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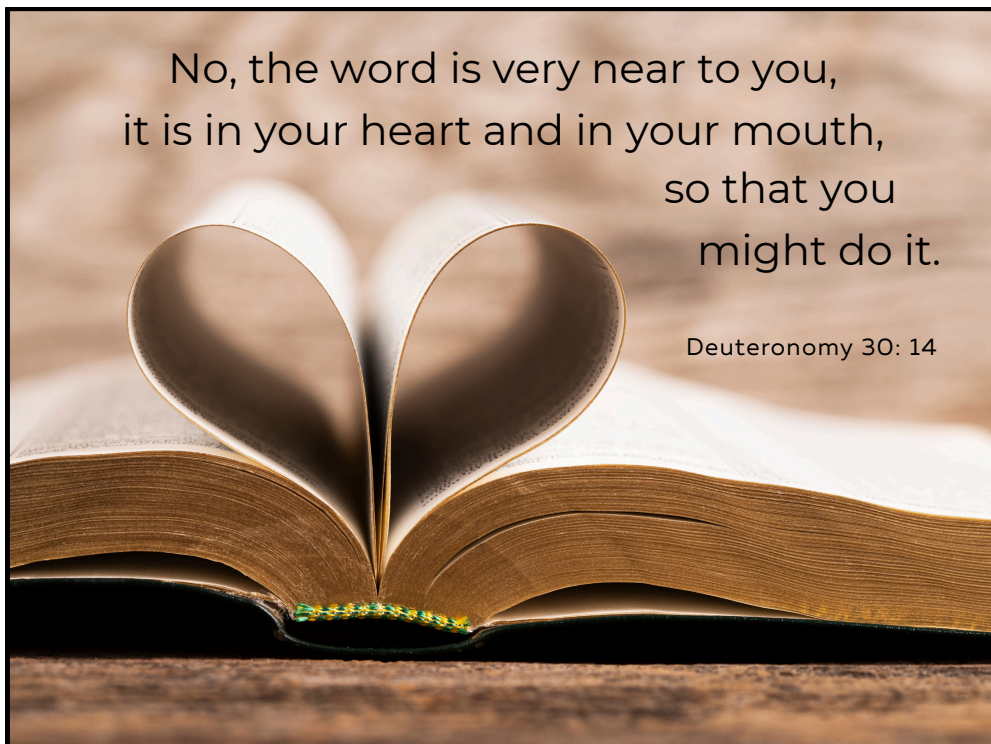
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Vision Statement:

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.

No, the word is very near to you,
it is in your heart and in your mouth,
so that you
might do it.

Deuteronomy 30: 14



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 13, 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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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY - THURSDAY
9 AM - 4 PM
(closed 12:15-1 PM)**

**Parish Office
FRIDAY HOURS
9 AM - 12 NOON**

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

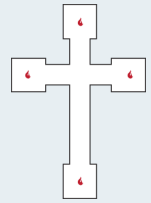


Visit our website at **www.holycrossrc.org**
for more information on how we can serve you.



SHARPENING UP MY PENCILS

Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael



I'm sharpening up my pencils and cracking open a new marble notebook, as I will be heading back to school for a week. (If I got with the times, I should actually be charging my laptop and preparing to do a vlog.) This week I will be attending a preaching workshop for priests being held at Catholic University in Washington D.C. This seminar is the first offering of the newly formed *Fulton J. Sheen Excellence in Preaching Initiative*. Some of the presentations are theological and pastoral in nature. And some of the presentations will be given by the Drama and Theater faculty which will focus more on technique and delivery. This should be interesting. I heard about this opportunity through the Priest Personnel Director for the Diocese. This summer program is being underwritten by the Lily Foundation. The only cost to participants is transportation to and from Washington. It was an amazing offer that I could not pass up. I will be leaving after the 8:00 Mass and will return on Friday evening.

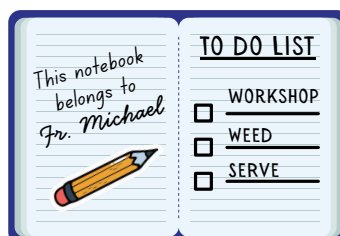
I am looking forward to this opportunity. I attended a more in-depth preaching workshop about 25 years ago in Chicago. That program took place for several weeks over the course of two summers. I always struggled as a student throughout my educational career. There is an element of challenge in doing something like this, but there is also something exciting about it. As far as I know there are only two other priests from our Diocese attending, so I will be meeting priests from around the country. I'm looking forward to the experience. I will try to behave and not get sent to detention. Hopefully there will be some free time that I will be able to do some fun things around the city.

