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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.*



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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 3, 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
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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, September 3, 9AM Masses

Mon. Aura Morales & family (living)
Tue. Michael Joseph Nappi
Wed. Peggy Sulmasy (living)
Thu. Catherine Berdon



*New Life
in Christ*

Saturday, September 9, 5PM Mass

Caroline Maher, Marie Forgione

Sunday, September 10, 23rd Sun. Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Joseph Marcucci
11:30 AM Victor M. Chersevani, Sylvester
Evangelista, Rosalie Rusy, Pauline
Mancuso, James Petrungraro, Diane Jones

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 3)

by Father Michael

Because of vacation schedules, I had to provide three weeks of bulletin articles several weeks in advance. I offer this final spiritual reflection which began two weeks ago and speaks of the power of living in the present moment.

At first glance, this concept may seem abundantly easy. Where else would you live if it were not in the present moment? As I said previously, some are forever worrying about the future, and others can't get beyond the good old days. It takes discipline and focus to live one's life with this ability to embrace the present moment. There are no shortcuts to make it happen easily. However, one thing that lends itself more easily to this awareness is silence. We tend to surround ourselves with too much noise, and there often isn't any space for us to hear the voice of God speaking to us in the present. The more we can remove distractions and busyness, the better place we will be. Someone once said, "Silence is God's first language." There is great wisdom and truth to that, but we need to make it happen. Many of us prefer to listen to ourselves. After all, it's easier to hear and agree with our own ideas.

One aspect of life that is a great equalizer is time. Rich or poor, young or old, top of the mountain or bottom of the valley, we are all given the same twenty-four hours in a day. I'm sure we all know someone who seems to have more hours in a day because they accomplish so much. It has nothing to do with additional minutes, but rather the attitude and discipline we bring to the day. The good news is that with each new day, we are given a new opportunity. Too often we take for granted and don't see that the rising of the sun is a dramatic introduction to endless opportunity before us. Each day is a microcosm of the story of creation: endless possibility to those who avail themselves to what is offered. There can always be renewed efforts to give this day the focus and attention it deserves.

Once we get a few years under our belts, there can be a more natural inclination to want to live in the present moment. Sometimes with age there comes a discernment and appreciation for the things of life that are lasting and more meaningful. But this is not necessarily a chronological certainty. Just because you may be "old" doesn't mean you automatically get it right. There is still a need for focus and effort on the part of all.

Holier people than I have spoken in a much more articulate way about the power of the present moment. But it is a reminder not to take for granted that precious opportunity that is given to us time and time again. Next week I am back to my usual routine with the article, speaking about burned out light bulbs and critters running around my yard.

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, September 2nd	3:45 - 4:45 PM
• HOLY HOUR	Worship Area
Sunday, September 3rd	After 9:30 Mass
• ANOINTING OF THE SICK	Worship Area
Monday, September 4th	9 AM
• DAILY MASS	Chapel
<i>(The Parish Office is closed for Labor Day.)</i>	
Tuesday, September 5th	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
• K OF C OFFICER INDUCTION 7PM	Atrium
Wednesday, September 6th	1:30-3:30 PM
• BEREAVEMENT	Fr. Joe Room
• MEN'S PRAYER GROUP 7PM	Chapel
Thursday, September 7th	7 PM
• WOMEN'S PRAYER	Chapel
• YOUTH PLANNING MEETING	Fr. Joe Room
Sunday, September 10th	1 PM
• BAPTISMS	Worship Area

Scripture Readings for September 10, 2023



- + Ezekiel 33:7-9
- + Romans 13:8-10
- + Matthew 18:15-20

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, September 9th/10th



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

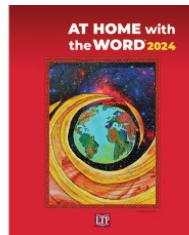


Banns of Marriage Second Time

Concetta Forgione & Eric Yarrows
Hayley Lopreto & Dean Calcaterra

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*.



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!

The Parish Office is closed on Monday, September 4th, for Labor Day.

