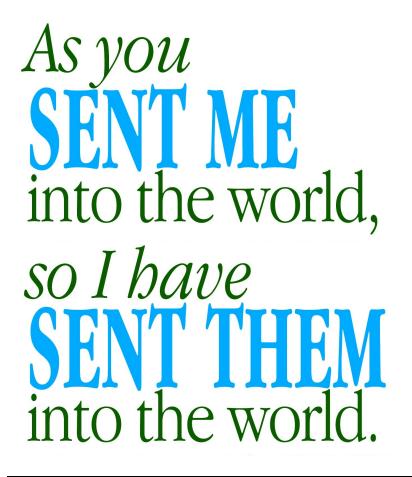
# The Parish of the Holy Cross

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# LET ALL 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.





John 17:18

# **Come and pray with us!**

## Seventh Sunday of Easter - May 16, 2021

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 live streamed on Facebook.)

> We celebrate Reconciliation Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM; Wednesday after 9:00 AM Mass

# WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

631.265.2200 + Fax 631.265.2229 + parish@holycrossrc.org Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 4 PM (closed 12:15 - 1 PM)

#### PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Michael F. Holzmann Pastor, ext.115

Mrs. Michele Hahn Pastoral Associate, ext.120

Mrs. Barbara DeStefano Business Manager, ext.110 Deacon Ralph Rivera Pastoral Minister, ext.119

Mrs. Tricia Clarke, ext.112 Coordinator of Religious Education

Mr. Brian Reich Director of Music Ministry Mrs. Judith Pickel Pastoral Associate, ext.116

Mrs. Kelley Mowat, ext.113 Coordinator of Parish Outreach

Ms. Alexandra Roecklein Youth Minister

#### PASTORAL STAFF

Mrs. Jane Wirth Parish Secretary, ext.122

Mrs. Barbara Shipman P/T Asst. to the Pastor Mr. Roberto Maza Mr. Vincent Matula Custodians

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Dr. Vincent Mazurek

Music Minister

#### Mrs. Mary Pannone, ext.111 Religious Education Secretary (mpannone@holycrossrc.org)

Mrs. Mary Inghilterra Weekend Sacristan

### **Remembering Our Sick**

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

Kathy Barry	Patricia Becker
Barbara Bombace	Ann Callari
Manuela Diaz	Ann Egan
Jim Emerson	Sienna Fricke
Jeanne Gallo	<b>Bob Grieco</b>
Debbie Jablinowski	Gerald Losquadro
Charlotte Lynch	Nick Matonti
Vince Mazurek	Olivia Melia
<b>Carole Porcelli</b>	Joseph Santamaria
Barbara Sherry	Marlene Starr
David Velkas	Doreen Velkas
Judy Viskupic	Peter Warns
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If you would like to have the name of your loved one listed in our prayers for the sick, please contact the Parish Office at 631-265-2200 x122.

### Mass Intentions Schedule 🖉

# Week of May 16th, 9AM MassMon.Bob DeFilippisTue.Michael Maroney (living)

Wed. Jimmy Feeney

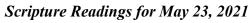
Thu. Henry Wangenstein

#### Saturday, May 22nd, 5PM Mass

John Schroeder, John Vorst, Phil Graziose, Peter Gallo, Marie Gallo

#### Sunday, May 23rd, Pentecost Sunday

- 8:00 AM Mike Cary
- 9:30 AM People of the Parish
- 11:30 AM Anthony Keenan, Nora Gorman, Benjamin Reichbach, Barbara Balsano, James Plummer, Thomas Swenson



- + Acts 2:1-11 + Galatians 5:16-25
- + John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

# **SPRING IS A-POPPIN'**

### by Father Michael

The last two Saturdays have been non-stop activity around here. Each day we had two First Communion celebrations. In addition, we also accommodated a funeral and a wedding. Confessions and the evening Mass also went on as usual. Brian's keyboard was smoking from all the music he played in the course of these celebrations. There are many helping hands that pull together a multitude of events like this. We are blessed to have so many people committed to the work of the parish.

By the end of the day I felt physically and emotionally drained, as did many others who were integral to the day's activities. Woven into the exhaustion is a sense of joy and satisfaction. It's one thing when the liturgical prayers speak of the Risen Lord and the coming of the Spirit, but it is another thing to have those realities reflected in the life of the community. We are blessed to be part of a community that abounds in life.

