



Parish of the Holy Cross



Let All Who Enter Be Welcomed as Christ!

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.



ONE IN CHRIST,
United in Mission

100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

2026



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 18, 2026



Come and Pray with Us!

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: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM;

Monday: 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Wednesday immediately after 9:00 AM Mass

95 Nichols Road + Nesconset, NY 11767 + 631.265.2200
www.holycrossrc.org + www.facebook.com/pothcnesconset



WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

PASTORAL TEAM

Reverend Michael F. Holzmah..... Ext. 115
Pastor

Deacon Joseph Maffeo..... Ext. 124
Pastoral Minister

Mrs. Judith Pickel..... Ext. 116
Pastoral Associate

Mrs. Michele Hall..... Ext. 120
Pastoral Associate

Mrs. Jennifer Miller..... Ext. 112
Coordinator of Religious Ed.

Mrs. Kelley Mowat..... Ext. 113
Coordinator of Parish Outreach

Mr. Brian Reich
Director of Music Ministry
email: musicholycrossdir@gmail.com

PASTORAL STAFF

Mrs. Jane Wirth..... Ext. 122
Parish Secretary

Mrs. Mary Pannone..... Ext. 111
Religious Ed. Secretary

Ms. Karina D'Angelo..... Ext. 110
Business Manager

Dr. Vincent Mazurek
Webmaster

Mr. Roberto Maza
Custodian

Mr. Joseph Santoro
Office Support Staff

Mrs. Susan Ribeiro
Bulletin Editor
email: susanr@holycrossrc.org

Visit our website at www.holycrossrc.org
for more information on how we can serve you.

PHONE: (631) 265-2200

FAX: (631) 265-2229

EMAIL: parish@holycrossrc.org

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY - THURSDAY
9 AM - 4 PM
(closed 12:15-1 PM)

Parish Office
FRIDAY HOURS
9 AM - 12 NOON

OUTREACH OFFICE HOURS:
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Evening Hours by Appointment Only



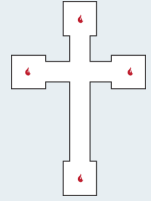
For great is the Lord and highly to be praised;
awesome is He, beyond all gods.
For all the gods of the nations are things of nought,
but the Lord made the heavens.

-Psalm 96:4-5



RESPECT LIFE

Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael



October is Respect Life month. It was my intention to address some Life Issues in my homily last weekend. The gospel was the parable about the wedding feast that was thrown by a king. Many of the invited guests turned down the invitation. So the king went out to the highways and invited everyone he could find to come to the table. Those in attendance were described as the good and the bad. It was a story meant to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. At God's table, everyone has a place. We are called to mirror that kingdom here and now as we live our lives. However, in many ways there are times when people are excluded. There are people whose lives are diminished in how they are treated. There are lives that are deprived of the very gift of life. The fact that last weekend acknowledged the opening to our Religious Education program and we had many children present, I felt it not best to speak about issues that are controversial and may be difficult for children to hear.

There are many issues that fall under the umbrella of respecting the dignity of all human life. Certainly, abortion would take the forefront for many people. Progress has been made on the national level in offering some protection for the unborn. But now it is individual states that make the laws. Massachusetts now allows abortion up to the moment of birth. There will likely be other states that follow that legislature. New York State now allows for assisted suicide. We are dealing with unthinkable situations regarding capital punishment: a twice-failed execution and one that is planned to be live-streamed. Control of the God-given gift of human life has been taken into human hands, and there are disastrous and unimaginable consequences.

There are so many other painful realities to be named that a 600-word column cannot do it justice. But I am aware of many instances where issues hit close to home. There are parishioners and people within our community that find themselves in situations where their well-being is minimized and suffering goes on with little meaningful intervention or relief. I should have Kelley, our Outreach Director, tell the stories that come through her office. She hears of working families that fall short in being able to pay for rent, medication, heating oil, and so many other basic necessities of life. I am aware of several families trying to care for sick or elderly loved ones. Even though they have medical insurance, they are still facing situations where they either have to allow family members to forego proper care or take on costs that will lead to life-changing and staggering debt.

