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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 26, 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!

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Parish Summer Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM (closed 12:15-1:00 PM)

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Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses



September 1st/2nd

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

Mass Intentions Schedule



Week of August 26th, 9AM Mass

Mon. Rinaldi Family
Tue. Fara Giacalone
Wed. Francis Ostrander (living)
Thu. Robert Tavis, Ronald Tavis

Saturday, September 1st, 5 PM Mass

Christopher Cotter, Dolores Ingrassia,
Florence Mirro

Sunday, Sept. 2nd, 22nd Sun. in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. O. DeSanto
9:30 AM Dominick Maresca
11:30 AM People of the Parish

Remembering Our Sick

*Almighty and Eternal God, You are the
everlasting health of those who believe in You...*

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

Maria Conte Denise Lamarque
Maryann League Linda Lebrun
Connie & Fred Polik

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.

Scripture Readings for September 2, 2018



+ Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8
+ James 1:17-18,21-22,27
+ Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Tough Times

By Fr. Michael

There is no escaping that the Church finds itself again in the midst of difficult times. The recent report from the Pennsylvania Grand Jury has left many people feeling angry, betrayed, sad, and a whole array of other emotions. I am grateful to all those who accepted my invitation to stay after Mass last weekend to share their feelings. There is no doubt that this issue creates a response that goes to the very core of many people. There were folks who were emotional as they shared their feelings. While I was not able to respond to parishioners' heartfelt concerns, I was happy at least to be able to provide a forum where folks could speak. By all means, I'm happy to speak with anyone who wishes to discuss this matter with me.

Much has been done since 2002 to create safeguards and more defined and appropriate responses. But it is clear there is still more to be done to eliminate the feelings of mistrust and doubt that remain. I am confident that more progress will be made to maintain a safe environment for all and to address the failings of the past. There are no simple solutions to offer. But I do believe the path to take is to deal with this within the context of faith and with the support of the community. There is life and support that grows when you know you are not alone. Holy Cross has a remarkable spirit that many people have come to discover. We need to allow that spirit to sustain and guide us as we move forward. For all of us, the gift of our faith is something deep and precious. We need to live that faith in the midst of stormy waters. We need to allow the power of the Spirit and the Risen Lord, which is greater than any challenge we will face on earth, be our hope as we move forward.





In spite of tough times, life in the parish continues to unfold in different ways. The Sacrament of Confirmation for our young people is quickly approaching in September. Over these next two weeks, with the help of some visiting priests, I will be hearing their confessions. Pray for our young people as they prepare for this sacrament.

There is something we thought would be a relatively minor repair that has taken on a life unto itself. The timer for the parking lot lights failed back in June. We bought a new electronic timer to replace the original old mechanical timer. But now for the life of us we cannot find an electrician who can install the new timer. Several have looked at the project but have walked away saying, "no thank you." It was not a problem during the summer as there are not a lot of evening meetings and it remains light well into the evening. But now that the new academic year approaches we need to get this installed.

TELECARE



CATHOLIC FAITH NETWORK

We are excited to announce that Telecare TV is rebranding itself to the Catholic Faith Network (CFN) effective September 7, 2018. Catholic Faith Network will continue to provide original content, daily Masses and devotions along with reporting on news from the Vatican and nationwide. In addition to a new look, over ten new series will begin airing this fall. A new logo has been created to reflect the mission and values, which is now part of the Catholic Faith Network identity. CFN is available on Cablevision channel 29/137, Time Warner Channel 471 and Verizon FiOS channel 296. You can also view the network on demand and live streaming at www.CFNtv.org and on our social media platforms.    

SOMETHING NEW AT HOLY CROSS!

Coffee & Conversation

Do you enjoy learning more about your faith,
and sharing your questions and thoughts with others?

Would you like to grow in your relationship with God, and with one another?

Then, "**Coffee & Conversation**" on the **third Tuesday** of each month,
from **7:00 – 8:30 PM**, is for you!

Our evening consists of 3 parts:

- coffee (or tea!) and dessert,
- a short DVD on a topic of life and faith,
- small group discussion.



Please join us for our first evening on **September 18**, at **7:00 PM** in the atrium. Space is limited, so please fill in the tear-off below and drop it in the collection basket or at the parish office. If you have any questions, please call Jude Pickel at 631-265-2200 extension 16.

I would like to participate in "*Coffee & Conversation*" on September 18:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

PARISH OUTREACH



Archbishop Oscar Romero, a hero of social justice, was martyred due to his vocal criticism of the treatment of the poor and disenfranchised in his native country of El Salvador.

