

# The Parish of the Holy Cross

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**LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!**

**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.*



Matthew 18:35

**Come and pray with us!**

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 17, 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!

631.265.2200 + Fax: 631.265.2229 + Email: parish@holycrossrc.org  
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
Regina Dawson	Jason DeLuca
Manuela Diaz	Ann Egan
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Kyle Sweeney	Bill Tanner
Grace Van Epps	Peter Warns
Danny Youngworth	

## Upcoming Mass Intentions

### Week of Sunday, September 17, 9AM Masses

**Mon.** Eileen Noble  
**Tue.** Michael Joseph Nappi  
**Wed.** Margaret Vlasaty  
**Thu.** Thomas Kelly



### Saturday, September 23, 5PM Mass

Nancy Gallagher, Mauro Silva, Bobby Kieley,  
Maryann Follo, Isabella Burton Smith

### Sunday, September 24, 25th Sun. Ordinary Time

**8:00 AM** Joseph Riccio  
**9:30 AM** People of the Parish  
**11:30 AM** Vincenzo Baratta, Bernadette Kuczewski,  
Bertha Stiso, Warren Sulmasy, Ruben  
Vazquez Pintor

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.

# THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

*by Father Michael*

“Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.” This is the refrain from an old hymn. In fact, this was the opening song used on the day of my ordination. It is an upbeat and triumphant hymn. The song reflects the paradox of the cross itself. First thoughts associated with the image of the cross could be the sadness and pain of what Christ endured. But ironically, the cross has become for us a sign of hope and strength. This day has a different emphasis than Easter. On Easter we focus on the Risen Lord. On this day, we focus on the cross itself and the power and life that comes from it.

There are several different historical moments that are connected to this feast day. First it is a recognition of our belief that St. Helena found the true cross in the fourth century. It is also a remembrance of the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre built over the tomb of Jesus. These feast days were initially celebrated by the Eastern Church but then adopted by the Roman Church in the seventh century.

For ourselves, it gives pause for us to reflect upon that mystery and wonder of the cross as it has unfolded in our lives. Your very presence at Mass is witness of your openness and trust in the cross. You may still struggle deeply with a loss or trial in your life. But something from within urges you not to give into despair but to trust in the power of the Risen Christ to bring peace to your heart. For many, the unique cross over our altar is a source of comfort and hope as the Risen Lord reaches out to us. We are a people who continually open ourselves to the cross and the wondrous way it draws us more deeply into the love of our Lord.

One reality we cannot overlook is that the cross is an experience that touches all our hearts; there is no escaping it, it is universal. Last weekend we invited you to write the name of a loved one or a prayer intention on a large white cloth. I'm sure virtually every intention written in some way reflects someone who has gone through or is in the midst of the Paschal Mystery: that is, Christ's dying and rising. This week that cloth has become our altar cloth. It is upon the litany of your intentions that we offer the sacrifice of the Mass. As the cross unites us in suffering and our hope of resurrection, so too does the altar unite us in the one meal that makes us one. We are united with one another, and we are united with the Lord.

As we celebrate the feast of our parish, may we be reminded of the precious gift we share in. This is a community where our hearts find comfort. This is a place where the power of God comes to life. “Lift high the cross,” and know that our Lord is with us.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Saturday, September 16th</b>	<b>6 PM</b>
• <b>YOUTH NIGHT</b>	Atrium
<b>Sunday, September 17th</b>	<b>9:30 Mass</b>
• <b>BAPTISM GATHERING</b>	Wor. Ar., FJ Rm.
• <b>FEAST DAY CELEBRATION</b>	12:30PM Atrium
<b>Monday, September 18th</b>	<b>1:30 or 7 PM</b>
• <b>LEV. 2 CATECHIST TRNG.</b>	Atrium
• <b>MEN'S PRAYER GROUP</b>	7PM Chapel
<b>Tuesday, September 19th</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
• <b>IN STITCHES</b>	Fr. Joe Room
• <b>LIT. MIN. W/ BISHOP ANDRZEJ</b>	7PM Wor. Ar.
<b>Wednesday, September 20th</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
• <b>BEREAVEMENT</b>	Fr. Joe Room
• <b>FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL</b>	7PM Atrium
<b>Thursday, September 21st</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
• <b>SCRIPTURE STUDY</b>	Fr. Joe Room
• <b>DRESS A GIRL</b>	1-3PM Atrium
• <b>YOUTH PLANNING MTG.</b>	7PM Fr. Joe Room
<b>Saturday, September 23rd</b>	<b>5 PM</b>
• <b>PLANT SALE</b>	Atrium
<b>Sunday, September 24th</b>	<b>All Masses</b>
• <b>PLANT SALE</b>	Atrium
• <b>BAPTISM</b>	1PM Worship Area

## Scripture Readings for September 24, 2023



- + Isaiah 55:6-9
- + Philippians 1:20-24, 27
- + Matthew 20:1-16

## Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, September 23rd/24th



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|----------|----------------------|
| 5:00 PM  | Fr. Frank            |
| 8:00 AM  | Fr. Frank            |
| 9:30 AM  | Fr. Michael/Dcn. Joe |
| 11:30 AM | Fr. Michael/Dcn. Joe |

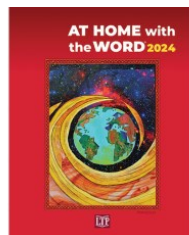
The *Bread and Wine* for the week September 17-23 have been donated in loving memory of **Lillian & Arthur Buckhout** by Jennifer & Charles Miller.



