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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.*



"And they
were all
filled
with the
Holy Spirit..."

Acts 2:4

Come and pray with us!

Pentecost Sunday - May 23, 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!

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Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 4 PM (closed 12:15 - 1 PM)

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Remembering Our Sick

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

Kathy Barry	Patricia Becker
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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 23rd, 9AM Mass

Mon. James Plocica
Tue. Victor Lamarque
Wed. Neal & Concetta Romano
Thu. Fr. James McNamara (living)

Saturday, May 29th, 5PM Mass

John Schroeder, Petrina Comito, Luigi Mion

Sunday, May 30th, The Most Holy Trinity

8:00 AM Richard Michta
9:30 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Charles Vincent Dassaro, Vilma Troise,
Phil Graziose, Michael Peter Carlos,
Agnes Salemi



Scripture Readings for May 30, 2021



+ *Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40*
+ *Romans 8:14-17*
+ *Matthew 28:16-20*

HAPPY PENTECOST

by Father Michael

Today the Church celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit. The past fifteen months have given profound witness to the power of the Spirit. In spite of unprecedented obstacles, we continued to function as a faith community. Ministries continued and needs were met on all levels of parish life. At times, innovation and creativity were needed to carry on the work, but indeed great things happened. So many parishioners demonstrated their love for this community by an outpouring of support. We look forward to happy days ahead, but we know that the Lord will continue to be at work in our hearts in spite of whatever challenges we face.

The Spirit was rocking our Worship Area on Monday and Wednesday of this week. We offered almost 100 of our Level 8 students a Confirmation Retreat in anticipation of their receiving the Sacrament this autumn. Mr. Tony Belizzi led the evenings of prayer. He is a charismatic man who engages our young people. There are elements of fun woven into the evening as well as a powerful message. We are so pleased we were able to offer this in-person experience as an option for our Confirmation candidates. There will be prayer cards available at the Masses this weekend in which you will be invited to pray for one of our candidates.

This is the first weekend when we are back to 100% capacity. All pews will be available for use. I don't anticipate that there will be any problems with the increased capacity. With the exception of one Mass on Easter, we never hit the point where we needed to close our doors. A few Masses have gotten a bit crowded, but I am not aware of any situations where people felt uncomfortable. I don't think there will be a surge in attendance. More people have been coming back since Easter, but normally numbers drop during the summer. We hope that common sense and good judgment will prevail and people will continue to leave a comfortable amount of space. Of course, we will monitor the situation and address any issues if they should arise. Some folks may be more comfortable than others with the relaxed restrictions. Be mindful that everyone is working through this process at his or her own pace. Please be respectful of those who may continue to seek a bit of distance.

I received a message from Fr. Jim McNamara. He will be visiting in the states for at least a few weeks in the summer. He will be here at Holy Cross on Sunday, June 6, celebrating the 11:30 Mass. Mark your calendars and plan on stopping by to say "hello."

LITURGY BYTES

Pentecost 2021- May 22/23



Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who, before ascending into heaven, did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your apostles and disciples, dare to grant the same Holy Spirit to me, that He may perfect in my soul the work of Your grace and Your love.

Grant me....

The Spirit of Wisdom, that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal,

The Spirit of Understanding, to enlighten my mind with the light of Your truth,

The Spirit of Right Judgment (Counsel), that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining Heaven,

The Spirit of Fortitude, that I may bear my cross with You, and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation,

The Spirit of Knowledge, that I may know God and know myself and grow more perfect in the science of the Saints,

The Spirit of Piety, that I may find peace and fulfillment in the service of God while serving others,

The Spirit of Wonder and Awe (Fear of the Lord), that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him.

Teach me, dear Lord, to be your faithful disciple and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen

Happy Pentecost!! Have a blessed and healthy week! ~~~ Michele Hahn

A SPECIAL EVENT!



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:*

Peace be with you.

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

Name: _____ Phone: _____

A PARISH OUTREACH THANK-YOU

Community Vegetable Garden

Thank you to all who came out and helped clean up and plant our Community Vegetable Garden! We are off to a great start!

Our dedicated volunteers are always looking for others to join them as the spring and summer continue. We need volunteers to keep the garden thriving. If you would like to be a volunteer who picks fresh produce or enjoys the necessary task of weeding, we need your help!

We are looking for volunteers of all ages! Any questions, please contact JoEllen at 631-360-1373.



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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

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Saturday, May 22nd	8 AM
• COMM. VEGETABLE GDN. PLANTING	Veg. Gdn.
Sunday, May 23rd	6 - 8 PM
• YOUTH NIGHT	Atrium
Tuesday, May 25th	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
• CUB SCOUTS	6:30PM Atrium
Wednesday, May 26th	1 PM
• PRAYING WITH MARY	Worship Area
Thursday, May 27th	7 PM
• BOOK CLUB	Atrium
Sunday, May 30th	1 PM
• BAPTISMS	Worship Area

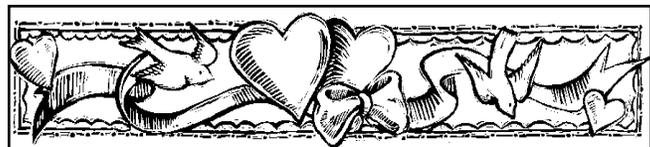
PARISH NEWS

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses

May 29th/30th



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



Banns of Marriage - First Time

Nicole Martins & Andre Costa

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**. Here are our upcoming events:

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

So, if you are thinking about coming to the church to see what we are all about, do it! You will not regret it. Come with a friend or family member, and join us as we continue to grow in the endless love of Christ.

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.



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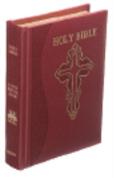
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