There is a 9:00 Mass Monday morning.

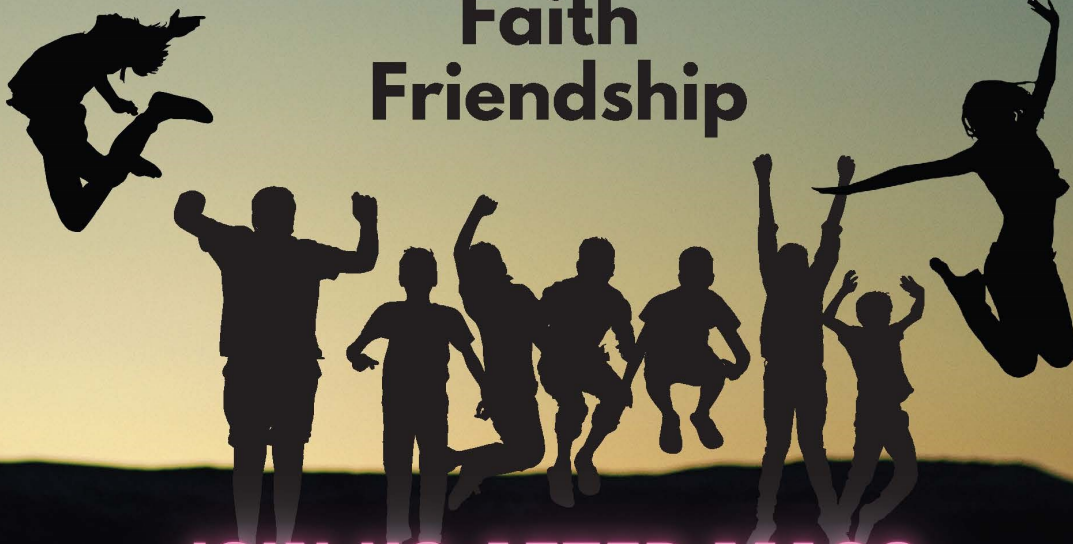
7th - 12th grade



For **YOUTH** Teen Group

FALL KICK-OFF EVENT!

Dinner
Games
Faith
Friendship



JOIN US AFTER MASS

Saturday 6-8pm
SEPT. 16, 2023

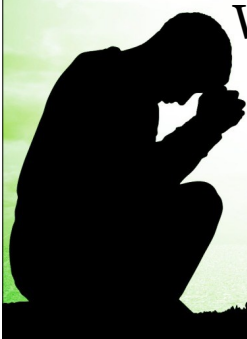
Bring a Friend

PARISH NEWS

Women's Prayer Group

Women's Prayer Group will resume meeting on the 1st Thursday of each month, beginning **September 7th** from **7:00 – 8:00 PM** in the Chapel. All women in the parish are welcome.

Men's Prayer Group



Wednesday
Sept. 6th
7 PM
Chapel

Join Us!

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

Holy Cross Welcomes These Newly Baptized Children

Axel Ray Clarke
Denzel Alec Francois
Benjamin Ryan Lagravinese
Chase Joseph LaMura
Sophia Grace Pardo
Logan John Reese
Madelyn Amelia Rosado
Emily Rae Scala
Axel James Vazquez
Brynn Antoinette Viola
Madison Daniella Willig
Oaklee Ofelia Yanez
Hazel Rae Zipper

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!

Next 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.



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

Marie Forgione
Vito Perrone

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

LITURGY BYTES

Did You Realize?



For many of us, going to Mass can feel pretty different from the rest of our lives. It doesn't mean that the two have nothing to do with each other. Actually, it is quite the contrary! Mass is the celebration of Jesus' death and Resurrection in the context of our own experiences of death and resurrection. Did you ever hear the saying, "We live the Paschal mystery"? It is those dying and rising moments of our lives that link us to the sacrifice of the Mass. We come to the Mass to rekindle who Jesus is for us, right here in the midst of our present struggles. We are not coming to Mass to remember who Jesus was in the distant past.

