

# The Parish of the Holy Cross

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**LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!**



**Come and pray with us!**

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 2, 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 RECONCILIATION**

Saturday: 3:45 P.M.—4:30 P.M.

or call Father Michael for an appointment.

**WE CELEBRATE BAPTISM**

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

**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

Mrs. Judith Pickel  
 Pastoral Associate

Deacon Ralph Rivera  
 Pastoral Minister

Mrs. Tricia Clarke  
 Business Manager

Mr. Brian Reich  
 Director of Music Ministry

Mr. Salvatore Finocchiaro  
 Coordinator of Youth Ministries

## PASTORAL STAFF

Mrs. Jane Wirth  
 Parish Secretary

Dr. Vincent Mazurek  
 Music Minister

Mrs. Mary Pannone  
 Religious Education Secretary  
 (hcreled@optonline.net)

Mrs. Barbara Shipman  
 P/T Asst. to the Pastor

Mr. Gerald Farrell  
 Mr. Vincent Matula  
 Custodians

Mrs. Mary Inghilterra  
 Weekend Sacristan

### Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses



#### September 8th/9th

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 September 2nd, 9AM Mass

**Tue.** Jack Dumas  
**Wed.** Nicole Digraziano (living)  
**Thu.** Henri-Robert Lamarque

#### Saturday, September 8th, 5 PM Mass

Bernard Cornell, Carmela & Michael Terranova,  
 Ida & Al Terranova

#### Sunday, Sept. 9th, 23rd Sun. in Ordinary Time

**8:00 AM** Joan K. Rauenbuhler  
**9:30 AM** People of the Parish  
**11:30 AM** Geraldine Siggilino, Christopher Cotter,  
 Joan Sullivan, Karen & Logan Michael  
 Ciliotta

### Remembering Our Sick

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

<b>Maria Conte</b>	<b>Nicole Digraziano</b>
<b>Andrew Gallo</b>	<b>Denise Lamarque</b>
<b>Maryann League</b>	<b>Linda Lebrun</b>
<b>Connie &amp; Fred Polik</b>	

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 9, 2018



+ *Isaiah 35:4-7*  
 + *James 2:1-5*  
 + *Mark 7:31-37*

# A New School Year & A Few Changes Here

*by Father Michael*

It's back to school this week for our young people and all those involved in education. Here's to the beginning of a great new year for all!

Also, this week a transition is taking place within our Pastoral Team. Liz Shea, who has been serving as Business Manager for the past three years, has decided it is time to move into that part of life called retirement. Although Liz has been in this position for three years, she has been part of Holy Cross for far longer than that. Many of you may have first met her when she served as Secretary in our Religious Education Office. She did that work for seven years. Before that, she and her husband, Bill, were faithful parishioners of Holy Cross going back to the beginning.

I am going to miss Liz for many reasons. She was certainly diligent, caring and passionate in her work. She was committed to use well the gifts of treasure that were entrusted to Holy Cross. She was responsible for caring for the buildings and seeing that we used our resources well. She did a great job. During her time as Business Manager our roof was replaced, our parking lot repaved, and most recently the last of our debt was paid off. In addition to all these tasks that are associated with her position, I am most grateful for the wisdom and insight she brought to the Pastoral Team. She had a way of addressing what needed to be done, but did so in a way that was consistent with the Holy Cross spirit. Although she is stepping down from her full-time position, she will still continue to assist with some of the bookkeeping duties. Thank you, Liz, for all your good work. You have enhanced this community by your work and who you are. God bless you.

When Liz spoke to me about stepping down, that raised the question of who would continue that work. We had several interviews with people who had many of the skills necessary to do the job, but no one came across as the perfect candidate. Then, Patricia Clarke (who prefers to be called Tricia) heard about the position. She presented herself with many of the skills needed, but she brought one additional qualification to the table - her love for Holy Cross Parish. It was clear to us that she was the right candidate for this position. Tricia and her husband, Kevin, have been a part of this community for eight years. We welcome her and look forward to working with her as she begins her role as Business Manager. Welcome!

It was a thrill for me to announce last weekend that Holy Cross is now debt free. I was the messenger, but the actual work was done by so many of you by your faithful and generous support of the parish through the years. We look forward to more wonderful years ahead enjoying that spirit that makes us a life-giving community of faith. Continue to pray for Holy Cross; continue to pray for all the Church.



Fr. Michael shows parishioners we have zero debt!

The Parish Office is closed on Monday, September 3rd, for Labor Day.  
There will **not** be a 9AM Mass.

# PARISH NEWS



## Pray for Our Military

LCpl. Richard J. DeKanchuk, USMC  
SA 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  
LCpl. 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 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!



*Holy Cross  
welcomes  
these children  
Baptized in August*

**Megan Pia Becker  
Thomas Michael Foronjy  
Brayden Daniel Lamura  
Everly Grace Lamura  
Logan Jamar Nelson  
Jordan James Ortiz  
Carmine Verderame  
Lucas Joseph Welsh**

## Morning Mass on Sept. 19th

On Wednesday, September 19th, Holy Cross will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation for our Religious Education students. Because of this, morning Mass will be held at 8AM on that day.

## Holy Cross Seniors

Our Senior Group is always looking for new members to join them for an afternoon of fun and socializing. You are invited to stop in on Wednesday, September 5th, and meet some new friends. The meeting is held in the atrium of the church from 11:30am to 2:30pm. We hope to see you there!

## Scripture Study

Join us for Scripture Study on  
Thursday, September 6th, at 10AM  
in the Father Joe Room!