Next week the Church celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit that we believe first came to the disciples at Pentecost. We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with several parishioners at the 9:30 Mass. Remember to wear something red.

With the onset of spring, many homeowners discover there are repairs that need to be made to the old homestead. The same is true here at Holy Cross. The building is now more than 25 years old, and some original parts of it are simply wearing out and need to be updated or replaced. Here is a list of repairs that will be taking place over the next few weeks:

- The original hard-wired alarm system is being replaced with mostly wireless components. We will also have the ability to monitor the system and operate it from our smart phones.
- The hardware on many of the aluminum doors throughout the building is failing. Numerous doors need to be repaired. The large sliding door to the chapel is in poor condition. The aluminum frame on one of the large glass panels is coming apart. The track that the doors slide on needs to be replaced.
- The stockade fence which borders the east side of the parking lot is in terrible condition and will be replaced.
- Several computers in the office have "pooped-out" from old age.

The grand total of these repairs will be more than \$20,000. Happily, we can afford these costs because of the many parishioners who regularly support the Renovations and Major Repairs collection. Thank you for your generosity.

I hope your spring is abounding with new life and hope. Have a blessed week.

# PARISH NEWS

## <u> Help Us Celebrate the</u> <u>Birthday of the Church!</u>

On the weekend of May 22/23, our Church celebrates the Feast of Pentecost, the traditional birthday of the Church. We encourage all parishioners <u>to wear **RED**</u> to Mass, as we rejoice in the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and we invite everyone to join us for refreshments and fun in the courtyard after the 11:30 Mass.

#### Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses May 22nd/23rd



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

This week our special collection supports the Catholic Communications Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Rockville Centre to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit <u>www.usccb.org/ccc</u>.



### **Special Event for the Month of May:**

### An Hour with Mary, Our Mother

Join us for a presentation on the life of Mary, with prayer, music, and quiet time.

Wednesday, May 26, 2021, 1:00 - 2:00 PM in the Worship Area

Masks are required and social distancing will be observed.

Questions? Call Jude at ext. 116. Please return the fill-in below by May 23:

I would like to attend An Hour with Mary, Our Mother:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone:

Peace be with you.

## LITURGY BYTES

### The Great 50 Days Coming to an End



Next weekend, we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost – known to many as the birthday of the Church! This past Thursday, we celebrated the holy day of Ascension Thursday when Jesus ascended back to his heavenly Father.

Most important to remember is that Christ is present with us through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. Before Jesus ascended, he instructed his disciples to wait together for the descent of the Holy Spirit upon them. Through the Spirit's presence, they would understand what they must do and would be given the power to share the Good News through word and deed. We should always consider the call of every Christian to continue Jesus' ministry of love. Let us show our joy for the coming of the Spirit by wearing something RED next weekend to Mass.

Before we actually return to the Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time and the Church banners, vestments and cloths return to the green color, we have two solemnities: Trinity Sunday and Corpus Christi (the Body of Christ). They are both important feasts which receive special recognition on the Church calendar.

Even though the specific mention of the word Trinity does not appear in the Scripture readings, we do see evidence of our Triune God throughout the bible. We are made in the image and likeness of God. Our Triune God exists in relationship, and we too are made for relationship. We are not meant to be solitary creatures without community. When we share the faith through Baptism, we are following our Lord's instruction.

Have a safe, peaceful, blessed week! ~~~ Michele Hahn

# YOUTH MINISTRY



Hello everyone! Are you in high school? Have you received the Sacrament of Confirmation? Do you want to make new friends as you play fun games and build more of an understanding about yourself and your faith?

If you answered "Yes!" to any one of those questions, then you MUST check out the **Holy Cross Youth Group.** 

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Here are our upcoming events:

### Sunday, May 16: Join us for a fun Youth Night 6-8PM! Sunday, May 23: Another fun Youth Night 6-8PM. Come join us!

If you have any questions or concerns, or if you are thinking about joining us and you would like more information, then please do not hesitate to contact Allie Roecklein, Coordinator of Youth Ministries, at youthgroup@holycrossrc.org or call the parish office.

## PARISH OUTREACH

### **Community Vegetable Garden**

Nutritional benefits of fresh vegetables are an important part of a healthy diet. They contain essential vitamins, minerals, fiber and other nutrients that are essential for good health. Our Outreach and its clients benefit greatly from the produce grown here on the parish property.

