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Come and pray with us!

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 15, 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 Summer Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM (closed 12:15-1:00 PM)

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Ms. Patricia Gyscek
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Mrs. Mary Inghilterra
Weekend Sacristan

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses



July 21st/22nd

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

Scripture Readings for July 22, 2018



+ *Jeremiah 23:1-6*
+ *Ephesians 2:13-18*
+ *Mark 6:30-34*

Remembering Our Sick

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

Paul Malley Annie Santamaria

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.

Mass Intentions Schedule



Week of July 15th, 9AM Mass

Mon. Ed Rahilly
Tue. Gregory Carlson (living)
Wed. Gabriel & Victoria Forero
Thu. Henry Wangenstein

Saturday, July 21st, 5 PM Mass

Elaine Wisnowski, Nora Gorman, Wanda Casey, Ludvic Levasseur

Sunday, July 22nd, 16th Sun. in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Eileen Doyle
9:30 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Merardo Arce, Jose Arce, Estrella Arce, Margaret Credidio



Banns of Marriage

First Time

Michelle Kennedy & Thomas Stella

Second Time

Courtney Widmer & Jesse Mancuso
Laura Greene & Andrew O'Connell
Kaitlyn Beirne & Daniel Piampiano

Shipwrecked

by Father Michael

As I write this article we are in the midst of our Vacation Bible School (VBS). This year the theme is "Shipwrecked." There are all kinds of games, images and stories of being stranded on a desert island. How do we get rescued? How are we saved? The underlying theme for the week is that Jesus is our source of new life and hope; He is the one to save us. While there are many fun activities for the kids, this program is built on a foundation of scripture and Christian teaching. We hope that seeds of faith are being planted in the lives of these young children. We also delight in being able to offer them a week of fun that they associate with the Church.

These are joyful and exciting days. It is a great event for many people in our community to be able to experience an opportunity like this. We are blessed to have so many people who are committed to this work. There are 77 young children participating as campers. There are about the same number of older children who are helpers along with the dozen or so adult leaders who pull the program together. While there are many people who participate, I want to offer a special word of thanks to Roseann Conforti and Dana Iovino who are co-coordinators of VBS. This is one of the many vibrant activities that bring life to Holy Cross.

During these beautiful summer days, I like spending as much time as I can outside. I often eat dinner on my patio table as well as read and do other work. I love to enjoy the gift of this warm and sunny weather. I have a bunch of bunny rabbits running around on my lawn (and I suspect their numbers are only going to increase). One day this week while I was eating, I looked up to see four bunnies chasing each other. They were lined up in single file, hopping after one another in circles. They even did a few figure eights. After about two minutes they all ran off into the woods. I sat there and smiled as they put on this little show for me. Later in the evening, I enjoyed watching the fireflies twinkling in the night sky. As I watched them, I came up with my question for the day. What do fireflies do during the day?

Remember to pray for our nation. We are at a moment where a new Supreme Court Judge is to be named. We pray for the work of the Holy Spirit to help discern an individual who will support legislation and laws that are consistent with our Catholic teaching and demonstrate the compassion of our Lord.

Don't forget, "Sister Act" takes place this evening (Sunday). I hope you can be part of this enjoyable performance. It's not too late to get a ticket at the door for a free-will offering.

PARISH NEWS



Parish Outreach

Our Outreach School Supplies Program is starting soon. Please keep an eye out for any early sales!

A Friendly Reminder from Religious Education

Registration for our 2018-2019 Religious Education Program is past due. If you would like to register your child in our Religious Education program, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you!



Music Ministry

We are in the finishing stages of having our Music Ministry CD replicated. The CDs should be ready in a few weeks. We will keep you posted. Thanks for your patience!

Special Collection

Next weekend at the offertory we will also be collecting for our **Regional Schools**. Thank you for your support of this important collection!

Blood Drive Sign-Up

This weekend, volunteers will be in the Atrium to sign up blood donors. Our Annual Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, July 24th, from 2:30 to 8:15 pm. Donors must be at least 16 years old (16 year olds will need parental permission) and weigh at least 110 pounds. Your last blood donation must have been before May 29th.

Summer is a very critical time. School blood drives, including elementary, high school and colleges, are a major source of donations. When schools are closed, and people are on vacation, blood shortages occur. **Your blood donation is more important than ever.** If it is possible for you to give the Gift of Life this year, please stop at the table in the Atrium and fill out an appointment card. You never know, the life you save may be someone you know. Thank you!

The Blood Drive Committee

Parish of the Holy Cross



BLOOD DRIVE



Tuesday, July 24, 2018

2:30pm - 8:15pm

95 Old Nichols Road, Nesconset

Your donation will help to **save up to THREE lives.**

Our community hospitals need your help.

Please share this lifesaving gift!

Thank You for Caring!

🔴 Eligibility Criteria 🔴

Bring **Donor Card or ID**. Minimum Weight: 110lbs.

No New Tattoos for past 12 months.

