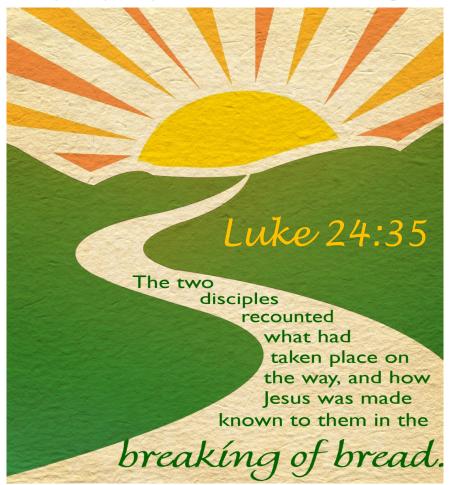
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Third Sunday of Easter - April 14, 2024

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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Remembering Our Sick

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

Bob Alderdice Alejandro Astegiano Kathy Barry Cole Brennan

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Ralph Farino
Sienna Fricke

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Upcoming Mass Intentions

Week of Sunday, April 14th, 9AM Masses

Mon. Judy Viskupic Tue. Sheila Cahill

Wed. John Graham (living)

Thu. Dora Libretti

Saturday, April 20th, 5 PM Mass

Kathy Kamine, Gwyneth Morris, Ruel Morris, Charlotte Wangenstein, Jane Daly, John J. Daly

Sunday, April 21st, Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM James Pickel

11:30 AM Dora Libretti, Valerie Kratochvil, Claire

Bodor, Larry Pannone, Frederick

Slominski

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.

THE WORKINGS OF A HOMILY

by Father Michael

I received a good bit of feedback after my homily last weekend. As I said in my reflection, if I had to choose only one gospel passage to preach on for the rest of my ministry it would be what we heard last week, John 20:19-31. There is something contained within those verses that rings true to my own experience. I have also witnessed in the lives of others how the power and truth of the Risen Lord comes about through the wounds and brokenness of our lives. So, the words I offered simply flowed from my heart. There are certain truths that are timeless. When we hear them, we simply need to allow the power of what was spoken to touch our hearts.

I once read a theory that every priest really only has one homily to offer. He will give that same homily countless times in his priestly ministry in many different forms. Last week was a summation for me of that one homily.

I believe a homily is effective when the spoken message rings a chord of truth in the heart of the believer. Ultimately, the truth that is spoken is not so much the words of the homilist, but rather it is rooted and found in God's Word. There is a place for passing along facts and knowledge, but that is not the primary role of a homily. The Psalmist says, "Your Word is lamp to my feet and light for my path." When connections are made between scripture and our lived experience, it is a moment of grace. This is a real and tangible way in which the power of God can be revealed to us. There are times when I am overwhelmed with the privilege and responsibility of bringing God's Word to life. Last week was one of those moments. I appreciate your kind words and support.

On a completely different note, we had a fun time in the office last Monday with the eclipse. We had an array of homemade contraptions made of cardboard tubes, aluminum foil and cut up file folders with holes poked in them to safely view the eclipse. It was like Professor Proton and MacGyver got together. As much as I thought it would be much to do about nothing, it was fascinating to watch this phenomenon of nature.

I am looking forward to next weekend. We are blessed to have Fr. Albert Haase, OFM with us to preach at all the Masses. Then beginning Sunday evening, he will lead a Parish Mission entitled, "Signed and Sealed with the Cross." Fr. Haase is an author and nationally recognized for his work in spirituality. Those of you who participated in the course Jude Pickel offered last year entitled the "Be-Attitudes" are familiar with his work. If you would like to preview his message, take a look at YouTube where numerous videos are available. This is a rich opportunity for our parish. Please plan on attending and tell a friend.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will take place after the 9:30 Mass this weekend.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 14th 9:30 Mass

• BAPTISM GATHERING Wor. Ar., FJ Rm.

