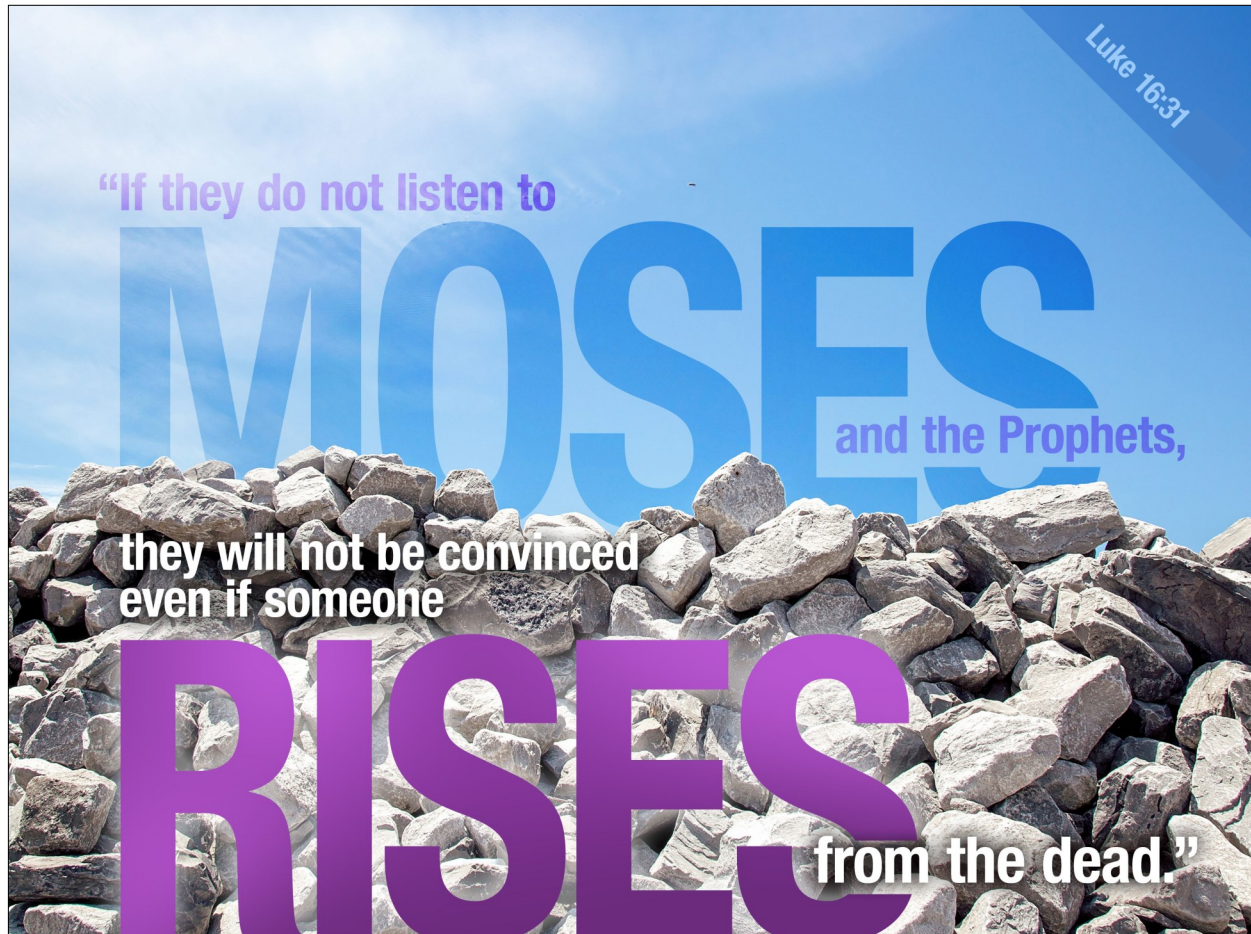


# The Parish of the Holy Cross

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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.*



## Come and pray with us!

### 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 25, 2022

**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)

## PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Michael F. Holzmann  
Pastor, ext.115

Deacon Joseph Maffeo  
Pastoral Minister, ext.124

Mrs. Judith Pickel  
Pastoral Associate, ext.116

Mrs. Michele Hall  
Pastoral Associate, ext.120

Mrs. Tricia Clarke, ext.112  
Director of Religious Ed.

