggested that there might be more truth to those words than we first acknowledge.

On Monday we had a funeral. It was not the best day to try to schedule a funeral. It was the first day of Vacation Bible School (VBS). The atrium was filled with tables and chairs and decorated with an outer space theme. There was a mountain of supplies and props piled up next to the sanctuary. Things were tucked away as neatly as possible, but you could definitely tell there was an event in the works. The Mass had to begin at 8:45, which is not the most convenient time. In some ways, it was not the best setting for a dignified funeral, but it was the best we could do.

The funeral was for Bertha Stiso. She was 95 years old and she had 4 children, 7 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. She was a woman whose life was connected to the little ones and she loved them. As the Mass was drawing to a conclusion, I could see many of the young people who were part of the crew for VBS arriving. They could not start their work as Mass was going on. They had to remain in the atrium. I could see one of the funeral directors running around trying to get a handle on what was happening. I was thinking to myself, this could get awkward: a funeral procession passing through a group of active children and young people. Before the final prayer, I apologized to the family for the unusual busyness and stuff that was surrounding this funeral Mass. They seemed to understand.

The final blessing took place at the font and we entered the atrium. There had to be 50 kids lining the far wall. They stood silent, with a reverent respect for what was happening. They didn’t make a peep, but their presence was deafening. One of the daughters came to me and said, “This is beautiful, my Mom would have loved this.” It was a profound moment of presence. At that moment, those young people had a gift to offer, not musical ability or academic excellence, it was simply who they were. In the face of death, they embodied life and hope. The Spirit was at work through them. We could not have planned for this. We did not rehearse for it. It just happened and it was a beautiful moment.

“What you have hidden from the wise and learned, you have revealed to the little ones.” We can read those words. We can hear those words. I can even preach on those words. But when they actually come to life, it is a moment beyond measure or description. God knows what God is doing. The Spirit flows in surprising, mystifying, but amazing life-giving ways. How blessed we are when it touches our hearts.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Weekly Calendar

- Sunday, July 16th** 1 PM
• BAPTISMS Worship Area
• DUCKS' BASEBALL GAME 3:35PM Ducks' Stadium
- Tuesday, July 18th** 10 AM
• IN STITCHES Fr. Joe Room
- Wednesday, July 19th** 7 PM
• FALL FESTIVAL MEETING Fr. Joe Room
- Thursday, July 20th** 1 PM
• DRESS A GIRL Atrium

Scripture Readings for July 23, 2023



- + Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
- + Romans 8:26-27
- + Matthew 13:24-43

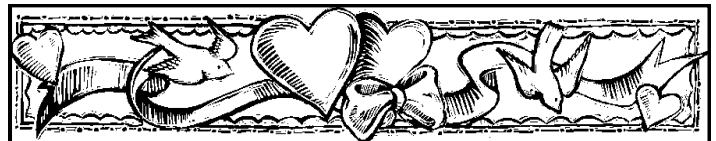
Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, July 22nd/23rd



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

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

Next weekend at the offertory we will also be collecting for our **Regional Schools Support.**



Banns of Marriage First Time

Ashley Schecher & Jeremy Ferrara

HELP WANTED

Thank You!

We would like to thank Matthew Gemmell for donating \$577.51 which was leftover from his Eagle Scout Project.

Matthew's Eagle Scout Project was cleaning up and beautifying the parish courtyard by planting bushes and trees.

Thank you also to all the parishioners who supported Matthew and his carwash fundraiser which supplied the means to accomplish his project!

Fall Festival



Come join the fun! Planning has begun for the Fall Festival. If you are interested in joining the **planning team**, we will be meeting:

Wednesday, July 19th, at 7 PM in the Father Joe Room.

Working as a team, we will host a family centered, fun-filled day. Your help, ideas and energy are welcome! If interested, please **RSVP by the 18th of July to Kelley in Outreach.**

LITURGY BYTES

The Last Saint for July

On the final day in July, the 31st, the Church honors St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. Because of an accident, he shattered a leg, and during his convalescence he started reading about Christ and the saints. This began his journey, although difficult, towards Our Lord. He never felt comfort in prayer and fasting at first, but eventually he gained peace of mind and started the process of conversion. It was during this time that he wrote down material that later became his greatest work, **the Spiritual Exercises**.



He finally achieved his goal to go to the Holy Land but could not remain, as he planned, because of the hostility of the Turks. Ignatius spent 11 years in various European universities, studying with great difficulty. He was questioned by others because of his orthodoxy and even put in jail for brief periods.

When he was 43, along with others, one of whom was St. Francis Xavier, he vowed to live in poverty and chastity and go to the Holy Land. If this became impossible, they vowed to offer themselves to the apostolic service of the Pope. The latter became the only choice. Four years later, Ignatius made the association permanent. The new Society of Jesus was approved by Pope Paul III, and Ignatius was elected as the first general. When companions were sent on various missions by the Pope, Ignatius remained in Rome consolidating the new venture but still finding time to found homes for orphans, those wishing to become Catholic. He founded the Roman college, intended to be the model of all other colleges of the Society.

He was a true mystic. He centered his spiritual life on the essential foundations of Christianity: the Trinity, Christ, and the Eucharist. His spirituality is expressed in the Jesuit motto, "For the greater glory of God." He is the patron saint of retreats.

Have a spiritual, restful, and blessed week ahead! ~~ *Michelle Hall*

TRAVEL CLUB NEWS

Mark your calendar . . .

