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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 to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

Matthew 11:28-30

Come and pray with us!

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 9, 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!

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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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Betty Sullivan	Kyle Sweeney
Bill Tanner	Grace Van Epps
Peter Warns	Danny Youngworth

Upcoming Mass Intentions

Week of Sunday, July 9th, 9AM Masses

Mon. Madison Curaro (living)
Tue. Joseph Ficarola
Wed. Vanessa Lopez (living)
Thu. Amelia Marcucci (living)



Saturday, July 15th, 5PM Mass

James Pickel, Kevin Stokes, Carmela & Michael
Terranova, Mark Mendlovsky, Dominick Pizzurro

Sunday, July 16th, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Kate Strockbine, Josephine & Joseph
D'Esposito, Joan Kretz, Janet LaBorne,
James Penzavecchia
11:30 AM James Sullivan

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.

BLAST OFF WITH JESUS

by Father Michael

I feel a little bit like Francis Scott Key as I write this bulletin article. It is the evening of July 4th, and fireworks are blasting off all around me.

Vacation Bible School kicks off this week. This year the program has a “stellar/outer space” theme to it. We reached capacity of seventy-five campers and sixty older children who assist in the program. If you need to come to the parish this week, please be mindful there will be an abundance of activity with children both inside and out. We received a funeral for Monday, so the funeral and daily Mass will be celebrated together at 8:45 AM. Daily Mass for the remainder of the week has also been moved to 8:45 AM in the event we get another funeral. After Mass, the Chapel and Worship Area are limited to those involved with VBS until 1:00 PM. This is a safety precaution for our children, and we appreciate your cooperation.

If you come into the office area of the building, you may notice that it is brighter than it has been in the past. Last week we replaced all the old fluorescent fixtures in our offices with new energy efficient LED lighting units. The old units were beyond their life expectancy, and we were constantly changing light bulbs. The cost for this improvement was \$6,284 but we will be receiving back approximately \$1,800 in rebates. Thank you to all those who continue to support our repair and renovation fund.

The new HVAC units for the Worship Area should be arriving within the next few weeks. This will be a major repair. Again, I am grateful we have the funds to pay for it through our repair and renovation collections. On the other side, I’m not sure what to do with the colonnade in the courtyard. The lowest estimate to repair it came in at \$32,000, which is very high. I appreciate it is a labor intensive project to refinish each column, but that does not strike me as a good investment of our funds. I raised the idea (no pun intended) of having them removed. When I wrote about this a few weeks ago in the bulletin, I was surprised that I did not receive a single objection. As a preliminary step in pursuing their removal we cut away a section of paneling. Much to our surprise there is substantial structural steel in each column. Although we have not gotten any formal estimates for removal, we have been told this would be a major demolition project. So, for the moment, that project remains on hold.

This week’s gospel extends the invitation for all who are weary to come to the Lord. That is an appropriate theme during this summer time. But it is not just about taking a break. It is Jesus saying, “take my yoke upon you and learn from me.” A relationship with Christ does not mean an easy ride. It means journeying forward through the challenges of life knowing we are not alone. May we continue to allow the power and gift of Christ to touch our hearts.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 9th 9:30 AM
• BAPTISM GATHERING Wor. Ar., FJ Room
• VBS SETUP After 11:30 Mass All Areas

Monday, July 10-Friday, July 14 10 AM - 1 PM
• VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL All Areas

Tuesday, July 11th 7 PM
• EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL Atrium

Sunday, July 16th 1 PM
• BAPTISMS Worship Area
• DUCKS' BASEBALL GAME 3:35PM Ducks' Stadium

Scripture Readings for July 16, 2023



+ *Isaiah 55:10-11*
+ *Romans 8:18-23*
+ *Matthew 13:1-23*

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, July 15th/16th



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

This weekend, at the offertory, we will also be collecting for our **Renovations and Major Repairs** fund. Thank you for your continued support of this collection!

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

HELP WANTED

Holy Cross Feast Day

Our parish feast day, the **Exaltation of the Cross**, will be celebrated at all Masses on September 16/17.