Mrs. Kelley Mowat, ext.113  
Coordinator of Parish Outreach

Mr. Brian Reich  
Director of Music Ministry

## PASTORAL STAFF

Mrs. Jane Wirth  
Parish Secretary, ext.122

Dr. Vincent Mazurek  
Music Minister/Webmaster

Mrs. Mary Pannone, ext.111  
Religious Education Secretary  
(mpannone@holycrossrc.org)

Ms. Karina D'Angelo  
Bookkeeper

Mr. Roberto Maza  
Custodian

Mrs. Mary Inghilterra  
Weekend Sacristan

## 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	Dan Bryan
Ann Callari	Pattie Daly-Matonti
Manuela Diaz	Matthew DiPietro
Ann Egan	Jim Emerson
Syl Evangelista	Ralph Farino
Sienna Fricke	Robert Gann
Debbie Jablinowski	Diane Jones
Maureen Jost	Kristen Kennedy
Roberta Lamb	Dora Libretti
Gerald Losquadro	Charlotte Lynch
Viola Malek	Erin & baby Malley
Jeanne Marie Malley	Joseph McManus
Olivia Melia	Freddie Meyers
Loretto Narducci	Mary Polik-Gunther
Carina Ranieri	David Reichbach
Liam Richards	Elaine Ruane
Joseph Santamaria	Barbara Sherry
Celeste Sichenze	Kyle Sweeney
Peter Warns	Danny Youngworth

## Mass Intentions Schedule

### Week of September 25th, 2022, 9AM Mass

**Mon.** Sr. Rosaleen Schuller (living)  
**Tue.** Anthony Brady  
**Wed.** Cathy Bolognese  
**Thu.** Elisandra Fini Mercurio (living)



### Saturday, October 1st, 5 PM Mass

Patrick Keena Jr., Walter Ebbit, Cheri Karlin,  
Warren Sulmasy, Val Grandilli

### Sunday, Oct. 2nd, 27th Sun. in Ordinary Time

**8:00 AM** People of the Parish  
**9:30 AM** Gloria Posimato, John Schultz, Ann  
Yager, Teresa Schreck, Elizabeth  
Biviano, Bill Keen  
**11:30 AM** Italo D'Aversa

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.

# THINGS ARE A-POPPIN'

*by Father Michael*

Once Labor Day passes, not only does the academic world rock back to life, but the same is true in the parish. The activity level this year reflects more of the energy and activity that we experienced before Covid came into our lives.

We celebrated Confirmation on September 14<sup>th</sup>— that in and of itself was a busy and exciting day. In spite of that, there was no day off on the 15<sup>th</sup> for our Religious Ed Office. (I wish they could have taken a breath after all the hard work that was done in preparation for this happy day.) These first weeks of September are filled with parent and catechist meetings. This year our Religious Ed classes are starting a few weeks earlier than they have in the past, and so these essential meetings need to take place. The number of students in our program continues to remain strong at 862.

This year we will be offering a Family Fall Festival on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. There is a truckload of work that goes into planning an event like this. There are plans for a pumpkin patch for the kids, craft vendors, a plant sale, refreshments, and raffles. There is even a bake-off contest. We are excited to be offering a day like this. Our hope is that our families can enjoy a few hours of fun without having to empty out the wallet. We are also hoping that folks who are not part of the parish can stop by as well and have a taste of life at Holy Cross.

I'm looking forward to starting up a Men's Prayer Group beginning in October. My participation in several men's retreats many years ago was an instrumental part of my own formation. I organized a Men's Prayer Group when I was in Medford. I was also able to incorporate some of it into St. John the Baptist High School when I was chaplain. It's time for me to offer an opportunity for male spirituality here at Holy Cross.

None of these things would be possible if we did not have people who are willing to give of their time and talent. We have many parishioners who are involved, but we always need new folks to step up and share in the ministry of parish life. Some activities are a significant commitment, such as being a catechist. But there are opportunities for folks to get involved in other ways. We will be looking for lots of parishioners to help with the Family Fall Festival. Would you consider helping us out for a few hours on that day? Some of our Masses are in need of helping hands as far as being a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, or helping out with HCTV.

