

The Parish of the Holy Cross

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LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!

This is my commandment:

*Love one another
as I love you.*

John 15:12

Come and pray with us!

Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 6, 2018

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.*

WE CELEBRATE EUCHARIST

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 A.M. (Chapel)

Saturday: 5:00 P.M.

Sunday: 8:00 A.M. + 9:30 A.M. + 11:30 A.M.

WE CELEBRATE BAPTISM

Baptisms are generally celebrated twice each month at 1 P.M. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

WE CELEBRATE RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:45 P.M.—4:30 P.M.

or call Father Michael for an appointment.

WE CELEBRATE WEDDINGS

Couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date.

We are here for you!

631.265.2200 + Fax 631.265.2229 + pothc@optonline.net
Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (closed 12:15-1:00 PM)

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Michael F. Holzmann
Pastor

Ms. Kathleen Reid
Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Mary Anne Mc Culloch
Ms. Patricia Gyscek
Co-Coordinators of Parish Outreach

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Mr. Brian Reich
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Mr. Salvatore Finocchiaro
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Mrs. Mary Inghilterra
Weekend Sacristan

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses



May 12th/13th

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

Mass Intentions Schedule



Week of May 6th, 9AM Mass

Mon. Henri-Robert Lamarque
Tue. Edward Watts (living)
Wed. Charles J. Ferrari

Thursday, May 10th, Ascension of the Lord

7 AM Neal & Concetta Romano
9 AM Bertha Tepedino & Steven Cono
7 PM Bob DeFilippis

Saturday, May 12th, 5 PM Mass

People of the Parish & All Mother's Day Mass Remembrances

Sunday, May 13, Seventh Sunday of Easter

All Masses - All Mother's Day Mass Remembrances

Remembering Our Sick

Please pray for the sick of our parish, their families and caregivers:

Paul Malley Edward Newman
Eric Schwarz Edward Watts

If you would like to have the name of your loved one listed for 4 weeks in our prayers for the sick, please contact the Parish Office at 631.265.2200.



Banns of Marriage - First Time

Jessica Vasquez & Daniel Crnkovich

Scripture Readings for May 13, 2018



+ Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17,20-26
+ 1 John 4:11-16
+ John 17:11-19

Signs of Spring

by Father Michael

Recall the weather we had at the beginning of the week. Temperatures were in the 40s with a driving wind. I walked into the house on Monday evening, and I was chilled to the bone. I looked at my fireplace and there was a handful of leftover logs sitting in the wood holder. So, during the final week of April, I enjoyed the evening sitting in front of a roaring fire, sipping a hot chocolate. What a difference a few days can make. Now we are breaking out the summer clothes and even starting up the air conditioner.

In addition to the changes in weather, spring is a wonderful time for celebrating life within the parish. Between this weekend and next, one hundred seven of our children will receive the Eucharist for the first time. It is a great privilege to offer children Holy Communion for the first time. Our Saturday celebrations are always uplifting, and our families are pleased with our beautiful Masses. Much work, preparation and prayer go into celebrating this moment of faith.

Last weekend, twenty-two of our young parishioners participated in the Youth Group's spring retreat. The theme was questioning and searching within their own lives. It is important to raise questions about our life so that we understand who God made us to be and what He calls us to do. As always, the retreat was planned and executed well by our dedicated Youth Core Group.

Our Community Garden is getting geared up for planting. Last weekend a major improvement took place. We now have a substantial fence around the garden. For the past few years the deer and rabbits have just loved our garden. For them, it was kind of like the Golden Corral buffet. While they enjoyed themselves, it was frustrating for our volunteers. Despite their best efforts, critters both large and small kept getting in. I offer a huge thank you to Joe Merlino. This was his Eagle Scout project. He and his fellow scouts worked long and hard to complete the project. Thank you to all those who supported Joe in his fundraiser. I think his car wash was postponed three times due to storms and the winter weather that would not subside.

Our Alpha program is doing splendidly. Forty parishioners are participating in this program which is designed to deepen one's relationship with Jesus. The evening includes dinner, a DVD presentation and small group discussion. We will certainly look into offering this program again in the future.

Pentecost is just around the corner, another great celebration in the life of the Church. Keep enjoying all the signs of spring that emerge during these days. God abundantly blesses us with signs of new life.

Continue to pray for peace throughout the world.

We will have the Anointing of the Sick after the 9:30 Mass on May 6th.