# SPECIAL AFTERNOON EVENT!

*guest  
speaker*

*Join us on Sunday, September 16th, at 3PM!*

*Sister Pat Duffy will be our guest speaker!*



# 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.

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

# 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.

Tickets can be purchased by check, cash or credit card at the Parish Office (office hours are 9am to 4pm).

OR

You can purchase your ticket when we resume sales on the weekend of September 8th/9th after all the Masses. See you then!

# CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL UPDATE

Here is an update on the status of the 2018 Appeal here at Holy Cross:

<u>Goal</u>	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Over (Under)</u>	<u># of Donors</u>	<u>% of Goal</u>
\$65,000.00	\$55,490.00	(\$9,510.00)	267	85.4%

When payments reach 100% of our goal, we receive a rebate of 20% or \$13,000. Please help your community and your parish by supporting the CMA!

## 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](http://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.



# LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND

Dear Holy Cross Parishioners,

We are very blessed and fortunate to have been able to do the Life Center's baby bottle campaign at Holy Cross. The campaign raised over **\$3,600!** The Life Center believes in the dignity and beauty of the life of both the expectant mother and the preborn child. We uphold this principal in all we do to serve our clients. The baby bottle campaign provides much needed prayerful and financial support, enabling us to continue our ministerial work.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to you for inviting us to the parish. God bless you for supporting our efforts to help protect expectant mothers, their families and God's little ones.

For all God's children,  
The Life Center of Long Island

## 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.





# 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Mass For Deceased Children

*Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. Matthew 19:14*



Saturday, September 29, 2018  
at 12:30 p.m.

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Celebrant

Father Tony Stanganelli  
Pastor of St Brigid Parish, Westbury

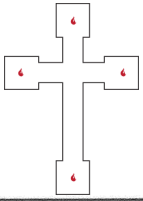
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*All are welcome*  
Register online at [www.drvc-faith.org](http://www.drvc-faith.org)  
Come early to inscribe your child's name in the  
"Book of Families"

Light refreshments will be served in the Pastoral Center after Mass.

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For more information contact  
Ellen Zafonte, Associate Director Office of Faith Formation  
516-678-5800 x506 [ezafonte@drvc.org](mailto:ezafonte@drvc.org)

# CASH CALENDAR



## Parish of the Holy Cross September 2018

September 14th is the  
Exaltation of the  
Holy Cross

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 \$50	14 \$500	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	\$ 10 Per Chance; 30 Chances to Win; \$50 Per Day; \$500 on September 14					

Cash Calendar, SEPTEMBER 2018

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# MEETINGS THIS WEEK

<b>Saturday, September 1st</b> • HOLY HOUR	3:45-4:45 PM Worship Area
<b>Sunday, September 2nd</b> • ANOINTING OF THE SICK	10:30 AM Worship Area
<b>Monday, September 3rd</b> <i>(The Parish Office is closed for Labor Day - <u>No</u> morning Mass.)</i>	
<b>Tuesday, September 4th</b> • IN STITCHES • K OF C GENERAL MEETING 7:15PM	10 AM Fr. Joe Room Fr. Joe Room
<b>Wednesday, September 5th</b> • SENIORS	11:30AM-2:30PM Atrium
<b>Thursday, September 6th</b> • SCRIPTURE STUDY	10 AM Fr. Joe Room
<b>Saturday, September 8th</b> • LEVEL 8 RECONCILIATION	10AM & 3:30PM Worship Area
<b>Sunday, September 9th</b> • BAPTISMS	1 PM Worship Area

# REMINDERS

## 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.

## 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.

## Remember “Kevin Bacon”

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



# CASH CALENDAR

Date	Amount	Name
8/1/2018	\$ 50.00	Frank Gargiulo
8/2/2018	\$ 50.00	Connie Lipnicki
8/3/2018	\$ 50.00	Connie Lipnicki
8/4/2018	\$ 50.00	Pam Pavone
8/5/2018	\$ 50.00	Debbie Kirk
8/6/2018	\$ 50.00	Elizabeth Sullivan
8/7/2018	\$ 50.00	The Knipper Family
8/8/2018	\$ 50.00	Lisa Miller
8/9/2018	\$ 50.00	Kathy Tanner
8/10/2018	\$ 50.00	Connie Lipnicki
8/11/2018	\$ 50.00	Robyn Detweiler
8/12/2018	\$ 50.00	Holy Cross Pantry
8/13/2018	\$ 50.00	Holy Cross Pantry
8/14/2018	\$ 50.00	Lorraine Hicks
8/15/2018	\$ 500.00	Janet Talay
8/16/2018	\$ 50.00	Frank Gargiulo
8/17/2018	\$ 50.00	Philip Graziose
8/18/2018	\$ 50.00	Linda Spahr
8/19/2018	\$ 50.00	Arlene Lechner
8/20/2018	\$ 50.00	Jason Mulderig
8/21/2018	\$ 50.00	Lisa Miller
8/22/2018	\$ 50.00	Nick & Kathleen Bigotti
8/23/2018	\$ 50.00	Ronnie Graziose
8/24/2018	\$ 50.00	Barbara Burger
8/25/2018	\$ 50.00	Frances Dolan
8/26/2018	\$ 50.00	Ronnie Graziose
8/27/2018	\$ 50.00	Frank Fumai
8/28/2018	\$ 50.00	The Emerson Family
8/29/2018	\$ 50.00	Catherine Wright
8/30/2018	\$ 50.00	Mayra Plescia
8/31/2018	\$ 50.00	Michelle Burk

# SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend, at the offertory we will also be collecting for the **Catholic University of America**. Thank you for your support of this important collection!





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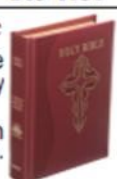
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