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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.*



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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 1, 2021

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 live streamed 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:

Ada Agugliaro

Kathy Barry

Patricia Becker

Barbara Bombace

Ann Callari

Manuela Diaz

Ann Egan

Jim Emerson

Sienna Fricke

Jeanne Gallo

Bob Grieco

Debbie Jablinowski

Diane Jones

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Charlotte Lynch

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Peter Warns

If you would like to have the name of your loved one listed in our prayers for the sick, please contact the Parish Office at 631-265-2200 x122.

Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of August 1st, 9AM Mass

Mon. Luz Maria Rivera
Tue. Fred Kuethman
Wed. Jo & Kathy Barry (living)
Thu. Henri-Robert Lamarque

Saturday, August 7th, 5PM Mass

Thomas Brophy, Michael Terranova, Carmela Terranova, Eric Schwarz, Luisa Alvarado

Sunday, August 8th, 19th Sunday-Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Kevin T. Nolan
9:30 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Thomas Swenson, Lola Onorato, Patrick Edward Daly Jr., Thomas Adams, Giuseppe Carnevale



Scripture Readings for August 8, 2021



+ 1 Kings 19:4-8
+ Ephesians 4:30-5:2
+ John 6:41-51

MIDWAY THROUGH SUMMER

by Father Michael

We are at the halfway point for the summer season. I want to be optimistic and look forward to the weeks that are still ahead. Every summer I make a wish list/to-do list. Some things are fun, some are personal items I need to address, and some are work related items. As always, some of the tasks get done, and others just remain good ideas on a piece of paper. I hope your summer is unfolding in a life-giving and energizing way.

The Travel Club had a delightful jaunt to New Hampshire. We left early Sunday morning. Much to our surprise, the ferry out of Orient Point was completely booked. I would not have thought there would have been that many people traveling at that time of day, but there were. Taking the ferry doesn't save an abundance of time, but it makes for a much more pleasant trip. Wet and gloomy weather dampened the first day and a half, but then it slowly improved. However, both the Old Man of the Mountain and Mount Washington remained shrouded in a cloud cover. Our meal opportunities ranged from a classy lunch at the renowned Mt. Washington Hotel to a buffet at a Golden Corral. All in all, we had a happy little adventure through both the mountains and lakes of New Hampshire.

One common factor at virtually every place we visited was that they were short staffed. Those who were on staff worked hard to make our visit pleasant, and we were not terribly inconvenienced. It was evident that businesses were not operating at full capacity. The restaurant at our hotel normally serves three meals a day, seven days a week. At the moment, they can only offer breakfast and dinner five days a week. That must be an enormous loss of revenue. Sadly, they can only do what they have the staff to handle. Several gift shops were delighted when our bus pulled into the parking lot.

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass was suspended in March of 2020 in our Diocese. It will be reinstated on August 15. Attendance at Mass has steadily been increasing. We are at about 65% of where we were before the shutdown. Continue to use common sense and good judgment. We will continue to live-stream our daily Mass as well as the 11:30 Mass on Sunday.

May the days of August continue to unfold for you in joyful and productive ways. It's not too late to get a few of your projects done or to get together with family and friends. Happy Summer!

***The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
will be offered this weekend after the 9:30 Mass.***

PARISH NEWS



Pray for Our Military

SPC(E-4) David Basler
 Cpl Richard J. DeKanchuk, USMC
 SA Anthony J. DeNicola
 FC2 Lane Dyar
 AS Brandon Ferrara
 MIDN Jonathan A. Goohs Jr., USNA
 WO Christopher Kaminsky
 Sgt Michael J. Knipper, USMC
 SSGT Ryan Mauldin
 PFC Ryan McCoy, USMC
 Lt Ryan Montvydas
 IT1 Jason Mulderig
 Cpl Michael Palagonia, USMC

We thank the men and women who serve in our military for their service. We will continue to pray for them through 2021. Please let us know at any time during 2021 if their service is finished, their title has changed, or you would like continued prayers through 2022. May God bless all who serve our nation. Pray for Peace!