PARISH NEWS

Ascension of the Lord - Holy Day Mass Times

Thursday, May 10th, at 7AM, 9AM & 7PM

The Parish Office is closed on Thursday for the Holy Day.

Mother's Day

Mother's Day Mass Remembrance envelopes may be placed in the collection basket. Names of loved ones will appear in the bulletin on Mother's Day.

Holy Cross Welcomes these Children Baptized in April

Aubrey Rae Chiofalo
Helayna Rey Klesin
Juliet Rey Link
Nina Kate Santiago
Avery James Tinker
Christian Santiago Yanez



Pray for Our Military



LCpl. Richard J. DeKanchuk, USMC
SR Anthony J. DeNicola
Sgt. Daniel Frost
MIDN Jonathan A. Goohs Jr., USNA
WO Christopher Kaminsky
Cpl. Michael Knipper, USMC
Sgt. Ryan Mauldin
Lt. Ryan Montvydas
IT2 Jason Mulderig

We thank the men and women who serve in our military for their service. We will continue to pray for them through 2018. Please let us know at any time during 2018 if their service is finished, their title has changed, or you would like continued prayers through 2019.

May God bless all who serve our nation.
Pray for Peace!

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 5:30PM on three consecutive Monday afternoons on the following dates:
May 7th, 14th and 21st.



30TH ANNIVERSARY PICNIC!

Holy Cross Parish Picnic

Fun!

Save the Date!!!

Music!

**Sunday, June 10th
1PM - 5PM**

Food!

**at the Nesconset Gazebo
on Smithtown Boulevard
(right after the 11:30 Mass at HC)**

Games!

Join us for a fun day of food, music and kids' activities! There will be fun for all ages! Free for all parishioners and their families!

Remember the fun we had at the 25th?!!!



A thousand people were there!

I/We will attend the 30th Anniversary Parish Picnic on June 10th!

Family Name _____

of Adults _____ # of Children _____

Please drop in the Collection Basket or at the Parish Office.



30TH ANNIVERSARY DANCE!



Holy Cross Dinner Dance!

SAVE THE DATE! The Parish of the Holy Cross is celebrating its 30th Anniversary with a Dinner Dance!

When: Friday, October 19, 2018

Where: The Meadow Club, 1147 Route 112, Port Jefferson Station

Time: 7 - 11 PM

Tickets will be on sale beginning the weekend of May 19 & 20 after all the Masses. Plan to be with us as we celebrate this important milestone in the life of our parish!

A Message from Fr. Michael

If you are a business owner or are able to donate supplies that would be needed for the Parish Picnic or Parish Dinner Dance, we would love to hear from you. We are also looking for sponsorships to offset some of the expenses for these celebrations. Please call the Parish Office if you can help. Thank you!

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This weekend at the offertory we will also be collecting for our Catholic Elementary Schools (*Tomorrow's Hope*). This collection provides tuition assistance to families with students who would like to attend a Catholic elementary school, but just need a little help to make that happen. Thank you for all you do to support our children and our schools.



Next weekend at the offertory we will also be collecting for Catholic Communications. This campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. And, fifty percent of funds collected remain in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.

BASKET RAFFLES!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our committees, businesses, companies and parishioners who have given so generously in supporting our Basket Raffle fundraiser. The success of our fundraiser would not have been possible without your generosity.

The Fundraising Committee

Here are some pictures from last Sunday at our Wine and Cheese Party when the basket raffle winners were chosen!



HOLY CROSS MUSIC MINISTRY CD

Did you attend the Parish Concert on Sunday, April 15th, to celebrate our 30th Anniversary and not get a chance to place your order for one of our Music Ministry's CDs? Or, maybe you were unable to attend, but enjoy the music at our Sunday Masses. Well, here's your chance to put in your order! Suggested donation of at least \$10 at **time of pickup** would be appreciated.



I would like to order our Music Ministry's musical collection on CD.

Name _____

of CDs _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

30TH ANNIV. PICNIC HELP NEEDED!

- Do you have a pick-up truck or van? Can you help transport equipment to or from the picnic on Sunday, June 10, either from 7 to 11AM or 5 to 8PM? Helpers and lifters will be provided.



