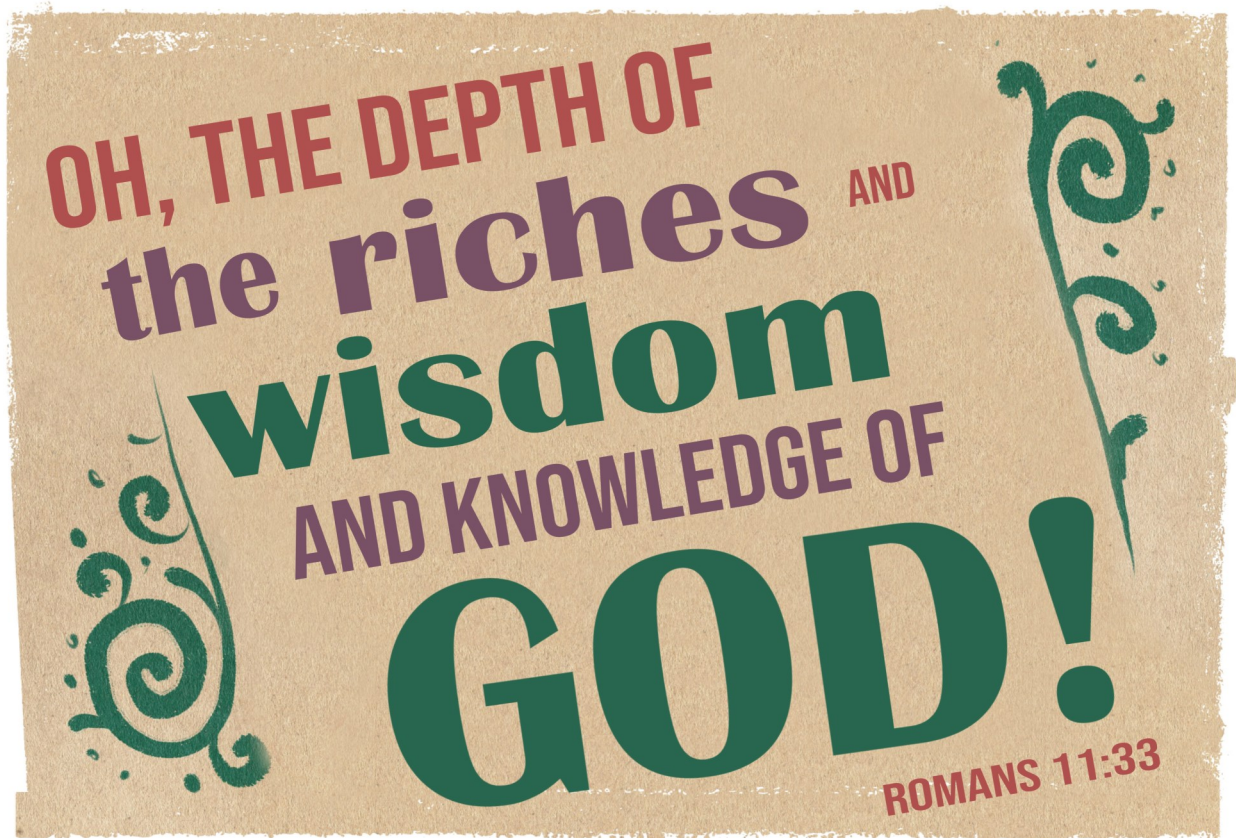


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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 27, 2023

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
Ann Callari	Judy Carlson
Jason DeLuca	Manuela Diaz
Ann Egan	Ralph Farino
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Debbie Jablinowski	Kristen Kennedy
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Gerald Losquadro	Charlotte Lynch
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Barbara Sherry	Celeste Sichenze
Kyle Sweeney	Bill Tanner
Grace Van Epps	Peter Warns
Danny Youngworth	

Upcoming Mass Intentions

Week of Sunday, August 27th, 9AM Masses

Mon. Frank Mancuso (living)
Tue. Edward Lynch (living)
Wed. Robert Tavis
Thu. Elsie Casio



Saturday, September 2nd, 5PM Mass

Francis Fiumano

Sunday, September 3rd, 22nd Sun. Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Douglas & Estelle Sternberg, John
Vierling, Mr. & Mrs. O. DeSanto
9:30 AM Adele Fasano
11:30 AM People of the Parish

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.

LIVING IN THE PRESENT MOMENT (PART 2)

by Father Michael

Because of vacation schedules, I had to provide three weeks of bulletin articles several weeks in advance. I continue in this spiritual reflection which began last week, which speaks of the power of living in the present moment.

