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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!

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 10, 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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## Remembering Our Sick

Please pray for those in our parish who are sick,  
their families and caregivers:

Bob Alderdice  
Jo Barry  
Barbara Bombace  
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Regina Dawson  
Manuela Diaz  
Ralph Farino  
Linda Heinrichs  
Kristen Kennedy  
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Viola Malek  
Olivia Melia  
Carina Ranieri  
Elaine Ruane  
Barbara Sherry  
Kyle Sweeney  
Grace Van Epps  
Danny Youngworth

## Upcoming Mass Intentions

### Week of Sunday, September 10, 9AM Masses

**Mon.** Victims of Terrorism  
**Tue.** Matthew Akuntius, Tom Kearnes  
**Wed.** Regina Hickey  
**Thu.** People of the Parish



### Saturday, September 16, 5PM Mass

Stephen Gelston, Pat Del Prete Jr., Vincent Mattera,  
Eric Schwarz, Robert M. Hughes

### Sunday, September 17, 24th Sun. Ordinary Time

**8:00 AM** Charles & Lousine Otto  
**9:30 AM** Maria Ligabo, Marianna Iacovelli, Mirta  
Rodriguez, Joseph Insalaco, Christopher  
Biviano  
**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.

# SIZZLING SEPTEMBER

*by Father Michael*

As I write this article I'm looking at the thermometer hitting 93 degrees. It sounds like much of this week will be in that range. School may be back in session, but summer weather continues.

Vacation schedules are now complete here at the parish, and I no longer need to write the bulletin article weeks in advance. Here's a quick summation of my August vacation. I spent 2 ½ days in Florida with my sister and brother-in-law. I spent a full day with my three-year-old grandniece. It was a blast of a day, but exhausting. At least now she can call me Uncle Mike. The last time I was there, the best she could do was "Muck." My Frontier flight was not very cooperative on the return trip. At first it was delayed an hour, then another hour, then another hour, then finally cancelled. I had to scramble to get a flight on Southwest Airlines with a four hour layover in Baltimore. I was supposed to get home at noon; instead, I arrived at 10:00 PM and was leaving the next morning at 4:00 AM for the Southwest. It was a busy evening.

As much as I have been to the Southwest before, this was a spectacular trip. We flew into Phoenix and ended in Vegas, which is always a hoot. We visited some of the lesser known sights like Saguaro Lake, Canyon de Chelly and Horseshoe Bend. We arrived in the late afternoon at some viewpoints which overlook the painted desert in Petrified Forest National Park. The setting sun created brilliant colors. In many ways it was a picture-perfect adventure. We almost missed one of our tours because I did not realize the Navajo Nation does not recognize Daylight Savings Time, so we suddenly lost an hour. We had one afternoon of extreme heat. But most of the time we were in higher elevations where the weather was quite pleasant. I always find my visits to that corner of the world to be uplifting and inspiring, and this time did not disappoint.

Wednesday, September 14, is the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This is the feast day for our parish. Next weekend we will acknowledge this celebration at our liturgies. In particular, the 5:00 and 11:30 Masses will include some special aspects. When you arrive for Mass, we ask that you gather in the courtyard. There will be chairs placed outside for those who need to sit. We will not prohibit anyone from entering the Worship Area. There will be a special Call to Worship as well as a procession for all that will begin in the courtyard. We invite you to be part of this procession. In addition, the offertory and setting of the altar will be emphasized. These two Masses will be a bit longer than usual.

Monday is a painful anniversary for our Nation. We all remember where we were as those tragic events unfolded. We continue to pray for those who carry the scars and burdens of all that happened that day. We pray for a spirit of wisdom to touch the Nation to make us a stronger and more united people.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Weekly Calendar

- Sunday, September 10th** 1 PM  
• BAPTISMS Worship Area
- Monday, September 11th** 7 PM  
• KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Fr. Joe Room
- Tuesday, September 12th** 10 AM  
• IN STITCHES Fr. Joe Room
- Wednesday, September 13th** 11:30AM-2:30PM  
• SENIORS Atrium  
• BEREAVEMENT 1:30PM Fr. Joe Room  
• LEV. 8 PARENT/STUDENT MTG 7PM Worship Area
- Saturday, September 16th** 6 PM  
• YOUTH NIGHT Atrium
- Sunday, September 17th** 9:30 Mass  
• BAPTISM GATHERING Wor. Ar., FJ Rm.  
• FEAST DAY CELEBRATION 12:30PM Atrium

## Scripture Readings for September 17, 2023



- + Sirach 27:30-28:7
- + Romans 14:7-9
- + Matthew 18:21-35

## Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, September 16th/17th



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



## Banns of Marriage Third Time

Concetta Forgione & Eric Yarrows  
Hayley Lopreto & Dean Calcaterra

## HOLY CROSS WELCOMES BISHOP ANDRZEJ

(Auxiliary Bishop of  
Diocese of Rockville Centre)



Join us on **Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**, at **7 PM** for a night of prayer and reflection on the ***Eucharistic Revival*** taking place in our country and most especially here in our Diocese. We are asking that all Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors take part. However, all interested parishioners are also most welcome to join us. Please feel free to bring a friend.

