



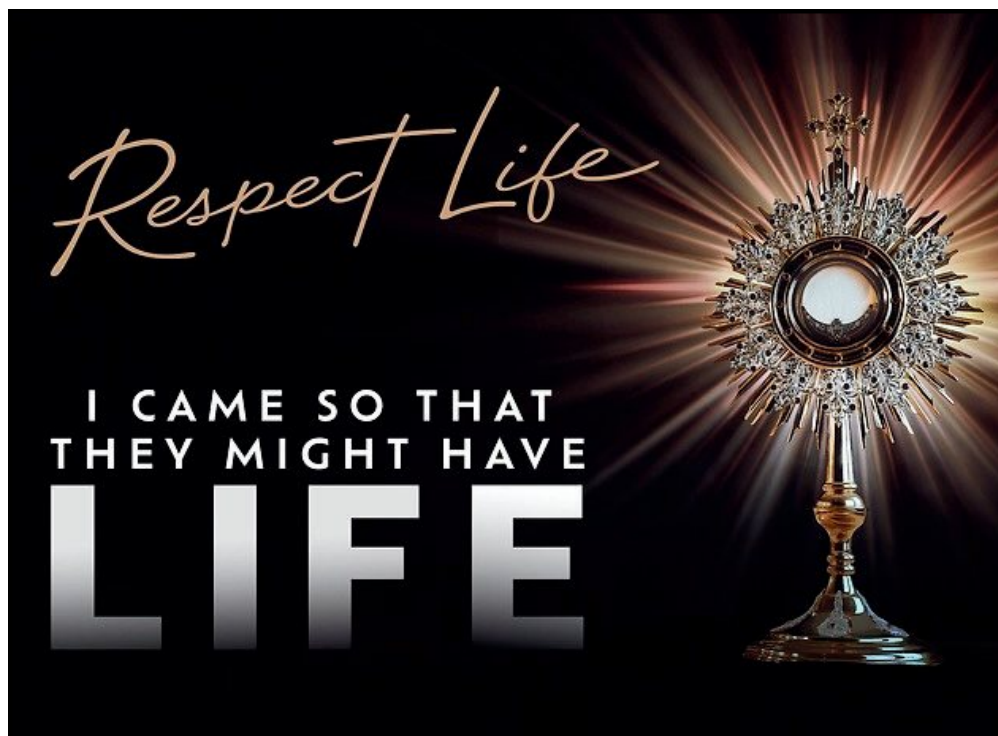
Parish of the Holy Cross



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.



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 5, 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
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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
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(closed 12:15-1 PM)**

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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**

FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 4TH

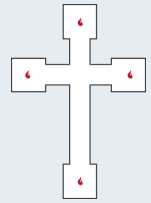


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for more information on how we can serve you.



MIDNIGHT MISSIVE

Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael



The middle of the night can be a mysterious and tumultuous time. I know for many who may have sleepless nights, the nighttime can be a time of wrestling with demons. A person's greatest fears, worries, doubts, temptations, aches and pains can all come to life ferociously in the wee hours of the morning. I have those moments. Maybe I am an odd duck, but there are also times when those hours are when God says to me, "Get up, I have something to discuss with you." Last Sunday was one of those nights.

I could not get away from thinking about last week's gospel. It was the story of Lazarus and the rich man. We hear that there was a great chasm between their two life experiences. That chasm was carried over to the afterlife. For some, their attention focuses on what will happen after this life. That's not where my attention is. Rather, how do we face the complexity of sorting out the great chasms that we face now in this life? The litany of what divides us is long. Some of the issues carry tremendous emotion and passion in the hearts of people. I was talking to a pastor in a multi-cultural parish; it's a battlefield out there. In some ways we are on the sidelines of the immigration issue. God understands the difficulty we face. The answer will never be found in absolutes but rather the on-going dance of dialogue, mutual respect, forgiveness, change, and understanding perspectives other than our own. The true starting point is when we realize we are in the in-between space where awareness of suffering, uncertainty of what to do, and a call to holiness all come together.