We are blessed with all the life and activity that is part of our parish community. We pray the Spirit will continue to lead and guide us in our efforts.

# PARISH NEWS

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Sunday, September 25th</b>	After 9:30 Mass
• BAPTISM GATHERING	Fr. Joe Room
• BAPTISMS	1PM Worship Area
<b>Tuesday, September 27th</b>	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
• LITURGY TEAM	7PM Fr. Joe Room
<b>Wednesday, September 28th</b>	11:30 AM-2:30 PM
• SENIOR GROUP	Atrium
<b>Thursday, September 29th</b>	10 AM
• SCRIPTURE STUDY	Fr. Joe Room
• PRE-CANA MEETING	7:30PM Fr. Joe Room
<b>Saturday, October 1st</b>	9 - 10:30 AM
• MEN'S PRAYER GROUP	Chapel
• HOLY HOUR	3:45-4:45PM Worship Area
<b>Sunday, October 2nd</b>	After 9:30 Mass
• ANOINTING OF THE SICK	Worship Area
• FAMILY MASS	11:30AM Worship Area
• BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS	1PM Courtyard



## Banns of Marriage

### First Time

Christie Palagonia & Ryan Clements  
Shannon Kennedy & Patrick Balling

### Second Time

Brittney Gonzalez & Anthony Farina

### Third Time

Kristina Armenia & James Reed

## Scripture Readings for October 2nd, 2022



+ Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4  
+ 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14  
+ Luke 17:5-10

## Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, October 1st/2nd



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

## Men's Prayer Group

Saturday, October 1st, 9:00-10:30 AM

Men take on different roles through life such as son, brother, father. There are different energies that can be embodied at different moments in life: king, warrior, lover, magician. There is a deep spirituality woven into all of our lives. These gatherings will help to name and better understand the ways in which the Spirit unfolds in a man's heart.

Please consider joining us for our first gathering, and see if this is something that may help you grow in understanding the Spirit of God at work in your life.

*Fr. Michael*

Please RSVP to **631-265-2200** or [frmholycross@gmail.com](mailto:frmholycross@gmail.com) if you are able to come to the first meeting. If this interests you, but you are not available that day, please let me know as well.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING?

## Altar Server Training

Are you in fourth grade (or above)  
and interested in becoming an  
Altar Server?



Girls and boys interested in serving are invited to come to trainings and find out all that is involved in being an Altar Server. At the end of the three training sessions, you will be able to assist at Mass as an Altar Server. Training will be held from 4:30 to 5:30 PM on three consecutive Tuesday afternoons: October 11, 18 and 25. **Please call the Parish Office to register.**



Family Mass

## Religious Education Kicks Off a New Year

Our Religious Education program begins next week, and to kick off a new year we will have a Family Mass on **October 2nd at 11:30 AM**. Children will be involved in many aspects of the Mass, and the music and homily will be geared towards them. They will participate as ushers and lector. Come join us for this special Mass!

## Coming to Holy Cross:

### **“An Encounter with the Community of Jesus”**

For all adult parishioners: a six-week course designed to deepen our appreciation of the Church community founded by Jesus Christ.

Join us for Scripture, reflection, a short video, and small group discussion on  
**Wednesday, October 5, 12, 19, 26, November 2\*, 9,**  
from **4:00 – 5:00 PM,** or from **7:00 – 8:00 PM.**

**(\*No evening session on Nov. 2. 7:00 session will be on Nov. 3 instead)**

Questions? Call Jude at ext. 116

Please print clearly and return tear-off to Holy Cross by October 3.

I would like to participate in:

“An Encounter with the Community of Jesus” at \_\_\_\_\_ 4:00PM \_\_\_\_\_ 7:00PM

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



# LITURGY BYTES

## RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION



We spend many hours teaching our young people who are preparing for their first Holy Communion how they should receive Jesus. From time to time, I am sure many of us have observed adults at Mass who come forward to receive displaying some different gestures and behaviors. Let us spend a little time reviewing how we should receive Our Lord at Mass.

**Procession:** Row by row we come forward to receive with our hands folded in a prayerlike way. The Communion Procession, a profoundly religious action, tells us something about the way in which we should participate in this procession. We are the Body of Christ moving forward to receive the Christ who makes us one with himself and with one another.