• ANOINTING After 9:30 Mass Worship Area

Monday, April 15th 4 - 6 PM
• SPECIAL NEEDS Atrium

Tuesday, April 16th 10 AM

• IN STITCHES Fr. Joe Room

• DRESS A GIRL 1-3PM Atrium

• MOMS' GROUP 7PM Fr. Joe Room

• YG PLANNING MTG. 7PM Atrium

Wednesday, April 17thLITURGY COMMITTEE1:30 PMFr. Joe Room

Thursday, April 18th 10 AM

• SCRIPTURE STUDY Atrium

• GARDEN COMMITTEE 4:30PM Fr. Joe Room

Friday, April 19th 6 - 9 PM
• PRE-CANA WEEKEND Atrium

Saturday, April 20th 9AM - 5 PM
• PRE-CANA WEEKEND Atr., Wor. Ar.

Sunday, April 21st

• CHILDREN'S LITURGY

• BAPTISMS

• PARISH MISSION

11:30 Mass

Fr. Joe Room

1PM Worship Area

7PM Wor. Ar., Atr.

Scripture Readings for April 21, 2024



+ Acts 4:8-12

+ 1 John 3:1-2 + John 10:11-18

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, April 20th/21st



5:00 PM Fr. Michael 8:00 AM Fr. Michael 9:30 AM Fr. Michael 11:30 AM Fr. Michael

Special Collection

This weekend at the offertory we will also be collecting for our **Repairs and Major Renovations** fund. Thank you for your support of this collection!

Easter Flower Remembrances
We remember and pray for all our loved ones—those living and those who have gone before us.

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CELESTE E. BABI
FRED N. POLIK
JOSEPH M. BABI

Adult Confirmation

Are you a baptized Catholic who has not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation? If so, it's not too late!

Classes will start soon in preparation for Adult

Confirmation on the Feast of Pentecost.

Call Jude at extension 116 for more information.



Holy Cross Parish Mission

"Signed and Sealed with the Cross"

Over three evenings, Fr. Albert Haase, OFM, will lead us in examining the ancient gesture of the Sign of the Cross. What challenges do we face and what responsibilities do we accept when we sign ourselves with the cross?

Please join us from 7:00-8:00 PM on:

Sunday, April 21: Our Image of God

Monday, April 22: Finding Jesus in the Storms of Life

Tuesday, April 23: Being Sent on Mission

Fr. Albert is a former missionary to mainland China, and a popular teacher and preacher. He is the award-winning author of over 15 books on spirituality and the presenter of 5 best-selling videos. He currently resides in San Antonio, TX. Visit his website at www.AlbertOFM.org

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for all.



Come and bring a friend!

Bakers are needed! We will have hospitality on the last evening of the Mission. Please contact Michele Hall at 631-265-2200 x120 if you can help. Thank you!

LITURGY BYTES

"Mystagogy" - What's it all about?

The above quoted word stands for uncovering the mysteries and refers to the time after our new Catholics have been received into the Church in which they reflect on what just took place in their lives. It is ancient as it goes back to the early centuries when the belief was that the people were unable to fully understand the Sacraments of Baptism or Eucharist until they experienced it.

During this period of mystagogia, the newly baptized reflect on the mysteries and symbols that were celebrated at the Easter Vigil. They reflect on their experience—what did I experience, what did it mean, what are the implications? Each of the Sunday homilies during the Easter season is intended to unpack the Easter event and its connection to living the life of a Christian.

The entire community should also spend time asking the same questions that the newly baptized ask: "What did I experience?," "What did it mean, and what are the implications for living the Christian life?" The newly baptized remind us that we should all be attentive to the process of conversion and renewal in our lives. This special time is a time for all of us together to grow in deepening our grasp of the Paschal mystery and in making it part of our lives through reflection on the Gospel, sharing in the Eucharist and doing acts of charity.

The Easter season is an extension of time where we reflect about what it means to live the Paschal mystery—take up our cross and follow Jesus. We need the 50 days to thoroughly unpack the richness, fullness, mystery, and majesty of what took place on Easter. We need these 50 days to be fully renewed in the waters of death and resurrection. We continue to share in Jesus' Passover today when we share in the Eucharist. As we welcome the newly baptized, let us pray they become active members of this Faith community and join us as we, once again, recommit to go out and live the mission of our Baptisms.