What to do? Needless to say, there are no simple solutions. I do believe trying to broaden our scope and our perspective when we look at life may help. When we live our lives with blinders, everything may seem fine in our little corner of the world. But the more we can come to understand the stories and struggles of others, the more likely we will move toward seeking solutions. Seeking to understand Church teaching in regard to many of the Respect Life questions may be helpful. You may choose to support organizations that address some of the many needs that surround us. You may choose to write to legislators to express your concerns. Finally, pray! That might sound like a meager suggestion, but we need to allow the power of prayer to do what it can do. With God's grace and help, all things are possible. Continue to pray for a deeper respect for human life. Pray that you may be open to what God may be asking to recognize, defend, protect, and nurture the dignity of human life.



ON THE CALENDAR

2026		OCTOBER						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT		
				1	2	3		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31		

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



OCTOBER 24

5:00 PM

FR. MICHAEL

OCTOBER 25

8:00 AM

FR. MICHAEL

9:30 AM

FR. MICHAEL / DCN. JOE

11:30 AM

FR. MICHAEL / DCN. JOE



SCRIPTURE READINGS for OCTOBER 25

+ Exodus 22:20-26

+ 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

+ Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday, October 17th **HOLY HOUR**
3:45PM - 4:45PM, Worship Area

Sunday, October 18th **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**
11:30AM Mass, Fr. Joe Room

Sunday, October 18th **BAPTISMS**
1:00PM, Worship Area

Monday, October 19th **SPECIAL NEEDS CLASS**
4:00PM - 6:00PM, Atrium, Worship Area

Monday, October 19th **K of C DISTRICT DEPUTY MTG.**
7:30PM - 9:00PM, Fr. Joe Room

Tuesday, October 20th **IN STITCHES**
10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room

Tuesday, October 20th **MOMS' GROUP**
7:00PM, Fr. Joe Room

Wednesday, October 21st **CIRCLE OF FRIENDS**
1:30PM - 3:00PM, Fr. Joe Room

Wednesday, October 21st **THE CHOSEN**
7:00PM, Atrium, Chapel

Wednesday, October 21st **PRAYER SERVICE MTG.**
7:00PM, Fr. Joe Room

Thursday, October 22nd **THE CHOSEN**
1:30PM, Atrium, Chapel

Thursday, October 22nd **CHOIR INFORMATION MTG.**
7:00PM, Worship Area

Friday, October 23rd **PRE-CANA WEEKEND**
5:00PM - 9:15PM, Atrium

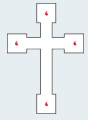
Saturday, October 24th **PRE-CANA WEEKEND**
9:00AM - 5:00PM, Atrium

For our gospel did not
come to you in word
alone, but also in power
and in the Holy Spirit
and with much
conviction.

1 Thessalonians 1:5

Visit our website at www.holycrossrc.org
to find out more about the different ministries we have to offer,
how you can be involved, and when they meet.

WE PRAY...CELEBRATE...REMEMBER



Upcoming Mass Intentions

Week of Sunday, October 18

9:00AM Masses:

Mon. Doris Medina

Tues. Harry "Chippy" Guinta

Wed. Dolores Malone

Thur. Fred White

Saturday, October 24, 5PM Mass

Thomas Ferme, James E. Guiliano,
Carlos Lopez Balesteros,
Mario Lopez Norena,
Juan Joaquin Lopez Balesteros

Sunday, October 25, Masses

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM People of the Parish

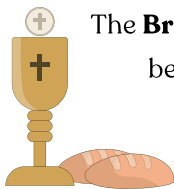
9:30AM Paul & Anne DiGregorio

11:30AM Joanne Leto Hackett, Steve Matonti,
Ralph Hughes, Anita Burke,
Kathie Kulikowski, Nancy Grasing



Banns of Marriage

Jocelyn Carlson & Christopher D'Arpa



The **Bread and Wine** for the week have
been donated in loving memory of

Peter Emerson

by the Emerson family.

pray without ceasing

-1 Thessalonians 5:17



**We thank
the men and women
who serve in our military
for their service.**

*Please pray for those in our parish
who are sick, their families and caregivers*

Bob Alderdice
Andrew Arbocus
Alejandro Astegiano
Kathy Barry
Alison Bilski
Cole Brennan
Norma Capule
Judy Carlson

Michael Castellano
Mary Champagne
Peter Chirafisi
William Ciccarelli
Maria Ciminiello
Justin Curran
Grayson Danielski