I wish I had the "political smarts" to understand some of these issues in a deeper way. Knowledge of our history and the intricacies of issues can be helpful in creating a realistic solution or at least a direction in which to move. While I may not have the ability to sort out the many issues of our time, I am convinced of one thing. This is the holy place where truth can be found. We need to take seriously the message that is offered here. We need to be open to a message that may not be proclaimed anywhere else. Scripture contains great wisdom and truth, but it takes careful discernment. Hand in hand with that is discerning how the living and breathing Holy Spirit is at work in our lives. We have to be people who are open to be transformed by God's grace.

As a priest, I am given a great privilege and responsibility. I am entrusted in bringing to life the stories of sacred Scripture. This is never to be taken lightly. It should never become a soap box for me to vent pet peeves or offer personal opinions. It is a task of trying to unravel the mystery, gift, and challenge of God's Word. I pray I do it well. Thank you for your trust and support even when the message is hard.

I began writing this at 2:30AM. God had something to say, and this is when he chose to speak his message. This started out as an entry in my personal journal, but it morphed into this week's column. I pray that was the working of the Spirit. There is much work to be done. The fact that we show up here in one way or another puts us on the list of those who desire to do what is right and just. May we continue to sort out the challenges that are before us, confident that God gives us the tools we need to allow his Kingdom to be known here in our midst. Be open to hear His voice, even if it comes after normal business hours.



OCTOBER 2025

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ON THE CALENDAR

CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



OCTOBER 11
5:00 PM
FR. MICHAEL

OCTOBER 12
8:00 AM
FR. MICHAEL
9:30 AM
FR. MICHAEL
11:30 AM
FR. MICHAEL



**SCRIPTURE
READINGS
for OCTOBER 12**

+ 2 Kings 5:14-17
+ 2 Timothy 2:8-13
+ Luke 17:11-19

Saturday, October 4th **FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL**
10:00AM - 3:00PM, All Areas

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

Sunday, October 5th **BAPTISM GATHERING**
9:30AM Mass, Worship Area, Fr. Joe Room

Sunday, October 5th **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**
After 9:30AM Mass, Worship Area

Sunday, October 5th **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**
After 11:30AM Mass, Courtyard

Sunday, October 5th **BAPTISMS**
1:00PM, Worship Area

Monday, October 6th **LEVEL 1 PARENT MEETING**
1:30PM OR 7:00PM, Worship Area, Atrium

Tuesday, October 7th **IN STITCHES**
10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room

Tuesday, October 7th **LEVEL 2 PARENT MEETING**
7:00PM, Worship Area, Atrium

Wednesday, October 8th **SENIORS**
11:30AM - 2:30PM, Atrium

Wednesday, October 8th **THE CHOSEN**
7:00PM, Chapel, Atrium

Thursday, October 9th **WOMEN'S BIBLE CIRCLE**
10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room

Thursday, October 9th **THE CHOSEN**
1:30PM, Chapel, Atrium

Saturday, October 11th **RELIGIOUS ED. KICK-OFF MASS**
5:00PM, Worship Area

Sunday, October 12th **RELIGIOUS ED. KICK-OFF MASS**
11:30AM, Worship Area

This weekend, at the offertory,
we will also be collecting for
Respect Life

RespectLife.org is a project of the USCCB
Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities.
Thank you for your continued support.

*Special
Collections*

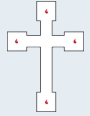


Next weekend, at the offertory,
we will also be collecting for our

**Renovations and
Major Repairs Fund**
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for your continued support.

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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, October 5

9:00AM Masses:

Mon. Kelly family (living)

Tues. Stan Grom, Philip Maddaloni,
Luciano Maddaloni (all living)

Wed. Gabriella Niglia (living)

Thur. Francis & Cecilia Klusza

Saturday, October 11, 5PM Mass

Patrick Keena Sr., Patrick Keena Jr.,
Marie Guarino, Gwyneth Morris, Ruel Morris

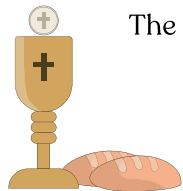
Sunday, October 12, Masses

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM People of the Parish

9:30AM Maria Ligabo, Michael Simonetti,
Maria Eannacone, Gordon Loh, Barbara Sherry

11:30AM Celeste E. Babi



The **Bread and Wine** for the week
have been donated
in loving memory of
Madeline Bullaro
by Vita Giaimo.



