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to all,
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to nourish and
sustain prayer,
work and play.



## 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 6, 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



## WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

## **PASTORAL TEAM**

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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

NEW OUTREACH HOURS:

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Evening Hours by Appointment Only

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

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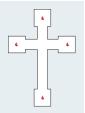
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#### THE HARVEST IS ABUNDANT



#### Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael

This line is part of this weekend's Gospel reading. It is a most appropriate phrase for us to reflect on as our Nation celebrates its freedom and blessings. How blessed we are! When compared to other nations the riches and opportunities afforded us are amazing. We cannot take for granted that which we have received, nor forget those who sacrificed tremendously for what we now enjoy. Having said that, we must also recognize that not everyone shares equally in the bounty of our blessings.

Life, culture, society, politics, etc., have gotten woefully complicated. I know there is no simple answer to be offered. But we have to seek a path that strives to bring us to a common place rather than digging our heals in, making the divides between us even greater. Rigid adherence to any ideology will always create limitations. To fail to see the shadow side of anything is disingenuous. I earnestly believe the path is not defined by the left, nor the right, but rather by the path of discipleship and the gospel.

The other half of the scripture quote is, "but the laborers are few." This is an invitation to all of us. Those who do the work of the gospel should never be a small group of "holy-rollers." We are called to be people who carry on the work of living and proclaiming the gospel. Perhaps there may be opportunities to become more involved in some aspect of gospel work. But even if those opportunities are not apparent or available, are we still able to proclaim the truth to which Jesus calls us? A good starting point is the way in which we speak. Conversations and rhetoric today are often biased to one pointed perspective. Do we dare to open ourselves to the truth that is being spoken, but also recognize that which falls short? Are we willing to listen, or do we know the answer before the question is asked? Are we able to hear the suffering, or injustice, or desire of the heart from the one who speaks? Judge Judy offers great wisdom: she reminds us God gave us two ears and one mouth. Maybe we would be better off to listen rather than to speak?

Jesus understood well how difficult this is. He tried being a bridge builder. Unfortunately, that position puts you in the middle, and often you are hated from both sides. Many of the saints and heroic men and women understand this difficult stance to take. We have a unique experience that has the potential to broaden our perspective. We would certainly be a people who have many differing opinions about many things. But there is a moment when we recognize there is something greater that unites us; when we gather around the altar. Don't lose that perspective as soon as Mass ends. Strive to be a people who allow the love and presence of Christ to become the means to unite us.

By all means, enjoy the holiday. But don't overlook there is still abundant work to be done. We all share in this. By God's grace we have been gifted. By God's grace we have been called. And by God's grace we do his work. The Harvest is abundant, and we are the ones to complete that work.



**JULY** 

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		

#### CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



JULY 12 5:00 PM FR. MICHAEL

**JULY 13** 

8:00 AM FR. MICHAEL

9:30 AM

FR. FRANK

11:30 AM FR. FRANK



SCRIPTURE READINGS for JULY 13

- + Deuteronomy 30:10-14
- + Colossians 1:15-20
  - + Luke 10:25-37

## ON THE CALENDAR

Saturday, July 5th ...... HOLY HOUR **3:45PM - 4:45PM**. Worship Area Saturday, July 5th ...... BLOOD DRIVE SIGN-UPS 5:00PM Mass, Atrium Sunday, July 6th ......BLOOD DRIVE SIGN-UPS **All Masses,** Atrium Sunday, July 6th ...... ANOINTING OF THE SICK After 9:30 Mass, Worship Area Tuesday, July 8th ......IN STITCHES 10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room 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



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

Thank you for your continued support!



#### & Fractice of Faith

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

Joy, abundance, freedom, peace: How deeply God longs to pour out his gifts on us and fulfill our deepest yearnings. This fulfillment comes to us through Jesus Christ and, like the seventy-two whom he sends on mission, we are meant to carry it to others.

Jesus says that he is sending out his followers "like lambs among wolves." How do his instructions guide these "lambs"?

Pray for the renewal of the Church's missionary activity, so that through her the peace of Christ may flow.

Find a way to bring peace to one household this week, even if it's yours.

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 6 9:00AM Masses:

Mon. Karen Farley Korchma (living)
Tues. Joanna Landgren (living)
Wed. Daneris Hernandez
Thur. Jaxon Carvalho (living)
Nick DiSimini (living)

#### Saturday, July 12, 5PM Mass

Ann Keena, Judy Keena, Elisa Keena, Ray Henry, Mary Guarino

#### Sunday, July 13, Masses

8:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. O. DeSanto 9:30AM Joseph D'Esposito, Josephine D'Esposito, Erik DiOrio, Mary Werner, Joseph J. McSweeney, Kenneth Kramer 11:30AM People of the Parish

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

Peter, Marie, Vincent & Baby Rose

by Angie Gallo.





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

We continue to pray through 2025 for ...