Baby Phoenix Dawson
Manuela Diaz
Peter DiMauro
Claudia DiPalermo
Rose Dugan
Ann Egan
Lisa Eger

Vincent Esposito
Ralph Farino
Yolanda Fattarusso
Irene Feldman
Baby Lorenzo Follo

Sienna Fricke
Linda Giordano
James Greene
Linda Heinrichs
Ryan Huscher
Debbie Jablinowski
Kristen Kennedy
Caroline Lazar
Carol Leahy

Victor Lewandowski
Mary Lopez
Gerald Losquadro
Jeanne Marie Malley
Janet Mangano

Sarah Masi
Hank McCormick
Loretto Narducci
Kevin Neeson
Andrea Nocito
Darin Pitkanen
Patricia Pitkanen

Janine Pixley
Colleen Prinz
Carina Ranieri
Bernardine Reichbach
Mary Ann Reilly
Rob Remhild
Marcello Ricciardi
Lynn Rodger
Sean Romeo
Elaine Ruane
John Saccenti

Jacqueline Santamaria
Casey Schultz
Kathy Schwinn
John Serri
Dennis Shin
Joan Shin
Celeste Sichenze
Elizabeth Skolnick
Tracy Snyder
Sue Southard
Barbara Swingle
Calvin Tatone
Grace Van Epps
Wayne Van Epps
Peter Warns

**If you would like to have the name of your
loved one listed in our prayers for the sick,
please call 631-265-2200 x122.**

*I lift up my eyes to the
mountains—
where does my help
come from?
My help comes
from the Lord,
the Maker
of heaven and earth.*

Psalm 121:1-2



Fall Festival Thank You!!!

Our Family Fall Festival, held this past Saturday, was a wonderful day, filled with fun, food, families, and pumpkins! Thank you to all who attended - we were so happy you could join us!

Our Family Fall Festival, held this past Saturday, was a wonderful day, filled with fun, food, families and pumpkins! Thank you to all who attended, we were so happy you could join us!

To make the Festival and the Basket Raffle a reality we needed many hands. A special thank you to Linda Denninger and Mary Ann Viscusi, our Raffle Chairs, for making the Basket Raffle such a huge success. Thank you to our Raffle Basket Team members, Laura O' Donnell, Coleen Visco, Tricia Kearns and Anita De Nobrega for organizing all the items and creating such beautiful baskets. Thank you to everyone who donated an item, a gift card, a bottle of wine or a scratch off. The response from parishioners was amazing. Thank you! With your help, we were able to create and offer 67 beautiful baskets. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to set up and sell tickets. We could not have done it without you.

Thank you to all the businesses who supported us with a gift certificate, a donation of an item or a monetary donation. Please see the list of businesses that donated and if you can, please support them with your patronage as a way to say thank you.

I want to thank all the festival committee members for their dedication, support, creativity, and hard work that made the day a wonderful experience for all. Each committee member oversaw one activity, from the planning to the execution of the activity and what a great job they did. Thank you to all the committee members for helping to make the Family Fall Festival a success.

Thank you to all our YCC volunteers who helped with face painting, sand art, games, and concessions. Also, thank you to all our volunteers who helped with security in the parking lot, our "Banker" Tom Muscarello, who helped keep the money organized and sorted throughout the day, and especially those who helped with clean up. You all made the day run easier. Thank you all!

We could not have this event without the support of Father Michael. A special thank you for all his support for the Fall Festival and his adventurous spirit that allows us to be so creative and open to new opportunities to add to the Fall Festival. Thank you, Father Michael!

Thank you to Kim and Andrew Bodor who graciously donated all the pumpkins for our Pumpkin Patch. Also, thank you to Barbara and Bill Burger for the two beautiful signs at our entrance and exit.

I must say thank you to our Taste Test judges, Donna Akuntius, Charles Miller, Jean Neary, Christina Ficarelli and James Ficarelli who had a hard job judging all the wonderful baked items at our Taste Testing Contest. A special thank you to all our bakers for sharing their baking talent with us. Our bakers: Ingrid Hanley, Patrice Saccone, Gerald Iacono, Philip DeSalvo, Lorraine DeSanto and Marietta Alvarado. We are grateful to you for being part of our contest.

Congratulations to Gerald Iacono, Lorraine DeSanto and Patrice Saccone on being the judges' top three choices.

