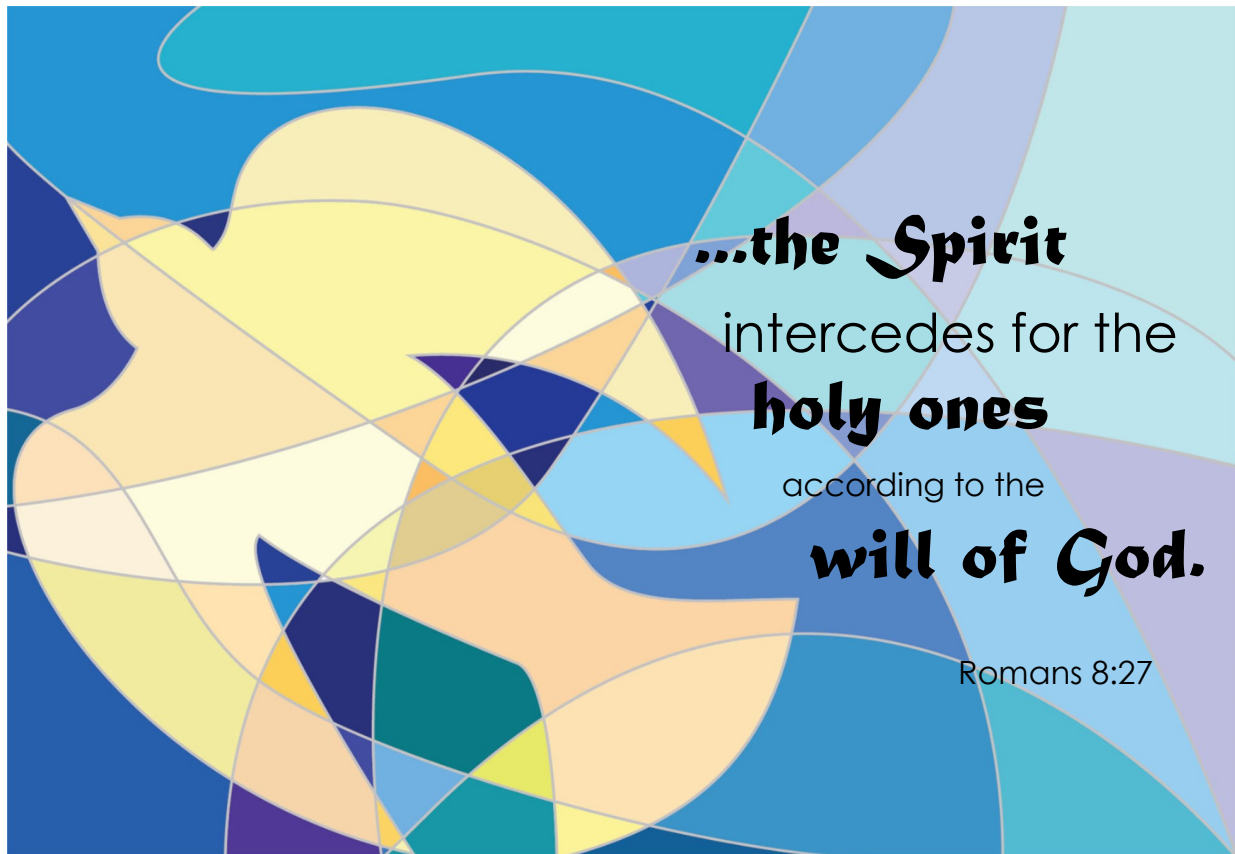


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Come and pray with us!

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 23, 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
Ann Egan	Ralph Farino
Sienna Fricke	Linda Heinrichs
Debbie Jablinowski	Kristen Kennedy
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Olivia Melia	Loretto Narducci
Carina Ranieri	Liam Richards
Elaine Ruane	Barbara Sherry
Celeste Sichenze	Betty Sullivan
Kyle Sweeney	Bill Tanner
Grace Van Epps	Peter Warns
Danny Youngworth	

Upcoming Mass Intentions

Week of Sunday, July 23rd, 9AM Masses

Mon. Joseph Vernice (living)

Tue. Frank Gallagher (living)

Wed. Stephen Soviero

Thu. Sister Teresa Collins



Saturday, July 29th, 5PM Mass

Tom Dunn, Giacomo DiBari, James Sullivan,
Michael Wylie, Mona Wylie, Jim Petrunaro

Sunday, July 30th, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM Adrian Rapczynski, Pauline Mancuso,
Michael J. Zausin, Colin Clive, Carmine
Cusano

11:30 AM Sylvester Evangelista

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.

I THOUGHT THINGS WERE SLOW IN THE SUMMER

by Father Michael

When June rolls around I start thinking that lazy, hazy days of summer are just around the corner. It's fun to watch the excitement of children and our young people as they begin their summer vacation. I want to share in that energy. Normally things do slow down a bit, but so far this year we are cranking along full speed ahead.

Although I am not on the front line of the Vacation Bible School activities, it was a busy week of being present and simply being surrounded by the whirlwind of activity. We have had planning meetings for special liturgies and the fall festival. I'm trying to figure out how and when we can build a labyrinth this summer. I want to figure out a schedule of meetings for the Men's Prayer Group. I am pulling together final details for a couple of Travel Club adventures. We are even trying to plan an Easter mission with a guest speaker. I'm not complaining. All of these activities really are energizing as we plan what we hope will be great experiences for our community. Offering moments when we can gather to share life and our faith are great blessings. It's all good and brings a sense of joy and satisfaction.