- Are you a nurse? Or, are you an EMT? Are you willing to sit at a First Aid Station for one hour during the picnic? Contact Linda Spahr at 631-252-0919 or spahrlin@optonline.net

- Do you or someone you know own a business? Would you like to be a sponsor for the 30th Anniversary Picnic? Contact Kim Loh Bodor at 516-996-2297 or akjlb23@optonline.net



- Do you have any photos or memorabilia of events that took place at Holy Cross in the past 5 years? If so, contact Kim at the number or email above.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Please mark your calendars for this year's shipwrecked Vacation Bible School at Holy Cross which will be held from Monday, July 9, through Friday, July 13, from 10 am to 1pm.

Registration forms for campers can be found on page 10 of the bulletin or on our web page, www.pothc.org. This is for **campers** only, specifically children who are entering grades K through 5 in the fall of 2018. Please fill out the form and mail in your registration, or stop by the Religious Education office to register.

Inquiries regarding this popular, exciting, summer program can be made at 265-2200 ext. 19.

**** Sign-up registration for helpers and counselors will be held on Wednesday, May 23rd, from 5 to 6PM and 7 to 8PM. YOU NEED TO ATTEND ONLY ONE of these meetings to register as a helper or counselor. This meeting is for volunteers entering 6th grade in the fall to adult.****



The Rescue Team

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Welcome to Holy Cross Religious Education

The Religious Education Office is planning ahead to the 2018-2019 Formation Year. We need your help so that we can adequately plan to meet the needs of our parish. If you have a child entering **First Grade in September you need to register.** If you have recently moved to our parish you need to register in the parish. Our program is “home based.” Classes do not take place at the Church; rather they are held in the homes of our Catechists. Because of this, there are geographical limits on who we are able to accommodate. Please contact our office for more specific information.

- First time registration needs to be done in person at our office.
- Registration needs to be completed by June 15, 2018.
- Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00-12:00 & 1:00-4:00
- If your child was not baptized at Holy Cross you need to bring a copy of your child’s Baptism Certificate.
- For those who are already part of our program, you need to re-register for the upcoming year. Materials will be sent to your home early in May and they may be returned by mail. Please note the deadline of June 15, 2018.

A detailed outline of our program is available on-line or at our office. But, there are a few important details to be noted.

- Children must successfully complete each grade level to proceed to the next.
- The Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation require a minimum of two years of preparation.

Most importantly, we need to work together. Faithful attendance at classes and parent workshops is essential. As comprehensive and informative as our program is, this is only one part of your child’s faith formation. The greatest thing you can do to nurture your faith and the faith of your child is to regularly be part of our Sunday Eucharist.

The Catechism of the Church states that parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. We are privileged to work with you in this task. We thank you for your cooperation in allowing us to be part of your lives. We look forward to a fruitful year where everyone, young and old, continues to grow in understanding the gift of our faith.



YOUTH MINISTRY

If you made your Confirmation, then come with a friend and check out the wonderful opportunities the Youth Group has for you! We would love to see you!

- **Sunday, May 6th: There will be a Youth Night from 6 to 8PM. The night event will take place in the Atrium. All teens are welcome! :-)**



The Parish of the Holy Cross VBS Registration Form



July 9-13, 2018 10AM-1PM

Please print clearly / one per child

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____ Date of birth: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Grade entering Sept. 2018 _____

Home phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Parish if not Holy Cross: _____

Mother/guardian emergency contact # / cell # _____

Father/guardian emergency contact # / cell # _____

Important: Allergies or other medical conditions: Yes / No (please circle one)
(if "yes" please fill out "Allergy Action Plan" form at time of registration.)

***** Under No circumstances may outside food be brought in.**

Fees:

\$60.00 for 1 camper

\$100.00 for 2 campers

\$140.00 for 3 or more campers

May **request one** name for a child to be placed with:

This is only a request.

Campers may be placed in same crew OR group.
Siblings will be placed together if requested.

Photography release: I hereby give / do not give permission for my child

_____ to be photographed during the week at VBS.

(must circle one and sign) _____

For Parish use only:

Payments Made: Date: _____ Amount: _____ Cash Check # _____

PARISH OUTREACH

- ☐ *"Whatever you do for the least of my people, you do for me." Matthew 25:40* ☐
- ☐ Behind the scenes of Parish Outreach are several categories of dedicated volunteers. ☐
- ☐ One of these groups is called CORE. These devoted people assist with the everyday ☐
- ☐ operation of the program here at Holy Cross. Participation in this ministry includes ☐
- ☐ interacting directly with the people in our community who are experiencing difficult ☐
- ☐ times; assisting with the various holiday programs; and helping to provide direction for ☐
- ☐ the needs of the community. ☐
- ☐ If you have the gift of a compassionate heart and feel called to participate in this ☐
- ☐ work of charity and justice, please call Mary Anne or Pat at (631) 265-2200, ext. 13. ☐