Our amazing **Community Vegetable Garden** has provided access to fresh produce for more than 10 years! We are grateful to our dedicated gardeners for all their hard work, but they need your assistance. Can you spare some time to help?

Please join us on **Saturday**, **May 22<sup>nd</sup>**, **at 8AM** as **we plant for the 2021 season of our garden**. All are welcome—men, women and young people—as we kick off another great garden season! For more information, please call JoEllen at 631-360-1373.



Thank you to all who donated to our Pronto Mother's Day Dríve. Wíth your generous support, we collected over 10 boxes of ítems for the women of Pronto and made thís Mother's Day Dríve a huge success!! Your thoughtfulness ís greatly apprecíated!

## PARISH OUTREACH

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## healthy living for your brain and body

### tips from the latest research



### an education program presented by the alzheimer's association

For centuries, we've known that the health of the brain and the body are connected. But now, science is able to provide insights into how to make lifestyle choices that may help you keep your brain and body healthy as you age. Join us to learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement, and use hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging. For more information or to register, call 800.272.3900.

> Date: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 Time: 7 - 8 p.m. Join us using a computer or telephone. In partnership with The Parish of Holy Cross To register call 800.272.3900 or call Parish Outreach for the link.

This activity is funded in part by a grant from the New York State Department of Health



# **CONGRATULATIONS!**

## to the following children who celebrated First Eucharist in May 2021

**Camden** Abbate **Nolan Akerberg** Nicholas Austine **Patrick Borsella** Olivia Bronzino Maya Bruno **Anthony Campion** Karen Canedo Jacob Castellano Victoria Clavijo Anastassia Clemente Jace Clifford Julia Collins Hannah D'Amico Ryan Delgado **Colin Doherty** Blake Dychkowski Emily Eger Charlotte Engelhardt Ellianna Esposito **Declan Feulner Eloise** Jaekle Lena Jaquillard Mason Jerome Jenna Keane Ava Kearnes Kaleb Keyes **Finola Kiley** Madeline Knuth

Lucas Kostas Benjamin Kriegsman **Ryan Kunzig** Brayden Lane **Collin Lane** Hannah LaPolla Gena Lazzaruolo **Neve Lederer** Anthony Lombardi Joseph Lombardi Mia Lombardi Ethan Long Giada LoVerdi Maxx Marcus **Gunnar Maringione** Layla Marte **Emily McKinley** Katelyn Mennella Annabelle Messner Ryan Millan Giavanna Mongiardo Juliana Murawski **Charlotte Murolo Delaney** Nasta Caterina Nastasi **Kimberly Neiva** Antonello Nicoletta James Palazzo Alessandra Pavlovic

Hailey Peluso **Bradie Phaff** Matthew Piotrowski **Marco Prass** Daniella Ranieri Scarlett Rostron Anthony Ruggiero Aubrey Ruggiero Jake Ruggiero Santo Ruiz Vivian Santiago **Emma Serafin Jason Shankles** Abigail Shea **Katherine Simicic Juliana** Spence Maria Superina **Conor Tate Chase Thelian** Sofia Tomlinson Madelyn Treder Jack Tringali **Michael Tynebor** Aleena Vasquez **Rebecca** Viollis Ava Vitale Sadie Vitolo

## **BACKGROUND SCREENING UPDATE**

### The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People:

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (The Charter) promulgated by the Bishops of the United States in 2002 outlines specific practices and guidelines providing standards of safety in parishes and dioceses throughout the United States. As directed in The Charter, the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires all employees, clergy, and volunteers to complete three requirements within thirty days of employment or volunteering:

- 1. Attend Protecting God's Children Program (Virtus)
- 2. Sign the Codes of Conduct
- 3. Complete a background screen application. The Diocese requires all those who remain in active ministry be rescreened at 5-year intervals. volunteers/employees.

### A Word on Background Screening of Volunteers:

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People (OFPCYP) has streamlined the volunteer application process enabling volunteers to complete the three safe environment requirements in one step. Individuals wishing to volunteer in a parish or school:

- 1. Register to attend a Protecting God's Children class and create a Virtus account on the Virtus website: <u>www.Virtus.org</u>
- 2. Electronically acknowledge the Diocesan Code of Conduct provided during the Virtus registration process.
- 3. Follow the instructions to complete the Sterling Volunteers background screening application offered during the Virtus registration process.