*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	Victor Lewandowski
Theresa Arzillo	Mary Lopez
Alejandro Astegiano	Gerald Losquadro
Jo Barry	Viola Malek
Kathy Barry	Jeanne Marie Malley
Cole Brennan	Steve Matonti
Veronica Buscemi	Olivia Melia
Judy Carlson	Geraldine Muscarnere
Mary Champagne	Loretto Narducci
William Ciccirelli	Andrea Nocito
Stephen Crawford	Darin Pitkanen
Kimberly Crawford-Arbocus	Patricia Pitkanen
Grayson Danielski	Colleen Prinz
Anthony DeGennaro	Carina Ranieri
Manuela Diaz	Bernardine Reichbach
Ann Egan	Rob Remhild
Vincent Esposito	Liam Richards
Ralph Farino	Lynn Rodger
Yolanda Fattarusso	Sean Romeo
Sienna Fricke	Elaine Ruane
Linda Giordano	Casey Schultz
James Greene	Kathy Schwinn
Linda Heinrichs	John Serri
Ralph Hughes	Celeste Sichenze
Ryan Huscher	Todd Skala
Debbie Jablinowski	Sue Southard
Kristen Kennedy	Bill Tanner
Caroline Lazar	Calvin Tatone
Carol Leahy	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.**



Sunday, October 5th,
will be the next date that
the Anointing of the Sick
will be offered after
the 9:30 AM Mass



*Have regard to your servant's prayer and his
plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the
prayer that your servant prays to you.*

2 Chronicles 6:19

PARISH OUTREACH/COMMUNITY NEWS



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

The collection will be this weekend, October 4th and 5th.

**Canned vegetables (peas, green beans)
Beans (Canned or Dry) - Ketchup - Mustard
Hot Cereal - Cold Cereal - Rice - Boxed Potatoes**

Thank you for checking expiration dates before donating.

Thank you for your continued support!



HOLY CROSS BEREAVEMENT

Newly Bereaved

This group will meet on Wednesdays
from 1:30pm to 3:00pm in the
Father Joe Room,
beginning November 5th.

Beginning on Wednesday, November 5th, the Parish of the Holy Cross will be offering a
5-week support group for the recently bereaved and those still struggling with unresolved loss.

*This group is designed to assist the bereaved in learning about the grief process;
develop skills to manage their grief and to learn to live in the world without the deceased.*

The group will meet on Wednesdays from 1:30pm to 3:00pm in the Father Joe Room.
We will meet on **November 5th, November 12th, November 19th, December 3rd and December 10th.**

If you are interested in joining, please contact Kelley in the Outreach office at 631-265-2200.

You must register before November 4th. All are welcome to attend.



We will meet on Wednesday, October 15th, 10AM - 12PM in the Atrium

Every girl should have the chance to receive, own and wear a new dress. Our "Dress a Girl" ministry helps make this possible. We gather monthly to lovingly create dress kits at our "Cut-Ups" session. These dress kits are then available to take home, where skilled sewists create beautiful dresses. We hope that each dress symbolizes how special and loved each girl is. Our prayers are with them all.

We are looking for sewists and donations of fabric to continue our ministry.

Do you like to sew? If creating a beautiful dress in the comfort of your own home, sharing your talent and making a difference to a young girl sounds like something you may be interested in, then the "Dress a Girl" Ministry is for you!

If your talent lies in sewing, contact the Outreach office to make arrangements to pick up your "take home dress kit." Instructions and support are available as you create a dress from one of our dress kits.

If you would like to join us, we meet monthly to create the dress kits. We are so grateful for all those who played a part in our "Dress a Girl" Ministry. This ministry could not exist without the many volunteers who have cut out a dress, sewn a dress or donated fabric. We need fabric to keep creating these beautiful dresses and offering hope. **We are in need of 2-3 yards of a cotton blend fabric.** We invite you to be part of this ministry by donating fabric and helping to support the good work that we are doing. All donations can be brought to the Outreach office.

If you are interested, we ask that you please RSVP to the Outreach Office at 631- 265-2200 so we can prepare for all those who will attend. If you have any questions, please contact Kelley in Outreach. Thank you!!!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATES:

LEVEL 1 - Monday, October 6, 2025, at 1:30pm or 7pm (Parent Mtg.)