**Reception:** This is a slight bow of reverence as the minister or priest holds the host before you saying: "The Body of Christ." Our response is: **Amen**. We then either extend our hands to receive or open our mouth and extend our tongue. Once Our Lord has been received, we move either left or right to return to our seats. We must consume the host immediately and never hold it walking back to our seats. Once walking back to our seats, our hands should remain folded as they were when coming forward. Casually walking with swinging arms is not the correct posture.

**After Receiving:** Once we return to our seats, it is appropriate to spend a little time in prayer either sitting or kneeling (if you can). Technically, we should remain kneeling until the distribution of Communion has been completed and the remaining hosts are placed in the Tabernacle.

**What ifs!** If the host falls to the ground, please do not panic. The priest or other minister knows what to do. They will give you another and then take care of the one that has fallen.

Suppose you receive only a piece of the host. Is that still Jesus? Yes it is, and please do not be concerned if it should happen. Sometimes, if more people come forward and we are running low on consecrated hosts, you might receive a half of the host. Again, please do not be alarmed at this; what you receive is still Our Lord.

St. Augustine tells us as a member of the Body of Christ, our "Amen" must be true. In other words, our Amen is saying yes it is true this is Christ!

Have a safe, healthy and blessed week!~~~~~*Michele Hall*

# DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

## LITURGICAL CATECHESIS POPE FRANCIS AND LITURGICAL REFORM BISHOP ANDRZEJ'S LECTURE SERIES CONTINUES



Join BISHOP ANDRZEJ  
Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 7:30 pm,  
via ZOOM.

In his Apostolic Letter, Pope Francis addresses the nature of sacramental encounter and of symbols and symbolic language. (FDLC.org) Join this Zoom presentation as Bishop Andrzej explains Pope Francis' liturgical theology.



Registration is required in order to receive the ZOOM link . Please contact the Western Vicariate office with your name, parish, email address and phone number. Send your email to: [westernvicariate@drvc.org](mailto:westernvicariate@drvc.org) or leave a message for Suzanne at 516-744-6850.

# RCIA

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

***Are you seeking Baptism? Are you a baptized Catholic who never celebrated First Communion and Confirmation? Have you been baptized in another Christian faith and now desire to become Catholic?***

If your answer is "YES" to any of these questions, we want to hear from you. The Church gives us a beautiful process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for those who seek to become fully initiated in the Catholic Church. This year's RCIA will be starting soon. If you're interested and would like additional information, please contact Jude Pickel at 631-265-2200 x116.



## ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS!

### ***Attention Holy Cross Volunteers***

Virtus Training, **Protecting God's Children for Adults**, will be offered at Holy Cross on:

**Tuesday, October 4, 2022, 6:30 – 9:00 PM**

As you know, all parish and diocesan employees and volunteers are required by the Diocese to attend a Virtus session. (Those who have already attended Virtus are not required to go again.) If you have not yet taken Virtus training, **please register on-line right away**, as the number of participants is limited to 20. You ***must*** be registered to attend a Virtus session.

To register, go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) and follow the directions. Complete instructions about the requirements for all parish volunteers are given on the following page.



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## **For Volunteers in the Diocese of Rockville Centre**

A person wishing to volunteer in any parish or organization in the Diocese of Rockville Centre must first complete three requirements:

1. Attend Protecting God's Children (Virtus)
2. Sign the Codes of Conduct
3. Complete a background screening application.

(Background screening is conducted on all volunteers and employees every 5 years.)

### **Directions to Complete the 3 Requirements:**

1. Sign up to attend a Protecting God's Children class: [www.Virtus.org](http://www.Virtus.org)  
When you log on to the Virtus website, you will create a Virtus account.
  - a. If you have not attended a Virtus class, you are a first-time registrant.
  - b. The first screen will ask the name of your organization - from the drop down list select Rockville Centre-Safe Environment.
  - c. Follow all directions on the next screens.
  - d. One screen will have the **Codes of Conduct**. Please acknowledge the Codes of Conduct.
  - e. Continue with the registration process and select the class you will attend.
  - f. After selecting the class, you will be instructed to complete the background screening application.
  