Thank you to the Nesconset Fire Department for participating in our Family Fall Festival. Kids of all ages had a great time on the Fire Trucks and the ambulance. Thank you for all you do for our community and all the good information you shared with us.

A big thank you to our very own Knights of Columbus Council, The Blessed Sacrament, who generously donated and cooked all the food at our concession stand. Their donation of treasure, time and talent is greatly appreciated. We are grateful for your help and support in making this day a success.

The sun was out and so were the many families who enjoyed the day. It was a magical day shared by many. Thank you again to everyone who made this day possible. Happy Fall and we hope to see you next year!

Kelley from Outreach

Our Family Fall Festival Committee is made up of the following volunteers:

Karina D'Angelo
Jude Pickel
Jennifer Miller
Patrice Saccone
Carol Johnsen
Joellen May-Wadsworth
Gerri Schreiber
Arlene Lechner
Mary Ann Viscusi
Linda Denninger
Donna Akuntius
Tom and Joan Green
Anne Magnani
Mary Pannone
Chris Hessel
Laura O'Donnell
Jean Neary
Tom Muscarello
Mary Beth Bonacorsa

Please support the local businesses who support us!

Miller Ale House
Il Trio Restaurant
Nesconset Cards
Villa Olivetti
Mystique Hair Salon
Tower flowers
Costco
Roseland School of Dance
Maria's Restaurant
Starbucks
Blvd. Bagels
Akropolis
Your Nails and Spa
Wine and Liquor Busters
Cabo Fresh
Angelina's
Nappi's Nook
Ace Harward
Olsens Nursery
CVS
Card Fanatics
Diamond Jewelers





“Being Christ”

“Come to me all of you who are burdened and I will give you rest...”

These comforting words greet all who enter the doors of Holy Cross Church. They are the foundation of the mission of Parish Outreach, which is to “Be Christ” to those who are burdened by serious illness, financial instability, loss of a job and other crisis situations. Our ability to do that is only possible through the giving spirit of the parishioners of Holy Cross.

We thank you so very much for your consistent support of Parish Outreach and its programs.

As we draw near to the holiday season (the busiest time for Parish Outreach), we invite you to consider these suggestions on ways to join us in “Being Christ” for our neighbors who continue to struggle in their life journey.



- Monetary “basket” donations (cash, check or supermarket gift cards) will be appreciated to help defray the expenses of our Thanksgiving Basket Program. You can mark your envelope “Thanksgiving” and drop it in the collection basket.



- Volunteer shoppers are needed to purchase and package a Thanksgiving basket for a needy family. You will be given a menu/shopping list and gift cards to cover the cost. We anticipate about 40 baskets will be provided to families in our community this year. If you would like to create a basket, you can sign up after any of the Masses on the weekend of October 24th-25th in the rear of the atrium.



- During last year’s winter, Outreach was able to provide 100 gallons of emergency oil to some households as a direct result of your generosity. If you would like to help keep a family warm this winter by donating, please mark “Fuel Assistance” on your envelope.



- Participate in our Christmas “Be An Angel” program. Again this year, we will provide gift cards to the families Outreach assists throughout the year and gifts for several other agencies. This program will run from November 8th through December 7th. Future bulletins will contain important information on this year’s Christmas Angel program.

If you have questions about any of the above, please call the Outreach office.
We sincerely appreciate the support we continuously receive from our parishioners.
We are truly blessed with a loving and generous community!

Parish Outreach



PARISH OUTREACH



HOLY CROSS BEREAVEMENT

Circle of Friends

**Wednesday, October 21st,
from 1:30PM to 3:00PM
in the Father Joe Room**

Please join us for our new monthly Bereavement gathering, **"Circle of Friends,"** which ***offers support and connection to those who have suffered a loss of a loved one in the past year(s) and are still struggling.***

This is a less structured meeting where we gather to discuss new life issues that you are experiencing, helping you to navigate new challenges that may arise after the loss of your loved one in a safe and supportive environment.

The group is not therapy but simply a group of people who have experienced loss and who may need extra support at this time. Topics vary but the main focus is the needs and experiences of the group.

Our meeting will be on Wednesday, October 21st, from 1:30pm to 3:00pm in the Father Joe Room.

If you have any questions, please contact Outreach at 631-265-2200. **To attend, please call the Outreach office at 631-265-2200 by October 20th.** Come and share, pray and make new connections!