Whenever summer rolls around, I delight in memories of my first vacation as a child. As I have shared with you in the past, beginning when I was six years old, my family used to go to a little resort in the White Mountains of New Hampshire for a one-week getaway. There are so many details of that first trip that I recall with vivid clarity. My mother did not feel capable of making the drive herself. So, we traveled from our home in New Hyde Park to the subway station in Jamaica. From there the train took us to the Port Authority bus terminal to begin an eight-hour ride on a Trailways bus. The final few miles were in a car that the resort would send to meet us at the bus stop. For those days, it was like the world was spinning on a different axis. We got to play all day, have meals served to us in the dining room, and gaze at endless stars at night. For our family, that was an epic adventure that took us to a magical place. While we were there, worries did not exist, it was only the joy of the moment that occupied our time. I think those memories are so deeply etched in my heart because, without realizing it at the time, I was delighting in the present moment.

I'm sure I'm not alone in having memories like this. For some of you, it may be those first celebrations of Christmas that you recall. Perhaps it was the family gathered around the table on Thanksgiving. Or, what about that first day you ventured off to that place called school. There is something about the child's mindset that lends itself to these kinds of moments. Innocence and simplicity keep us rooted in the place where we are. For those of you who have young children in your lives, you know how often they ground you because of their outlook on life. Don't forget those lessons you learned so long ago about how rich life can be.

These kinds of moments are not limited to small children. As adults we can have defining moments that deeply ground us. I suspect that for those of you who have had children, I doubt you were wondering how the Yankees did or were looking up stock quotes at the moment of your child's birth. You were deeply rooted in that moment, and the moment will live on forever in your hearts.

To lose the present moment is to lose the only moment we will ever have to embrace life. Don't limit those occasions to childhood memories or only the "big things" that happen in life. Remain rooted in life. Three weeks ago we were reminded that Peter said, "Lord, it is good that we are here" in the midst of the transfiguration. May that phrase become more than someone else's quote, and in fact become the way in which we look at virtually any moment that comes along. More to come . . .

The **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** will be offered
Sunday, September 3rd, after the 9:30 AM Mass.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, August 26th	5 PM Mass
• DRESS A GIRL BLESSING	Worship Area
Sunday, August 27th	All Masses
• DRESS A GIRL BLESSING	Worship Area
• BAPTISMS	1PM Worship Area
Tuesday, August 29th	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
• EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL MTG. 7PM	Fr. Joe Room
Wednesday, August 30th	11:30AM-2:30PM
• SENIORS	Atrium
• FALL FESTIVAL MTG. 7PM	Atrium
Saturday, September 2nd	3:45 - 4:45 PM
• HOLY HOUR	Worship Area
Sunday, September 3rd	After 9:30 Mass
• ANOINTING OF THE SICK	Worship Area

Scripture Readings for September 3, 2023



- + Jeremiah 20:7-9
- + Romans 12:1-2
- + Matthew 16:21-27

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, September 2nd/3rd



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



Banns of Marriage First Time

Concetta Forgione & Eric Yarrows
Hayley Lopreto & Dean Calcaterra

HELP WANTED

Bakers Needed!

As part of the special celebration of our Feast Day, the ***Exaltation of the Cross***, on the weekend of **September 16/17, 2023**, hospitality will be offered after the 11:30 Mass.

We are in need of goodies to share: cookies, brownies, cakes, or donuts.

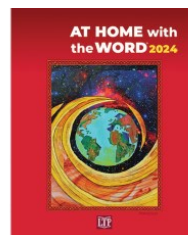


If you are able to provide any of these and can drop them off the morning of the 17th, please contact Jude at jpickel@holycrossrc.org.

Thank you!

At Home with the Word

If you would like to purchase an *At Home with the Word* book for 2024, please sign up in the hallway by the Parish Office.



OR

If you are interested, there is also a sign up sheet to purchase a 2024 Missalette.



Holy Hour for Life

We will offer our Holy Hour on **Saturday, September 2nd, from 3:45-4:45PM** in the Worship Area. Please come and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament praying for God's gift of life to be valued by all.



Parish Outreach

Parish Outreach will be collecting food next weekend, September 2nd/3rd. Thank you for your support of our Outreach families. The following items are needed:

Jelly Pasta Sauce in Jars Rice Instant Potatoes Mayonnaise Macaroni & Cheese

LITURGY BYTES—A PSALM PRAYER

Last week we wrote about the beauty of the psalms. This week I invite you to try something a little different. It is called personalizing the psalm as you pray. I chose Psalm 139 to use. As you might have noticed below, I have left blank lines throughout the psalm. When the blank line appears, simply add your first name. You will make this psalm your very own. I do hope you will notice how deeply moving it is when it is re-written so that God addresses you personally. If you like it, try it with other psalms for a different and personal experience of prayer.

