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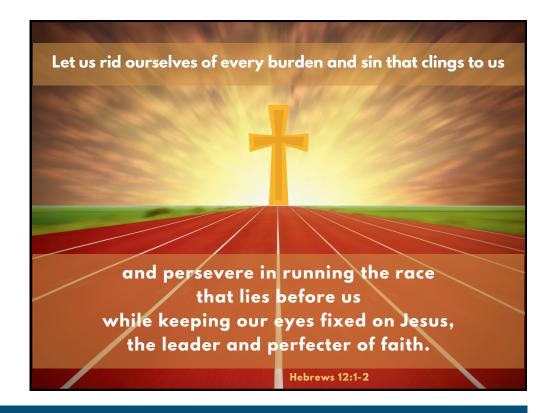
Holy Cross



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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.



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 17, 2025



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 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM; Wednesday after 9:00 AM Mass



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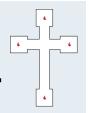
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4:00AM INSIGHTS



Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael

Most of the time I get a good night's sleep of 6-7 hours. Every once in a while I wake up in the middle of the night, and I know I am not going to fall back to sleep. On those occasions, I will get up and usually am very focused and creative in doing some bit of parish work. This past Monday was one of those nights. I woke up and was aware that because of vacation schedules I have a deadline for several bulletin letters. It was time for me to get up and start writing although I did not have any great ideas as to what I should write.

It was a delightful summer morning. It was cool enough to be refreshing and energizing but not cold enough that I needed a jacket. I took my flashlight and began to walk over to the office. I quickly realized I did not need the flashlight as Mother Nature was providing all the light I needed. It was one or two nights past a full moon and the sky was amazingly bright. As I walked on the path over to the office the moon was at my back. My shadow was outlined by a gentle blue light that broke through the trees. I felt like it was the kind of scene that would be portrayed in a fairy tale. As soon as I got to the parking lot, I could not help but notice there were only two stars visible in the sky, but they were as bright as could be. I stopped and looked to the eastern sky and just delighted in seeing them. I knew they were planets and was pretty sure one of them was Venus. When I got to the office I confirmed on the computer, they were Venus and Jupiter sitting side by side. And while all this was happening, I was listening to an owl perched on top of the bell tower singing out in full voice its proverbial question, "who, who?"

I realize this is not terribly exciting news to be reading. But it was a remarkable experience. Within the span of a few minutes, I went from a restful night of sleep to being immersed in the wonder and beauty that Mother Earth can offer. I sat down at my desk and these were the thoughts that came to mind.

There are a few little updates I can share with you:

- Happily, our baptismal font has been successfully repaired and is no longer leaking. Thank you to several of the parishioners who offered suggestions for various miracle products to stop the leaks.
 Our custodian, Roberto, was able to make the repairs himself. Regrouting and some silicone sealant seems to have done the trick.
- We are making progress in introducing a Gift Discernment Process to the parish. We had a "dry run,"
 offering the exercise to those folks who attend the daily Mass. It was well received, and we will begin
 to offer it to those already involved in ministry as well as newcomers who are looking to get involved.
- Unfortunately, I have not had any success in resolving my issues with EZ-Pass of NJ. It's hard to
 address a problem when there is no way to speak to anyone, so I keep writing letters. Will they,
 perhaps, respond one day?

Have a great week. Should you happen to drive through our parking lot in the wee hours of the morning and see me wandering around, don't worry, I'm just trying to get inspired to write a bulletin column.

AUGUST 2025 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

ON THE CALENDAR

Sunday, August 17th 11:30AM Mass, Worship Area	DRESS A GIRL MINISTRY BLESSING
Monday, August 18th7:00PM, Fr. Joe Room	LEVEL 7 TUTORIAL
Tuesday, August 19th 10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room	IN STITCHES
Wednesday, August 20th7:00PM, Fr. Joe Room	LEVEL 8 CATECHIST MTG.
Thursday, August 21st 7:00PM, Fr. Joe Room	FALL FESTIVAL MTG.
Sunday, August 24th 1:00PM, Worship Area	BAPTISMS



Save the Date!

We will honor all the Founding Parishioners on the weekend of

September 13 & 14, 2025 The Exaltation of the Cross



CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES

AUGUST 23

5:00 PM FR. MICHAEL

AUGUST 24

8:00 AM FR. MICHAEL

9:30 AM

FR. FRANK/DCN. JOE

11:30 AM

FR. FRANK/DCN. JOE



SCRIPTURE READINGS for AUGUST 24

+ Isaiah 66:18-21

+ Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

+ Luke 13:22-30



Practice of Faith

WORKS (Excerpt from "At Home with the Word 2025")

Neither Jesus nor the prophets preached a comforting message, and they suffered for it. The people of God will not fare differently. As the Gospel points out, living as true followers of Christ is often uncomfortable. Care must be taken, however, since creating disharmony and conflict for others is not the goal of the Christian life.

