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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 5, 2021

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:

Ada Agugliaro
Kathy Barry
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Eleanor Daly
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Sienna Fricke
Bob Grieco
Diane Jones
Charlotte Lynch
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If you would like to have the name of your loved one listed in our prayers for the sick, please contact the Parish Office at 631-265-2200 x122.

Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of September 5th, 9AM Mass

Mon. Katie Griffin
Tue. Henri-Robert Lamarque
Wed. Joe Carnevale
Thu. Melissa Sullivan (living)

Saturday, September 11th, 5PM Mass

Mary Shipman, Vincent Mattera, Anthony Michael Arzillo, Lillian LoRusso, Elizabeth Shea, Victor M. Chersevani, Joan Mangan

Sunday, Sept. 12th, 24th Sun. in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Donato Rivera, Lillian Breene Tucci, Damien Pickel, Nicholas Matonti, Rev. Edward J. Kealey, Phil Sykes
9:30 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Paul Kane



Scripture Readings for September 12, 2021



+ Isaiah 50:4-9
+ James 2:14-18
+ Mark 8:27-35

SHORT CIRCUITED

by Father Michael

In the past week and a half, many of the electronic devices in my life went haywire. It started with the router in my house failing, which meant I lost Wi-Fi. A trip down to the Optimum office to get a new router corrected that issue. Next, the picture on my flat-screen TV at the house disappeared. The sound still worked fine, but my imagination is not that good to provide images for everything I was missing. A visit to Costco and ringing up one hefty purchase addressed that crisis. Finally, on the weekend, my phone lost the ability to receive or make calls. It would ring and I could dial out, but I could not hear anyone nor could they hear me. I was in the midst of trying to make an appointment at the help desk in the Apple store, when several of the ladies in the office determined I somehow did something with my settings to create the problem. Happily, they got me back on the air. We don't realize how much we depend upon these things until they stop working. Hopefully, I will not be drifting around in cyberspace any time soon.

At the Masses last weekend, we failed to pray for the thirteen U.S. military soldiers who died in Afghanistan. It was an unfortunate oversight. I regret that tragic loss was not included in our prayer.

It is Labor Day weekend. We pray that the workforce and employment crisis that surround us settles down. I think all of us have experienced the result of businesses with too few employees: large purchases are back ordered, wait times for customer service can be excessive, and help-wanted signs are posted everywhere. This holiday was created to affirm the hard work and dignity of all workers by providing a well-deserved day off. We pray that value of a deeply rooted work ethic may not be lost. We also pray that all workers are provided a safe and just work environment.

Next Saturday our nation remembers a painful moment in our history. It is hard to believe that 20 years have passed since those fateful events of September 11. We all have deeply etched memories of how that day unfolded in each of our lives. The physical and emotional scars of those events are still carried by many. The politics that surround the threats of war and terrorism remain tumultuous. We pray for wise and prudent leaders who will work to build a better world. We pray for all those who place their lives in harms way for our safety and protection.

For those involved in the world of education, enjoy your final days before your routine (or some variation of it) returns. Farewell summer!

*Check out our new website www.holycrossrc.org
and subscribe on the homepage to our parish email list for important notifications!*

PARISH NEWS

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, September 11th/12th



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

Meetings this Week

Saturday, September 4th 3:45 - 4:45 PM
 • HOLY HOUR Worship Area

Sunday, September 5th After 9:30 Mass
 • ANOINTING OF THE SICK Worship Area

Monday, September 6th 9 AM
 • MASS Worship Area
 (The Parish Office is closed for Labor Day.)

Tuesday, September 7th 10 AM
 • IN STITCHES Fr. Joe Room

Wednesday, September 8th 11:30AM-2:30PM
 • SENIORS Atrium

Thursday, September 9th 1:30 - 3:30 PM
 • BEREAVEMENT Fr. Joe Room

Sunday, September 12th 11:30 AM Mass
 • CHILDREN'S LITURGY Fr. Joe Room
 • BAPTISMS 1PM Worship Area

The Parish Office is closed Monday, September 6th, for



There is a 9:00 Mass Monday morning.

Banns of Marriage Second Time

*Danielle Williams & Joseph Santospirito
 Emily Dick & Christopher Altieri*

Children's Liturgy of the Word

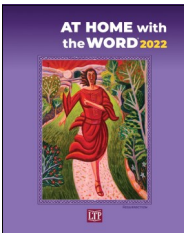
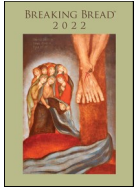
Children's Liturgy of the Word allows children in grades K-4 to hear God's Word in language they can understand and gives them the opportunity to ask and answer questions.

Beginning September 12th, we will be meeting in the Fr. Joe Room two or three Sundays per month during the 11:30 Mass. **Children are required to wear masks, and families should arrive early to sign up at the Fr. Joe Room. Limited to first 15 children to sign up.**

We are looking for additional adult leaders (18 years and older) and helpers (5th grade and above). Training and community service hours are available. Time commitment will be dependent on the number of leaders and helpers we have. If you are interested in joining this ministry or have any questions, please contact Karyn at 631-648-3594.