If anyone likes the challenge of keeping weeds out of flower beds, boy, do we have opportunities for you. There are many corners of the parish property that could use some tender loving care. If you would like to help out keeping our grounds looking neat and tidy, please give Karina, our Business Manager, a call so that we can coordinate our efforts. (I would love to help, but I have homework to do. 😊)

Actually, I enjoy this kind of yard work. I have been keeping things in check around my house which I find relaxing and rewarding. The list of projects is long, but I am working my way through it. This week I started trimming back the trees and other growth next to the sidewalk on Nichols Road that passes in front of the parish. It has been a few years since it received any significant attention, and the sidewalk is almost unpassable because of the overgrowth. Mother Nature can do beautiful things, but she can also put up a battle when she wants to expand her territory.

If you come to the Parish Office or attend daily Mass in the Chapel these days, you will notice it is on the warm side. One of the two compressors for the large air conditioning unit that cools the office has failed and we are awaiting a replacement. Happily, the office staff have not filed a complaint against me for unfavorable working conditions. When things like this happen, it does not send our budget into a tailspin because of the Renovation and Repair fund we have. Thank you for your on-going support.

I'm delighted that the Lancaster trip for November was enormously popular. But, I'm sorry to say, it sold out in just over 24 hours. Unfortunately, I cannot accommodate any additional travelers.



ON THE CALENDAR

| JULY 2025 | | | | | | |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |

CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



JULY 19
5:00 PM
FR. MICHAEL

JULY 20
8:00 AM
FR. MICHAEL

9:30 AM
FR. MICHAEL

11:30 AM
FR. JIM



SCRIPTURE READINGS for JULY 20

+ Genesis 18:1-10a
+ Colossians 1:24-28
+ Luke 10:38-42

Saturday, July 12th BLOOD DRIVE SIGN-UPS
5:00PM Mass, Atrium

Sunday, July 13th BLOOD DRIVE SIGN-UPS
All Masses, Atrium

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

Tuesday, July 15th IN STITCHES
10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room

Wednesday, July 16th BLOOD DRIVE
3:00PM - 7:30PM, Atrium

Sunday, July 20th BAPTISMS
1:00PM, Worship Area

Fr. Jim McNamara will celebrate the
11:30 Mass on July 20.
Welcome back Fr. Jim!



Practice of Charity

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

The good Samaritan illustrates in vivid detail whom we are called to love (everyone, regardless of affiliation or identity), and how we are called to love them (actively, in a way that responds to their need). The question, then, is not who is my neighbor, but rather to whom can I be a neighbor?

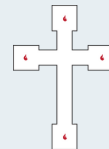
Read and pray this meditation on the Good Samaritan, from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/Scripture-Meditation-Pope-Francis-and-the-Parable-of-the-Good-Samaritan.pdf>.

This week, cross a metaphorical road to be a neighbor to a person in need.

Discover who in your community is in the minority. Find out more about how the group came to live in your area and determine if they need assistance or support with advocacy.

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, July 13

9:00AM Masses:

Mon. James Pickel

Tues. Jude Pickel (living)

Wed. Richard Michael Meglio

Thur. Helen Dalamango

Saturday, July 19, 5PM Mass

Roberta Lamb, James E. Guiliano,
Frederick Kuethman, Charles Ackerman,
Joseph Martin

Sunday, July 20 Masses

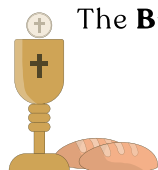
8:00 AM Philip Posa

9:30AM Michael Corcoran, Henry Wangenstein,
Matthew Akuntius, Cecilia Lopes,
Paul Lore, Charles Speidell

11:30AM People of the Parish

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

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Bob Alderdice | Mary Lopez |
| Theresa Arzillo | Gerald Losquadro |
| Alejandro Astegiano | Viola Malek |
| Jo Barry | Jeanne Marie Malley |
| Kathy Barry | Steve Matonti |
| Cole Brennan | Olivia Melia |
| Veronica Buscemi | Loretto Narducci |
| Judy Carlson | Andrea Nocito |
| Mary Champagne | Darin Pitkanen |
| William Ciccarelli | Patricia Pitkanen |
| Kimberly Crawford-Arbocus | Colleen Prinz |
| Grayson Danielski | Carina Ranieri |
| Anthony DeGennaro | Rob Remhild |
| Manuela Diaz | Liam Richards |
| Ann Egan | Amy Rivers |
| Vincent Esposito | Lynn Rodger |
| Ralph Farino | Sean Romeo |
| Yolanda Fattarusso | Elaine Ruane |
| Sienna Fricke | Jacqueline Santamaria |
| Linda Giordano | Louise Scagnelli |
| James Greene | Casey Schultz |
| Linda Heinrichs | Kathy Schwinn |
| Ralph Hughes | John Serri |
| Ryan Huscher | Celeste Sichenze |
| Debbie Jablinowski | Sue Southard |
| Kristen Kennedy | Bill Tanner |
| Caroline Lazar | Grace Van Epps |
| Carol Leahy | Peter Warns |
| Victor Lewandowski | Emma Zeidman |
| Jo-Ann Loh | |



The **Bread and Wine** for the week
have been donated
in loving memory of
Kenneth Kramer
by his family.