Have you silenced God's voice in your life because it makes you feel uncomfortable? Pray over this question, adding a litany that calls on the "cloud of witnesses" to help you discern.

This week, ask a friend to pray with you about your struggles to live boldly as a Christian.

Share with a colleague something about your life as a Christian. This faith-sharing might be uncomfortable but doing so could be an authentic witness that another needs to hear.

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, August 17 9:00AM Masses:

Mon. Bobby Alderdice Tues. Jo-Ann Loh Wed. Mrs. Carol Connor Thur. Linda DiOrio

Saturday, August 23, 5PM Mass

James Lechner, James E. Guiliano, Mary Carmela DiMondo, Jean E. Reynolds, Gerald Pisapia

Sunday, August 24, Masses

8:00AM Mr. & Mrs. O. DeSanto, Elaine Vogel, Renny Raymondo, Josephine Depresca 9:30AM Francisco Veloso 11:30AM People of the Parish



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 Theresa Arzillo Alejandro Astegiano Jo Barry Kathy Barry Cole Brennan Veronica Buscemi Judy Carlson Mary Champagne William Ciccarelli Kimberly Crawford-Arbocus Grayson Danielski Anthony DeGennaro Manuela Diaz Ann Egan Vincent Esposito Ralph Farino Yolanda Fattarusso Sienna Fricke Linda Giordano James Greene Linda Heinrichs Ralph Hughes Ryan Huscher Debbie Jablinowski Kristen Kennedy Caroline Lazar Carol Leahy

Victor Lewandowski Mary Lopez Gerald Losquadro Viola Malek Jeanne Marie Malley Steve Matonti Olivia Melia Loretto Narducci Andrea Nocito Darin Pitkanen Patricia Pitkanen Colleen Prinz Carina Ranieri Rob Remhild Liam Richards **Amy Rivers** Lynn Rodger Sean Romeo Elaine Ruane Casey Schultz Kathy Schwinn John Serri Celeste Sichenze Todd Skala Sue Southard Bill Tanner 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.



Adrianne Croce & Stephen Miro Danielle Alessi & Thomas Szabo Jillian Montvydas & Daniel Martinico Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way.

The Lord be with you all.

2 Thessalonians 3:16



PARISH OUTREACH

FALL FESTIVAL

PLANNING MEETING



All are welcome!

You are invited to join us for our first planning meeting for the Family Fall Festival on

Thursday, August 21st, at 7 PM in the Father Joe Room

Please join us if you have participated in the past or are looking to get involved this year. If interested, please contact Outreach at 631-265-2200.

Thank you!



School Supplies for Success

JUST A REMINDER:

All backpack tags and school supplies purchased are due back Sunday, August 17th

Please secure your tag to your purchased items

and leave items on the School Supplies for Success table in the Atrium.

All gift cards and monetary donations are also due Sunday, August 17th, and can be placed in the School House in the Atrium.



Dress Showcase the weekend of August 16 & 17 Many of our beautiful dresses will be displayed in the Atrium along with information about this wonderful ministry. At each Mass, a portion of the dresses will be displayed before they are sent to Friar Supplies, the organization that delivers the dresses to their last stop, the young girls of Haiti.

If you are in any way part of the Dress a Girl Ministry (donated fabric, cut fabric for kits or sewn a dress), you are invited to join us at the Sunday, 11:30 AM Mass for not only a blessing of the dresses but a special recognition and blessing for your participation in this ministry.

If you have questions, please call the Outreach Office at 631-265-2200.



HOLY CROSS BEREAVEMENT

When Your Journey Continues

We will begin our 4 consecutive week program starting on Wednesday, September 3rd, from 1:30-3:00PM in the Father Joe Room.

We are starting a bereavement group for those who may be further in their grief journey but who are still struggling with an unresolved loss.

This group is NOT for newly bereaved. Our next newly bereaved support group will begin in November.

If you are struggling and do not feel you have made much progress, please consider joining the support group. The group will focus on helping you understand the grief process and your own individual reaction to loss. By learning coping strategies, you will be able to manage your grief better and begin the critical process of adjusting to living in a world without the deceased. The group is not therapy but simply a discussion group where you will meet other people who have also suffered a loss. Through sharing life experiences, you can learn from one another which will help in your grief journey.

Space is limited, so if you are interested in joining, please contact Kelley Mowat at the Outreach office by calling 631-265-2200 or by email at Outreach@holycrossrc.org. You will be mailed a registration form. Please complete the form and return it to Kelley by August 27th. Once we receive your registration form your seat is reserved.

We are asking for your support for one of our biggest fundraisers

of the year, our Basket Raffle!

We are looking for donations of individual items to fill and create baskets and completed themed baskets!

With your help, we hope to make this fundraiser a huge success!

Want to make a themed basket? Here are a few ideas for baskets:

- Coffee Basket
- Golf Basket
- Baker's Basket
- Rest and Relax Spa Basket
- Dinner and a movie basket
- Kid's Basket

Suggested items for baskets: New Items only please

- Gift certificates (for products and/or services)
- Scratch-off tickets
- Wine/Liquor
- Event tickets (play, movies, baseball game)
- Hand crafted items (quilts, jewelry)

DONATIONS NEEDED!

