

The Parish of the Holy Cross

95 Nichols Road + Nesconset, NY 11767 + 631.265.2200 +
www.holycrossrc.org + www.facebook.com/pothcnesconset

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!

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 30, 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

PASTORAL STAFF

Mrs. Jane Wirth
Parish Secretary, ext.122

Dr. Vincent Mazurek
Music Minister/Webmaster

Mrs. Mary Pannone, ext.111
Religious Education Secretary
(mpannone@holycrossrc.org)

Ms. Karina D'Angelo
Bookkeeper, ext. 110

Mr. Roberto Maza
Custodian

Mrs. Mary Inghilterra
Weekend Sacristan

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
Roberta Lamb	Dora Libretti
Gerald Losquadro	Charlotte Lynch
Viola Malek	Jeanne Marie Malley
Olivia Melia	Loretto Narducci
Carina Ranieri	Liam Richards
Elaine Ruane	Carol Ann Schultz
Barbara Sherry	Celeste Sichenze
Betty Sullivan	Kyle Sweeney
Bill Tanner	Grace Van Epps
Peter Warns	Danny Youngworth

Upcoming Mass Intentions

Week of Sunday, July 30th, 9AM Masses

Mon. Christopher Cotter
Tue. James Petrungaro
Wed. Mrs. Chicuolo (living)
Thu. John A. Salig



Saturday, August 5th, 5PM Mass

Thomas Brophy, Joseph Brindisi, Kathy Stanley,
Damiano Fullone, Thomas Ferme

Sunday, August 6th, Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Jan LaBorne
11:30 AM Rose Volpi, Corrado Formica, Assunta
Capogna, Anthony Pappalardo, Richard
Lombardi

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.

BEYOND OUR FOUR WALLS

by Father Michael

One of my summer tasks is to visit all of our homebound parishioners to whom we bring Holy Communion. This is what occupied most of my time this past week. It involves a bunch of visits, but it is a humbling and beautiful way to spend the week. It is remarkable to hear so many stories of how people feel deeply connected to Holy Cross even though the circumstances of their lives prevent them from getting here on a regular basis. In most instances, it is the Eucharistic Minister who is assigned to them that becomes their lifeline to the parish. It is heartening to consistently hear stories of people who are grateful for caring and committed ministers who reach out to them. Thank you to all our parishioners who are part of this ministry.

It is also important to acknowledge how much technology can be a part of ministry. It frequently happens that when I arrive at someone's home, the TV is turned onto CFN (our Catholic television station). The various Masses that are shown as well as the rosary and devotional prayers provide a stream of spiritual nourishment. I'm also touched by how many people stay connected to Holy Cross through our livestreaming of Mass. At one point in time, I would have resisted broadcasting our Masses, but they have become an important part of the lives of some of our parishioners. There is no limit on the numerous and creative ways the Spirit can be at work.

There is also an immeasurable contingent of people who identify Holy Cross as their spiritual home although they may not be here very often. For those of us who are here, I think we collectively wish they would be here. We understand there is a joy and energy that comes about in sharing what we do, and we want to share this font of life. We also realize we need the help of many to support and maintain what we do. We can't make people pray here or support us. We continue to do the best we can and allow the Spirit to be at work in the hearts of all.

On a different note, I have a big old clunker of an air conditioner at the house that cools the living room, dining room and kitchen. It is a unit that is mounted through the wall. While it often sounded like an idling Southwest 737, it did a good job of cooling those rooms. Unfortunately, last week it pooped out and stopped working. I have a small window unit for my bedroom, but the house is hot on these summer days. I'm looking into different options to resolve the situation. A few of these days I have been tempted to run outside and jump through the lawn sprinkler.

Our Holy Hour for the Sanctity of all Human Life will take place on **Saturday, August 5th, 3:45-4:45 PM**. Please come and spend some time praying before the Blessed Sacrament.

TRAVEL CLUB NEWS

September 6-8, 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.

Cost:

- \$650 per person based on double occupancy
- \$750 per person single occupancy.