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

## 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 CROSS WELCOMES

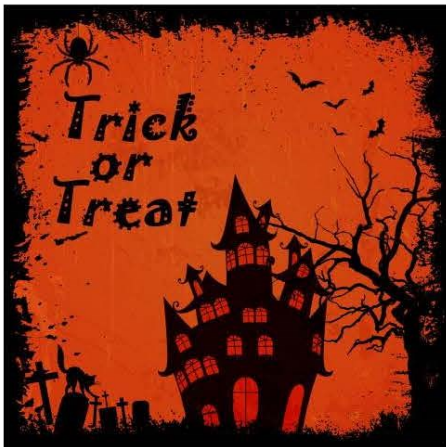
### BISHOP ANDRZEJ

(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.

# PARISH NEWS



Calling all Parishioners!

Would you be interested in helping out at our Trunk or Treat Halloween party for the children of Holy Cross? Here are the details:

- Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>
- Set-up 6pm
- Trunk or Treat from 6:30pm-7pm
- Children Trick or Treat out of the trunk of your car
- Decorate your car for Halloween or a Theme
- Wear a costume if you want!
- Bring your own candy (we will bring extra if you run out)

RSVP to [tclarke@holycrossrc.org](mailto:tclarke@holycrossrc.org) if you can make it...

## Mysticism Course

Come join us on September 25 at 7 PM in the atrium for a discussion on our first female mystic—**Hildegard of Bingen** (1098-1179).

*Given by Kathleen Reid, MA*

*If interested, please fill in the form below and drop it in the collection basket or at the Parish Office.*

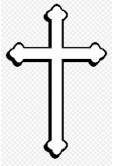


I am interested in attending the discussion on September 25th at 7 PM on the female mystic, **Hildegard of Bingen**.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# LITURGY BYTES

## Happy Feast Day!



Each year the Church celebrates the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on September 14<sup>th</sup> which also is our parish's feast day. This year we are celebrating the feast this weekend. How much do you know about this feast? It goes way back in time to the end of the 7<sup>th</sup> century when it was celebrated in Rome.

The feast commemorates the recovery of the Holy Cross which had been placed on Calvary by St. Helena and preserved in Jerusalem until it fell into the hands of the Persians. This precious relic was recovered and returned to Jerusalem by Emperor Heraclius.

This day is also known as the Triumph of the Cross, the Elevation of the Cross, Holy Cross Day and Holy Rood Day. The Church celebrates the triumph of the Cross, the instrument of our redemption each year. To follow Christ, we must take up His cross and follow Him all of our earthly lives.

We make the Sign of the Cross before prayer which helps us to fix our minds and hearts to God. During trials and temptations our strength and protection is the Sign of the Cross. At baptism, we are sealed with the Sign of the Cross, signifying the fullness of redemption and that we belong to Christ.

May we look to the Cross frequently and realize that when we make the Sign of the Cross, we give our entire selves to God—mind, soul, heart, body, will and thoughts! Let us remember the symbolism and meaning every time we make the Sign of the Cross.

Have a blessed, prayerful and peaceful week ahead! ~ *Michelle Hall*

*We adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, here and in all your churches throughout the whole world, and we bless you, for by your holy cross you have redeemed the world. (St. Francis of Assisi)*

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



# 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 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 OUTREACH

Did you know that all summer, a group of dedicated volunteers has been working in our Community Outreach Garden? This year, like last, a fall harvest was the goal. Pumpkins, gourds, and corn are getting ready for harvest just in time for our **Family Fall Festival**. A special thank you to Gerri Schreiber, JoEllen May-Wadsworth, Lucy Pugliese and Allaire Sheehy for all your hard work and dedication.



# BLOOD DRIVE

DONATIONS SAVE LIVES

*Parish of the Holy Cross*

**Thursday, September 28, 2023**

**3:00pm – 7:30pm**

**95 Old Nichols Road, Nesconset**

**Atrium**



For further information call Marianne Nawrocki-Caruso at 631-428-4117

*Appointments are preferred; however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits.  
Please remember to eat, drink and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo.  
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# 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.)



