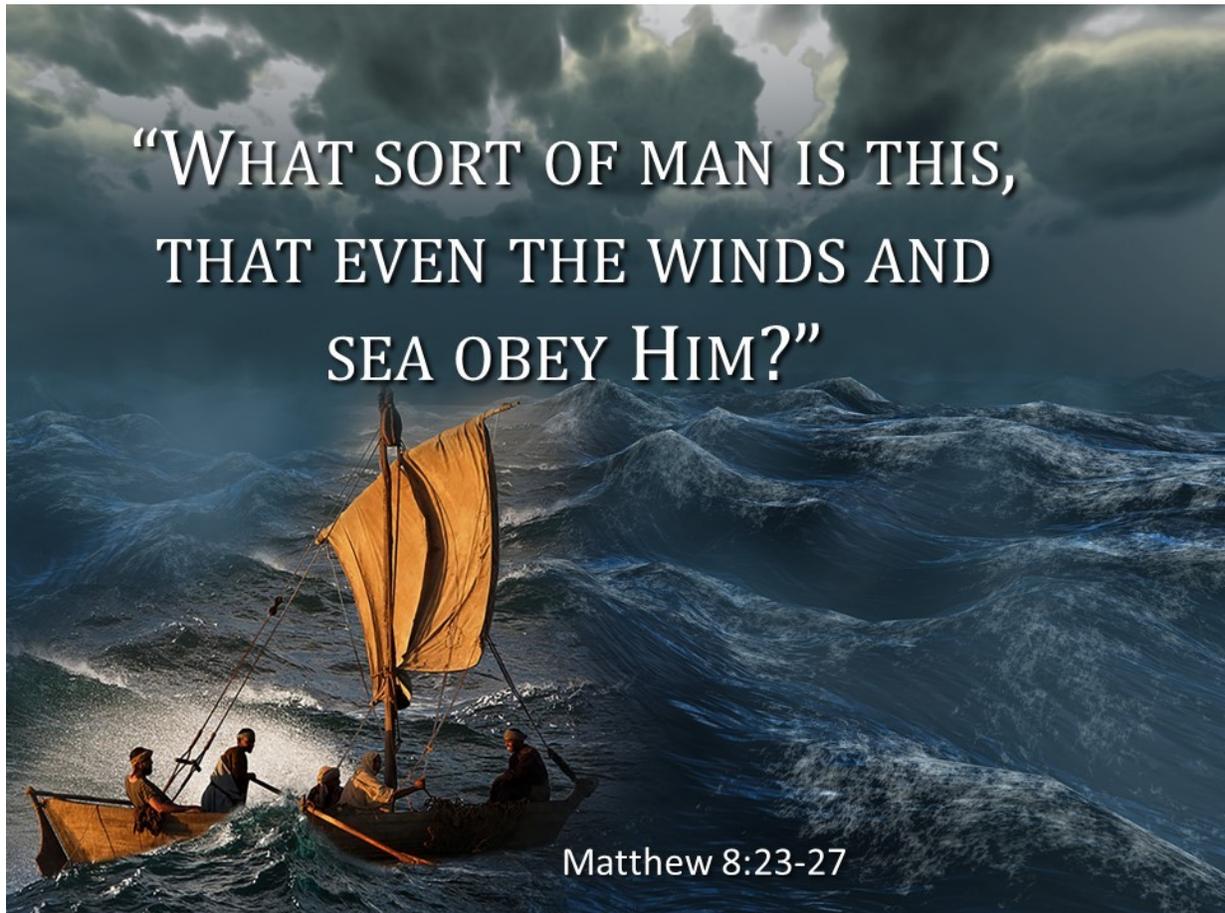


# The Parish of the Holy Cross

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**LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!**



**Come and pray with us!**

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 9, 2020**

**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.*

**We celebrate Eucharist**

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM,

Saturday 5:00 PM, Sunday 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

(The 9:00 Weekday Mass & Sunday 11:30 Mass are live streamed on Facebook.)

# We are here for you!

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## Remembering Our Sick

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

|                     |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Patricia Becker     | George V. Daly |
| Francesco DiMartino | Ann Egan       |
| Sienna Fricke       | Phil Graziose  |
| Bob Grieco          | Chuck Madden   |
| Joseph Santamaria   | Marlene Starr  |
| Judy Viskupic       |                |

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 or email to [pothc@optonline.net](mailto:pothc@optonline.net).