2. Background Screening Application:
  - a. Sterling Volunteers is the company providing the background screening.
  - b. Follow all the directions to complete the background screening application. **DO NOT STOP ONCE YOU BEGIN THE APPLICATION!** If you stop-you are locked out of the process due to security procedures.
  - c. You will need to provide your Social Security #; if you do not provide a Social Security # you will be charged a fee.
  - d. After completing the application, hit the 'Submit Button'

Congratulations! You have now:

Registered to attend a Virtus class ~ signed the Codes of Conduct ~  
Completed the Background Screening.

# LITURGY



## Serving the Needs of our Parish Family WILL YOU JOIN US?

*At this time, we need assistance in the following areas:  
Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors. The Diocesan training  
sessions will be offered in late October. So, please read on ...*

Maybe you have thought about this in the past. So, why not step up and give it a try now?

**Eucharistic ministers** serve Holy Communion at the weekend Masses. Right now, we are especially in need of help at the 5 PM Saturday and 8 AM Sunday Masses. If you attend either of those Masses, please consider joining us.

**Lectors** who proclaim the Scriptures at Mass are also needed at the 5 PM Mass on Saturday and the 8 AM Mass on Sunday. In addition to the training offered by the Diocese, we will offer some local training right here at home.

**Please pray and ask the Lord to guide your decision.** For questions or more information, please contact Michele Hall at the Parish Office or send an email to: [mhall@holycrossrc.org](mailto:mhall@holycrossrc.org)

# FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL



Come join the fun! The Parish of the Holy Cross will be hosting a Family Fall Festival on October 15<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for volunteers to assist in assorted activities. What a wonderful opportunity to get involved, meet new people, meet up with old friends, and play an active role in a fun filled day! If you can't commit to all day — come join the fun for a few hours. Any or all help is welcome. If interested, please call Outreach at 631-265-2200 or email at [outreach@holycrossrc.org](mailto:outreach@holycrossrc.org). FYI - This is a perfect opportunity for our young parishioners to acquire service hours and enjoy the day!

We are looking for donations for our Children's Raffle table at the Family Fall Festival. Items should be no more than \$15, new, and either for a boy or girl. Please bring all donated items to the Parish Office. Any questions, please call Outreach at 631-265-2200. Thank you in advance for all your help.



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# Family Fall Festival

## October 15, 2022

## 10 AM – 3 PM

- Face Painting (10am-2pm)
- Sand Art (10am-2pm)
- 50/50 Raffle (10am-2:30pm)\*
- Children's Raffle (10am-2:30pm)\*
- Dinner with Fr. Michael Raffle (10am-2:30pm)\*
- Fall Plant Sale (10am-2pm)
- Craft Fair (10am-3pm)
- Concession Stand (11am-2pm)
- Pumpkin Picking (11am-2pm)
- Taste Testing Contest (2pm) with judging directly after
- Fun with the Nesconset Fire Department

*\* Raffle winners will be picked after 2:30pm.*

**VENDORS NEEDED!** Please call Tricia at 631-265-2200 x112



# FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL PLANT SALE ORDER FORM



## Family Fall Festival Plant Sale

Pre Order Now and Pick up at the Festival



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	



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

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\* **Orders Due by October 2, 2022** \*\*\*\*\*

Drop form and payment off at Office - Attention Kim/ Fall Plant Sale  
(Please make checks payable to Holy Cross)

**Pick up October 15<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM-2 PM**

**Additional items will be for sale the day of the festival.**



# FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL TASTE TESTING CONTEST

## Pumpkin Spice Everything!!

(must be over 18 years of age)

Do you have a favorite pumpkin spice recipe? Come share your culinary expertise, and enter your selection in our first Taste Testing Contest to be held at our Family Fall Festival on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Winner will be declared at the festival.

All entries must be pumpkin spice flavored and homemade. Possibilities are muffin, bread, donut or cookie, but all pumpkin spice entries are welcome.



We ask that all recipes be submitted by October 12<sup>th</sup>. Recipes will be printed and displayed the day of the judging (in response to food allergy concerns).

Winner will be picked by a panel of judges.  
Good Luck and Good Baking!!!

To enter the contest or if you are interested in being a judge, please check the appropriate box on the form below and return it to the Parish Office by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ - Yes! I will submit my delicious recipe and culinary creation to be entered in the Family Fall Festival Pumpkin Spice Taste Testing Contest.

