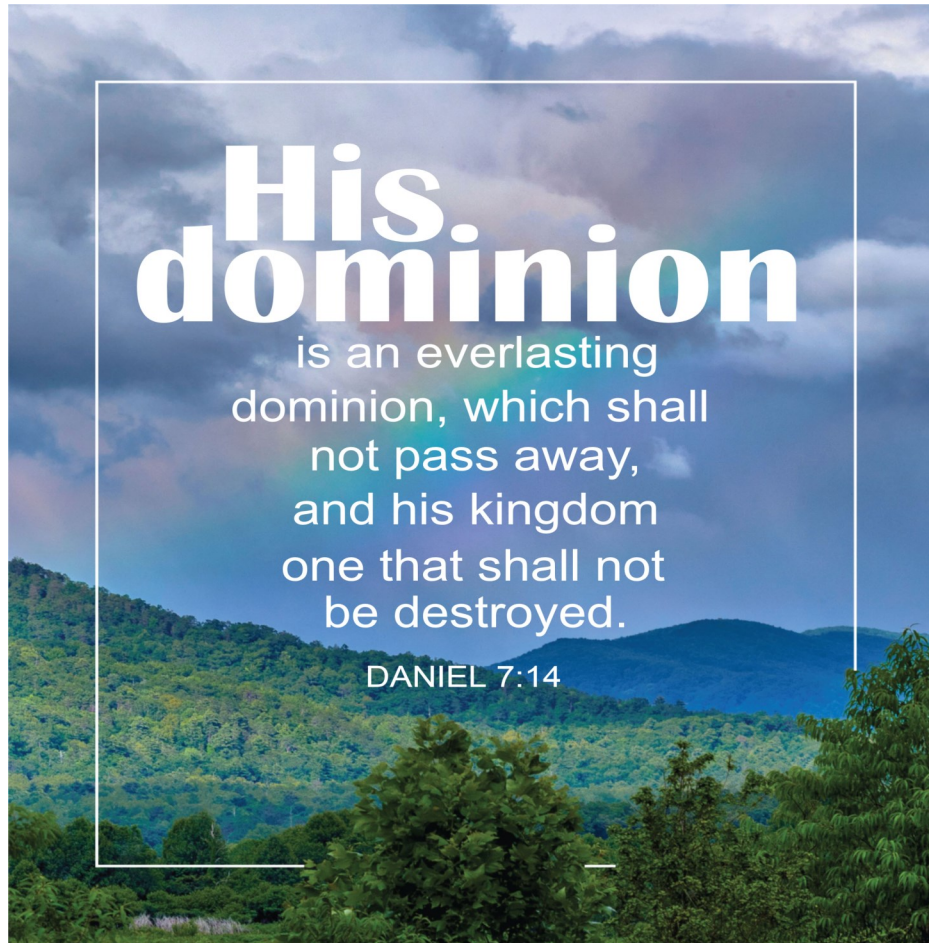


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Come and pray with us!

Transfiguration of the Lord - August 6, 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
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 6th, 9AM Masses

Mon. Str. Rosaleen Scheller (living)
Tue. Bertha Stiso
Wed. Rose Marinelli
Thu. Josephine & Frank DiFilippo (living)

*New Life
in Christ*

Saturday, August 12th, 5PM Mass

Mauro Silva, Teresa Burton, Joseph Cappiello,
Deborah O'Connell, Arthur Rivers

Sunday, August 13th, 19th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Charles Venezia
9:30 AM Gloria Posimato, Philip Giudice, Pauline
Mancuso, James Petrungraro, Bernard
Zollo
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.

LORD, IT IS GOOD THAT WE ARE HERE

by Father Michael

This week in the gospel we hear the story of the Transfiguration. This is the same passage we hear on the Second Sunday of Lent. There is always an element of mystery that surrounds this event. We can't explain every aspect of what happens. The description includes a bright light, holy figures from the past making appearances, and a loud voice coming from the clouds. As overwhelming as all this sounds, it was a positive experience because in the midst of it Peter says, "Lord, it is good that we are here."

I hope that is a phrase that you can use at blessed moments in your journey. It is doubtful any of us will be on a mountaintop with all the circumstances the disciples experienced. Nonetheless, there can be times when we know we are in the midst of something beautiful, sacred, and holy.

When I think of those moments I have had in my life, there are several common factors. They always involve other people. Sometimes it is family and friends who share in the moment. Sometimes it is people I am meeting for the first time to whom I am ministering. It seems that sacred moments are meant to be shared with others. Sometimes the surroundings are extraordinary. I remember one of those times many years ago on a parish trip while having dinner in New Mexico on the side of a mountain at sunset. Sometimes the surroundings are quite ordinary. I remember sharing a dinner with Mom at the house, and we spent hours looking at old photos. There is no planning or creating these events. They are moments of grace when they happen, and sometimes they happen when we least expect it.

