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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!**

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 13, 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:

Bob Alderdice	Theresa Arzillo
Jo Barry	Kathy Barry
Barbara Bombace	Cole Brennan
Ann Callari	Judy Carlson
Elsie Casio	Jason DeLuca
Manuela Diaz	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	Kyle Sweeney
Bill Tanner	Grace Van Epps
Peter Warns	Danny Youngworth

## Upcoming Mass Intentions

### Week of Sunday, August 13th, 9AM Masses

**Mon.** Francisco Noel Ruiz  
**Wed.** Patricia Becker  
**Thu.** Bobby Alderdice



### Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses

**Mon. 7PM** Martin Andrews  
**Tue. 9AM** MaryJane & Harold Smith

### Saturday, August 19th, 5PM Mass

Carmela & Michael Terranova, Gemma Cusano,  
Jeanine Gaughran, Martin Andrews, Harrison Cole  
Frisenda

### Sunday, August 20th, 20th Sunday Ordinary Time

**8:00 AM** People of the Parish  
**9:30 AM** Eileen Catania, Agatha Anzalone  
**11:30 AM** Vincenzo Baratta, Gus Semertgis, Ann  
Knudsen, James Petrungraro, Kathy  
Telemko, Michele Sayres

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.

# TEACHING BY EXAMPLE

*by Father Michael*

To teach by example reveals certain aspects of the teacher. When we use that phrase it means more than just passing along information. People who do this are doing more than just completing a task; in some way they are sharing a part of their lives and who they are. Their teachings become a reflection of their integrity. Their actions and words are rooted in their values and beliefs.

I suggest to you that our teacher for the next several weeks is St. Peter. In three out of the next four weeks, the gospel story focuses on the relationship between Jesus and Peter. We may immediately associate Peter with great holiness as he was one of the disciples and was ultimately chosen to be the leader of the first church community. But woven into these remarkable aspects of his life is a hefty dose of his humanity. In the matter of three verses, he goes from being called the rock and foundation to being called Satan. That's quite a transformation! Much of what he says and does reveals the fears, doubts and weakness with which most of us can readily identify.

This week we hear about Peter and the disciples being in a boat when a late night storm catches them off guard. In the midst of this frightening moment, Jesus appears to them walking on the water. This is a miracle unto itself, but it does not end there. Jesus extends an unbelievable invitation to Peter, that he too can walk on the water. Amazingly, it does work for a few steps, but then fear kicks in and Peter begins to sink. Jesus is there to catch him and raise him to safety.

Do you ever feel that life is frightening and overwhelming? Do you ever feel like you are struggling to keep your head above the water of life? Do you ever feel like crying out in fear or uncertainty, "Lord, save me?" If yes, don't worry. You are in good company. The brilliance of Peter is that he is not some kind of spiritual superman, but rather he is an ordinary man trying to sort out the stuff of life and the man of Jesus. Yes, he is a man of faith, but he is also a man of folly. Jesus understands him and remains patient with him for the journey.

Sometimes we tend to put people on pedestals and recognize only virtues and success. While that may be a great compliment to the individual, it makes the person feel superior and distant from us. Peter is not that kind of teacher. He stumbles around the sloppiness of life like all of us do. But in the end, he gives tremendous witness to his faith. There is great comfort and strength in embracing the fullness of who he was and how he lived his life. May we learn well from him, as he is a man of holiness as well as one of human limitation. The path he walks creates a space for us to walk in our humanity as well as our holiness.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Sunday, August 13th</b>	1 PM
• BAPTISMS	Worship Area
• DUCKS GAME	3:35PM Ducks' Stadium
<b>Monday, August 14th</b>	10 AM - 2 PM
• CATHOLIC HEALTH SER. BUS	Parking Lot
• ASSUMPTION VIGIL MASS 7PM	Worship Area
<b>Tuesday, August 15th</b>	9 AM Mass
• ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM	Worship Area
<i>(The Parish Office is closed for the Holy Day.)</i>	
<b>Friday, August 18th</b>	6:45 PM
• YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT	Courtyard
<b>Sunday, August 20th</b>	9:30 AM
• BAPTISMS GATHERING	Wor.Ar., FJ Rm.

## *Scripture Readings for August 20, 2023*



- + *Isaiah 56:1, 6-7*
- + *Romans 11:13-15, 29-32*
- + *Matthew 15:21-28*

## Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, August 19th/20th



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



## Banns of Marriage Third Time

Camila Romero & David Hickman

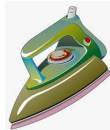
Masses for the *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary* are Monday, August 14, at 7PM and Tuesday, August 15, at 9AM. The Parish Office is closed on Tuesday for the Holy Day.