If you would like to purchase an **At Home with the Word** book for 2022, or a **Breaking Bread** Missalette for next year, please sign up in the hallway by the Parish Office.

Special Collection

Next weekend we will take up the collection for **The Catholic University of America**. Your gift supports your National Catholic University, founded by the Bishops of the United States in 1887 to serve the educational needs of Church as well as Nation.

Anointing of the Sick will be offered **Sunday, September 5th, after the 9:30 Mass**

PARISH NEWS



Pray for Our Military

SPC(E-4) David Basler
 Cpl Richard J. DeKanchuk, USMC
 SA Anthony J. DeNicola
 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
 IT1 Jason Mulderig
 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 2021.

Please let us know at any time during 2021 if their service is finished, their title has changed, or you would like continued prayers through 2022. May God bless all who serve our nation. Pray for Peace!



*Holy Cross welcomes
 these children
 Baptized in August*

Christian Michael Cecchini
Isabella Charlotte Comiskey
Chanel May Dasch
Logan Mark Gilroy
Dylan James Hofmann
Anthony Carmine Indovino Cawley
Avery George Jaikaran
Matthew Douglas Jones, Jr.
Trevor Marcial Lane
Ayla Kate Moore
William Joseph Payne
Sebastian Dioni Perez
Sierra Rose Perez
Taylor Patrick Schoenig, Jr.



We pray for the following parishioners whose funerals/services were celebrated at Holy Cross in August:

Kathleen Merlino
Joanne M. Miceli
Harrison Frisenda
Peter T. Pellicany

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

Due to your generous support, we were able to collect \$773 to assist those affected by hurricane Henri. Thank you!

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\$100	David & Jean Ryder
\$250	Arlene Lechner

PARISH OUTREACH

Dress a Girl Around the World

This unique organization donates dresses to young, vulnerable girls suffering from extreme poverty around the world. By providing a new dress, you may be changing a young girl's destiny and how she and the world see her. It tells them they are loved by someone and reminds them they are loved by God.

How Can You Help? Two Ways!

We are looking for volunteers who will cut the fabric using the patterns provided. You can do this in the comfort of your own home or with a group. Fabric will be provided.

Are you able to sew and want to share your gift for this project? Outreach is looking for volunteers who are interested in creating these dresses by sewing them in their own homes, using pre-cut fabric.

If you are interested, please call Outreach at 631-265-2200 ext. 113 for further details.



Thank you!



LITURGY BYTES

Elevating Your Experience of the Liturgy



After more than a year of dispensations from attending Mass, Catholics around the world are taking a look at the liturgy with fresh eyes. As the saying goes, “**Absence makes the heart grow fonder.**” This weekend’s Liturgy Bytes reflection centers on some of the prayers of the Mass that never change.

In recent months, many of us experienced the Mass on TV, or via a computer or tablet because of the pandemic. Most parishes are continuing to offer Mass via YouTube or live streaming because there are parishioners who are still not able to come to Church for Mass. Many offered comments of gratitude, and still do, to be able to “attend” Mass at their local parish using the technology available to us today.

No matter where technology takes us, and no matter how we use it, the most **basic principle about liturgy never changes.** Liturgy is a celebration of the Paschal Mystery. Over the years, we have been instructed to pray it well with reverence and dignity. In recent years (2011), we saw a few changes in the prayers of the Mass said by the Presider as well as a few changes in the people’s responses, too. Thus, we experienced the birth of the third edition of the Roman Missal. This edition reminds us that it closely adheres to the Latin official edition and includes more of the rich images and phrases not translated in previous English U.S. editions. In other words, now the prayers of the Mass are the same in all languages.

To return to the topic, and to also “whet your appetite” for our ***VIEW FROM THE PEW*** series beginning in September (see flyer on page 9), here are a few pointers about those Mass prayers that are said at each Mass.

Perhaps you too, like me, wash over them without paying much attention

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LITURGY BYTES continued

to what is being said. Take the COLLECT for example—the collect forms the final part of the Introductory Rites of the Mass which includes the Penitential Act, the Kyrie and the Gloria. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops describes the collect as follows: The priest calls upon the people to pray and everybody, together with the priest, observes a brief silence so that they may become aware of God’s presence and may call to mind their intentions. It is addressed to God the Father, through Christ, in the Holy Spirit.

So, when you attend Mass the next time, be sure to listen for this prayer (at the beginning of Mass) and realize we are joining with the Presider in this prayer. Take a second or two to gather your thoughts and what you wish to pray for at this Mass. Give it a try, and you will be hooked and ready for it each time you attend Mass!

Here is an example of a Collect Prayer:

“O God, who causes the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.”

Notice how the language is very tender and warm as we prepare ourselves at the beginning of Mass. The wording reminds us of God’s fatherly care, while also encouraging us towards dignity and reverence as we start the Mass.