## 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 17<sup>th</sup>, please contact Jude at [jpickel@holycrossrc.org](mailto:jpickel@holycrossrc.org).

*Thank you!*

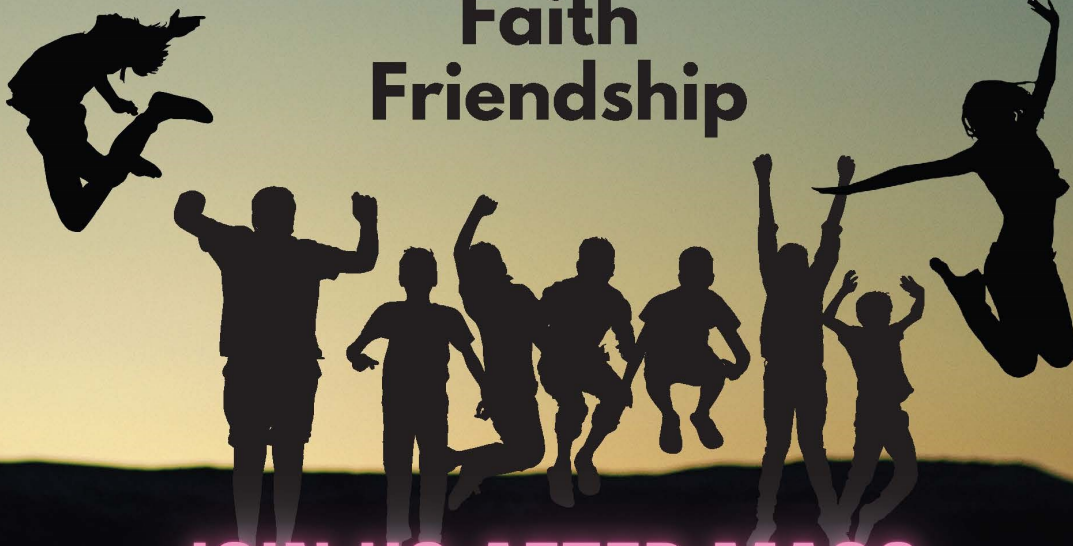


7th - 12th grade

# For YOUTH Teen Group

## FALL KICK-OFF EVENT!

Dinner  
Games  
Faith  
Friendship



## JOIN US AFTER MASS

**Saturday 6-8pm**  
**SEPT. 16, 2023**

***Bring a Friend***

# PARISH NEWS

## Mysticism Course

### **What is Mysticism? Can We Be Mystics?**

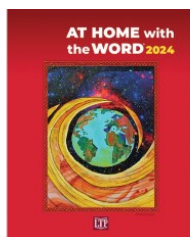
Come on Monday, September 25th, at 7PM in the atrium to find out the answers to these questions and more information on the topics of Mysticism and Mystics in the Catholic Tradition.

*Given by Kathleen Reid, MA*



## 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*.



***Congratulations to the following Summer Cash Sizzle winners!***



| <u>Amount</u> | <u>Name</u>              |
|---------------|--------------------------|
| \$25          | Connie Lipnicki          |
| \$25          | Theresa Minerva          |
| \$25          | Sarah Reich              |
| \$25          | Paul Wangenstein         |
| \$25          | Linda Spahr              |
| \$25          | Scott Betz               |
| \$25          | Peter Nelson             |
| \$25          | Connie Lipnicki          |
| \$25          | Ann Marie Mula           |
| \$25          | Evelyn Dastis            |
| \$25          | Mary Ann Lombardo        |
| \$25          | Theresa Minerva          |
| \$25          | Eva Hallam               |
| \$25          | Hank & Dolores McCormick |
| \$25          | Mary Ellen McCutchen     |
| \$50          | Jack Reich               |
| \$50          | Evelyn Dastis            |
| \$50          | Frank Gargiulo           |
| \$50          | Sisters of St. Joseph    |
| \$50          | Wendy Ringhiser          |
| \$50          | Arlene Lechner           |
| \$50          | Connie Lipnicki          |
| \$50          | Henry Betz               |
| \$50          | Mary Ellen McCutchen     |
| \$50          | Laura Holst              |
| \$50          | Phyllis Sangimino        |
| \$50          | Arlene Lechner           |
| \$100         | Teresa Emerson           |
| \$100         | Amelia Marcucci          |
| \$250         | Jason Mulderig           |

This weekend, we will also be collecting for **The Catholic University of America**, founded in 1887 by the Bishops of the United States to serve our Church and Nation.