Help us make these days festive with **banners, children, processions,** and *special music* 🎵.

Planning meeting: Tuesday, July 11, at 7:00 PM, RSVP to jpickel@holycrossrc.org



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.**

WHAT'S NEW?

Let's Build a Labyrinth

A labyrinth is a circular meditative prayer walk. It is often mistaken for a maze. A maze has intersections where a decision needs to be made as to what direction to go. A labyrinth is a single path. You start at the beginning, and as long as you keep moving forward you will come to the end. There is a large space at the back of the garden where one can be built.

Help is needed in two areas: planning and construction.

Planning:

- Determine size
- Determine foundation materials: gravel, wood chips, etc?
- Choose material for pathway: river rocks, seashells, pavers, etc? How much is needed?
- Plan surrounding landscaping
- Signage
- Budgeting
- Organize volunteers
- Schedule workdays, delivery of materials, etc.

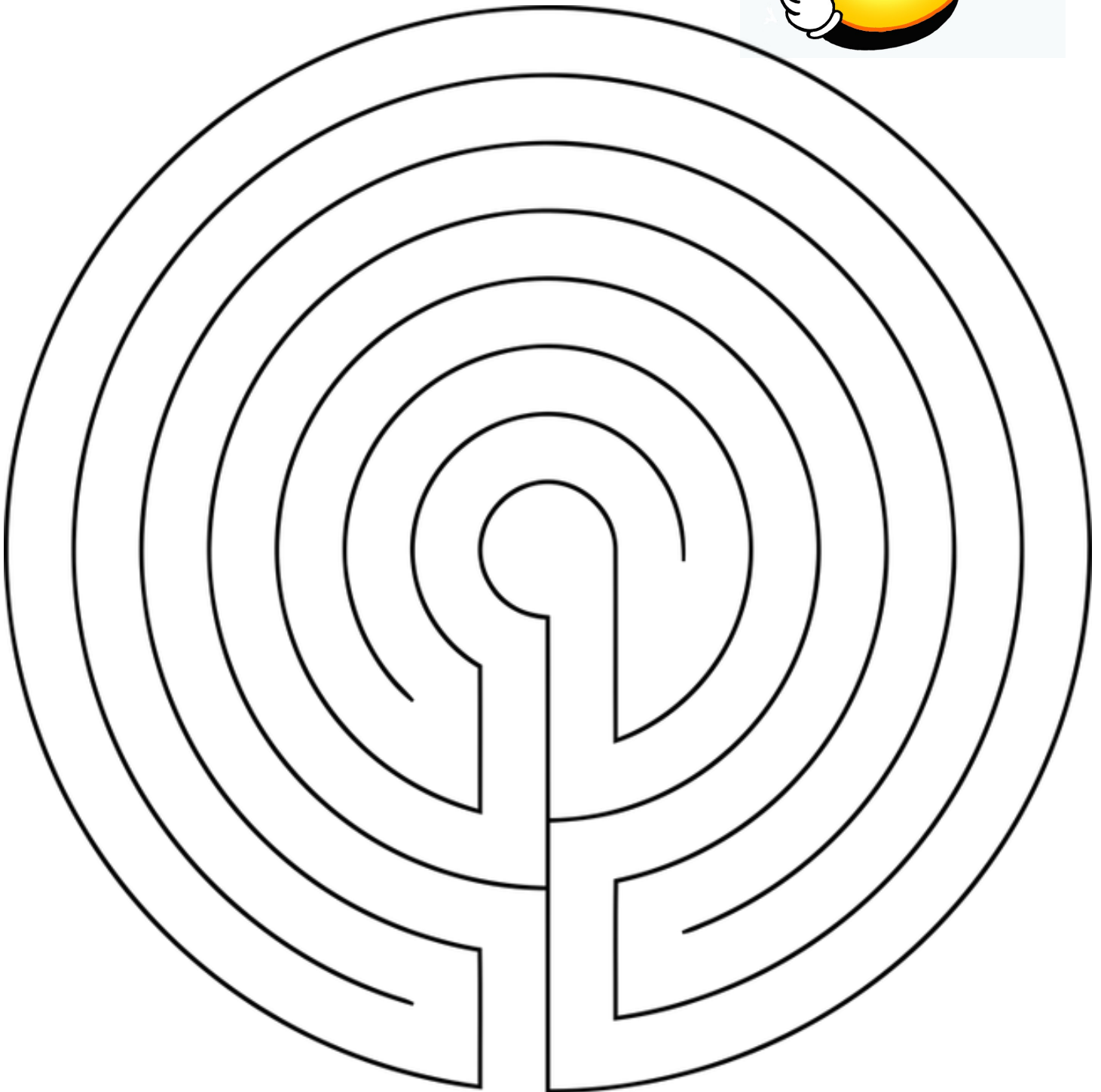
Construction:

- Remove a tree and cut back surrounding weeds
- Removing grass (rototiller)
- Level Ground
- Build Foundation (gravel)
- Measure out design
- Mark pathway
- Other enhancements such as benches, landscaping, etc.

Please let Fr. Michael know if you are interested in helping in any way.

*Here is an example of a labyrinth that
Father Michael has in mind.*

Are you interested in helping?



LITURGY BYTES

More July Saints

Towards the end of July, we celebrate the feast of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. These three siblings were evidently close friends of Jesus. He came to their home as a welcomed guest.



At Bethany, Jesus had many friends. He visited often with Mary and Martha, and their brother, Lazarus.

The sisters felt free to call on Jesus at the time of their brother's death, even though it was dangerous for Jesus to return to Judea at that time. **Martha** is known for her simple and yet strong statement of faith in Jesus, after her brother's death when she told Jesus: "Yes Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." Martha also was an active person, preparing meals for her guests and even getting a bit testy when no one was reaching out to help her. Even though Jesus realized that Martha worried about many things, he also commented about her sister, **Mary**, who was sitting at His feet, listening to His words: "Mary has chosen the better part."

Their brother, **Lazarus**, was in danger of being killed by the chief priests because they blamed him for the many Jews who were turning away and believing in Jesus because of all that Lazarus taught them. Many legends abound about the life of Lazarus after Jesus' death and resurrection. Some say he followed Peter to Syria, and others report he was with his sisters and ended up in Cyprus. It is there where he died peacefully serving as a Bishop for 30 years. In 2021, veneration for all three of these saints was combined and is now celebrated by the Church on **July 29th**. They are known as the patron saints of siblings.

May we follow the example of these saints and express hospitality and welcome to all who come before us!

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

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

Heifer International News

With your support, we have collected \$400 for the Heifer International program. The animals that we will be purchasing will be used to provide families with a steady source of food, a reliable source of income, and help send their children to school.

We will be purchasing two pigs, honeybees, two flocks of chickens, and garden seeds.



Thank you for your
generosity in supporting
Heifer International!



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, 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!

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.**

Please let Kelley know if you are attending our next Dress a Girl meeting on Thursday, July 20th.

2023

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All gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal make a difference in the lives of those who are served by the Appeal.

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A gift of \$50 may help pay the gas for a Meals-On-Wheels van to deliver food for a day.

A gift of \$75 from an emergency fund may help pay the electric bill for a family in need.

A gift of \$100 may help a new mom in Catholic Charities Regina Maternity Community Case Management Program.

A gift of \$250 may help subsidize a home for an adult who is developmentally disabled.

A gift of \$1,000 may help support a Seminarian's education.

Because of you, every year we are able to serve more than 600,000 people in our Long Island Community. Catholic Charities and parish outreaches can maintain and grow their services to families struggling to meet the demands of higher costs for food, housing, and utilities. Faith formation programs for our seminarians and lay leaders thrive so that they can fulfill their calling to lead the faithful of our community. Faith is inspired and kept alive for our youth so they may come to understand that their faith is a gift that should be passed on from generation to generation.

For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

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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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