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



A VIEW FROM THE PEW



HOW COME WE DO NOT SAY
“*AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT*” ANYMORE AT MASS? CONSIDER
JOINING US TO GET YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

JOIN US FOR A SHORT SERIES ON 3 TUESDAYS:

SEPTEMBER 21, 28 AND OCTOBER 5
AT 7 PM IN THE CHAPEL

TO HELP WITH HANDOUTS, ETC., PLEASE REGISTER IN
ADVANCE BY COMPLETING THE FORM BELOW OR
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ALL OUR LITURGICAL MINISTERS (EMS, LECTORS &
USHERS) ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!

PLEASE RETURN TO THE PARISH OFFICE

I will be attending the Liturgy Series on September 21, 28 & October 5.

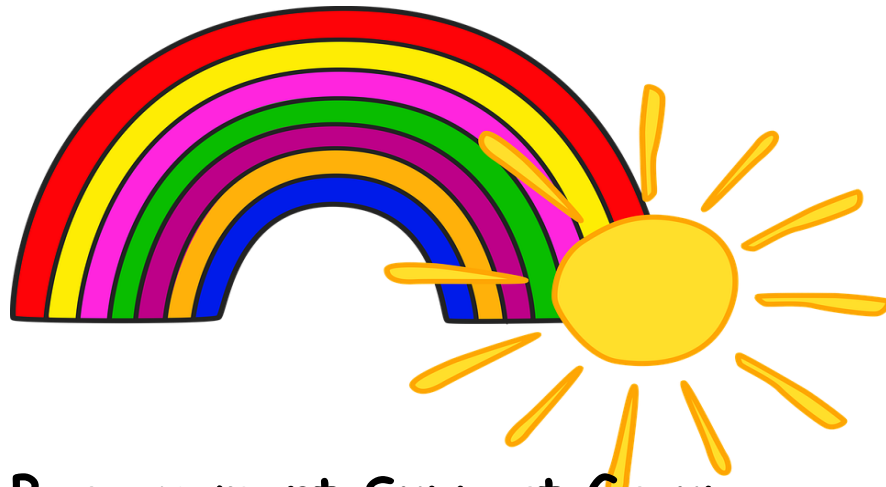
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PARISH OUTREACH



Bereavement Support Group

Everyone handles grief a bit differently. Grief is like taking the color out of your world.

This Bereavement Group will consist of those handling the passing of a spouse, either a **wife** or **husband**.

We will meet for six consecutive Thursdays from 1:30 to 3:30 PM beginning **September 9th** and ending **October 14th**. All are welcome.

If interested, please register as soon as possible by calling **Holy Cross Outreach at 631-265-2200 ext. 113**, leave your name and number, and you will be contacted by the Facilitator of the group.

Perhaps through the sharing, listening, and companionship with others who are also encountering grief, you may be able to put that rainbow back in your life.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you." Matt:11:28

PARISH OUTREACH

*Are you feeling stressed out or anxious?
Are you experiencing depression or constantly overthinking?
Is returning to school causing you concern?*

You are not alone.

You are invited to join us for a



Teen Mental Health Awareness Night

Featuring Tony Bellizzi and Cindy Garcia

Tony Bellizzi is a spiritual animator directing annually over 500 retreat, workshop, youth ministry, and prison ministry events. He is also an activist, founder, and director of the Hope for the Children Foundation.

Cindy Garcia is a licensed therapist who has worked with Tony in helping teens and young adults.

**Where: Parish of the Holy Cross
95 Nichols Road
Nesconset, NY 11767**

When: Sunday, September 19, 2021

Time: 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Join us for a mental health “checkup” with Tony and Cindy as we explore these feelings and learn strategies to cope and move forward. This is a safe place to listen, share and get a mental health “check-up.” Refreshments will be served.

Teens Only Please

For reservations, please call the Outreach Office at **631-265-2200 ext. 113.**

PARISH OUTREACH

As we transition into a new school year and navigate our way through the never-ending changes of life, we are reminded that you cannot pour from an empty cup.

Let us help you “**fill up your cup**” with a

Parent Mental Health Check Up and Check In



with **Special Guest Speakers**

Tony Bellizzi, Youth Minister, Inspirational Speaker and Activist &
Cindy Garcia, New York State Licensed Therapist

Join Tony and Cindy as they share strategies to cope, feel empowered and move forward. This is a safe place to share and listen. All are welcome.

**Where: Parish of the Holy Cross
95 Nichols Road
Nesconset, NY 11767**

When: Sunday, September 26, 2021

Time: 7:00pm to 8:30pm

For reservations, please call Parish Outreach at **631-265-2200 ext. 113.**

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.



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PARISH OUTREACH

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- » Alzheimer's Association resources.

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To register call the 24/7 Helpline at 800.272.3900 or Kelley Mowat at 631-265-2200 Ext. 113

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