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Psalm 139

_____, I have searched you and known you.

I know when you sit down and when you rise up;

I discern your thoughts from far away.

I search out your path and your lying down,

and am acquainted with all your ways.

Even before a word is on your tongue, _____,

I know it completely.

I hem you in, _____, behind and before

and lay my hand upon you.

Where can you go from my spirit?

Or where can you flee from my presence, _____?

If you ascend to heaven, I am there;

if you make your bed in the nether world, I am there.

If you take the wings of the morning

and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

even there my hand shall lead you, _____,

and my right hand shall hold you fast.

For, _____, it was I who formed your inward parts;

knit you together in your mother's womb,

my eyes beheld your unformed substance.

In my book were written all the days that were formed for you, _____,

when none of them as yet existed.

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

FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL





Try your luck with the
Nifty 50/50 raffle
this fall!

- Tickets are \$10 each.
- Jackpot builds as tickets are sold.
- Enter as many times as you wish.
 - How to enter:
- Please use the tear off below. You may also find raffle chances in the Parish Office.
- Please return all completed raffle chances to the Parish Office
- Drawing will be held at the Family Fall Festival on October 14th. The winner does not need to be present.

Thank you for your support!

Good Luck!

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2023 Holy Cross Basket Raffle Fundraiser—Donations Needed

We are asking for your support for one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, our **Basket Raffle!** We are looking for donations of individual items to fill and create baskets and completed themed baskets! With your help, we hope to make this fundraiser a huge success.

New items only please, and here are suggested items for baskets:

- Gift certificates for products and/or services
- Scratch-off tickets
- Wine/Liquor
- Event tickets (play, movies, baseball game)
- Hand crafted items—quilts, jewelry



Want to make a themed basket? Here are a few ideas for baskets:

- Coffee Basket
- Rest and Relax—Spa Basket
- Golf Basket
- Dinner and a Movie Basket
- Baker's Basket
- Kid's Basket

All completed baskets and all individual donated items can be brought to the Parish Office during business hours from September 4th to September 25th. If you have any questions and/or would like to be on the **Basket Raffle Committee**, please call **MaryAnn Viscusi at 631-686-5280 or Linda Denninger at 631-265-7111.**

PARISH OUTREACH

Dress a Girl Around the World

As we enter into our third year of **Dress a Girl Around the World**, I would like to thank all who participated in the past year in any way that helped bring over 200 dresses to fruition. If you donated fabric, cut a pocket, a binding, or a dress, or used your talent to sew one dress or 20, thank you! This amazing ministry could not exist without all of you. A special thank you to the leadership team of Ceil Muscarello, Gerri Schreiber, MaryAnn Viscusi and Donna Akuntius who offer direction, their sewing knowledge, and a kind smile to all who donate their time with us.

We will be sending our dresses on their way to Friar Suppliers who will then ship them to Haiti. Every girl should have the chance to receive a new, beautiful dress. We provide this opportunity as we create each dress with love. We hope the dress symbolizes how special and loved they are. Our prayers are with them all.

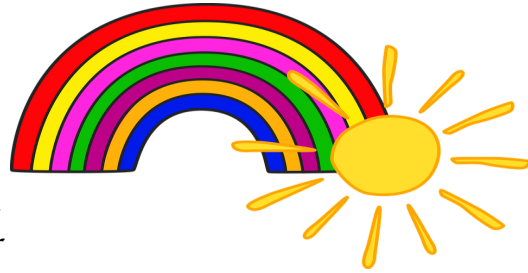
If you would like to join us, we meet monthly for "Cut Ups" where we cut each dress out and create dress kits for volunteers to sew. If your talent lies in sewing, you are welcome to pick up a dress kit (with instructions), and create a beautiful dress for a girl in need. All are welcome to join us and participate!

Thank you again to all who are part of Dress a Girl. I hope you know the impact you make on the life of a girl. "Do small things with great love."- Saint Teresa of Calcutta



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 6th through October 11th 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

Some Thank Yous from Parish Outreach!

