



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.

**Peter approached Jesus and asked him,
“Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often
must I forgive? As many as seven times?”**

forgive

**Jesus answered, “I say to you,
not seven times but seventy-seven times.”**

Matthew 18:21-22

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 13, 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

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WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY - THURSDAY
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(closed 12:15-1 PM)**

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9 AM - 12 NOON**

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



**"Remember the commandments and
do not be angry with your neighbor;
remember the covenant of the Most High
and overlook faults."**

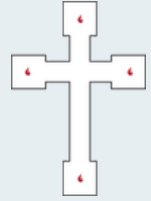
-Sirach 28:7

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



IMPORTANT FEAST DAYS

Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael



As I have previously mentioned, this is a busy few weeks in September and the beginning of October. Today we celebrate Grandparents' Day. In addition, it is "Healthy Sunday" with representatives from CVS offering flu vaccines. We also have hospitality after some of the Masses. Finally, we offer a blessing to the families preparing to celebrate the sacrament of Baptism. Woven into all of this is a challenging gospel that calls us to forgive one another.

Monday is the Exaltation of the Cross. This is our feast day as a parish community. The death and resurrection of Jesus lie at the heart of what we believe. The cross is the very symbol of our faith. While none of us looks forward to experiencing moments of the cross, it can be a powerful reminder that we are never alone. When we are in the midst of suffering or uncertainty, we can gain strength in knowing we are united with our God. The cross is more than a reminder of the pain of this life. Ironically, it becomes the place where newness of life is found in unexpected ways. It is the place where our sorrow can be transformed into hope.

The cross that hangs in our sanctuary, beautifully and uniquely, depicts the great gift of Christ. Of course, any crucifix proclaims the Paschal mystery. But our crucifix in particular has a rich meaning in the way it was created. It depicts the Risen Christ. This does not deny the sufferings of Jesus but reminds us of His triumphant victory. Not only do we gaze upon the great symbol of love, but Jesus reaches out to draw us in. He offers us His love. How blessed we are to have such a beautiful cross.

The Exaltation of the Cross is followed by the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15. On this day the Church remembers all the ways in which Mary shared in heartache in raising Jesus and witnessing all He did. There are so many examples of how Mary experienced the pain and sacrifice that a mother must sometimes endure. Remember that Mary and Joseph had to flee from their homeland because of the political oppression created by Herod and threats of death. They also experienced great worry and turmoil when Jesus became lost around the age of 12. And finally, there are many moments in the passion and death of Jesus that Mary bore the pain of seeing what her son had to endure. When we face brokenness and frightening situations in our own lives, Our Lady of Sorrows can be a great source of consolation.

Although we are far from Lent and Good Friday, we are reminded of the cross. There is wisdom in the Church calling us to these days. All of us experience suffering. All of us experience the cross sooner or later. Often we feel alone. When we gather together it is not meant to be a moment of private prayer or devotion. We gather as a body of believers to embrace the mystery of Christ as a community. Our very presence connects us to each other. We are one in our suffering and dying. We are one in being nourished and raised to new life. May we receive with gratitude all that brings us hope.



2026

SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



SEPTEMBER 19

5:00 PM
FR. MICHAEL

SEPTEMBER 20

8:00 AM
FR. MICHAEL
9:30 AM
FR. MICHAEL/DCN. JOE
11:30 AM
FR. MICHAEL



**SCRIPTURE
READINGS
for SEPTEMBER 20**

+ Isaiah 55:6-9
+ Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
+ Matthew 20:1-16a

ON THE CALENDAR

Sunday, September 13th **BAPTISM GATHERING**
9:30AM Mass, Worship Area, Fr. Joe Room

Sunday, September 13th **HEALTHY SUNDAY**
10:00AM - 1:00PM, Atrium

Sunday, September 13th **YCC HOSPITALITY**
After 11:30AM Mass, Atrium

Sunday, September 13th **BAPTISMS**
1:00PM, Worship Area

Tuesday, September 15th **LEVEL 7 PARENT/STUDENT MTG.**
7:00PM, Atrium, Worship Area