SSGT David Basler
Cpl Brian S. Brophy Jr., USMC
Cpl Richard J. DeKanchuk, USMC
FC2 Lane Dyar
AS Brandon Ferrara
MIDN Jonathan A. Goohs Jr., USNA
WO Christopher Kaminsky
Sgt Michael J. Knipper, USMC
Dr./Cmdr. Eric J. Koch, USNA
SSGT Ryan Mauldin
PFC Ryan McCoy, USMC
Lt Ryan Montvydas

Please let us know if their service is finished or their title has changed. May God bless all who serve our nation. **Pray for peace!** 

## 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 Jo-Ann Loh

Mary Lopez Gerald Losquadro Viola Malek Jeanne Marie Mallev Steve Matonti Olivia Melia Loretto Narducci Andrea Nocito Darin Pitkanen Patricia Pitkanen Colleen Prinz Carina Ranieri Rob Remhild Liam Richards Lvnn Rodaer Sean Romeo Elaine Ruane Jacqueline Santamaria Louise Scagnelli Casey Schultz Kathy Schwinn John Serri Celeste Sichenze Sue Southard Bill Tanner Grace Van Epps Peter Warns

Emma Zeidman

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 remember and pray for the following Holy Cross parishioners who passed away recently:

#### Mary Carmela DiMondo Daniel Gerard Gillan

May they rest in peace, and may their loved ones be consoled.

## PARISH OUTREACH



Outreach is currently in need of the following items for the food pantry.

The collection will be this weekend, July 5th & 6th.

Snacks - Boxed Potatoes - Mac and Cheese
Coffee - Soup in a Can - Toilet Paper
Canned Vegetables (corn, peas, string beans, mixed vegetables)

Thank you for checking expiration dates before donating.

Thank you for your continued support!



# Parish of the Holy Cross Blood Drive



Wednesday, July 16th, 2025, 3:00pm - 7:30pm 95 Old Nichols Rd, Nesconset

Any Questions, Please Call Marianne Nawrocki-Caruso at 631-428-4117

# Sign up to donate blood before or after Mass in the atrium at the sign-up table the next two weekends!

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!

#### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Bring you 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



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**Atrium** 



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**.

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

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## THANK YOU FOR CARING!



The sign-up table to donate blood

will be in the Atrium

on the weekends of

July 5th-6th and July 12th-13th

at all the Masses.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - JULY 5/6, JULY 12/13, JULY 16**

• to help parishioners sign up to donate blood, before and after Mass, on the following weekends, July 5/6 & July 12/13.

Help fellow parishioners make an appointment to give the gift of life at our Blood Drive sign-up table. If you can make this small-time commitment before and after Mass, it would be greatly appreciated.

• to help on the day of the Blood Drive, July 16th.

**Please call Marianne Nawrocki-Caruso at 631-428-4117** if you are interested in volunteering. Thank you in advance for any help you can offer.



### LITURGY BYTES WILL RESUME IN AUGUST!

### LITURGY BYTES by Michele Hall







our next adventure...

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

#### **Itinerary Includes:**

Performance of Noah at the Sight and Sound Theatre
Dinner at the Ruth Lapp House
Overnight accommodations at the Eden Resort
Breakfast at Hotel
Bird in Hand Market
Lunch at the Historic Bethlehem Hotel
60-minute tour of Bethlehem
Christkindlmarkt (Christmas craft market)

Transportation via Hampton Jitney





#### **Reservation Details:**

Cost: \$595 per person based on Double Occupancy / \$685 Single Occupancy

Reservations limited to Holy Cross Parishioners through July 15, then open to all.

Make checks payable to: "Parish of the Holy Cross"

Those making a double occupancy reservation will need to share a double seat together on the bus.

8.00AM departure from Holy Cross

NAME:	HC TRAVEL CLUB - LANCASTER, PA	
PHONE:	Please bring this slip, along with payment	
EMAIL:	to the Parish Office by July 15th.	
ROOMING WITH:	Reservations will be open to non-parishioners after July 15 <sup>th</sup> if there are any available spots.	

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**





## Holy Cross celebrates the

## Feast of Corpus Christi

The Feast of Corpus Christi, meaning "Body of Christ" in Latin, celebrates the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. It specifically honors the belief that Jesus is truly present in the consecrated bread and wine (the Eucharist) after the priest says the words of consecration during Mass. Thank you to our 1st Communicants, Fiona, Noelle, Luca and Arabelle, for leading our processions.

























## **PARISH COMMUNITY**



#### Holy Cross Welcomes these Children Baptized in June

Skylar Grace Battafarano
Elena Grace Butler
Liam Patrick Fava
Cole Scott Gavin
Brian Raymond Gilroy
Isabella Mae Harris
Gabriela Lee Navas
Juliet Noelle Nolan
Lily Rose Reese
Callum Jace Reilly
Callum Lawrence Sullivan
ElizaRosa Magdalena Wolinsky
Aubrey Joan Zambrano

## Were you married in the Parish of the Holy Cross within the last year?



If so, and you would like to share the announcement with our church community, please email a photo, along with the names of the bride and groom, "the new Mr. 6. Mrs." and the date of the

"the new Mr. & Mrs." and the date of the wedding to the bulletin editor at:

#### susanr@holycrossrc.org

It will be published in a future bulletin to share your happy news!

Please include contact info with submission.
Please email any questions to Susan.

Congratulations to all our Newlyweds!

By sending in your photo and information, you agree to the publication of such in our bulletin and on the church website.



## Youth Community Cares

"Serving our youth as our youth serve others"

#### **CAN YOU HELP?**

## ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help supervise YCC sponsored events

We are happy to announce that we will continue to host Hospitality After Mass starting again in the fall.

We are proud of our youth volunteers, and now we would like to plan some larger events for them. In order to plan such events, we need additional adult volunteers to help out. It is a commitment of 2 - 3 hours per event.

We ask that you are 18 years or older.

If you are interested in helping with 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!



#### Banns of Marriage

Jennifer Christensen & Stephen Pfeifer





Join us for conversation and laughs as we work on new or unfinished knitting, crocheting, quilting, needlepoint, crafts or sewing projects.

Tuesday, July 8th, 10AM, Fr. Joe Room



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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