(These prices are based on 35 passengers)

Reservations: *All reservations and payments will be handled directly with Hampton Jitney. Please call 631 283 4600 ext. 7770. Tell the agent you want to sign up for the Holy Cross trip and they will lead you through the booking process.*

Other tidbits:

Distance: Shanksville is almost as far as Pittsburgh. It is approximately 375 miles each way. There will be a lengthy drive on both the first and last day of the tour.

Seating: In fairness to all, those who reserve at the double rate will be asked to share a double seat on the bus with their roommate. Those who reserve at the single rate may have a double seat for themselves.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 30th • BAPTISMS	1 PM Worship Area
Tuesday, August 1st • IN STITCHES	10 AM Fr. Joe Room
Saturday, August 5th • HOLY HOUR	3:45 - 4:45 PM Worship Area
Sunday, August 6th • ANOINTING OF THE SICK	After 9:30 Mass Worship Area

Scripture Readings for August 6, 2023



+ *Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14*
+ *2 Peter 1:16-19*
+ *Matthew 17:1-9*

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, August 5th/6th

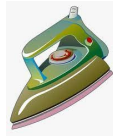


5:00 PM	Fr. Michael/Dcn. Joe
8:00 AM	Fr. Michael/Dcn. Joe
9:30 AM	Fr. Frank
11:30 AM	Fr. Frank

HELP WANTED

Church Environment

The Church Environment crew needs more helping hands.



Specific need: iron and hang banners for each season.

If you are interested, please contact Michele Hall at: Mhall@holycrossrc.org for more information.



Banns of Marriage First Time

Camila Romero & David Hickman

Second Time

Jamie Ackerman & Kevin Kemp
Erin Miller & Matthew Swansey

Third Time

Ashley Schecher & Jeremy Ferrara

The Bread and Wine for the week July 30-August 5 have been donated in loving memory of Christopher Cotter by his family on the 5th 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 between 4-6 PM.

Please contact Tricia or Mary for further details.



LITURGY BYTES

What's A Pilgrimage?

According to “Wikipedia,” a pilgrimage is a journey, often into an unknown or foreign place, where a person goes in search of new or expanded meaning about one’s self, others, nature, or a higher good through the experience. It can lead to a personal transformation.



A friend once told me that his favorite pilgrimage is the one he makes each time he attends Mass. This enlightenment was something I never thought of in terms of a pilgrimage. However, if we look at Mass as a journey, surrounded by our heavenly Father, the saints and angels, we are transformed by the Paschal mystery encountering Jesus fully alive in the Eucharist. It definitely seems like my friend makes a good point!

So, as the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer are upon us, what will be your pilgrimage this year? Perhaps it is to the beach, or to the mountains, or to foreign lands, or even a staycation at home. This time affords us many opportunities to enjoy those we love, catch up with those we do not see often, or kick back to a different lifestyle. Perhaps this summer we will make celebrating the Eucharist a major part of our weekly schedule and a priority. While schedules are a bit different, it is a good time to have our family focus on this gift awaiting us each Saturday night or Sunday morning. Giving our full attention, not making it a chore but a true family affair, can easily be the norm come the fall and the start-up of our busy schedules.

The greatest gift we can give our children and grandchildren or share in ourselves is receiving Jesus in the Eucharist. Our Lord is waiting and longs to be with us.

Why not make that pilgrimage to Mass something special each and every week!

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

Anointing of the Sick

On the first Sunday of each month, the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** is offered after the 9:30 AM Mass. Sunday, August 6th, is the next date the Anointing will be offered.