All Souls' Mass of Remembrance 2026

We invite all of our parishioners who have lost a loved one during the past year or who are still grieving a loss in their life, to join us as we pray and remember our loved ones.

Monday, November 2nd, at 7PM

All are welcome to join us as we celebrate your loved one's place in the Communion of Saints.



Practice of Faith

(Excerpt from "At Home with the Word 2026")

Today's readings serve to remind us of the truth that our God is all powerful, outranking any human system or structure. This frees us from the temptations and constraints of power and control. Specifically in the Gospel, Jesus avoids choosing sides in the loaded question about the lawfulness of paying taxes in the Roman realm. Jesus flips the script to focus on concerning oneself with repaying God for all the good poured out. He places power back in the seat of the Lord rather than in the seat of human government. The question then sits before us: How can we reimagine our human concerns through a divine perspective?

Consider the social issues that matter most to you. In prayer, invite God to guide you on the path to addressing them as God desires.

Be intentional about consuming news from different media outlets and podcasts. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you discern how the same story is being covered by different media outlets or podcasts; orient your consumption and analysis in prayer and discernment.

Participate in local, state, and national elections; before voting, research the candidates' stances for how they align with your faith identity.

PRAYER, ACTION & COMMUNITY



In Stitches

**Join us for our next meeting
on Tuesday, October 20th at 10AM
in the Fr. Joe Room.**

A ministry that gathers for conversation and
laughs as we work on new or unfinished
knitting, crocheting, quilting, needlepoint,
crafts or sewing projects

Contact:

JoEllen May-Wadsworth

(631) 360-1373

Email: jpmclady@yahoo.com



Next weekend at the offertory
we will also be collecting for our
Renovations and Major Repairs fund.

Thank you for your continued support!

HOLY CROSS SENIORS



Fun for Seniors

Our next meeting is on
Wednesday, OCTOBER 28th
11:30AM-2:30PM

Join us in the Atrium

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
BLESSED SACRAMENT COUNCIL**

MUSIC BINGO NIGHT

Fun, Music, & Prizes
Wine and cheese will be served

PARISH OF THE HOLY CROSS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2026

TIME: 7:00 PM
(Doors open 6:30 PM)

COST: \$20.00 FOR 4 CARDS

Proceeds to support parish initiatives
and council charities

YOUTH COMMUNITY CARES (YCC)

**Thank you to our youth volunteers
for serving refreshments after Mass!**

Students in 6th grade and older, are welcome to join us.



Sign up on the Remind App at: rmd.at/ycchc or Contact Angela at: youthcc@holycrossrc.org



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Looking ahead...

LEVEL 8

**Covenant Letter
Weekend
November 7 & 8**



If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Religious Education Department.

Thank you!

Jennifer Miller
Religious Education
Coordinator

631-265-2200
Ext. 112



LEVEL 3 STUDENTS— DISTRIBUTION OF ROSARY BEADS

Please join us at one of the Masses during the weekend of **October 24th and 25th** to receive your blessed rosary beads.

Please bring your rosary beads to
Rosary Night on Tuesday, October 27th
at either **5pm or 6:30pm**

to say a decade of the rosary and join us for a craft.

*God bless
our catechists and children
as they continue their faith journey
this year.*



THANK A VETERAN

*Do you want to write a personal
"Thank You" note to a Veteran?*

Please write your letter to a Veteran and place it in the mailbox in the atrium labeled
"THANK A VETERAN"

no later than Sunday, November 8th
and we will personally hand deliver them to
Veterans at the VA Hospital in Northport
and the Long Island State Veterans Home
in Stony Brook.

Guidelines for writing a letter:

- "Dear Service Member" or "Dear Hero"
- Introduce yourself
- Express Gratitude – ex: "Thank you for serving our country and protecting our freedoms"
- Share something positive and uplifting - share a fun story
- Keep it kind and respectful
- Choose a friendly closing – "With Gratitude" or "Sincerely" or "Best Wishes"
- Add a quote, draw a picture
- If you would like, you may include your return address, however, you may not receive a response.