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

# LITURGY BYTES

## *Eucharistic Revival*

With the feast of Corpus Christi this year, all parishes in our diocese are engaged, along with all Catholics in our country, in a Eucharistic Revival. It is the hope of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops that every parish will experience profound renewal while participating in the effort inspired by these pillars.



Namely, reinvigorated worship, personal encounters, robust formation and sending missionaries forth are the areas that will be presented to renew the Church.

For more information, here are two websites you will find helpful. On the national level, go to [www.eucharisticrevival.org](http://www.eucharisticrevival.org) and on the diocesan level go to [www.drvcceucharisticrevival.com](http://www.drvcceucharisticrevival.com).

Something exciting and informative is coming to us in New York State. It is a New York State Eucharistic Congress being held on the weekend of October 20-22, 2023 at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville, New York. The weekend will consist of prayer, adoration, and many workshops by renowned speakers, such as Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Fr. Richard Fragomeni, Fr. Dave Dwyer of Busted Halo fame and other lay and religious leaders. For more information, visit: [nyseucharisticcongress.org](http://nyseucharisticcongress.org). Registration must be handled individually. The parish cannot register anyone. If you are interested in attending, please let the parish know. Perhaps, we can match you up with other Holy Cross parishioners who might also wish to attend. Also, some of the Pastoral Team have been discussing the possibility of attending, so car pooling might also be an option. There are many hotels located near the shrine. The program gets underway on Friday evening around 6 PM and concludes with Mass on Sunday at 11 AM.

Please look for more information about the Eucharistic Revival right here in the weeks ahead!

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





**St. Pius X Residence for  
Retired Priests**

*Caring for those who cared for us*



*Embracing the Legacy of Service*

## St. Pius X Residence for Retired Priests

Next weekend, at the offertory, we will also be collecting for St. Pius X Residence for Retired Priests. As our elderly priests enter this stage of their lives, they often experience ongoing challenges that require added care and attention, and because of you, the St. Pius X Residence is there for them. Even in retirement, our priests continue to make a profound impact on the spiritual and personal lives of Catholics of all ages. When they are able, they celebrate Mass in area parishes, visit the sick and homebound, and bring God's Word to those in prison. Thank you for your support!

# HOLY CROSS PLANT SALE

## Fall Plant Sale

Pre Order Now and Pick up September 24th

| Plant Type                 | How Many of Each | Price of each | Sub Total |
|----------------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Yellow 9" Mum              |                  | 8.00          |           |
| Purple 9" Mum              |                  | 8.00          |           |
| White 9" Mum               |                  | 8.00          |           |
| Bronze 9" Mum              |                  | 8.00          |           |
| White Kale                 |                  | 8.00          |           |
| Purple Kale                |                  | 8.00          |           |
| Montauk Daisy<br>perennial |                  | 14.00         |           |



Number of plants \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\* **Orders Due by September 17th** \*\*\*\*\*

Drop form and payment off at Office      Attention Kim/ Fall Plant Sale

**Pick up September 24<sup>th</sup>, 9AM-1PM (Please make checks out to Holy Cross.)**



# Parish of the Holy Cross

## Blood Drive

Thursday, September 28, 2023

3:00pm - 7:30pm

95 Old Nichols Rd, Nesconset

Any Questions, Please Call

631-265-2200 ext. 113

Sign up before or after Mass in  
the atrium at the sign-up table  
next weekend!

Your donation will help to **save up to THREE lives**. Our  
community hospitals need your help. Please share this  
lifesaving gift!

**THANK YOU FOR CARING!**

### Eligibility Criteria:

- Bring your Blood Donor Card or ID with signature or photo
- Eat well (low fat) & drink fluids
- Minimum weight 110 lbs. or more
- No tattoos for past 12 months
- Age 16 - 75 (16 & 17 year olds must have parental permission)

For questions concerning medical eligibility call 1-800-688-0900 [www.nybc.org](http://www.nybc.org).

To schedule an appointment or for further information please contact:  
Marianne Nawrocki-Caruso - 631-428-4117

# FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

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



All completed baskets and all individual donated items can be brought to the Parish Office during business hours until **September 25<sup>th</sup>**. 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**.

(Basket winners will be chosen at the Family Fall Festival on October 14.)

# 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 14<sup>th</sup>. The winner does not need to be present.

**Thank you for your support!**

**Good Luck!**

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