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

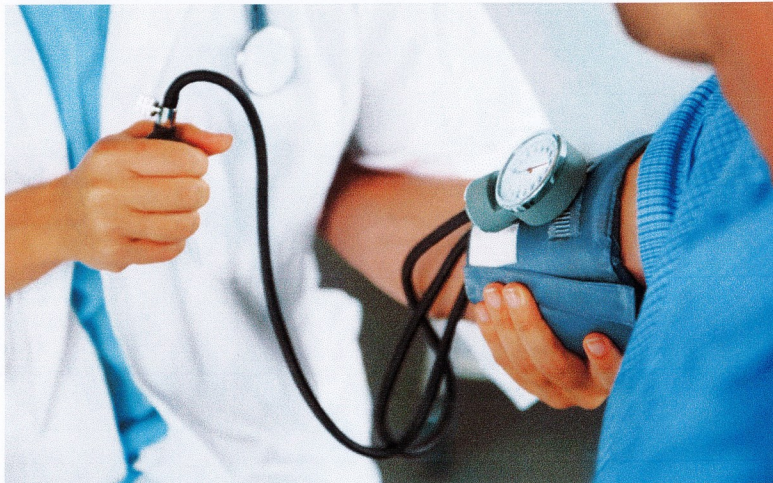
PARISH OUTREACH

Free health screenings

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

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

Monday, August 14th
10AM to 2PM

chsl.org

PARISH OUTREACH

School Supplies for Success

Collection of all items purchased for our **School Supplies for Success** program starts Monday, July 31st, and ends Sunday, August 13th. All school supplies can be placed on the **School Supplies for Success** table in the Atrium.



While returning items, please make sure to attach your backpack tag to the school supplies. This will help us make sure the correct items are going to the right student.

If you choose to purchase a gift card or make a monetary donation, we ask that you place cards in the Schoolhouse located in the Atrium by Sunday, August 13th. Thank you!

Save the Date! Thursday, September 28th, 2023 **3 - 7:30 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!!



Thank You!

A special thank you to Grace B. and Mila S., two young ladies who will be entering 3rd grade in the fall, who made beautiful bracelets and donated their earnings of \$26 to Outreach. We are so grateful to Grace and Mila for their generosity, kindness and for thinking of our families in Outreach. Have a wonderful summer, girls, and keep making the world a better place.

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!



PARISH OUTREACH

The Parish of the Holy Cross

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 _____

PARISH OUTREACH

Outreach Food Pantry

Next Saturday and Sunday, **August 5th/6th**, will be our monthly Food Drive for our Parish Outreach Pantry. The following items would be most helpful:



- Tomato Sauce
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Vegetables
- Meals in a Can
- Canned Chicken
- Cereal
- Mayonnaise
- Mustard
- Shelf Stable Milk

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION


Vacation Bible School

We would like to extend a special thank you to **Little Vincent's Pizza Restaurant**, 324 Smithtown Boulevard, Lake Ronkonkoma, for donating 12 pizzas for our Vacation Bible School volunteers. Also, thank you to our parishioners for all your support and donations, and special thanks to those who sponsored a camper!

Here are some more pictures from our fantastic VBS week "**Stellar - Shine Jesus' Light**"!



Thank you!

 The children at Butterfly Palliative Home in South Africa would like to thank all the VBS campers. The money that you brought to camp each day totaled **\$316**. This money will go a long way in supporting the children. Thank you!

Note: John 3:16 comes to mind, and how unusual and perfect that the amount would be \$316!

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 _____

Summer Cash Sizzle

Name _____
Address _____
Town _____
Phone _____

Summer Cash Sizzle

Name _____
Address _____
Town _____
Phone _____

Summer Cash Sizzle

Name _____
Address _____
Town _____
Phone _____



"Caring that Counts"

www.moloneyfh.com

MOLONEY

Family Funeral Homes, Inc.

Peter G. Moloney • Francis D. Moloney, Jr.

LAKE RONKONKOMA
132 Ronkonkoma Avenue
(631) 588-1515

CENTRAL ISLIP
130 Carleton Avenue
(631) 234-6000

HAUPPAUGE
840 Wheeler Road (Rte. 111)
(631) 361-7500

BOHEMIA
1320 Lakeland Avenue
(631) 589-1500

HOLBROOK
825 Main Street
(631) 981-7500

PORT JEFFERSON STATION
523 Route 112
(631) 473-3800

OLSEN'S
BEST HOME
Administrator George Olsen Jr.
366 Gibbs Pond Rd - PO Box 256
Nesconset (631) 588-5676

NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC
24/7 0% INTEREST
FREE ESTIMATES
1 (631) 487-0939
1 (516) 417-8403
Lenny Mannino
Master Electrician
Licensed & Insured

10% OFF

VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER

Little Vincent's PIZZA
RONKONKOMA, L.I.
981-9631
OTHER LOCATION
HAUPPAUGE, L.I.