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, August 7th/8th



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

Banns of Marriage-First Time

Christina Torres & Thomas Reuter

Second Time

Giulia Fini & Michael Hadity



Third Time

Amanda Luisi & Francis Abbate

Meetings this Week

Sunday, August 1st	After 9:30 Mass
• ANOINTING OF THE SICK	Worship Area
Tuesday, August 3rd	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
Saturday, August 7th	3:45 - 4:45 PM
• HOLY HOUR	Worship Area
Sunday, August 8th	1 PM
• BAPTISMS	Worship Area



Holy Cross welcomes these children Baptized in July

Jacob Earl Bennett
 Elliott Alecander Bohn
 Jackson Ryder Distafano
 Andrew James Eimer
 Monroe Grace Guercio
 Harper Rose Lamura
 Matthew Raymond Martino
 Declan John Nordmann
 Donovan Kendrick Parrino
 Vito Alexander Tobar
 Luke Michael Vitale
 Jameson Robert Welsh
 Thomas William Wrobel



We pray for the following parishioners whose funerals/ services were celebrated at Holy Cross in July:

*Maureen Barone
 Manuel Capella
 Richard DeKanchuk
 Anthony Fasano
 Kathleen Griffin
 Paul Hartmann
 Barbara Healy
 Patricia (Lana) Maloney*

May they rest in peace, and may their loved ones be consoled.

PARISH NEWS

Holy Hour for Peace

We offer our Holy Hour on the first Saturday of the month from 3:45-4:45PM in the Worship Area. The next one will take place on Saturday, August 7th. Please come and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament praying for God's gift of peace to touch our wounded world.



Special Collection

Next weekend we will also be collecting for our **Renovations and Major Repairs** fund. Thank you for your support of this important collection!

*Don't forget to check out
our new website:*

www.holycrossrc.org

*It's filled with all kinds of great
information!*

Attention Religious Education Families— Registration is Now Open!

Secure your child's spot in the program by registering now. We currently have a waiting list of families who are anxious to join our program, but we want to place our current students first. Go to www.holycrossrc.org and choose the "forms" page under Religious Education. We will send you the link for our online form or you can print the forms from this site.



Bakers Needed!

Our Consolation Ministry is looking for bakers who would like to bake a cake and then bring it to a family that has lost a loved one. If you are interested in baking for this ministry, please call Doreen at 631-979-9437.

Outreach Food Pantry

Next Saturday and Sunday, **August 7th/8th**, will be our monthly Food Drive for our Parish Outreach Pantry. The following items would be most helpful:

**Canned Vegetables
Jelly**

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



LITURGY BYTES

The Gift of the Eucharist

In recent days, research has found that 7 out of 10 people believe that during Mass the bread and wine used for Communion are “symbols” of the body and blood of Jesus. The data goes on to report that only 1/3 of U.S. Catholics say they believe that during Mass the bread and wine actually become the body and blood of Christ. These are shocking facts for sure, especially considering the pandemic and how our practice of attending Mass has been altered. Even though we are open at 100% once again, and many are back in the pews, there remains many of the faithful who have chosen to remain at home. There are many with illnesses who cannot return, which is understandable. However, we need to reach out and offer words of encouragement and support to those who could return. After all, we are not the same without our missing sisters and brothers who make up the Body of Christ. In referencing the statistics mentioned above, I think even more now, the Church has a most important job in her wheelhouse to teach once again the Real Presence of the Eucharist and the importance of receiving Jesus each week at Mass.



The Mass is the greatest prayer known to us. However, it doesn't always seem that way to some people. Here are a few tips that might be helpful:

- Think of someone to pray for at Mass.
- If your mind wanders, try to focus on the words of the hymn, or look at the cross or the tabernacle. Sometimes this change helps you to actually pray and not just say the words of the Mass prayers.
- Try not to focus on those sitting near you or the ramblings of small children.
- If the Scriptures are not making sense, try to find a word or phrase to focus on especially in the Gospel when Jesus is mentioned.
- Try to be especially focused during the Eucharistic prayer when the bread and wine are consecrated and elevated. A silent short prayer here like: *My Lord and my God or Jesus, I love you* will also help re-focus on what is actually happening at this point of the Mass.
- On the Communion line, some people pray again or sing along with the hymn that is being played.
- As you leave the church, try to think of one thing that struck you. Mention it to a family member if you are able too; for some reason, repeating what struck your heart makes it stick even more.

The Eucharist IS Jesus. Perhaps more than ever, we need to receive Him regularly and earnestly. We take to heart this verse from the Gospel of John: “Jesus said to them, ‘Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.’” (John 6:53) After all, Mass is the best thing we will do that day, or any day! Make the most of it, and let each of us begin to reach out to others, who are not back at Mass, with a gracious invitation to come, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.



Have a safe, healthy and blessed week! ~~Michele Hahn

PARISH OUTREACH

School Supplies Program 2021

Once again, due to the coronavirus situation and our concern for the safety of all, we will not be collecting school supplies. We will, however, be supplying our Outreach families with backpacks and gift cards to use when shopping for supplies and sneakers for their children.