Pictured above (left to right):

Kimberly Crawford-Arbocus, Jennifer Miller, Coordinator of Religious Education, Nicole Martocci, Marissa DelColle, Fr. Michael Holzmann, Pastor, Lori Harned, Mary Pannone, Religious Education Secretary, Eluisa Mastro

Catechists Recognized for their Years of Service

Every year the Diocese of Rockville Centre, through the Office of Catechesis, recognizes volunteers within the Catechetical Ministry and the years they have served within our parish communities.

Last weekend, Fr. Michael presented our honored catechists with their awards at Mass.

Congratulations and a huge “Thank You”

to the following recipients of these honored awards:

St. Joseph Award

Kimberly Crawford-Arbocus

*This award is presented to those who have contributed **15 years** of outstanding volunteer service in the catechetical ministry.*

St. Pius X award

**Jenine Naples
Kelly Ruggiero**

*This award is presented to those who have contributed **10 years** of outstanding volunteer service in the catechetical ministry.*

Pope Paul VI Award

**Paula Cottone
Marissa DelColle
Kristen Donohue
Heather Ferraro
Lori Harned
Melissa Martinez
Nicole Martocci
Eluisa Mastro
Raymond Muchow
Vivian Oleska**

*This award is presented to those who have contributed **5 years** of outstanding volunteer service in the catechetical ministry.*



PRAYER, ACTION & COMMUNITY

LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAINING FALL 2026

The Diocese of Rockville Centre will offer training for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. No walk-ins permitted, all participants must be registered in advance with a letter of approval from their pastor.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Part A - This training is required for **all** those who are beginning as Ministers. This “BASIC” training is required for **all** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. One **must** attend Part A training prior to Part B training.

A **Lector Workshop** is available for both new and experienced lectors.

You may **not** take EMHC Part A and the Lector Workshop on the same day – you may be registered for one or the other – not BOTH on the same day.

DATES & LOCATIONS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAINING

Tuesday, November 10 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm

- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A
- Lector Workshop

Tuesday, Nov. 17 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 9 pm

- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part B

Monday, Nov. 16 - St. Agnes Cathedral/RVC - Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm - 10 pm

- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A
- Lector Workshop

Monday, Nov. 30 - St. Agnes Cathedral/RVC - Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm - 9 pm

- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part B

Saturday, Nov. 21 - Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall

- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A - 9 am – 12 pm
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part B – 1pm – 3 pm
(there will be NO Lector Workshop offered on this date)

A letter from your pastor will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend. Walk-ins, on the day of training, without prior registration, are NOT permitted. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Please do not call the host parishes with questions. For questions, please call Suzanne at 516-744-6850. Thank you for your interest.

PRAYER, ACTION & COMMUNITY



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

AT A GLANCE

Things you may not know about the day of prayer and sacrifice for the missions, held annually on the second-to-last Sunday of October.

World Mission Sunday is the Catholic Church's **only collection mandated** in canon law (Canon 791).



The proceeds fund the missionary work of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies helping to bring the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Funds raised in the US help **more than 1,130 mission territories** around the globe—reaching places where the Church barely exists yet, or where it is too young, poor, and persecuted to sustain itself.



The funds go to the missions **under the supervision of the Pope**. This collection is dear to his heart and helps missionary priests.

TPMS provide financial support for **2 out of every 5 seminarians around the world**. A full 41% of all Catholic seminarians study and work in mission dioceses. These seminarians live in mission dioceses and would not be able to study as they do now without this collection.



"I saw firsthand how the faith, the prayer, and the generosity shown on World Mission Sunday can transform entire communities."
— Pope Leo XIV (Oct 13, 2025)

Take Up the World Mission Sunday Collection!

pontificalmissions.org

Equipping the Church to Carry the Gospel to the Ends of the Earth



Please join in prayer for the Prayer Intention of the Holy Father

OCTOBER INTENTION FOR MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY



Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

For more information, please see:
Popesprayerusa.net



Sisters of St. Joseph
BRENTWOOD, NY
Uniting all in God's love

Autumn Quiet Day of Prayer Sunday, October 25, 9:30AM - 3:30PM



Give yourself the gift of a day of silent prayer and reflection this autumn. Light refreshments are available at 9:30AM. We gather at 10AM for our opening prayer, and at 3PM for our closing prayer. Spend some time in silence embracing the sacred invitations of Autumn while praying in La Providencia Chapel, taking a meditative walk through our outdoor labyrinth or along the tree-lined paths of our beautiful Brentwood grounds, or our Cosmic Walk. Bring your journal and any special prayer/art materials you would like to work with. Prayer materials will also be provided (poetry/scripture/art materials). Spiritual Direction will be available at an additional cost. Lunch will be provided.