I have no secret insights or information into what heaven might be like. But I would like to believe it is in some way an extension of moments of love and joy that we had here on earth. If there is any truth to that supposition, it gives strong motivation for us to do more than simply endure this life. It is easy to get distracted and frustrated with the things that don't go right in this life. If this becomes our way of life, we can become negative and bitter people. The transfiguration reminds us to seek, allow, and celebrate those moments when God touches us and reminds us that we are richly blessed. When we have this mindset, any given moment can be a rich gift. The spontaneous utterance of Peter can become for us a reminder of how beautiful and blessed this life can be. "Lord, it is good that we are here."

On a different note, if you are interested in the Travel Club trip to Pennsylvania, please register right away. The initial response has been weak, and there may not be enough folks to run the trip.

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

Saturday, August 5th	3:45 - 4:45 PM
• HOLY HOUR	Worship Area
Sunday, August 6th	After 9:30 Mass
• ANOINTING OF THE SICK	Worship Area
Monday, August 7th	7 PM
• KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Fr. Joe Room
Tuesday, August 8th	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
• FALL FESTIVAL MEETING 7PM	Atrium
Wednesday, August 9th	11:30AM-2:30PM
• SENIORS	Atrium
Sunday, August 13th	1 PM
• BAPTISMS	Worship Area
• DUCKS GAME	3:35PM Ducks' Stadium

Scripture Readings for August 13, 2023



- + 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13
- + Romans 9:1-5
- + Matthew 14:22-33

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, August 12th/13th



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



Banns of Marriage Second Time

Camila Romero & David Hickman

Third Time

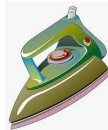
Jamie Ackerman & Kevin Kemp
Erin Miller & Matthew Swansey

Next 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.



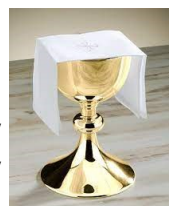
Specific need: iron and hang banners for each season.

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

PARISH NEWS



Pray for Our Military

Sgt David Basler
Cpl Brian S. Brophy Jr., USMC
Cpl Richard J. DeKanchuk, USMC
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
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 2023. Please let us know if their service is finished or their title has changed.

May God bless all who serve our nation.
Pray for Peace!



We remember and pray for the following Holy Cross parishioners who passed away recently:

Clifford Burwell
Thomas Ferme
Robert Gherardi
Arthur Rivers
Bertha Stiso

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

Holy Cross Welcomes These Newly Baptized Children

Lucinda Gloria-Eileen Castro
Aubrey Rose Catalano
Arthur Michael Collins
Mikayla Rae Conlon
Avery Kate Gerondel
Maeve Emilia Marines
Beau Everett Panica
Anthony John Pusateri
Jake Andrew Santiago
Roman Alexander Skowron
Aleksander Daniel Sokolowski
Wyatt Philip Tehranchipour-Rios
Giovanna Marie-Aleyna Tombul
Logan Henry Vernace
Maverick Jaxon Witkowski

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.



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. The Anointing will be offered this Sunday, August 6th.

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 &
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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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LITURGY BYTES

What a Gift – The Eucharist

As I was walking forward in the line for Communion recently at Mass, I started to think how lucky am I to be able to have Jesus before me and with me in such a beautiful way.



First of all, it is the most intimate union we have at that moment at Communion time. In receiving the Eucharist, we are not receiving pieces of Jesus but the whole Jesus which is, of course, a mystery for us. It is really the body and blood of Jesus. When the congregation receives the Eucharist, we are all brothers and sisters to each other---the body of Christ.

Jesus is the Word of God, the Son of God made flesh, now resurrected, and glorified in heaven and everywhere. It is God that we receive. The relationship we have with Jesus, and he with us, is a dynamic and most powerful one.

Jesus fills our whole person—body, soul, mind and will—with his divine presence. He is the same Jesus who preached and taught, who drove out demons, who healed lepers, the lame and the sick, who raised the dead to life, who gathered sinners around him and forgave them with joy and happiness in his heart. It is the same Jesus who died for you and me so we might live forever.

Maybe before you receive in the days ahead, reflect on these words of St. Francis of Assisi: “As he revealed himself to the apostles in true flesh, so He reveals Himself to us now in sacred bread...Let us, as we see bread and wine with our bodily eyes, see and firmly believe that they are His most holy Body and Blood living and true. And in this way the Lord is always with his faithful, as he himself says: *Behold, I am with you until the end of the age.*”

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

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

PARISH OUTREACH

School Supplies for Success

Next weekend, Saturday, August 12th and Sunday, August 13th, will be the last days to bring in your donation of school supplies listed on your backpack tag.

Please remember to **secure your backpack tag to your purchased items** to make the sorting process easier for our volunteers. All school supplies can be left on the School Supplies for Success table in the Atrium.

If you are making a gift card or monetary donation, our last day of collection will also be Sunday, August 13th. Thank you in advance for all your support of our School Supplies for Success program.

Dress a Girl Around the World Weekend

Please join us on the weekend of August 26th and 27th 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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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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