Blessed Oscar Romero will be canonized by Pope Francis on October 14, 2018. We are planning an event to celebrate and honor his memory on the evening of October 15th. Watch for details to follow.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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. Also, we are always in need of Catechists. If you think God is calling you to the ministry of faith formation, please call the Religious Education Office ASAP! Thank you for considering sharing your faith with the children and young people of our parish.



RCIA

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 x16.



SAVE THE DATE!



Guest Speaker!

*Join us on Sunday, September 16th, at 3PM!
Sister Pat Duffy will be our guest speaker!*

ATTENTION HOLY CROSS VOLUNTEERS

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

Thursday, September 27, 2018, 6:30 – 9:00 PM

As you know, all employees and volunteers are required by the Diocese to attend one of these sessions. (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.

To register, go to www.virtus.org, click on the yellow tab labeled "Registration," and follow the directions. The name of our *organization* is Diocese of Rockville Centre. Our *center* is Holy Cross RCC (Nesconset).

If you have any questions, or need help with the registration, please call Jude at 631-265-2200x16.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume at the 11:30 Mass on Sunday, September 9th, in the Fr. Joe Room. Children's Liturgy, for children in grades K-3, is held every Sunday from September to May, except for holiday weekends. We are looking for additional leaders and helpers for this fall. Time commitment is dependent on the number of leaders and helpers we have. If you are over 18 and would be interested in becoming a leader or are in grades 4 through 12 and would be interested in becoming a helper, please consider joining this ministry. Community service hours and training are available. Please contact **Karyn at 631-648-3594** for more information.



SAME DATE & TIME, DIFFERENT VENUE!

Due to a fire at the Meadow Club in Port Jefferson Station, the Dinner Dance has a new venue. The date and time are the same, but the location has changed. Spread the word! Come join us. We'd love to see you there!

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

When: Friday, October 19, 2018

Where: Miller Place Inn
195 North Country Road, Miller Place

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!

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Detailed information is available in the Parish Office.

Call the Parish Office at 631-265-2200 to hold your seat!

Deposits are now being accepted.

PARISH OUTREACH

A Special School Supplies Thank You!!

To all in our Holy Cross family, we offer a great big thank you! Your continued generosity during our School Supplies Drive has made it possible for us to help 60 students from 28 families begin the new school year with the supplies that they will need.

This year, in addition to a backpack filled with grade appropriate items, we were able to give each student a \$20 Payless gift card to be used toward new sneakers. We appreciate your monetary and gift card donations that made this possible.

Our thanks also to Trader Joe's, the Knights of Columbus and the children from our Vacation Bible School for their donations and support.

Last, but certainly not least, we would like to thank our enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers who sorted, packed and distributed the supplies. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way!



Outreach Food Pantry

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

- Boxed Rice
- Canned Vegetables
- Bar Soap
- Boxed Side Dishes
- Pasta Sauce
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels



Pasta and Beans are not needed at this time. Please don't forget to check expiration dates! It will greatly assist the volunteers who stack the pantry with your donated goods. Thank you!

CASH CALENDAR

Parish of the Holy Cross ~ Cash Calendar August 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
\$10 Per Chance	31 Chances to Win \$50 per Day	\$500 on August 15	1 \$50	2 \$50	3 \$50	4 \$50
5 \$50	6 \$50	7 \$50	8 \$50	9 \$50	10 \$50	11 \$50
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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	

Cash Calendar, AUGUST 2018

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MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 26th	10:30 AM
• PRAY THE ROSARY	Chapel
• BAPTISMS	1PM Worship Area
Monday, August 27th	7 PM
• LEVEL 8 RECONCILIATION	Worship Area
• DANCE COMMITTEE	Fr. Joe Room
Tuesday, August 28th	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
Wednesday, August 29th	7:30 PM
• BAPTISM PREP	Fr. Joe Room
Thursday, August 30th	10 AM or 7 PM
• NEW CATECHIST MTG.	Atrium
Saturday, September 1st	3:45-4:45 PM
• HOLY HOUR	Worship Area
Sunday, September 2nd	10:30 AM
• ANOINTING OF THE SICK	Worship Area

REMINDERS

Holy Hour for Peace

We will hold our next Holy Hour on September 1st from 3:45 to 4:45PM in the Worship Area. Please come and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament praying for God’s gift of peace to touch our wounded world.

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. The Sacrament will be offered after the 9:30 Mass on Sunday, September 2nd.

Join us in the Chapel on Sunday, August 26th, at 10:30am to **Pray the Rosary.**

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FAITH & FOOTBALL

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- SEPT 6** “Are You Happy?”
- OCT 4** “Is God Listening?”
- NOV 1** “Freedom in Forgiveness”
- DEC 3** “Onslaught of Evil: Preparing for Spiritual Warfare”

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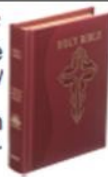
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