September 6-8 ~ Pennsylvania

- Shanksville, United Airlines Flight 93 Memorial
- Frank Lloyd Wright's "*Falling Water*"
- Quecreek Mine Rescue

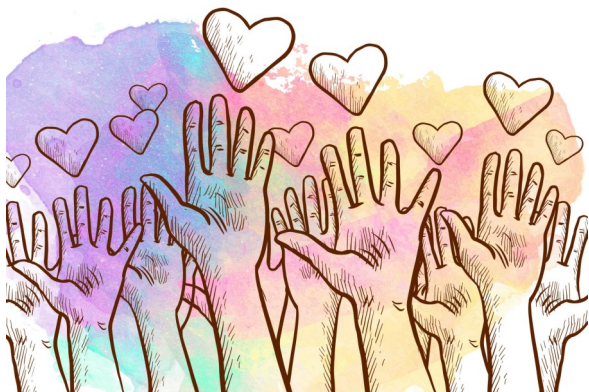
March 20-21, 2024 ~ Lancaster

- Sight and Sound Theater performance of "*Daniel*"
- Dinner in an Amish Family Home
- Green Dragon Flea Market

Details and sign-up info coming shortly . . .



PARISH OUTREACH



Outreach served 95 people from 60 families in the month of June.

We offered 156 different services, ranging from referrals, food from our pantry to financial assistance.

Your generous support makes this possible. Thank you!

PARISH OUTREACH

Join us for our School Supplies for Success Drive

****Would you like to help a child succeed this school year?****

Children receiving school supplies will be from our Parish Outreach families.

❖ **Here's how you can help!**

- ❖ Choose a backpack tag from the display board in the Atrium. The supply list is printed on the back of the card.
- ❖ Purchase items listed on the back of the card.
- ❖ Pray for the children who will receive the supplies and write a personal note if you wish.
- ❖ Place items in bag (paper or plastic) and return items to the Atrium (on designated table) with **tag attached to bag**.

❖ **Don't want to shop?**

- ❖ Purchase a gift card from Target or Walmart to supplement a student's school supplies and/or school clothes and drop in our School House in the Atrium.
- ❖ Support our effort by making a monetary donation to help us meet the needs of our families. Checks can be made out to Holy Cross Outreach and put in a plain envelope marked "School Supplies." These donations can be dropped in our School House in the Atrium or in the collection basket.
- ❖ **Collection for our School Supplies for Success program will take place Monday, July 31st, to Sunday, August 13th.**
- ❖ **Please remember to attach the backpack tag to your donation and place it on the School Supplies for Success table in the Atrium. Donations may also be brought to the Outreach Office.**

Any questions, please contact the Outreach Office at 631-265-2200.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



PARISH OUTREACH

Save the Date!
Thursday, September 28th, 2023
2:30-8:30pm



You need 56 days between blood donations. The last date to donate at another drive or location and be eligible to donate at our Blood Drive is August 3rd. Thank you!!

Blessing Bags

With the lazy, hazy days of summer upon us, vacation cannot be too far away. Outreach is looking for travel size soap, shampoo, conditioner, hand lotion, sunblock, chapstick and pocket tissues 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!

Dress a Girl Around the World

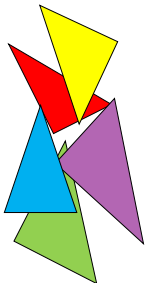
Cut-Ups: (those who cut the material and assemble our dress kits)

Our “Cut-Ups” will meet **Thursday, July 20th, 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!



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Cost-\$25 per person Last day to register-August 4th

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 8/12 at the Nesconset Fire Department at 10 am.**

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

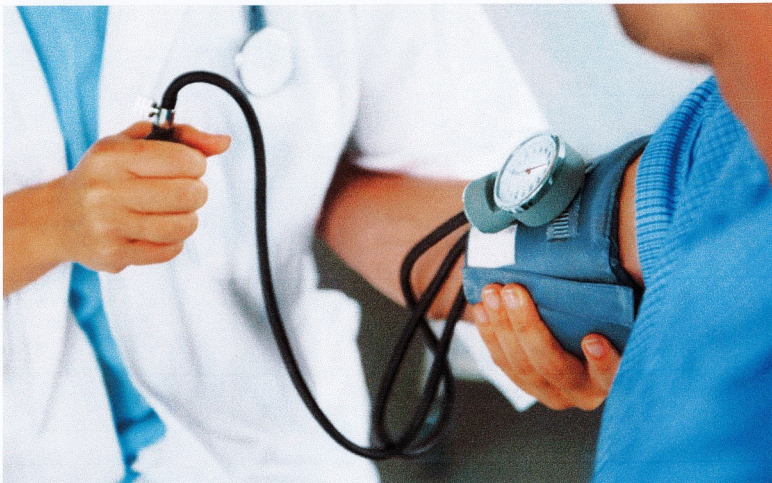
PARISH OUTREACH

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Mobile Outreach Bus



The Community Outreach team is pleased to offer free health screenings in your community by a Catholic Health registered nurse.



Services for adults (18 and older):

- Brief cardiac history
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- Health education
- Referrals as needed
- Resources for those without insurance

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95 Old Nichols Road
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Monday, August 14th
10AM to 2PM

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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

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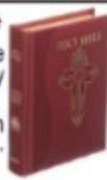
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