TOWERS FLOWERS
246 Smithtown
Boulevard
Nesconset
flowersbytowers.com
979-8848 (888) 65TOWERS

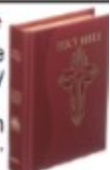
Story Book Homes Inc.
Custom Homes • Apartments
Developers • Planned Communities
BUS. OFFICE
631-265-6131

24 Hr. Emergency Service
Phone/Fax (631) 580-7500
B&R
PLUMBING & HEATING
Senior Discount 10%
315 Smithtown Blvd.
Nesconset Parishioner

Lake Auto Service
11 Church St., Lake Ronkonkoma, NY 11779
Honest Reliable Service
Hrs. 8AM-5:30PM
Sat. 8AM-12PM
J & S
Used Auto Sales, Inc.
Dave Izzo - Owner
11 Church St., Lake Ronkonkoma, NY 11779
Phone (631) 981-4500
30 yrs experience

Fireside Catholic Heritage Edition Bible
The Catholic Heritage Edition in the New American Bible Revised Edition translation is the ideal Catholic Family Bible.
Features: Our Catholic Family, Family Record section and Burgundy padded cover with gold-gilded page edges.

Only \$79.99 post paid
C/O The Church Bulletin, Inc.
200 Dale Street • W. Babylon, NY 11704
Enclosed please find check/money order for \$ _____ to cover the cost of _____ (quantity) copies of the Fireside Family Bible, to be shipped post paid to:
Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____



KERRY J. MAHER **ST. JAMES FUNERAL HOME** **KENNETH J. MAHER, JR.**
829 Middle Country Road (Jericho Turnpike) Route 25, St. James
(631) 584-5200 ~ HONORING THE LEGACY OF DEACON KENNETH J MAHER & AELYSCHÉ M. MAHER ~
"Personal Attention & Dignified Service - Our Continuing Tradition"
www.StJamesFuneralHome.com

Susan A. Lampach
Licensed Real Estate Salesperson
(631) 806-8579 Mobile
slampach@chambomes.com
COLDWELL BANKER AMERICAN HOME

NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC
24/7 0% INTEREST
FREE ESTIMATES
1 (631) 487-0939
1 (516) 417-8403
Lenny Mannino
Master Electrician
Licensed & Insured

10% OFF

VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER

Premier Printing of Long Island
FOR ALL YOUR PRINTING NEEDS

- Wedding Books
- Save the Dates
- Invitations
- Envelopes
- Thank You Cards
- Color Flyers
- Birth Announcements
- Brochures
- Christmas Cards

Call or email us for a free quote today!
631-213-2128
premierprintingll@gmail.com

IF YOU LIVE ALONE YOU NEED A MEDICAL ALERT At HOME or AWAY

- GPS • Fall Alert • 24/7 • 365 Monitoring
- Ambulance • Police • Fire • Family/Friends

MDMedAlert™
As Low As \$19.95 /month

No Contract • No Fees • E-Z Setup • md-medialert.com CALL 800 867-7250



Catholic Health

Exceptional care. Personalized support. Inspired by you.

(866) MY-LI-DOC | chsl.org

Branch Funeral Homes
FUNERALS & CREMATIONS
Trust. Quality. Affordability.
Owned by the Vigilante Family - Henry Vigilante • John Vigilante • Paul Vigilante
TRUSTED CREMATION WITH CARE™ PROVIDER

Miller Place
551 Route 25A
(631) 744-9700
BranchFH.com

Smithtown
190 East Main Street
(631) 724-9500
info@BranchFH.com