Tuesday, September 15th **MOMS' GROUP**
7:00PM, Fr. Joe Room

Wednesday, September 16th **GRANDPARENTS' PRAYER GROUP**
1:30PM, Chapel

Wednesday, September 16th **LEVEL 8 PARENT/STUDENT MTG.**
7:00PM, Atrium, Worship Area

Saturday, September 19th **HOLY HOUR**
3:45PM - 4:45PM, Worship Area

Saturday, September 19th **BASKET RAFFLE SALES**
After 5PM Mass, Atrium

Sunday, September 20th **BASKET RAFFLE SALES**
After All Masses, Atrium



Children's Liturgy of the Word

WILL BEGIN AGAIN OCTOBER 18
1st and 3rd Sundays of the month

During the Mass, children from Kindergarten through 3rd Grade will be invited to move to a separate space and hear God's Word in age-appropriate language. Older children are welcome to assist as helpers. Don't miss this special opportunity for the entire family to experience Mass in a more meaningful way.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. -1 John 1:9

CONFESSION TIMES

- Saturday: 12:00 Noon - 1:00PM
- Monday: 6:00PM - 7:00PM
- Wednesday: Immediately after the 9:00AM Mass
- By Appointment at other times

Effective AUGUST 1st

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, September 13

9:00AM Masses:

Mon. People of the Parish

Tues. Maria Ligabo

Wed. Pat DelPrete

Thur. Mirta Rodriguez

Saturday, September 19, 5PM Mass

Nancy Gallagher, Mauro Silva, Bobby Kieley,
Maryann Follo, Isabella Burton Smith,
Eric Schwarz

Sunday, September 20, Masses

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM Mr. & Mrs. O. DeSanto

9:30AM John Hanley, Ruben Vazquez Pintor,
Michael Mendolia, Bernadette Kuczewski,
Marie Nespor, Vincent John Manzo

11:30AM People of the Parish



Banns of Marriage

Jocelyn Valentin & Oscar Castellanos



*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	Caroline Lazar
Andrew Arbocus	Carol Leahy
Alejandro Astegiano	Victor Lewandowski
Kathy Barry	Mary Lopez
Alison Bilski	Gerald Losquadro
Cole Brennan	Jeanne Marie Malley
Veronica Buscemi	Janet Mangano
Norma Capule	Hank McCormick
Judy Carlson	Loretto Narducci
Michael Castellano	Kevin Neeson
Mary Champagne	Andrea Nocito
Peter Chirafisi	Darin Pitkanen
William Ciccarelli	Patricia Pitkanen
Maria Ciminiello	Janine Pixley
Justin Curran	Colleen Prinz
Grayson Danielski	Carina Ranieri
Baby Phoenix Dawson	Bernardine Reichbach
Manuela Diaz	Mary Ann Reilly
Peter DiMauro	Rob Remhild
Claudia DiPalermo	Marcello Ricciardi
Rose Dugan	Lynn Rodger
Ann Egan	Sean Romeo
Lisa Eger	Elaine Ruane
Vincent Esposito	John Saccenti
Ralph Farino	Jacqueline Santamaria
Yolanda Fattarusso	Casey Schultz
Baby Lorenzo Follo	Kathy Schwinn
Sienna Fricke	John Serri
Linda Giordano	Dennis Shin
James Greene	Joan Shin
Linda Heinrichs	Celeste Sichenze
Ryan Huscher	Sue Southard
Debbie Jablinowski	Barbara Swingle
Kristen Kennedy	Calvin Tatone
	Grace 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.**

*We wait in hope for the Lord;
He is our help and our shield.
In Him our hearts rejoice,
for we trust in His holy name.
May your unfailing love be with us,
Lord,
even as we put our hope in You.*

Psalm 33:20-22





PARISH OUTREACH



THE COMMUNITY ACTION POVERTY SIMULATION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

COULD YOU SURVIVE A MONTH IN POVERTY?

Across Nassau and Suffolk Counties 168,000 people currently live in poverty. Over 25,000 are children in grades K-12. It is difficult to truly understand the situations that families living in poverty are experiencing everyday - the decisions they have to make and the fears and frustrations they feel.