Homebound and Hospitalized

Are you, or someone you know in the parish, homebound or anticipating an operation or treatment for cancer? We in Holy Cross are eager to know, in a more personal way, our parishioners who are homebound or hospitalized. Often, we do not hear of a person's illness or inability to join us for Sunday Mass. **Please call (265-2200 ext. 13) or stop by the office to let Parish Outreach know of these parishioners who are so special to us.** We really depend on you.



Parish Outreach sends cards, on behalf of our parish, to those who are ill or hospitalized. Our homebound folks receive friendly telephone calls by Outreach volunteers to keep up the connection and to assess ways the parish can be present to these loved parishioners. At Advent and Easter time a volunteer will visit them and bring a gift from the parish community. Eucharistic Ministers are also available to bring communion to the homebound who desire it.

These are some of the ways Holy Cross reaches out to the homebound and hospitalized. Please help us by contacting Parish Outreach or a member of the Pastoral Team if you know of anyone we can serve in their time of need.

Blood Drive - Tuesday, July 24th, 2018

Our annual Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, July 24th. **Just an early reminder that a 56 day interval is necessary between donations. To participate in the Holy Cross Blood Drive this year, your last day to give blood in other drives must be before May 29th.** More information to follow in the weeks to come. Thank you!



2018
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES
APPEAL

*Supporting Dramatic Missionary Growth
on Long Island and Beyond*

Hands of Christ's Mercy



WHAT IS THE CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL MONEY USED FOR?

100% of all money raised supports the Appeal and its essential programs and services across Long Island, touching each of our 133 parishes and more than 600,000 people. Together, parishioners on Long Island reach many more people than one parish could ever do on its own. There is no organization or body on Long Island that provides the breadth and depth of spiritual and social services to so many individuals and families as the Catholic Church. Some of the areas include:

- Religious education for hundreds of thousands of students
- Affordable and safe housing for seniors, veterans and adults with mental and physical disabilities
- Food programs for seniors, low-income families and women and their children
- Youth, Campus and Young Adult Ministries
- Priests', Deacons' and lay leaders' education and formation
- Faith Formation, including Baptismal Preparation, Pre-Cana and RCIA programs
- Hospital ministry to those who are ill and their families
- Prison Ministry
- Substance abuse services and day treatment programs
- Catholic Diversity Initiatives

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE WAYS MY GIFT MAY BE USED?

Gifts are used to live and share our faith, care for God's people and help to build God's Kingdom. For example, a gift of:

- \$25 may help pay the gas for a Meals-On-Wheels van to deliver food for a day.
- \$50 may help pay for teaching materials for a volunteer Catechist.
- \$100 may help care for a newborn in the Catholic Charities Regina Residence.
- \$250 may help subsidize housing for a developmentally disabled adult.
- \$1,000 may help support the formation of our Seminarians.

To donate, please make checks payable to:
Catholic Ministries Appeal

*Please consider donating to the Appeal and
making a difference in the lives of others!*

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Pledge: \$ _____

Name _____

Down payment: \$ _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Don't Forget Your Baby Bottle!

*O*n Mother's Day weekend, May 12th & 13th, the Parish of the Holy Cross will be hosting a Baby Bottle Fundraiser to benefit The Life Center of Long Island.

The Life Center is a crisis pregnancy center that counsels women and men who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Did you know that they provide:

- o free pregnancy tests
- o maternity housing with eligibility requirements
- o medical care
- o referrals
- o cribs
- o car seats
- o diapers
- o ...and all other baby items that may be needed



We are asking that you pick up a baby bottle and fill it with your donation.
(Make checks out to the Life Center of L.I.)

PLEASE RETURN THE BOTTLES ON

June 16th & 17th

Father's Day Weekend

Most importantly, we are asking you to recite the prayer on the bottle. The prayer attached to the bottle will enable the counselors at The Life Center to say just the right words a mother or father may need to hear. It especially opens a mother's heart to accept the truth. We believe these prayers lead abortion-minded women to call The Life Center in the first place.

Let us pray with our whole heart for the lives of our unborn children.