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

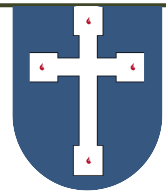
**All Religious Ed. classes start the week of October 12th
(Columbus Day weekend)**

Special Needs Religious Ed. Classes start on Monday, October 20th

Kick off Masses for Religious Education

will be on

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



All Religious Education
Children and Catechists
are invited to join us to celebrate the
beginning of the 2025-2026
Religious Education year.
Please join us at one of these
special Mass times.



Thank You

Special thanks to all our volunteer
catechists. We appreciate your
dedication to our youth in sharing
and teaching them about our faith.

***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



Our Religious Education Program is expanding and we are looking for a:

**Special Needs Teacher
(Mondays 4-6PM)**

If you enjoy working with children
and are available to help,
please call Jennifer or Mary
at the Religious Education office at 631-265-2200

**Volunteers
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On 6/14/25, doors opened to the dance at 6:15pm. The 162 attendees arrived, looked at 30 raffle baskets and a 65" TV, and purchased raffle tickets and 50/50 tickets. At 7pm the Italian buffet was opened and dinner music played. Throughout the evening wine, beer, water and soda were available. After dinner a youth group collected all the dirty dishes and utensils while another group sang 3 Christian songs. This was followed by 1 1/4 hours of dancing. The evening ended with hot beverages and chocolate and vanilla cake slices at about 10:15. All who attended said they had a wonderful time and look forward to the next event.

Back in June, Blessed Sacrament Council of Holy Cross and Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Council of St. James Church, Setauket, held a Flag Day Veterans Benefit Dinner with music and dancing. At the dance, a total of \$1,162 was raised by the two councils for the Veterans Home in Stony Brook. The two councils wrote individual checks for \$581 written to Donald J. Burns Knights of Columbus Council located in the Veterans Home to help care for veterans. Many of the Burns council members are veterans living in the home. In the picture to the right, Chris Hessel, Treasurer of Blessed Sacrament, and Chris Bowen, Grand Knight of Blessed Teresa, are seen holding the checks. In the middle, Clay Colefield, Grand Knight of Donald J. Burns Council and recipient of the checks, is also holding a third donation check from a parishioner of St. James Church. This meeting occurred at the 2025-2026 induction of officers and new veteran members to the Donald J. Burns Council.



Liturgical Minister Training - Fall 2025

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 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.

Date and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

Tuesday, October 21 - St. Elizabeth/Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Part A and Lector Workshop

Tuesday, November 18 - St. Elizabeth/Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 9 pm
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Part B

Tuesday, October 28 - St. Agnes Cathedral/Rockville Centre
Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm - 10 pm
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Part A and Lector Workshop

Wednesday, November 5 - St. Agnes Cathedral/Rockville Centre
Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm - 9 pm
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Part B

Saturday, November 15 - Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall; 1 pm - 4 pm
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Part A
(there will be **NO Lector Workshop or EMHC Part B** offered on this date)

A letter from Fr. Michael will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least 5 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 the parish office. Please do not call the host parishes with questions. For questions, please call Suzanne at 516-744-6850. Thank you for your interest.



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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 5th

St. Francis of Assisi

was a 13th-century Italian friar and poet who founded the Franciscan Order, known for his radical embrace of poverty, love of animals and nature, and care for the poor and sick. He is a canonized saint of the Catholic Church whose feast day is celebrated on October 4.

**Bring your pets to the courtyard
after the 11:30 Mass
for a special
blessing!**



Calling all young people – grade 6 & up

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If you like to read to a large group...

Please consider joining.

Read the Scriptures at Mass once a month.

Training will be provided.