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

# HELP WANTED

## **Church Environment**

The **Church Environment** crew needs more helping hands.



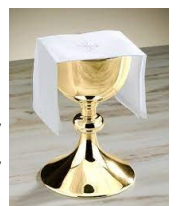
**Specific need:** iron and hang banners for each season.

If you are interested, please contact Michele Hall at: [Mhall@holycrossrc.org](mailto:Mhall@holycrossrc.org) for more information.

## **Purificator Ministry**

Our *Purificator Ministry* is in need of volunteers.

The purificator cloths are used at Mass to wipe the chalices containing the precious blood. They are picked up on a weekly basis and washed and ironed by a member of this ministry.



Commitment is approximately once per month. If interested, contact Michele Hall:

[Mhall@holycrossrc.org](mailto:Mhall@holycrossrc.org)

# LITURGY BYTES

## August Saint



August 11<sup>th</sup> is the feast day of St. Clare, one of my personal favorites. She is known for her powerful devotion to the Eucharist. Her name came from something her mother heard before she gave birth — that she would bring forth a light which would illumine the world more clearly. The baby was named Chiara, which in Italian means “brightness” and is translated in English as Clare. Clare was soon to become the holy Clare, born of noble birth, and yet ready to give it all up once she was strongly influenced by the example of St. Francis of Assisi. She refused to marry and then made vows received by St. Francis. Eventually, she became head of the second religious order established by Francis, known today as the Poor Clares. They lived in a convent at San Damiano. Later on, Clare was joined by her own mother and sister.

Here are three famous quotes of Clare’s that are rich in wisdom for each of us to reflect on:

**“Love that does not know of suffering is not worthy of the name”** – accepting hardship with a good and patient attitude, offering it to God is her suggestion. Daily praying the Morning Offering is something we can all do.

**“Do not be disturbed by the clamor of the world, which passes like a shadow”** – it is easy for us to be distracted by the burdens of life, the hostilities and unrest in the world today, etc. etc. – just watch the news! Clare reminds us that everything passes except for God. Always try to bring ourselves back to God who is always there for us. We need to trust and realize the protective strength of God.

**“Blessed be you, My God, for having created me”** – Clare recommends repeating this verse daily to enable us to have a spirit of gratitude. Isn’t it a wonderful thing to remember that God planned each and everyone of us. When some days get us down and life weighs heavily upon us, the one thing that never changes is GOD!! Our God is an awesome God!

Have a joyful, healthy, blessed, and awesome week ahead! ~ *Michèle Hall*

Check out our website [holycrossrc.org](http://holycrossrc.org) for Knights of Columbus upcoming events!



# FOR YOUTH

Holy Cross  
For YOUTH Teen Group

# MOVIE NIGHT UNDER THE STARS

Friday, August 18th

6:45PM-9:30PM  
7TH - 12TH GRADERS



Join Us  
for Games &  
Snacks too!  
Bring a friend!  
and a chair or  
blanket to sit on  
in the H.C. Courtyard  
If it rains, we will move the movie inside

Based on the true story about the lead singer of Mercy Me.  
See how the popular song "*I Can Only Imagine*"  
came to be through personal struggles and  
the love of Christ that makes anything possible

Please RSVP by August 16th by phone or email

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# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## 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.

# PARISH OUTREACH

## School Supplies for Success



**Just a reminder:** All backpack tags and school supplies purchased are due back Sunday, August 13.

Please leave items on the School Supplies for Success table in the Atrium.

All gift cards and monetary donations are also due Sunday, August 13, and can be placed in the Schoolhouse in the Atrium. Thank you!

## Dress a Girl Around the World Weekend

Please join us on the weekend of August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> for our **Dress a Girl Around the World Showcase**. Many of our beautiful dresses will be displayed in the Atrium along with information about this wonderful ministry. At each Mass, a portion of dresses will be blessed by Father Michael before they are sent to Friar Supplies, the organization that delivers the dresses to their last stop, the young girls of Haiti.

If you are in any way part of the Dress a Girl ministry (donated fabric, cut fabric for kits or sewn a dress), you are invited to join us at Mass for not only the blessing of the dresses but a special recognition and blessing for your participation in this ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Outreach at **631-265-2200 x113**.