I agree to submit my recipe by **October 12<sup>th</sup>** to the Outreach office.

\_\_\_\_\_ - Yes! I agree to be one of the judges that will fairly determine the winner of the Family Fall Festival Pumpkin Spice Taste Testing Contest.

Please return completed form to the Parish Office no later than **October 1<sup>st</sup>**.



# FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL DINNER RAFFLE



Take a chance to win  
**Dinner for Eight  
with Father Michael**

(Fr. Michael is included in the eight.)

to be drawn at the  
**Family Fall Festival**

Cost: 1 ticket for \$2, 3 for \$5, 7 for \$10

*Date to be mutually determined*

**Dinner with Fr. Michael**

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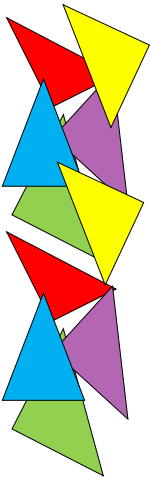
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# PARISH OUTREACH



## Dress a Girl Around the World



**Cut-Ups:** (those who cut the material and assemble our dress kits)  
Our “Cut-Ups” will meet **Thursday, October 27th, from 1PM-3PM** in the atrium. We will continue cutting out dresses for the little ones in need. **Please RSVP to Outreach at 631-265-2200 (limited space available).** No skill required. All are welcome!

We will be kicking off our new year of *Dress a Girl* on October 27<sup>th</sup>. This past year, we completed 200 dresses and sent them on their way to Haiti. We are looking forward to our new year together and creating more beautiful little girl dresses.

We are, once again, looking for donations of larger pieces of cotton fabric (2-3 yards) for the body of the dress. Thank you in advance for your constant support and generosity of our *Dress a Girl* ministry.



**Stitch-Ups:** (those who sew the dresses found in our dress kits)  
Our “Stitch-Ups” are welcome to pick up completed dress kits by calling the Outreach Office at 631-265-2200. Everything you need to complete a dress is included in a kit including instructions. Any questions—we are just a phone call away! Thank you!



## Outreach Food Pantry

Next Saturday and Sunday, **October 1st/2nd**, will be our monthly Food Drive for our Parish Outreach Pantry. The following items would be most helpful:

- Snacks
- Mayonnaise
- White Rice
- Instant Potatoes
- Hot Cereal
- Soup
- Macaroni & Cheese



At Outreach, we are always grateful for your donations that fill the shelves of our pantry. Please note that we only take unused and non-expired items. Recently we have received a large amount of expired and partly used food. These items do not make it to our shelves, but to our dumpster. As we serve those in need, we hope to do so with dignity and compassion. Please take a few minutes to check dates on your food donation. We thank you for your generosity in supporting our Outreach pantry.

# PARISH OUTREACH

## Community Outreach Garden

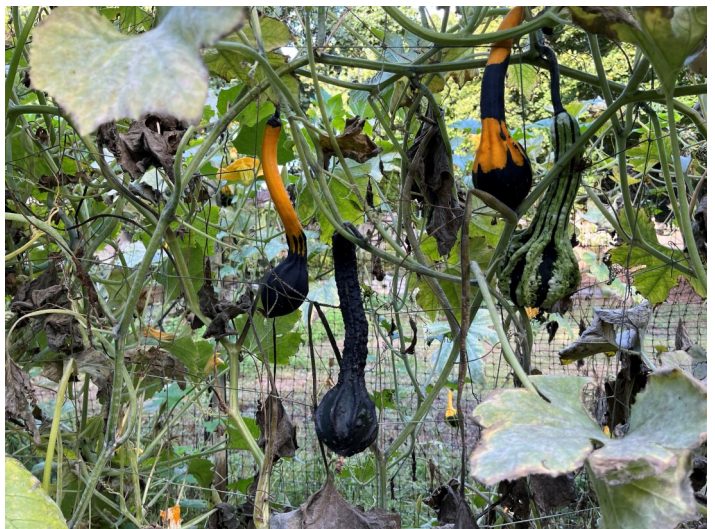
Our Community Outreach Garden was transformed this year. For years, our volunteers have planted and harvested vegetables for our Outreach families. This year the focus was pumpkins, gourds, sunflowers, and corn which will become a big part of our Family Fall Festival.