# BASKET RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

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**THE PARISH OF THE HOLY CROSS**

**DRAWING SATURDAY OCTOBER 14TH 3PM**

Sample Baskets that will be offered

**MOVIE NIGHT**

**GIFT CARDS**

**GARDEN BASKET**

**SPORTS THEMED**

**SPA DAY**

**FAMILY NIGHT**

**OVER 24 BASKETS!**

**Drawing will be at our  
Family Fall Festival at 3pm**

Tickets can be purchased after the Masses on  
9/30-10/1, 10/7-10/8 and the  
Family Fall Festival

3 for \$5  
7 for \$10

Do not have to be present to win - Thank you and Good Luck!



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*Please feel free to visit our schools during the times and dates listed below.*

## SEPTEMBER 2023

SUNDAY, SEPT. 24	2 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.	ST. MARY'S COLLEGE PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL
SATURDAY, SEPT. 30	9 A.M. - 12 P.M.	ST. ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL

## OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY, OCT. 1	10 A.M. - 1 P.M.	OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY
SATURDAY, OCT. 14	10 A.M. - 2 P.M.	CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL
	10 A.M. - 1 P.M.	KELLENBERG MEMORIAL H.S.
	11 A.M. - 2 P.M.	SACRED HEART ACADEMY
SUNDAY, OCT. 15	10 A.M. - 1 P.M.	ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DIOC. H.S.
SATURDAY, OCT. 21	10 A.M. - 1 P.M.	HOLY TRINITY DIOC. H.S.
SUNDAY, OCT. 22	1 P.M. - 4 P.M.	ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL

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September 16, 2023

Please accept my deepest thanks for your prayers and continued financial support for our senior priests residing at St. Pius X Residence.

As our elderly priests enter this stage of their life, they often experience ongoing challenges that require added care and attention, and because of you, the St Pius X Residence is there for them.

Each year, we have the opportunity to respond generously and with grateful hearts to the priests who have given a lifetime of service. Even in retirement, our priests continue to make a profound impact on the spiritual and personal lives of Catholics of all ages. During this time of *Eucharistic Revival*, our senior priests continue to live out their vocation as eucharistic missionaries: celebrating Masses in local parishes, and bringing the Eucharist to the sick and homebound, and to those who are in prison. After a lifetime of sacrifice and service, it is our obligation to proudly bestow compassionate support to these men who have dedicated their vocation to the people of God on Long Island.

St. Pius X provides a life-enriching experience for the men who live there, enabling our dedicated priests to live or recuperate at a facility that gives them the extra care and attention that they need. At the same time, St. Pius X allows them to serve as active, fully engaged members of the community.

Please, take some time to review the enclosed materials. I encourage you to give prayerful consideration of a gift in support of our retired priests living at St. Pius X Residence. As our Holy Father, Pope Francis has emphasized, a community that takes care of the sick and elderly priests is one that is “well-rooted in Jesus.” May I ask that you remember all our priests in your prayers as you and your family are remembered in ours.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres  
*Bishop of Rockville Centre*

**There are St. Pius X Residence donation envelopes on the bulletin table in the atrium.**



**You can make a difference in the lives of those around us by making a gift to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal.**

**Every Gift Counts!**

**A gift of \$25** may help pay the gas for a Meals-On-Wheels van to deliver food for a day.

**A gift of \$50** from an emergency fund may help pay the electric bill in a cold winter month for a family in need.

**A gift of \$100** may help care for a new mom to get the guidance she needs through Regina Maternity Management Services.

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Because of you, every year we serve more than 600,000 people in our Long Island Community. This support enables our children to continue to receive the gift of spiritual formation, sacramental preparation, and quality education. It allows seminarians and lay leaders to fulfill their calling to serve the community. With your support, Catholic Charities can maintain its services for the poor and disadvantaged, and we can continue to reach out to our young people and others to find the best ways to guide and pass on our faith from generation to generation.

For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit <https://www.drvc.org/donate/cma/> or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

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# LECTIO DIVINA

- Lectio
- Meditatio
- Oratio
- Contemplatio



**Join Bishop Andrzej**

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**on St. JOSEPH - Part I**

**Wednesday, September 27, 2023**

at 7:30 pm - ZOOM webinar.

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**Gospel of Matthew 1: 18-25**

The Birth of Jesus

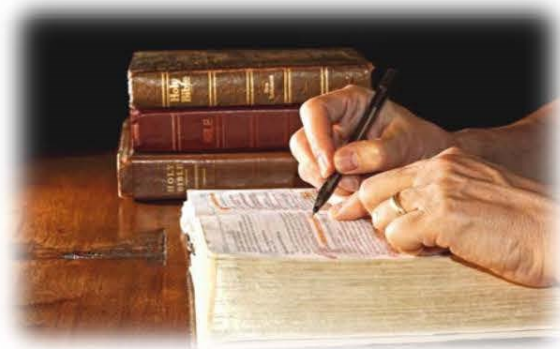
Registration is required in order to receive the ZOOM link to each session.

Please contact the Western Vicariate office with your name, parish, email address and phone number.

Send your email to:

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or call Suzanne at 516-744-6850.



# FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL





Try your luck with the  
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- 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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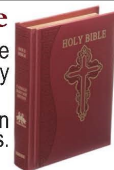
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