Banns of Marriage

Jennifer Christensen & Stephen Pfeifer
Angela Pagano & Eric Link
Carly Nofer & Frank Gargiulo



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

**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.**





PARISH OUTREACH



Parish of the Holy Cross **Blood Drive**



Blood Drive

Parish of the Holy Cross
Wednesday, July 16, 2025
3:00pm – 7:30pm
95 Old Nichols Road, Nesconset
Atrium



Please scan the QR code to make an appointment.
For further information call Marianne Nawrocki- Caruso
at 631-428-4117.

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Prepare to donate

- Eat well and hydrate
- Bring a photo ID
- Feel good and symptom free
- Must be 17+ or 16 with parental consent form
- Meet minimum weight requirements

For full eligibility requirements and COVID-19 information, visit nybc.org/eligibility.



Your donation
will help to
save up to
THREE lives.

Our community
hospitals need
your help.
Please share this
lifesaving gift!

THANK YOU
FOR
CARING!



**The sign-up table
to donate blood**

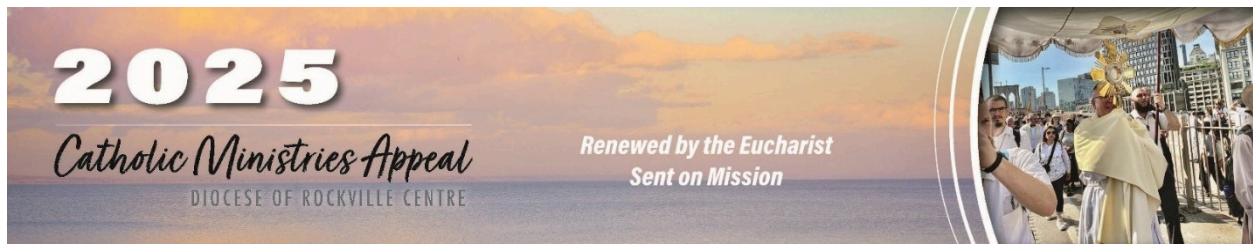
*will be in the
Atrium
on the weekend
of
July 12th-13th
at all the Masses.*

Eligibility Criteria:

- Bring your Blood Donor Card or ID with signature or photo
- Minimum weight 110 lbs. or more
- Eat well (low fat) & drink fluids
- No tattoos for past 12 months
- Age 17 - 75 (17 year olds must have parental permission)

For questions concerning
medical eligibility, call
1-800-688-0900
www.nybc.org.

To schedule an appointment or for further information please contact:
Marianne Nawrocki-Caruso - 631-428-4117



Dear Friends:

As we give thanks to Almighty God for the gift of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, let us pray that his evangelizing pastoral charity and wisdom will guide the mission of the Church which he now serves as Supreme Pontiff.

How beautiful it is that our Holy Father began his Pontificate from St. Peter's Basilica by focusing on the mission of the Church and on the Risen Christ. He said: "We must seek together how to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges, dialogue, always open to receive, like this square, with open arms. Everyone, everyone who needs our charity, our presence, dialogue, and love."

One way to support the mission of the Church is by making a commitment to the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). The CMA supports ministries that reach out with the hands and heart of Christ to the aged, the sick, and the imprisoned. It ensures that we can help struggling families to find their way through economic hardship and back to stability.

The CMA helps to fund the crucial work of Catholic Charities and ministries that nurture children and teenagers in the Catholic faith, teaching values that they will carry into adulthood. It helps us to create paths of evangelization through the formation of our priests, deacons and lay leaders, and supports programs that promote the sanctity of life at all stages.

You can be a source of hope for your community, for the next generation, and for the Church. Each of us is called to respond at the deepest level to the Risen Christ and to our baptismal call to heroic "holiness and mission." Please faithfully support this appeal. Your gift, whatever the size, will be carefully stewarded to support the vital mission of the Church.