CASH CALENDAR

HAPPY *Mother's* DAY

Parish of the Holy Cross
May Cash Calendar



May 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 \$50	2 \$50	3 \$50	4 \$50	5 \$50
6 \$50	7 \$50	8 \$50	9 \$50	10 \$50	11 \$50	12 \$50
13 \$500	14 \$50	15 \$50	16 \$50	17 \$50	18 \$50	19 \$50
20 \$50	21 \$50	22 \$50	23 \$50	24 \$50	25 \$50	26 \$50
27 \$50	28 \$50	29 \$50	30 \$50	31 \$50	\$10 Per Chance 31 Chances to Win \$50 per Day ~ \$500 on MOTHERS' DAY ~ May 13.	

Cash Calendar, MAY 2018

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MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Saturday, May 5th	10:30AM & 1PM
• 1ST HOLY COMMUNIONS	Worship Area
• HOLY HOUR	3:45-4:45PM Worship Area
Sunday, May 6th	After 9:30 Mass
• ANOINTING OF THE SICK	Worship Area
• BAPTISMS	1PM Worship Area
• YOUTH NIGHT	6-8PM Atrium
Monday, May 7th	4:30-5:30PM
• ALTAR SERVER TRAINING	Worship Area
• YOUTH MIN./CONFIRM. NIGHT	7PM Worship Area
Tuesday, May 8th	10:00 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
• ALPHA	6:30PM Atrium
Wednesday, May 9th	5:30-6:30PM
• 1ST COMM. REHEARSAL	Worship Area
• 1ST COMM. REHEARSAL	7-8PM Worship Area
Thursday, May 10th	7AM, 9AM & 7PM
• ASCENSION MASSES	Worship Area
<i>(The Parish Office is closed for the Holy Day.)</i>	
Saturday, May 12th	10:30AM & 1PM
• 1ST HOLY COMMUNIONS	Worship Area
• BABY BTL. FUNDRAISER BEGINS	5PM Atrium
Sunday, May 13th	All Masses
• BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER BEGINS	Atrium

CASH CALENDAR

Congratulations to the following April Cash Calendar Winners!

Date	Amount	Name
4/1/2018	500.00	Tom McCulloch
4/2/2018	50.00	Connie Lipnicki
4/3/2018	50.00	Janice Schwarz
4/4/2018	50.00	Janet Talay
4/5/2018	50.00	A. Cassone
4/6/2018	50.00	Mary Ann Harris
4/7/2018	50.00	Jo Wentzel
4/8/2018	50.00	Lori McDaniel
4/9/2018	50.00	A. Cassone
4/10/2018	50.00	Food Pantry
4/11/2018	50.00	Sisters of Saint Joseph
4/12/2018	50.00	Joe and Pauline Fanuele
4/13/2018	50.00	Teresa Coster
4/14/2018	50.00	A. Cassone
4/15/2018	50.00	Elizabeth Sullivan
4/16/2018	50.00	The Betz Family
4/17/2018	50.00	Matt Garvey
4/18/2018	50.00	Karen Buchwald
4/19/2018	50.00	Joann Leptich
4/20/2018	50.00	Ronnie Graziose
4/21/2018	50.00	Linda Spahr
4/22/2018	50.00	The Knipper Family
4/23/2018	50.00	Joan Turner
4/24/2018	50.00	Caroline Schreiber
4/25/2018	50.00	Philip Graziose
4/26/2018	50.00	Mary Inghilterra
4/27/2018	50.00	Thomas Kecki
4/28/2018	50.00	Tracey Conter
4/29/2018	50.00	Food Pantry
4/30/2018	50.00	Nancy Buonora

REMINDERS

Remember "Kevin Bacon"

Don't forget to feed "Kevin Bacon" your quarters when you come to Mass on Sundays! Your donation benefits Heifer International.



Hearing Devices

For parishioners who have difficulty hearing, Holy Cross has individual devices which can amplify sound. They are simple to use and work for those who wear hearing aids and those who do not. If you are interested in using one of these devices, please see the Sacristan or an Usher prior to Mass.

Gluten Free Hosts

For parishioners who have Celiac Disease or a gluten sensitivity, Holy Cross has gluten free hosts. If you would like to receive a gluten free host during Communion, please inform the Sacristan prior to Mass.



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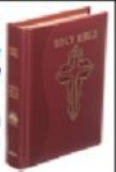
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