Ages 16 - 75 (16 year olds must have parental permission)

For questions concerning medical eligibility:

www.nybc.org | 1-800-933-2566

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact:

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**Call the Parish Office at 631-265-2200 to hold your seat.
Priority will be given to Holy Cross parishioners until July 18.**

**Information Evening
Wednesday, July 18 @ 7:30 PM**

Deposits may be submitted after July 18.

LIVE THEATER COMES TO HOLY CROSS!

Join us for...

Sister Act

*This live theater event performed by members of
Plaza Theatrical Productions
takes place in the Worship Center on:*

SUNDAY, JULY 15TH, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Tickets will be available before the show begins. DOORS OPEN at 6:30PM. There will be a 15 minute intermission, at which time refreshments will be available for purchase. 50/50 chances will also be available.

Since there is not a fixed price for the tickets, we ask you to make a free will offering. This is a fundraiser for our parish, but we want everyone to have the chance to attend. It is our hope that through your support and generosity, this show will again be a successful fundraiser for Holy Cross. Your donation will be confidential. Past performances have been enjoyed by many, and we are confident that this show will be another amazing event!

Synopsis

A woman hiding in a convent helps her fellow sisters find their voices as she rediscovers her own. This feel-good comedy smash is based on the hit Whoopie Goldberg film.



30TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE!

*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



Thank you for your support.
We look forward to our
Anniversary Dinner Dance on
October 19th.

There will be no ticket sales after Masses during July and August. Tickets can be purchased by check, cash or credit card at the Parish Office during these months (office hours are 9am to 2:30pm).

We will resume ticket sales on the weekend of September 8th/9th after all the Masses. See you in September!

Please join our FORMED online community!

We're pleased to announce the availability of **FORMED**, an online library of movies, classes, inspirational talks, and a great selection of ebooks and other Catholic based programming accessed through your computer.

We are providing this resource free of charge to help our parishioners learn and grow in their faith. Normally, an annual subscription to FORMED costs a parish \$1,750 a year. There was a generous benefactor who created a grant for all the parishes in our Diocese that wished to join. The cost to Holy Cross for this year is only \$600. We thought it was a good opportunity for our parish to participate.

This is a new tool for all of us. In the coming weeks and months ahead the Pastoral Team will make some recommendations for specific presentations that we find helpful. Please feel free to explore on your own and discover programming that you find inspirational and uplifting. **Please follow the instructions below to gain access to this wealth of material.**

Registration is free and easy:

- Go to <https://pothc.formed.org>
- Click "Register"
- Enter your name, email address and desired password
- You can also register using our Parish Code: **G3RCZH**

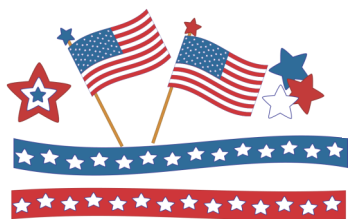
Also, once you have signed up, don't forget to download the free iOS or Android app to put FORMED at your fingertips. We hope you will enjoy this incredible gift, and please spread the word to others.

Nourish your soul. Spread the word.

Blessings,
Fr. Michael

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CASH CALENDAR



PARISH OF THE HOLY CROSS CASH CALENDAR JULY 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 \$50	2 \$50	3 \$50	4 \$500	5 \$50	6 \$50	7 \$50
8 \$50	9 \$50	10 \$50	11 \$50	12 \$50	13 \$50	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 July 4			

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MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Saturday, July 14th	5PM
• BLOOD DRIVE SIGN-UPS	Atrium
Sunday, July 15th	All Masses
• BLOOD DRIVE SIGN-UPS	Atrium
• BAPTISMS	1PM Worship Area
• SISTER ACT	7PM Worship Area
Tuesday, July 17th	10AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
Wednesday, July 18th	7:30 PM
• BAPTISM PREP	Fr. Joe Room
• TRAVEL CLUB	Atrium
Saturday, July 21st	5PM
• BLOOD DRIVE SIGN-UPS	Atrium
Sunday, July 22nd	All Masses
• BLOOD DRIVE SIGN-UPS	Atrium

PARISH OUTREACH

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rockville Centre continues to work on the front lines of helping immigrant children. Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation in support of immigrant children can do so by visiting www.CatholicCharities.cc.

On the homepage, under the heading "Support our work with Immigrant Children," click on the link that reads "Designate a gift here." On the Network for Good page, donors must designate that they would like their donation to be used for immigrant children.

Checks can also be mailed to Catholic Charities Development Department, 90 Cherry Lane, Hicksville, NY, 11801. Be sure to enclose a note designating that the donation is for immigrant children, and note on the check as well.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Attention All Catechists!

You have the opportunity to take two parts of the Basic Course at Sts. Cyril and Methodius, Deer Park. The two parts are: Morality and Liturgy and Sacraments, and both begin on July 23rd in the morning and evening.

The Diocese of Rockville Centre is sponsoring a Catechetical Congress on Saturday, September 15, 2018 at St. John the Baptist High School, West Islip. This all-day affair includes a keynote address given by Bishop Andrzej and various workshops throughout the day. Lunch is provided.

For more information contact:
Kathleen Reid,
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