Thank you for your support and prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre



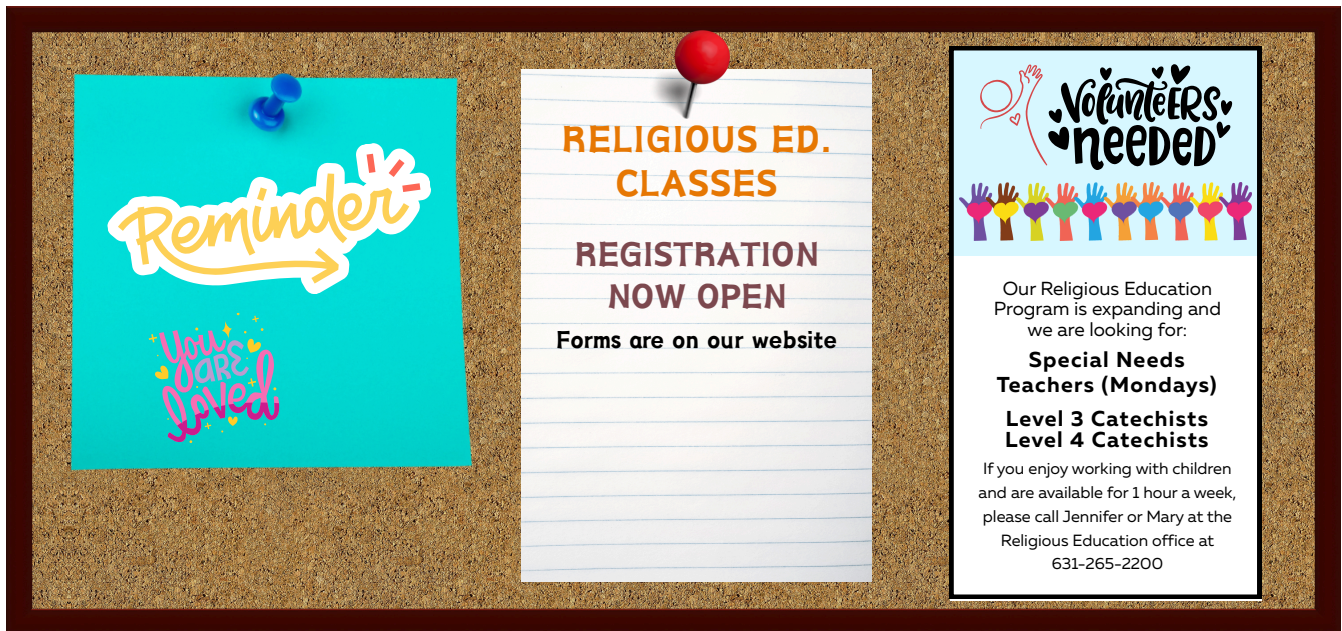
All spots have been filled. This trip is sold out!

Lancaster, PA & "Noah"
November 13-14, 2025

SOLD OUT



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR 2025-2026

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.



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Can You Help? Donations are being requested...

Long Island Blue Star Moms NY6
is working with our Parish Outreach
to collect items that will be packaged and sent
to deployed Military men and women.
**There will be a collection box with a
Blue Star in the atrium on weekends in July**
in which to place your donation.

*We thank those who are serving in our military,
and we thank you for any donation
that you can give.*



Needed Items:



deodorant
razors
sunscreen packets
Band-aids & antibiotic ointment
bug repellent
instant oatmeal / grits
powder drink mixes for 16 oz bottles
popcorn
peanut butter in small cups or 8oz plastic jars
protein powder
mac N cheese cups
washcloths or hand towels
powder
protein bars/ snacks
chewing gum
soap
toothpaste - travel size
toothbrushes
playing cards

Thank you to the Holy Cross Outreach gardeners-

Charlie, Gerri, Allaire, Lucy, Gary, Andy and
JoEllen, and our volunteers Kenneth and Tom
for all your hard work
planting the autumn harvest garden.

Your time and talent are greatly appreciated.
We look forward to a bountiful harvest this fall.



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

Thank you for your continued support!



Youth Community Cares

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*If you are 18 years or older,
and if you are interested in helping with our
youth at hospitality or larger events,*

please contact Angela at:
youthcc@holycrossrc.org
*or leave your name and phone number
in the Parish Office.*

Thank you for your help!

Entering Canaan

A Woman's Retreat Day of Prayer & Healing

Saturday, July 26, 2025 from 9am-5pm on Long Island



For those suffering
from a past abortion

Come begin your
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His mercy and peace
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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 &
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Call 631-463-4399

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In future Life Center newsletters look for:

From the desk of Lorraine Gariboldi

Director of Post Abortion Ministry and Pregnancy Loss

The Life Center is expanding our post abortion ministry to include pregnancy loss.

There is a need to educate people to the pain and suffering women and men experience
as they go through the grieving process for the loss of their pregnancy.

If women and men knew the physical and emotional pain they would suffer having an abortion,
perhaps they would change their hearts and choose life.

Many women and men as well, suffer and grieve the loss of their baby
through a natural pregnancy loss.

Our program consists of Bible Studies, in-person and via Telecare or Zoom counseling,
weekend retreats, and public speaking engagements.

Our new program will include: Nights of Hope and Healing Prayer Services.

For more information, please call 631-463-4399



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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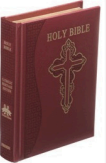
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