This is why we are inviting you to participate in the Community Action Poverty Simulation. Hosted by St. Patrick's Parish Outreach, Holy Cross Parish Outreach, St. Thomas More Parish Outreach, and Catholic Charities, the program gives participants the opportunity to assume the role of a low-income family member living on a limited budget.

9:00 AM: Check-In and Breakfast

9:30 AM: Start Time

11:15 AM: Debriefing (all participants are strongly encouraged to stay)

*We invite you to join us on **Saturday, September 26th at 9AM at St. Patrick's in Smithtown. Please RSVP to Kelley at (631) 265-2200, Ext. 113, no later than September 15th. We look forward to your participation.***



Mother Cabrini
HEALTH FOUNDATION™



Catholic
Health

HEALTHY SUNDAY at Holy Cross

Vaccine Clinic

**Sunday, September 13th,
from 10AM to 1PM
in the Atrium**



**We will be hosting
a free vaccine clinic**

in the Atrium in partnership
with CVS pharmacy.

Our local CVS pharmacist
and staff

will be available for the following:

Flu shot - COVID

Shingles - RSV

MMR - Tdap



Vaccinations are one of the best things you can do to help protect yourself from serious diseases. If any of these is of interest to you, please stop by our Healthy Sunday table in the Atrium between 10am and 1pm.

No appointment necessary.



BASKET RAFFLE

A wide variety
of themed baskets will
be displayed, and tickets sold
after all the Masses on the
weekends of:

Sept. 19-20 & Sept. 26-27

Tickets are
3 for \$5 or 7 for \$10

Lucky winners will be drawn at our
FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL
on Saturday, October 3rd, at 3PM

Winners do not have to be present to win.

Be part of our
BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR!

Do you like to bake?



We are looking for items that can be
individually wrapped to sell at our Dessert Table
at the Family Fall Festival.

Cookies, Brownies, Muffins, or Non-iced Cake

that can be cut into individual slices are welcome.
Please wrap each item individually for easy sale.

**All individually wrapped donated baked goods
are needed at the parish on Friday,
October 2nd, between 10AM and 12PM**



Come share your gift of baking with us!

Thank you in advance!

If you are able to help,
please call
Outreach at 631-265-2200

Name _____
Phone _____
Email _____

The winner does not need to be present.



Drawing will be held at the
Holy Cross Family Fall Festival
on October 3rd, 2026

Return completed raffle with payment **\$10 each**

Name _____
Phone _____
Email _____

The winner does not need to be present.



Drawing will be held at the
Holy Cross Family Fall Festival
on October 3rd, 2026

Return completed raffle with payment **\$10 each**

Try your luck this fall with the **NIFTY 50/50 RAFFLE** Tickets are \$10 each.

Jackpot builds as tickets are sold.
Enter as many times as you wish.

How to enter:

Fill out the tickets to the left
and return it with payment
to the parish office by October 2nd.

*Additional raffle tickets for purchase can be found
in the parish office, and will be sold up until the
drawing on the day of the festival.*

**Drawing will be held at the
Family Fall Festival on October 3rd, 2026.**

The winner does not need to be present.

PARISH OF THE HOLY CROSS
95 Nichols Road, Nesconset

Holy Cross Family FALL FESTIVAL

October 3 | 10AM - 3PM

Pumpkin Picking 11AM to 2PM

Sand Art 10AM to 2:00PM

Face Painting 11AM to 2:00PM

Games for Kids

Nesconset Fire Department
visits from 11AM - 2PM

TASTE TESTING CONTEST 2PM

Come Join the Fun!





Do you have
a Favorite **Apple Recipe?**



Family Fall Festival Dessert Contest

Come share your culinary expertise and enter
your selection in our annual taste testing contest to be held
at our Family Fall Festival on October 3rd

The winner will be decided at the Family Fall Festival by a panel of volunteer judges.



To enter, the requirements are as follows:

- All items must be homemade
- Please prepare enough to serve at least 20 bite size pieces
- Include a printed copy of your recipe to be displayed



**We ask that all recipes be submitted
by Wednesday, September 30th**

Recipes will be printed and displayed
the day of the judging
(in response to any food allergy concerns)



Interested in submitting a recipe, or being a taste testing judge?