Location: CSJ Brentwood Campus
1725 Brentwood Rd., Brentwood, NY 11717

Cost: \$35 | With Spiritual Direction: \$45

Register by visiting the website at:

<https://brentwoodcsj.org/event/autumn-quiet-day-of-prayer/>

PARISH OF THE HOLY CROSS APPAREL



With every purchase 12% of the proceeds will go directly to support our parish.

Start Your Holiday Shopping Now

ORDERS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN FOR HOLY CROSS APPAREL.

Please fill order form out completely, and return the form along with payment to the Parish Office on or before December 11th.

Please print clearly. **Please make checks payable to: Lili Mae Inc.**

Name _____ Phone _____

The colors available for all the shirts and sweatshirts are the following: Red, Cream, Black , Navy Blue.

The colors of the jackets are Dark Grey and Black.

Names can be added to shirts, jackets and sweatshirts (on the right side) for an additional \$5 per item..

Description of Item	Qty.	Size	Color	Price per Item	Custom Name	Total
Long Sleeve T-Shirt (DTF printed)				Small - XL \$20 ea. 2XL - up, add'l \$5		
Short Sleeve T-Shirt (DTF printed)				Small - XL \$17 ea. 2XL - up, add'l \$5		
Polo Shirt (Embroidered)				Small - XL \$25 ea. 2XL - up, add'l \$5		
Waterproof Hoodie, Zipper Wind Breaker (Embroidered)				Small - XL \$60 ea. 2XL - up, add'l \$5		
Waterproof Hoodie, Zipper Winter Jacket (Embroidered)				Small - XL \$65 ea. 2XL - up, add'l \$5		
Pull Over Hoodie Sweater (Embroidered)				Small - XL \$40 ea. 2XL - up, add'l \$5		
Crew Neck Sweater (Embroidered)				Small - XL \$35 ea. 2XL - up, add'l \$5		
Tote Bags (DTF printed) (14"W x 10"H)				\$15 ea.		
Aprons (Embroidered)				One Size Adult \$20		
Fleece Throw Blanket (50" x 60")				\$80 ea.		
Beanies				\$20 ea.		
Gold towel / with clip				\$20 ea.		
Additional Comments:					Grand Total	

**Your kindness and generosity are appreciated in support of our parish and its ministries.
We are offering the opportunity to sign up for automated giving if you have not already done so.
It's convenient and easy to sign up!**

You can donate to the parish by ACH. Please complete this form,
bring it to the office or email to **business@holycrossrc.org**

Parish of the Holy Cross

95 Nichols Road
Nesconset, NY 11767
631-265-2200 ext. 110
business@holycrossrc.org

Authorization Agreement for Automated Giving

I, _____, hereby authorize the Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Cross, at Nesconset NY, to initiate debit entries to my Checking () Saving () account indicated below and the depository named below to debit the same amount, beginning _____.

I choose to have my account debited for this amount: Check one:

Bi-Weekly \$ _____ (Multiply weekly by 2) Monthly \$ _____ (Multiply weekly by 4.33)

Depository/ Bank: Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Banking Transit-ABA #: _____

(9 digits located on the bottom left of your check)

Bank Account #: _____

Please attach to this form a Voided Check if you've chosen a checking Account or a pre-printed savings deposit ticket if you have chosen a Saving Account.

***Note:** This authorization is to remain in full force effect until the Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Cross received written notification at least five business days in advance of the desired termination.*

(Signature)

(PrintedName)

Date: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

NOTES:

1- *This form will be seen by the Business Manager only.* You may mail it to the Parish of the Holy Cross or drop it at the office in a sealed envelope, **Attention: Karina D'Angelo.**

2- For any questions contact Karina D'Angelo by phone or email at **business@holycrossrc.org**



MOLONEY

Family Funeral Homes, Inc.

Francis D. Moloney, Jr.