May the week ahead fill you with His grace and joy! Alleluia! ~~ Michele Hall

PARISH NEWS

Attention All Volunteers

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People in the Diocese of Rockville Centre is in the process of updating its records.



If you are currently active in parish ministry, have already attended a Virtus session, and have been background screened, you may be at—or beyond—the 5-year rescreening requirement. If this is the case, you will receive an email from **Sterling Volunteers** asking you to complete the background screening application online.

Please be aware that this is not a scam, nor has your email been hacked. To complete the application, simply follow the prompt in the email or log into your Virtus account. And, thank you for your support of the ministries and activities that make Holy Cross the vibrant community it is.

Questions? Contact Jude at x116.

PARISH OUTREACH

Press a Girl Around the World

Come and check out our next "Cut-Up" session and join in the fun! At our gathering we cut out the pockets, bindings, and the body of the dress for our *Dress a Girl* dress kits. Kits are then created and are ready to be sewn. *Dress a Girl* leaders are there to offer guidance or answer any questions you may have.



What happens to the kits? Kits are available in the Outreach office to all who would like to participate in becoming a "Sew-Up" or someone who sews the dresses in the comfort of your home. There is no limit to how many dresses you can sew, we just ask that you craft each dress with love and skill.

If you have never taken one of our kits home to sew a **Dress a Girl** dress but are a **skilled sewer**, we invite you to join this wonderful ministry. We need your talent! Our next meeting is **Tuesday, April 16th, from 1-3pm.** Please call Outreach if you are interested, have any questions, or to let us know you will be joining us! Thank you!

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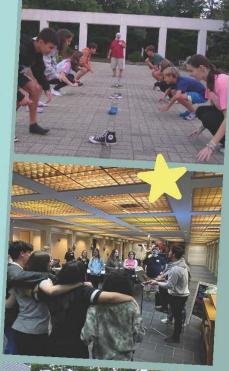
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The Parish of the Holy Cross VBS Camper Registration Form 2024 July 15th to July 19th – 10am to 1pm Kindergarten through 5th Grade



Child's Name:	Age:_	Date o	of birth:	
Street address:				
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Parish if not Holy Cross:			_	
Mother/guardian emergency cor	itact#/cell#			
Father/guardian emergency con	tact # / cell #			
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The Parish of the Holy Cross VBS Helper Registration Form 2024 Entering 6th through 8th Grade July 15th – July 19th – 10am to 1pm

**Please print clearly **



Name:	Age:
Street Address:	
City:	Zip: Home Phone:
Parent's E-mail:	
Emergency Contact Name:	Relation to Helper:
Emergency Contact Phone Number:	
Allergies or other medical conditions: YES/N	NO If yes, please fill out Allergy/Medical Form
VBS RI	EFERENCE INFORMATION
1. Is this your first year helping at V	BS? YES/NO
a. If no, have you been a Stati	ion Helper or Crew helper? YES/NO
If you helped with a station	n, which station were you in?
2. Do you have a sibling enrolled as	a camper this year at VBS? YES/NO
3. What parish do you attend and who	ere do you attend Religious Education?
Do you have a request to work with a crew or	station?
We will try to honor all requests. Tha	nk you for volunteering!

Tee Shirt Size (Please Circle One): Adult Small Adult Medium Adult Large Adult XL

*Tee Shirts will be handed out in June at the final meeting before VBS



The Parish of the Holy Cross VBS Volunteer Registration Form 2024 July 15th to July 19th - 10am to 1pm Crew Leaders and Station Leaders

Please Print Clearly

Applicant Information:

Name:
Address:
Home Phone:Cell:
Email:
If you are in High School, state your grade in September
Circle One: College Student Out of College Parent Adult
Emergency Information:
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Spring Cash Fling

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 March, April and May.
- Drawing will be held May 30th.

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 use the tear-off 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.

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