Fill out this form, check the appropriate line and return it to the Parish Office by September 30th.

Name _____ Phone _____

____ Yes! I will submit my delicious recipe and culinary creation to be entered in the
Family Fall Festival Taste Testing Contest.

I agree to submit my recipe by September 30th to the Outreach Office.

____ Yes! I agree to be one of the judges that will fairly determine the winner of the
Family Fall Festival Taste Testing Contest.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Blessing of the Backpacks

Last weekend, Fr. Michael blessed the children who brought their backpacks to Mass. We pray that all students and educators have a wonderful school year.

Please mark your calendars for the following **Religious Ed. Grade Level Meetings:**

Books and folders will be distributed,
and we will go through the curriculum.

Level 7 Parent / Student Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 15th at 7pm

Level 8 Parent / Student Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16th at 7pm

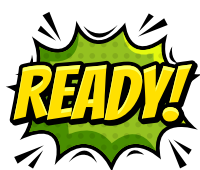
Level 2 Parent / Student Meeting will be held on Monday, October 5th at 6pm

Level 1 Parent / Student Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6th at 6pm

Level 3 & Level 4 Parent / Student Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 7th at 1:30pm and 6pm

Level 5 & Level 6 Parent / Student Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8th at 1:30pm and 7pm

All Meetings will be held in the Worship Area.



**and Teach the Good News
to our Children**

CATECHIST MEETING

Together we'll experience planning ideas, effective strategies and a variety of helpful resources that can make learning about faith both enjoyable and meaningful. All Catechists are encouraged to share their own experiences and successful ideas as we learn from one another.

Catechists - please let the Religious Education office know which day you plan on attending.

Thursday, September 24th from 7pm to 8:30pm

or

Saturday, September 26th from 9am to 10:30am

Each session will be held in the atrium. Light refreshments will be provided.



Join the Pastoral Team and Staff in attending
Religious Education Congress ~ 2027



Information Evening
Monday, September 21 @ 7:00PM

2027 ADULT DAYS THEME!

Remain in Me. Live Boldly!

Thursday, April 22 - Sunday, April 25
Anaheim Convention Center | Anaheim, CA

- *Be spiritually nourished*
- *Be renewed in your ministry*
- *Experience many faces of the Church*
- *Join in uplifting prayer and worship*
- *Expand your vision of Church, ministry, and mission*
- *Enjoy companionship with fellow parishioners and new-found friends*
- *Wave to Mickey Mouse who is next door at Disneyland!*

The weekend includes:

- *Prayer and Worship*
- *Keynote Addresses*
- *Specialized Workshops*
- *Concerts*
- *Exhibitors*
- *Shared faith, food and fun*

This trip is not being offered as a "package." There are many options for flights and hotels. We will discuss flight and hotel possibilities so folks can travel together if they wish. However, each person will choose what suits them best and pay individually for their bookings. Our resident travel agent (Fr. Michael) will offer assistance in making these bookings, if needed. There will be options to do things as a group such as airport transfers and a local tour on arrival. There will also be options for group dinners. Don't worry, you will not be by yourself or on your own.

There is no sign-up list for this trip. Either come to the Information Evening or let Fr. Michael know you are interested so that you can receive helpful information to make your own bookings.



PRAYER, ACTION & COMMUNITY



GRANDPARENTS' PRAYER GROUP

Grandparents fill the world with Love

Our next meeting is on
Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 16
at 1:30PM in the Chapel



HOLY HOUR

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 19

3:45pm - 4:45pm
in the Worship Area

Please come and spend some time
with the Lord in personal prayer
as you pray before the Blessed Sacrament
during the Parish Holy Hour.

WEEKEND
SPECIAL

Holy Cross Parish celebrates GRANDPARENTS' WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 12TH & 13TH

Gather up those special people we call grandchildren and come to Mass together
that weekend. Or grandchildren, invite your grandparents to Mass here at Holy Cross.

A special blessing will be given at all the Masses. Hospitality will be offered after the 11:30 Mass.

Please check out the photo display in the atrium of the grandchildren of our very proud grandparents.