### Active Volunteers:

If you are active in a parish ministry, have already attended Virtus and have been background screened, you may be at—or beyond—the **5yr. rescreening requirement**. If this is the case, you will receive an email from **Sterling Volunteers** asking you to complete the background screening application online. You may access the background screening application by following the prompt in the email or logging into your Virtus account. **Please be aware - this is not a scam nor has your email been hacked.** The OFPCYP has been working with your parish to update the Safe Environment records and noted it is time for you to be rescreened. You may also be prompted to electronically re-sign the Code of Conduct when you log into your Virtus account.

### Edit Your Virtus Account:

To access your Virtus account <u>www.Virtus.org</u> you will need your Username and Password. If you need assistance, please contact Virtus: 1-888-847-8870 or <u>helpdesk@virtus.org</u>. Once in your account, review your account information—particularly your email address. If your account requires updating, please hit the TOOLBOX tab at the top of the screen. On the left side of your screen, in the green column, click "Update My Account." You will be able to make the necessary changes. Please remember to hit the SAVE button at the bottom of the screen.

Questions or concerns: <u>mmcmahon@drvc.org</u>; <u>amendoza-cantos@drvc.org</u>; <u>jwinter@drvc.org</u>; <u>pditomasso@drvc.org</u>

Thank you to all who continue to serve in a ministry during these extremely challenging days.

# LAST CHANCE Spring Cash Fling

For many years the Cash Calendar was a part of the Holy Cross routine. This fundraiser provided some additional financial support to the parish. In addition, many parishioners enjoyed participating in it. Unfortunately, it was one of the many parts of parish life that was lost to Covid. At this time, it is unlikely that we have enough parishioners attending Mass on a weekly basis to support a monthly drawing. And so, we introduce the "*Spring Cash Fling.*" This is a similar idea, however it will be offered initially on a quarterly basis.

- \$10 per ticket
- Tickets are available for purchase through March, April, and May.
- Drawing will be held in May.

Because we anticipate smaller participation, there will be a different pay scale:

- \* 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. (In the event the response is strong, we will resume a monthly drawing as soon as possible.)
- Tickets will not be sold after Mass. 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.

### Thank you for your support!

#### Spring Cash Fling

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## **MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

Saturday, May 15th8 AM• COMM. VEGETABLE GDN. CLEANUPVeg. Gdn.• 1ST HOLY COMMUNIONS 10AM & 12PM Wor. Ar.

Sunday, May 16th		1 PM
• BAPTISMS		Worship Area
• YOUTH NIGHT	6-8PM	Atrium
Monday, May 17th		6 - 8:30 PM
CONFIRMATION RETREAT		Worship Area
Tuesday, May 18th		10 AM
• IN STITCHES		Fr. Joe Room
• ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS	7PM	
Wednesday, May 19th		6 - 8:30 PM
• CONFIRMATION RETREAT		Worship Area
Thursday, May 20th		10 AM
• SCRIPTURE STUDY		Atrium
• BOOK CLUB	7PM	Atrium
Saturday, May 22nd		8 AM
• COMM. VEGETABLE GDN. PLAN	TING	Veg. Gdn.
Sunday, May 23rd		6 - 8 PM
• YOUTH NIGHT		Atrium
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## MOTHER'S DAY MASS REMEMBRANCES

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LILIA BALIWAG

MARYLOU SMITH

MARYANN CANALINI

IN HONOR OF...

LAURA ANDERSON

#### IN MEMORY OF ...

EILEEN HEPP MARY GUIDO LILLIAN CASTALDI AGNES WINBERRY CHRISTINA ZACCARIA MILDRED ZACCARIA DOROTHY KIRKMAN ELAINE DRAGOS GRACE LEVANDI DIANE FORTE SARAH LAMARTINA

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## PRAYER FOR HEALING

## Prayer for Healing Victims of Abuse

God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just:

You gave your only Son to save us by the blood of his cross. Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own • suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them. Hear our cries as we agonize over the harm done to our brothers and sisters. Breathe wisdom into our prayers, soothe restless hearts with hope, steady shaken spirits with faith. Show us the way to justice and wholeness, enlightened by truth and enfolded in your mercy. Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform our brokenness. Grant us courage and wisdom, humility, and grace, so that we may act with justice and find peace in 🗞 you. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

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