There is a prayer right in the middle of Mass where we have a special opportunity to connect the mystery of Jesus' death and Resurrection with our own experiences of death and resurrection. After the preparation of the gifts at the altar, the priest says: "Pray brothers and sisters that **my sacrifice and yours** may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father." Simply put, it means that we bring a sacrifice to every Mass! The Mass is the spiritual sacrifice of our very selves, too!

When we respond, we say: "May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church." This week let us think of some specific "sacrifice," some concrete, challenging experience that you bring to Mass that day. Perhaps, it's an illness that you have, or lack of harmony in your family, or a loved one suffering from an addiction. These burdens, real and unresolved as they are, are what you bring to every Mass, in addition to the physical gifts of bread and wine. By recollecting these "sacrifices" and offering them to Jesus, we call to mind that, just as Jesus shares in our little experiences of "burdens," he experienced the effects of suffering, conflict, and human weakness. So, too, does he share with us the experience of "resurrection," healing, reconciliation, and newfound strength, even in the midst of weakness.

Keep in mind that at every Mass, we refresh our memory of Jesus' fidelity to us in our lives. By recollecting our "sacrifice" in that little prayer, we rekindle hope that he will continue to be faithful to us in the here and now of this life.

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

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 24th, 9AM-1PM (Please make checks out to Holy Cross.)



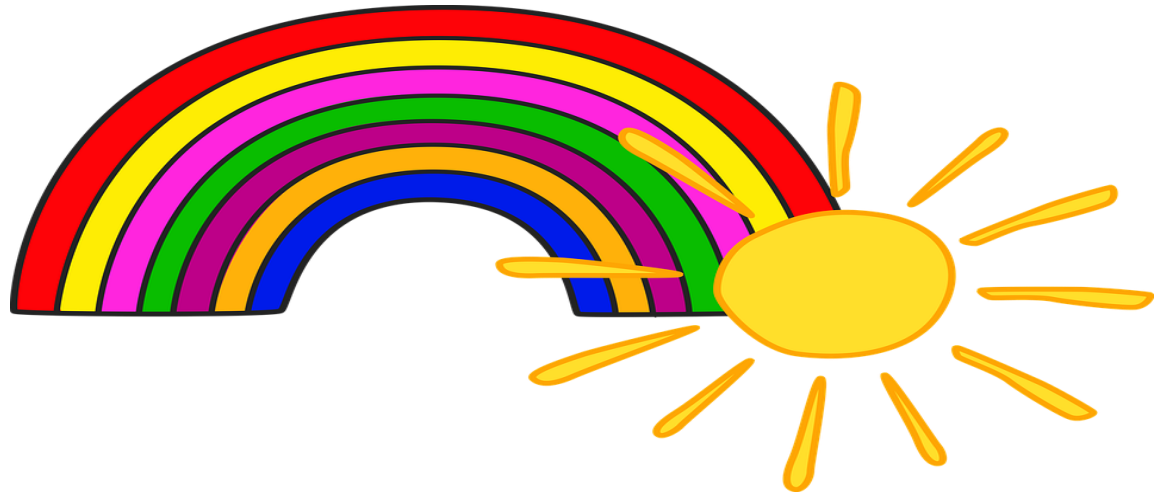
PARISH OUTREACH

Blood Drive Sign-Up Table—Help Needed!



We are seeking assistance at our sign-up table for our upcoming **Blood Drive**. The sign-up table will be in the Atrium on the weekends of **September 16th-17th and September 23rd-24th** at all the Masses. Your presence at the table allows fellow parishioners the opportunity to make an appointment to give the gift of life at our Blood Drive. If you can make this small, time commitment before and after Mass, it would be greatly appreciated. Please call Marianne Nawrocki-Caruso at **631-428-4117** if you are interested in volunteering. Thank you in advance for any help you can offer.

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*

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 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**.

(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 14th. The winner does not need to be present.

Thank you for your support!

Good Luck!

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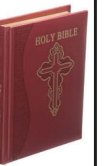
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