Holy Cross Family FALL FESTIVAL

Help Wanted

The Family Fall Festival committee is looking for volunteers
to help on October 3rd with the following assignments:

Running the Children's Carnival Games

There are 4 different children's
games that need supervision.

Additional

cleanup crew members
Cleanup begins at 2:30PM

If you are interested in helping or have questions,
please contact Outreach at 631-265-2200.

PRAYER, ACTION & COMMUNITY



Celebrating 30 Years of Service



Jude Pickel

Join us on September 20th at the 11:30 Mass as we honor this milestone mark in her service to the parish.

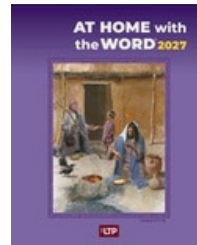
**** **TIME CHANGE 7:00PM** ****



Moms' Group

Moms (of all stages) welcome! Join us!

Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 15th at 7PM in the Fr. Joe Room



If you would like to purchase an "At Home with the Word" book for 2027, please sign up in the hallway by the Parish Office, **and**, if you are interested, there is also a sign-up sheet to purchase a 2027 Missalette. The book orders will be placed at the end of the month.



What is OCIA?

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, is the process by which adults are welcomed into the Catholic Church.

If you know someone who might be interested in OCIA, please pass this information along.

If you wish to participate in OCIA, or if you have any questions about it, please contact Jude at (631) 265-2200 x116 or jpickel@holycrossrc.org

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

OCIA is open to:

- anyone who is unbaptized and has a desire to learn about the Catholic faith;
- anyone who was baptized in another Christian denomination and wishes to explore membership in the Catholic Church;
- Catholics who have been baptized but have not celebrated the Sacraments of Eucharist (Holy Communion) and Confirmation.

WHAT CAN ONE EXPECT AT OCIA?

Individuals who go through the OCIA process can expect:

- to know themselves and God better,
- to be supported in prayer by the entire parish community, and
- to understand Catholic teachings and practices more clearly.

All that is required is openness to grow and learn.



Practice of Faith

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

The first reading and Gospel today are forceful on the matter of forgiveness. They focus on times when we may not extend forgiveness as generously as our Lord does. Forgiveness is a radical act, one that the Lord never tires of extending to us. We should likewise extend the same compassion towards others. Being charitable is not easy, but very much worth it for those who receive forgiveness and those who extend it.

Reflect on times when you have forgiven others, and when you have received forgiveness. How did you feel? How can you carry that feeling forward to future encounters?

Consider how you extend forgiveness to someone who never asks for it. How might God's grace strengthen and soften your heart to do so?

Pray for the specific graces that come from God's forgiveness of us. Consider celebrating the sacrament of penance and reflecting prayerfully on the words offered therein.



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

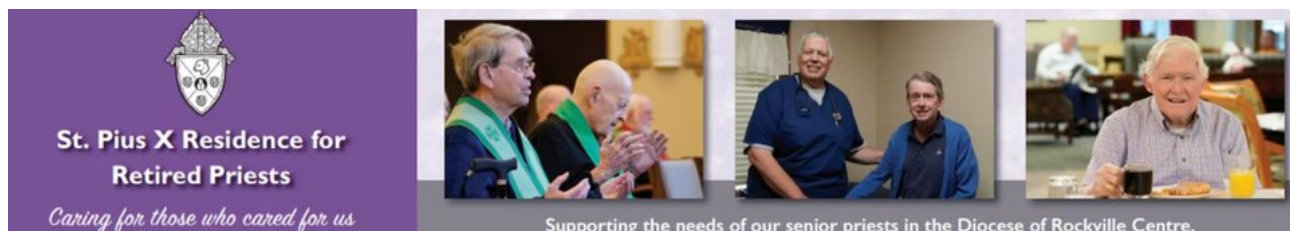
Monday, Nov. 30 - St. Agnes Cathedral/RVC - Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm - 9 pm

- 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.



"Embracing the elderly helps us to understand that life is more than just the present moment..."

-Pope Leo XIV

Dear friends,

Please accept my deepest thanks for your prayers and continued financial support for our senior priests residing at St. Pius X Residence.