Contact Michele Hall

at the Parish Office (631) 265-2200 x120

Children's Liturgy of the Word

**will start again on October 19th
at the 11:30AM Mass**

Children in Kindergarten through 3rd grade



Holy Cross Welcomes these Children Baptized in September



Olivia Joy Cacioli
Morgan Elizabeth Casa
Mason Alejandro Castellanos
Leo Gino Churchill
Luca Nello Churchill
Florence Denise Cozzetto
Emilia Marie Deyro
Morgan Beckett Heiser
Nico Salvatore Hernandez
Angelo Nicholas LoGuirato
Vincent Andrew Longo
Mason Marco Moderno
Emilia Rose Nocerino
Franky Charles Papa
Christopher Jason James Tucker, Jr.
Gianluca Federico Tumbarello



Banns of Marriage



Carolyn Pennino & Thomas Clarke



*We remember and pray for those
who have died recently:*

*Paul Cavalli
Maria DePalma
Raymond Grasing, Sr.*



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YOUTH COMMUNITY CARES VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you are a middle school or high school student looking for community service hours, we currently have great opportunities for you to share your time and talent!

For additional information, join our Remind group:

rmd.at/ycchc

or please email Angela at:

youthcc@holycrossrc.org

to get a Sign-Up Genius Link



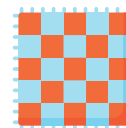
AFTER MASS HOSPITALITY

We are seeking youth members to help serve refreshments after Mass on designated weekends throughout the school year.



PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY

We are seeking youth members to help make "no sew" blankets for the parish prayer blanket ministry on November 14th.



HOLY CROSS SENIORS



**Our next meeting is on
Wednesday, OCTOBER 8TH
Join us in the Atrium
from 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM**



In Stitches

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

**Tuesday, OCTOBER 7th
10AM, Fr. Joe Room**



Practice of Faith

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

Like a seed, we carry within us the DNA to achieve the form for which God created us. But a mustard seed can only become a mustard plant; we must choose to grow ourselves into God's desire for us. It can be hard, and Jesus wants his followers to willingly undertake these hardships, rather than ask God to simply make it easier. Uphold your end of the relationship, Jesus seems to say in the Gospel; do the work God has asked of you to grow yourself to be the creation He intends you to be.

Read the four verses that precede today's Gospel (Luke 17:1-4). What does Jesus ask of you that you may find difficult?

Pray this week for someone you haven't been able to forgive.

Donate money or other resources to Mustard Seed Communities (<https://www.mustardseed.com/about>).



Parish of the **HOLY CROSS** Apparel

ORDERS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN FOR HOLY CROSS APPAREL.

Orders that are placed by October 12th will be completed and ready for pick up on the weekend of October 18 & 19 in the Parish Atrium after the Masses.

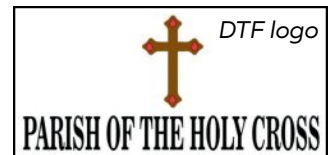
Other "HOLY CROSS" apparel will also be available for purchase at the Family Fall Festival on October 4th.

T-shirts are printed DTF transfers, a digital printing process that delivers high-definition designs with precise details, vibrant colors, and full color prints that pop on any fabric. This method is durable, cost effective and holds up well to repeated washing.



Our T-Shirt will have Holy Cross Logo DTF printed and underneath we offer different sentences to pick from:

"Founding Parishioner" or "All are Welcome"
or "Established 1988"



Items and price information (per item) is in the box below:

The colors available for all the shirts and sweatshirts are the following: Red, Cream, Black, Navy Blue.

The colors of the jackets are Dark Grey and Black.

Names can be added to shirts, jackets and sweatshirts (on the right side) for an additional \$5 per item..

Long Sleeve T-Shirt (DTF printed).....	Small - XL	\$20.....	2XL-up, add'l \$3
Short Sleeve T-Shirt (DTF printed).....	Small - XL	\$17.....	2XL-up, add'l \$3
Polo Shirt (Embroidered).....	Small - XL	\$25.....	2XL-up, add'l \$3
Waterproof Hoodie, zipper wind breaker (Embroidered)...	Small - XL	\$55.....	2XL-up, add'l \$5
Waterproof Hoodie, zipper winter jacket (Embroidered)...	Small - XL	\$60.....	2XL-up, add'l \$5
Hoodie Sweater (DTF printed).....	Small - XL	\$30.....	2XL-up, add'l \$3

Tote Bags (DTF printed)..... Bag Size (14" wide X 10" tall) **\$12**

Aprons (Embroidered)..... One Size Adult **\$20**

Please fill order form out completely, and return the form along with payment to the Parish Office on or before October 12th.

Please make checks payable to: Lili Mae Inc.

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Email _____

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