**Thank
You!**

1. **A special thank you to the Nesconset Fire Department** for hosting our latest CPR/AED training class held in August. I am especially grateful to our two instructors, **Patty and Harry**, who led both classes. Thank you both for your dedication and service to the community.
2. **Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies to our Outreach families.** We provided 36 students with school supplies and a gift card to purchase other school related items. Each student also received a new backpack in the color of their choice. The backpacks this year were donated by **Michael and Mary Levine of The ACE Family Foundation.** The ACE Family Foundation is dedicated to assisting families in the Long Island community who are helping loved ones with life-threatening illnesses and supporting projects like our School Supplies for Success Program. Their foundation strives to shine a light by offering assistance and support to families in need. We are grateful for their generosity and support of our Outreach mission and families. **Thank you again to all our parishioners for your generous support in helping make our Back to School program a huge success!**

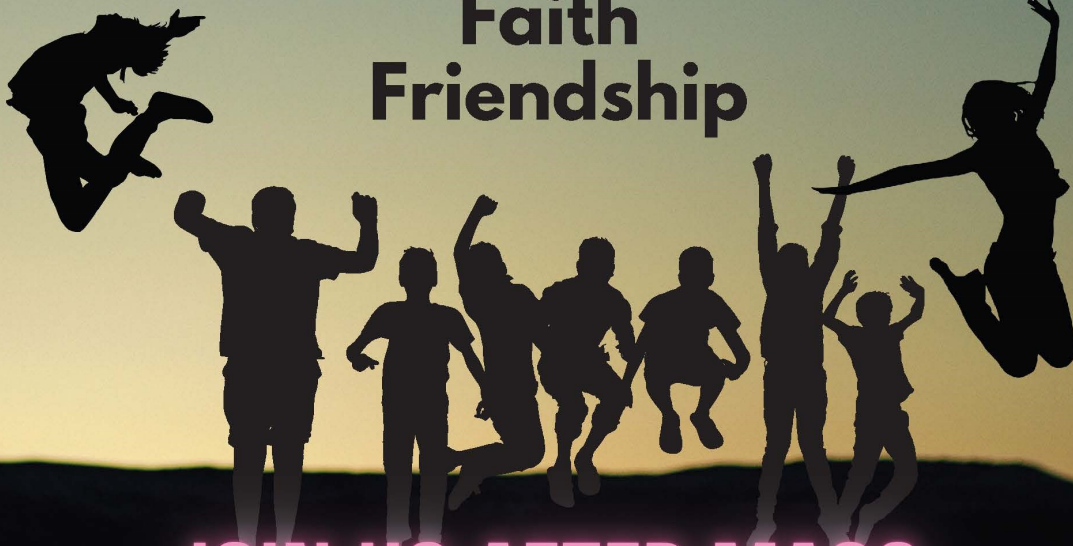
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For YOUTH Group Teen

FALL KICK-OFF EVENT!

Dinner
Games
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Friendship



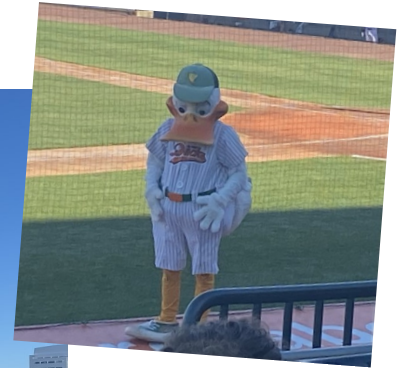
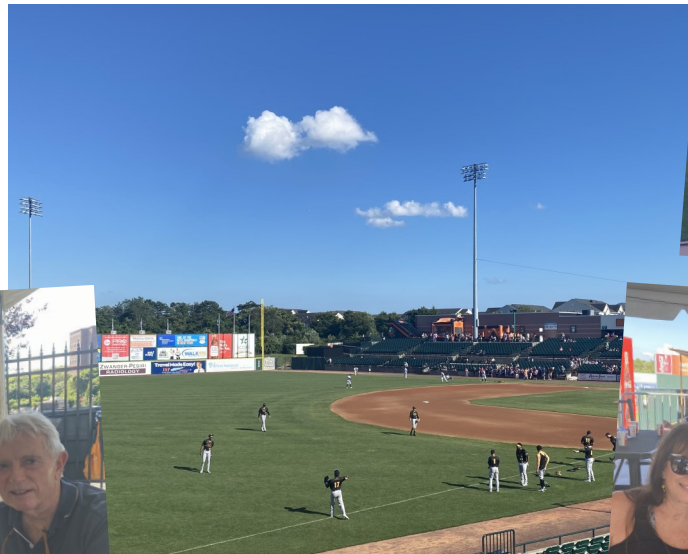
JOIN US AFTER MASS

Saturday 6-8pm
SEPT. 16, 2023

Bring a Friend

THE LONG ISLAND DUCKS

On Sunday, August 13th, we finally got to enjoy a Long Island Ducks baseball game, after the original date was rained out. The afternoon began with a delicious BBQ, then we got seated in the stadium to enjoy the game! Here are some pictures.



LAST 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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