St. Pius X Residence is home for some of our retired Diocesan priests who have dedicated their lives to serving God and His people. The Residence provides these priests with medical resources, staff and services to assist them at this stage of their life. There is also a beautiful chapel centered in the building for our priests to celebrate and assist at Mass. It is at this daily Mass that they pray for the people of our parishes, communities and Diocese.

Our retired priests have served so many people over the course of their ministry, nourishing our Catholic faith, educating our youth and serving the poor and vulnerable. These priests made a commitment to God to serve Him for their life on earth. Many of them continue their mission in retirement as they assist at local parishes by offering Mass, hearing confessions and administering the sacraments.

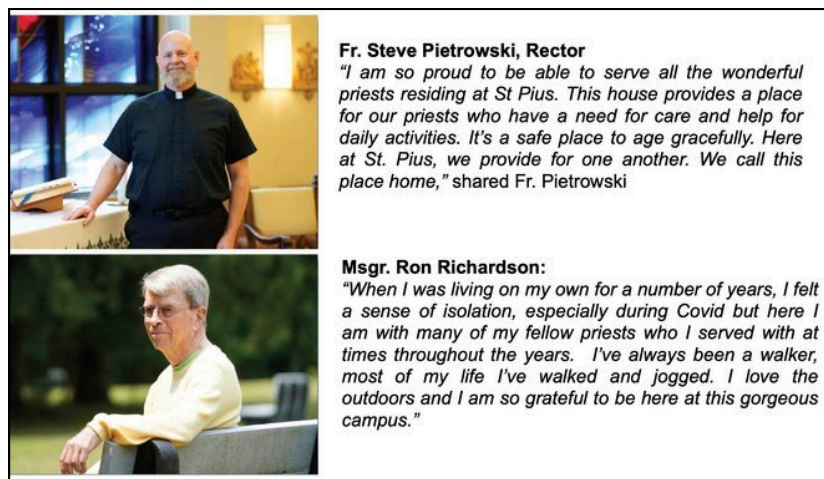
As we offer thanks to God for the gift of the priesthood in our Diocese, let us remember to pray together for a rich harvest of vocations to the priesthood on Long Island. May the Lord bless us with an abundance of priests, deacons and religious ready to serve the Diocese of Rockville Centre for generations to come.

With this letter, you can express your gratitude to our priests and celebrate their presence among us through your gift to the annual St. Pius X Residence Fund. Your gifts and prayers will ensure that our retired priests are properly cared for today and long into the future.

With my prayers and gratitude,

+ John O. Barres

Most Reverend John O. Barres



Fr. Steve Pietrowski, Rector

"I am so proud to be able to serve all the wonderful priests residing at St Pius. This house provides a place for our priests who have a need for care and help for daily activities. It's a safe place to age gracefully. Here at St. Pius, we provide for one another. We call this place home," shared Fr. Pietrowski

Msgr. Ron Richardson:

"When I was living on my own for a number of years, I felt a sense of isolation, especially during Covid but here I am with many of my fellow priests who I served with at times throughout the years. I've always been a walker, most of my life I've walked and jogged. I love the outdoors and I am so grateful to be here at this gorgeous campus."

The special collection for retired priests living at St. Pius X Residence will take place next weekend. Please be as generous as possible!

Thank You! <https://www.stpiusresidence.org/>

The mission of St. Pius X Residence is to provide a nurturing environment that respects and cherishes the lifelong commitment of our beloved priests. The Residence strives to create a warm and supportive community where they can enjoy their retirement years with dignity, surrounded by like-minded individuals who share their dedication to faith.

As our elderly priests enter this stage of their life, they often experience ongoing challenges that require added care and attention, and because of you, the St. Pius X Residence is there for them. Even in retirement, our priests continue to make a profound impact on the spiritual and personal lives of Catholics of all ages. When they are able, they celebrate Mass in area parishes, visit the sick and homebound, and bring God's word to those in prison.

Please support our beloved priests in their retirement years.



MOLONEY

Family Funeral Homes, Inc.

Francis D. Moloney, Jr.

"Caring that Counts"

www.moloneyfh.com

LAKE RONKONKOMA
132 Ronkonkoma Avenue
(631) 588-1515

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