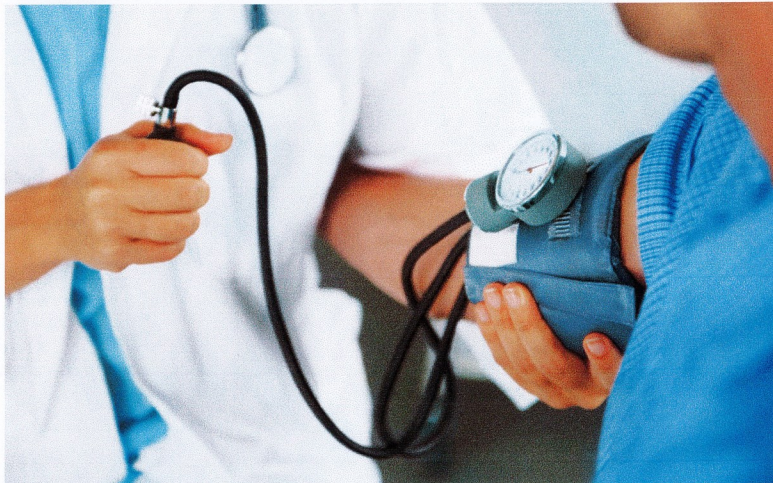
# PARISH OUTREACH

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

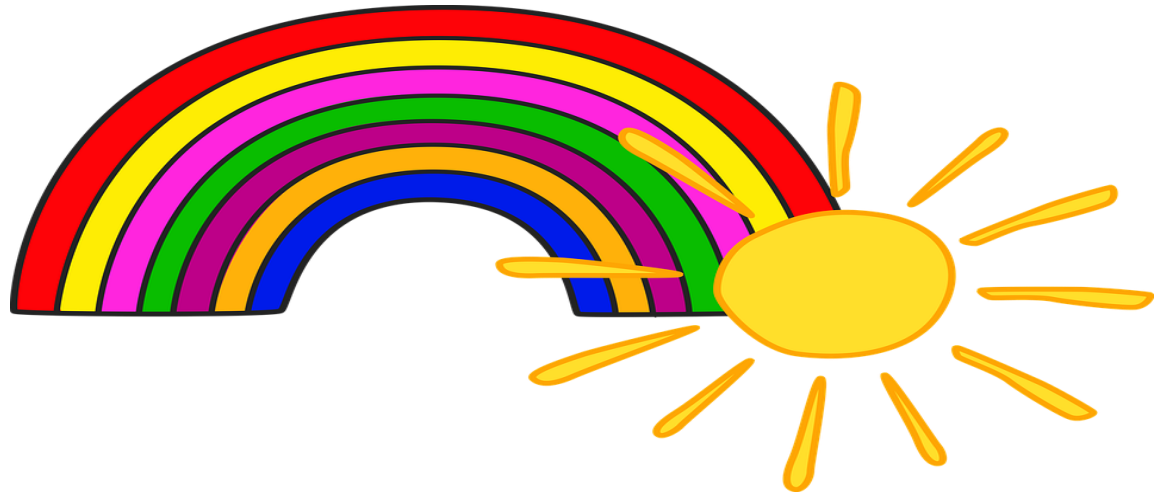
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**Monday, August 14th**  
10AM to 2PM

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# PARISH OUTREACH



## *The Parish of the Holy Cross Bereavement Support Group*

*Losing a loved one is painful for anyone. How we cope is as unique as our fingerprints. It can be experienced as losing the ability to see the beautiful colors in a rainbow. Our world seems so grey.*

*Making the time to listen to others dealing with grief enables us to begin to see the colors of life once again. This also allows us to share our stories and gain ways to move forward. Come join us as we work together and share this journey.*

*This Bereavement Group is for **anyone dealing with grief.**  
**All are welcome***

**We will meet for six consecutive Wednesdays beginning September 6<sup>th</sup> through October 11<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 3:30 in the Father Joe room.**

- If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please call Outreach at 631-265-2200 x113.
- All who will be attending will be asked to complete a registration form.

*"Come to me, all who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you." Matt: 11:28*

# PARISH OUTREACH

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES | GOLF CLASSIC 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL

Monday, September 25, 2023  
Huntington Crescent Club, Huntington, NY

### 2023 GOLF CLASSIC SCHEDULE

10:00am Registration & Brunch  
12:00pm Shotgun Start  
5:30pm Cocktail Reception  
6:30pm Dinner, Awards Ceremony & Raffles

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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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