All completed baskets and all individual donated items can be brought into the parish office during business hours from August 18th to September 14th.

If you have any questions and/or would like to be on the Basket Raffle Committee, please call Mary Ann Viscusi at 631-686-5280 or Linda Denninger at 631-265-7111.

Thank you for your continued support!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



If you have not registered your child for Religious Education, please do so. Registration forms can be found on our website.

Last day to register is Friday, September 5th.

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 1 - Monday, October 6, 2025, at 1:30pm or 7pm

Level 2 - Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 7pm (only) Parents and Students

Level 3 - Monday, September 29, 2025, at 1:30pm or 7pm

Level 4 - Monday, September 29, 2025, at 1:30pm or 7pm

Level 5 - Tuesday, September 30, 2005, at 1:30pm or 7pm

Level 6 - Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at 1:30pm or 7pm

Level 7 - Monday, September 8, 2025, at 7pm (only) Parents and Students

Level 8 - Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 7pm (only) Parents and Students

Parish Events



Blessing of Backpacks

at all Masses the weekend of August 30 and 31

Have your child bring their school backpack to be blessed.

Special Needs Classes start on Monday, October 20th

All Religious Ed. classes, start the week of October 12th (Columbus Day weekend)

Kick off Masses for Religious Ed.

will be on

Saturday, October 11th, at the 5PM Mass and Sunday, October 12th, at the 11:30AM Mass

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

Thank you!

Jennifer and Mary

Religious Education Department Parish of the Holy Cross 631-265-2200

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION





LAST DAY TO REGISTER IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

The Religious Education Office is planning ahead for the 2025 - 2026 Formation Year.

Families who are currently enrolled in our program will receive Re-Registration form through their email. All children who plan on continuing in our program must be re-registered each year.

Children need to successfully complete their current Religious Education level before they can move to the next level.

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We are currently accepting new registrations. If you are new to the Parish, please call the main office at 631-265-2200 x111.

Once we have your email address, we can send you a new registration form.

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The Religious Education department at Holy Cross will begin the current session October 2025. All catechists will be trained during the summer once we have the program in place. We are dedicated to bringing the same service to our young parishioners that we have had in the past. Textbooks will be distributed only after your child is registered. Please register even if you are not paying at this time to secure a spot for your child in a class. SPACE IS LIMITED!

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Religious Education Registration Forms are found on the R/E Forms Page of our website.



St. Thomas More Parish in Hauppauge is hosting its sixth annual Alpha program. This is an opportunity for friends and strangers to gather over a meal, watch a themed video presentation, and have active discussions in small groups about their faith and relationship to God. This weekly program runs for ten weeks. Each evening session runs for two hours. There is no cost to attend. For more information, email imtwhite@optonline.net

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Entering Canaan

A Woman's Weekend Retreat of Prayer & Healing

Friday, September 26, 2025 - Sunday, September 28, 2025



For those suffering from a past abortion

Come begin your healing journey!

His mercy and peace are waiting for you!

For confidential
reservations call
Lorraine
c: 516-798-9100
Email: LGariboldi@LifeCenterLI.org
or
Deacon Fred Ferrara
c:: 201-481-0800

Led by the Life Center of Long Island Lorraine Gariboldi, Director of Post Abortion & Pregnancy Loss Ministry Theresa Bonapartis, Co-developer of Entering Canaan & Director of Lumina/Hope & Healing after Abortion

Holy Cross Parish celebrates GRANDPARENTS' WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 6/7

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.

In the meantime, we are inviting grandparents to write in two sentences or less what being a grandparent means to them.

Write on the slip below and drop it in the box outside the parish office.

Please submit by August 25th.

Naturally, we all might want to write more than two sentences, but try to sum up those feelings as best you can. On the weekend of September 6/7, your submissions will appear in the bulletin.

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Please Print Clearly	



For many years the Cash Calendar was a part of the Holy Cross routine, and this fundraiser provided some additional financial support to the parish.

At this time, it is unlikely that we have enough parishioners attending Mass on a weekly basis to support a monthly drawing, so we will continue as we have done for the past few years with our quarterly drawing.

- \$10 per ticket
- Tickets are available for purchase through June, July and August
- Drawing will be held AUGUST 28TH

This is the pay scale which will be offered:

- 1 Prize @ \$250
- 2 Prizes @ \$100
- 10 Prizes @ \$50
- 15 Prizes @ \$25

This formula was based upon selling 250 tickets @ \$10 each. If more than 250 tickets are sold, the number of prizes will be increased.

Please cut out and use the tickets below.

You may return your entries by placing them in an envelope and depositing it in the basket on weekends, or returning them to the Parish Office.

Thank you for your support!	
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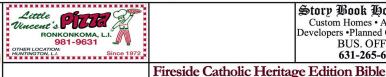
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