We hope you can support this effort by donating backpacks, gift cards to Kohl's or Target, or by making a monetary donation to help us meet this need. Please **write the amount of the gift card** on the face of each card. Checks made out to **Holy Cross Outreach** can be put in a plain envelope and marked for "**School Supplies.**" All donations may be dropped into our **schoolhouse** in the atrium or mailed directly to Parish Outreach at 95 Nichols Road, Nesconset, NY 11767. Backpacks can be left on or under the same table.

Thank you for the many ways you continue to reach out to those struggling to make ends meet in this very difficult time.



We encourage any members of the community who are in need of help with school supplies to call Parish Outreach at 631-265-2200 ext. 113.





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Thursday, August 12, 2021
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- Must wear a mask or face covering
- Will have their temperature taken
- Must be 14 days symptom free if recovered from COVID-19
- May **NOT** donate if they have a positive diagnostic test or experienced symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- May **NOT** donate if they are currently on self-quarantine restrictions

Please be aware that we **do NOT test for COVID-19**. You should contact your health care provider if you want to be tested.



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Since 56 days are required between donations,
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NEWS FROM PARISH OUTREACH

Long Island

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Caregiver Support Groups



Nassau

Albertson
1:30-3 p.m.
Every fourth Thursday
of the month via Zoom

Long Beach/Lake Ronkonkoma
6-7 p.m.
Every third Tuesday
of the month via Zoom

Merrick/Farmingdale
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Every second Monday
of the month via Zoom

Oceanside/Valley Stream
4-5:30 p.m.
Every fourth Tuesday
of the month via Zoom

Sharing your experiences with others who understand can help everyone who participates. Our support groups are free and open to the public. Contact the Alzheimer's Association to learn how to participate at 800.272.3900.

Specialty Groups

Adult Children
10-11:30 a.m.
Every second Thursday
of the month via Zoom

Millennials
7-8:30 p.m.
Every third Wednesday
of the month via Zoom

LGBT Caregivers
3:30-4:30 p.m.
Every second Thursday
of the month via Zoom

Spouses
10-11:30 a.m.
Every second Friday
of the month via Zoom

Spouses of Younger Onset
10:30 a.m. to Noon
Every third Friday
of the month via Zoom

Early Stage
1:30-3 p.m.
Every second Thursday
of the month via Zoom

Middle Stage
Noon to 1:30 p.m.
Every first Thursday
of the month via Zoom

Late Stage
1:30-3 p.m.
Every first Tuesday
of the month via Zoom

Late Stage
Noon to 1:30 p.m.
Every third Thursday
of the month via Zoom

Suffolk

Amityville/Patchogue
6-7:30 p.m.
Every third Thursday
of the month via Zoom

Bohemia
10-11:30 a.m.
Last Friday of the month
via Zoom

East Hampton
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Every second Tuesday
of the month via Zoom

Greenport
2-3 p.m.
Every second Tuesday
of the month via Zoom

Greenport
2-3 p.m.
Every fourth Tuesday
of the month via Zoom

Manorville
10-11:30 a.m.
Every fourth Tuesday
of the month via Zoom

Port Jefferson
1-2:30 p.m.
Every first Wednesday
of the month via Zoom

Riverhead
Noon to 1:30 p.m.
Every third Wednesday
of the month via Zoom

Ronkonkoma
6-7:30 p.m.
Every second Monday
of the month via Zoom

Smithtown
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Every first Monday
of the month via Zoom

West Islip
6:30-8 p.m.
Every first Wednesday
of the month via Zoom



These groups are supported in part by a grant from the New York State Department of Health.

NEWS FROM PARISH OUTREACH

WEEKLY SUPPORT GROUPS



July & August

Mondays

Grief Support Group

2-3pm

Wednesdays

Motivational Moment for Managers

"MoMoMa"

2-3pm

Yoga and Wellness

6-7pm

Fridays

Coping with Transition

2-3pm

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TAKE A CHANCE

Summer Cash Sizzle

For many years the Cash Calendar was a part of the Holy Cross routine. This fundraiser provided some additional financial support to the parish. In addition, many parishioners enjoyed participating in it. Unfortunately, it was one of the many parts of parish life that was lost to COVID. At this time, it is unlikely that we have enough parishioners attending Mass on a weekly basis to support a monthly drawing. And so, we introduce the “*Summer Cash Sizzle*.” This is a similar idea, however it will be offered initially on a quarterly basis.

- \$10 per ticket
- Tickets are available for purchase through June, July and August.
- Drawing will be held August 30.

Because we anticipate smaller participation, there will be a different pay scale:

- * 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. *(In the event the response is strong, we will resume a monthly drawing as soon as possible.)*
- Tickets will not be sold after Mass. 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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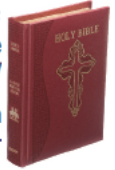
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