"Caring that Counts"

www.moloneyfh.com

LAKE RONKONKOMA
132 Ronkonkoma Avenue
(631) 588-1515

HAUPPAUGE
840 Wheeler Road (Rte. 111)
(631) 361-7500

HOLBROOK
825 Main Street
(631) 981-7500

CENTRAL ISLIP
130 Carleton Avenue
(631) 234-6000

BOHEMIA
1320 Lakeland Avenue
(631) 589-1500

PORT JEFFERSON STATION
523 Route 112
(631) 473-3800

SCAN THIS

OLSEN'S
REST HOME
Administrator George Olsen Jr.
366 Gibbs Pond Rd - PO Box 256
Nesconset (631) 588-5676

NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC
FREE ESTIMATES
1 (631) 487-0939
1 (516) 417-8403
Lenny Mannino
Master Electrician
Licensed & Insured
10% OFF

Little Vincent's PIZZA
RONKONKOMA, L.I.
981-9631
OTHER LOCATION:
HUNTINGTON, L.I.
Since 1972

Story Book Homes Inc.
Custom Homes • Apartments
Developers • Planned Communities
BUS. OFFICE
631-265-6131

24 Hr. Emergency Service
Phone/Fax (631) 580-7500

B&R PLUMBING & HEATING
Senior Discount 10%
315 Smithtown Blvd.
Nesconset Parishioner

COLDWELL BANKER AMERICAN HOME
Susan A. Lampach
Licensed Real Estate Salesperson
SRES, CBR & PSA
(631) 806-8579 Mobile
slampach@cbamhomes.com
Licensed since 2003
Parishioner

Fireside Catholic Heritage Edition Bible

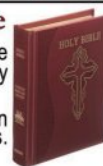
The Catholic Heritage Edition in the New American Bible Revised Edition translation is the ideal Catholic Family Bible.

Features: Our Catholic Family, Family Record section and Burgundy padded cover with gold-gilded page edges.

Only \$79.99 post paid

C/O The Church Bulletin, Inc.
200 Dale Street • W. Babylon, NY 11704
Enclosed please find check/money order for \$_____ to cover the cost of _____ (quantity) copies of the Fireside Family Bible, to be shipped post:

paid to: _____
Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____



KERRY J. MAHER

ST. JAMES FUNERAL HOME

KENNETH J. MAHER, JR.

829 Middle Country Road
(Jericho Turnpike) Route 25. St. James
(631) 584-5200

~ A Home for Funerals & Cremations ~

"Personal Attention & Dignified Service
- Our Continuing Tradition"
www.StJamesFuneralHome.com

~ HONORING THE LEGACY OF DEACON KENNETH J MAHER & AELYSCHÉ M. MAHER ~

**Advanced health care,
personalized for all**

To schedule an appointment,
call **(866) MY-LI-DOC**

catholicealthli.org



**IF YOU LIVE ALONE
YOU NEED A MEDICAL ALERT
At HOME or AWAY**

• GPS • Fall Alert • 24/7 • 365 Monitoring
Ambulance • Police • Fire • Family/Friends

MDMedAlert™
As Low As \$19.95/month*



No Contract • No Fees • E-Z Setup • md-medalert.com **CALL 800 867-7250**



NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC
FREE ESTIMATES
1 (631) 487-0939
1 (516) 417-8403
Lenny Mannino
Master Electrician
Licensed & Insured
10% OFF

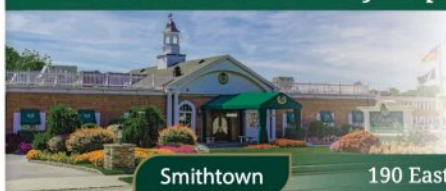
Premier Printing of Long Island
FOR ALL YOUR PRINTING NEEDS

- Wedding Books
- Save the Dates
- Invitations
- Envelopes
- Thank You Cards
- Color Flyers
- Birth Announcements
- Brochures
- Christmas Cards

631-213-2128
premierprintingli@gmail.com
Call or email us for a free quote today!

Branch FUNERAL HOMES
Funerals & Cremations
Owned & Operated by The Vigilante Family
BRANCHFH.COM

Four Generations of Hope, Guidance & Compassion



- Funeral & Cremation Services
- Preplanning Services
- On-site Reception Center

Smithtown

190 East Main St., Smithtown, NY | 631.724.9500

OTHER CONVENIENT LOCATIONS:

Branch Funeral Home
of Commack
631.493.7200

Branch Funeral Home
of Miller Place
631.744.9700