Thank you to all the volunteers who worked all summer and into the fall to cultivate this beautiful fall harvest. My thanks to JoEllen May-Wadsworth, Geri Schreiber, Lucy Brown Pugliese, Allaire Sheehy and Gary DiBiccari. Below are some pictures the gardeners shared of the marvelous pumpkins and gourds they grew in the garden this year.



Kelley

**Here are the fruits of their labor!**





# PARISH NEWS

## Parish Outreach

August has been one of the busiest months of the year. There was a significant increase in food requests, referrals, and first-time families seeking assistance. With your generous support, Outreach served 171 people consisting of 48 children, 89 adults and 34 seniors. We provided 295 services to 88 families. Thank you for making this possible.

## Holy Hour for Sanctity of all Human Life

We offer our Holy Hour on the first Saturday of the month from 3:45 to 4:45 PM in the Worship Area. The next one will take place on **Saturday, October 1st**. Please come and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament praying for God's gift of life to be recognized by all.



## Anointing of the Sick



You are strongly encouraged to receive this Sacrament if you are having upcoming surgery, are dealing with a chronic or debilitating illness, are suffering from addiction, mental health issues or frailty.

On the first Sunday of each month, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is offered after the 9:30 AM Mass. **Sunday, October 2nd, is the next date the Anointing will be offered.**

## Special Collections

This weekend, at the offertory, we will also be collecting for our **Renovations and Major Repairs** fund. Next weekend we will take up our annual collection for **Respect Life**. Support of the Respect Life ministry encompasses prayer, education, advocacy, care and services. Thank you for your support of these collections!

## Blessing of the Animals

To commemorate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we will have the

**Blessing of the Animals**

**Sunday, October 2nd, at 1 PM.**



# 20 Catholic Ministries Appeal

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"God's love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to put on faith, hope and love as we go out into the world and become the Word in body as well as spirit."  
 - Pope Francis

One Family in Mission - Building a Community of



Here is an update on the status of the Appeal here at Holy Cross:

<u>Goal</u>	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Over (Under)</u>	<u># of Donors</u>	<u>% of Goal</u>
\$76,700.00	44,289.00	(\$32,411.00)	191	57.74%

When payments reach 100% of our goal, we receive a rebate of 20% or \$15,340. Please help your community and your parish by supporting the CMA!

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### Care of Our Common Home What Can I/You/We Do?

"What can one person do in the light of such a huge task?" is a response heard often. Pope Francis asks that we each do what we are able. No action is too small. Suggestions are listed below. **TRY AT LEAST ONE.**

- Have a conversation with one other person about Laudato Si'.
- Gather with a group of friends in your parish to read/discuss Laudato Si'.
- Invite a speaker to present on Laudato Si'.
- If you know any teachers or youth ministers encourage them to discuss Laudato Si' with the young people.
- [Laudato Si' Resources for Teachers | Catholic Climate Covenant](#)

#### Resources:

Creation at The Crossroads - A Small Group Resource by RENEW Intl. [www.renewintl.org](http://www.renewintl.org)

Watch the video - [Women Sow The Seeds Of Hope In Mindanao - YouTube](#) (Phillipines)

[Laudato Si' Resources for Teachers | Catholic Climate Covenant](#)



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Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Committee

# TAKE A CHANCE!

## Fall Cash Fling

For many years the Cash Calendar was a part of the Holy Cross routine. This fundraiser provided some additional financial support to the parish. In addition, many parishioners enjoyed participating in it. Unfortunately, it was one of the many parts of parish life that was lost to COVID. At this time, it is unlikely that we have enough parishioners attending Mass on a weekly basis to support a monthly drawing, and so, we present the "Fall Cash Fling." This is a similar idea, however it is offered on a quarterly basis.

- \$10 per ticket
- Tickets are available for purchase through September, October and November.
- Drawing will be held December 1.

Because we anticipate smaller participation, there is a different pay scale:

- \* 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. *(In the event the response is strong, we will resume a monthly drawing as soon as possible.)*
- Tickets will not be sold after Mass. 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!***

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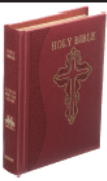
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