I did have plans for mid-August to go on a riverboat cruise to France. I was excited by the prospect of that trip. It would have been to a corner of the world to which I have never traveled. Unfortunately, one of my travel companions had some health issues that would have made travel difficult, so that trip will have to go on hold. While there is a certain level of disappointment, I am a firm believer in "if it is meant to be." I am at peace in trusting that for whatever reason, this is not when or where I was meant to take that trip.

I was quickly able to make some alternate plans for the time that I blocked out. I will be going down to Florida to visit my sister and grandniece for a few days. Following that, I am traveling to the Southwest with a small group of teachers I worked with when I was at the high school. Going to that corner of the country always gets me excited. I realize my travels have a common theme: HOT! I will jump in the pool in Florida as much as I can. My travels out west are to a few parks that are at higher elevations than Phoenix, so we will likely be spared some of the extreme temperatures that have been so prevalent this summer.

I hope you are able to find a little relaxation and rest in these days of summer. The weather has been a bit uncomfortable, but there can still be opportunities to enjoy life and use well the time that we have. Enjoy.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Weekly Calendar

Tuesday, July 25th • IN STITCHES	10 AM Fr. Joe Room
Wednesday, July 26th • SENIORS	11:30AM-2:30PM Atrium
Thursday, July 27th • LITURGY TEAM MEETING • YG LEADERS' MEETING 7PM	1:30 PM Fr. Joe Room Fr. Joe Room
Sunday, July 30th • BAPTISMS	1 PM Worship Area

Scripture Readings for July 30, 2023



- + 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
- + Romans 8:28-30
- + Matthew 13:44-52

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, July 29th/30th



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



Banns of Marriage *First Time*

Jamie Ackerman & Kevin Kemp
Erin Miller & Matthew Swansey

Second Time

Ashley Schecher & Jeremy Ferrara

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

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

*The Bread and Wine for the week July 23-29 have been donated in loving memory of **William Rumens** by his family on the 30th anniversary of his journey to heaven.*



Religious Education

Are you willing to open your heart to a child with Special Needs?

Our one-on-one program is looking for teachers to share their faith with these precious children. Classes are held every Monday starting October 16, 2023 from 4-6 PM.

Please contact Tricia or Mary for further details.



LITURGY BYTES

Going to Mass

Is there a way to learn to love the Mass even more? Below is a list of the various parts of the Mass and a general question for us to think about at each part of the Mass. The question is: *How do I Experience it?*

Try to reflect on this over a period of weeks, perhaps writing your feelings after returning from Mass each week. Don't try to rush through it, take some time and concentrate on a few areas each week before writing your thoughts. Hopefully, at the end you will realize how much the Mass means to you and your faith.

Name	Part	How I Experience it
<i>Introductory</i>	Entrance	_____
	Penitential Rite	_____
	Gloria	_____
	Opening Prayer	_____
<i>Liturgy of the Word</i>	First Reading	_____
	Responsorial Psalm	_____
	Second Reading	_____
	Gospel	_____
	Homily	_____
	Creed	_____
	Prayer of the Faithful	_____
<i>Liturgy of the Eucharist</i>	Presentation of the Gifts	_____
	Offertory Prayer	_____
	Eucharistic Prayer	_____
	Our Father	_____
	Sign of Peace	_____
	Lamb of God	_____
	Distribution of Communion	_____
	Prayer after Communion	_____
<i>Concluding Rites</i>	Solemn Blessing	_____
	Dismissal	_____

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

TRAVEL CLUB NEWS

Mark your calendar . . .

September 5-7, 2023 ~ Pennsylvania

- ❖ Shanksville, United Airlines Flight 93 Memorial
 - Visitors Center
 - Wall of Names
 - Tower of Voices
- ❖ Frank Lloyd Wright's "Falling Water"
 - House and Garden Tour
 - Kentuck Knob (Another Frank Lloyd Wright home)
 - Ohiopyle Falls: The "Niagara" of Pennsylvania
- ❖ Quecreek Mine Rescue
 - Site of dramatic mine rescue in 2002
 - Hear inspirational presentation of this miraculous event

Tour includes 2 nights' accommodation in Somerset, PA., 6 meals, all admissions and sightseeing.

Hang in there, still working out a few of the final details. The approximate cost should be about \$650 per person based on double occupancy. Sign-up information will be in next week's bulletin.

March 20-21, 2024 ~ Lancaster

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

Sign-up info coming shortly . . .



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
3 - 7 PM



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!

Free health screenings

Mobile Outreach Bus

The Parish of the Holy Cross
95 Old Nichols Road
Nesconset, NY 11767



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



Monday, August 14th
10AM to 2PM

Services for adults (18 and older):

- Brief cardiac history
- Blood pressure screening
- BMI screening
- Simple blood test for cholesterol and glucose
- Health education
- Referrals as needed
- Resources for those without insurance

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and
The Nesconset Fire Department
Would like to invite you to join us for

CPR and AED Training

Get Certification in **CPR & AED** in just one day!

Learn and Practice Your Skill on How to Save Lives

Saturday, August 12th

10am to 1:00pm

Nesconset Fire Department

25 Gibbs Pond Road-3rd Floor

Nesconset, NY 11767

In this course, you'll learn how to perform CPR and how to use an AED. You will also be given a Heartsaver® CPR AED Student Workbook, which you will be able to keep. **At completion of the course, you will be eligible for your American Heart Association E-Card which is valid for 2 years.**

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 _____

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Vacation Bible School

Thank you to all who helped to make this a Stellar event for our campers!
See you next summer for "Scuba - Diving into Friendship with God"



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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