## Mass Intentions Schedule

### Week of August 9th, 9AM Mass

**Mon.** Carmela & Michael Terranova  
**Tue.** William Tufts Jr.  
**Wed.** Denise Lamarque  
**Thu.** Joseph Cappiello



### Saturday, August 15th, Assumption 9AM Mass

Elizabeth Graziose

### Saturday, August 15th, 5 PM Mass

Greg Wirth, Luz Maria Rivera

### Sunday, August 16th, 20th Sun. in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Steven Joseph Goellner  
11:30 AM Gloria Posimato, Gregory Roeske,  
Michael Grimilia, Edward Fagan, Jim &  
Jimmy Winberry

## Scripture Readings for August 16, 2020



+ Isaiah 56:1, 6-7  
+ Romans 11:13-15, 29-32  
+ Matthew 15:21-28

Parish Office Summer Hours  
9:00 AM to 2:30 PM  
Monday - Friday



# Blustery Thoughts

*by Father Michael*

Every once in a while Mother Nature has something to say, and when she does, there is no ignoring her. Tuesday was one of those days. Based on ominous weather forecasts I heard on Monday, I had decided that Parish Offices would close at lunchtime on Tuesday. As everyone left the building at 12:00, I thought I had been duped by erroneous predictions as it was completely dry and barely a breeze in the air. Within an hour and a half it was as if someone flipped a switch and the storm unfolded. Both the Parish Offices and my house lost power for about 14 hours. A number of branches came down around the property but no large trees. Happily, there was no real damage.

It was fascinating to watch the storm from my house. In particular, it was amazing to watch the dance of the trees. In spite of their enormous weight, they just bend and sway in the wind. With the strength of the gusts, I would have thought everything would have been blown over, but in fact, most of the trees came through it with only a minor haircut. By morning the birds were back to their normal routine, and they looked unscathed by the whole experience. The little fish in my pond did not appear to be stressed out.

There are patterns in nature that are clearly different than the patterns of the human mind. I'm not suggesting that we live our lives as if we were a sparrow or a maple tree, but there are times we need to be reminded that our lives are part of a vastly wide and complex universe. It often takes something significant to prompt us to look at our lives with a broader perspective.

When electricity goes off, our lives shift gears. We realize how much of what we do is dependent on that mysterious energy that we take for granted. Jesus could probably come up with a good parable about the restoration of lights after a power failure. How many of us come up with reasons why we should be a priority in restoring power? I'm sure it's a complex formula. Some fixes are probably just a matter of pressing a button, others involve much more labor. Priority might be given to homes where there are residents who are dependent on medical devices. But, in all likelihood, if our neighbors lights are on and ours are not we are not happy campers.

As scary, inconvenient, or costly as a storm can be, it can provide insight into sorting out the stuff of our lives and seeing the hand of God wondrously at work. Recent months have already provided a multitude of issues for reflection. May we continue to be open to all the ways in which the grace and power of God is revealed. Stay well.

# PARISH NEWS

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass will be held on Saturday, August 15th, at 9 AM. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.**



## Gluten Free Hosts

For parishioners who have Celiac Disease or a gluten sensitivity, Holy Cross has gluten free hosts. If you would like to receive a gluten free host during Communion, please inform the Sacristan prior to Mass.

## Remember “Kevin Bacon”

Don't forget to feed “Kevin Bacon” your quarters when you come to Mass on Sundays! Your donation benefits Heifer International. Thank you!



## Our Prayer Pages

*We are offering the opportunity for people to express their prayer intentions on **Our Prayer Pages** which can be viewed by clicking the link on the homepage of our website, and can be prayed for by others. Please email your prayers to [pothc@optonline.net](mailto:pothc@optonline.net). (Please note: If praying for those who are ill, last names may not always appear unless permission has been granted.)*

**THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-2:30 PM.

**THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN:** Monday-Friday 9:00 AM-2:30 PM.

**WE CELEBRATE RECONCILIATION:** Wednesdays after 9:00 AM Mass & Saturdays from 3:00 PM-4:00 PM or call Father Michael for an appointment.

**WE CELEBRATE BAPTISM:** Baptisms are generally celebrated twice each month at 1PM. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

**WE CELEBRATE WEDDINGS:** Couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date.

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## Welcome to Holy Cross Religious Education

The Religious Education Office is planning ahead to the 2020-2021 Formation Year. We need your help so that we can adequately plan to meet the needs of our parish. If you have a child entering **First Grade in September you need to register**. If you have recently moved to our parish you need to register in the parish. Due to Covid-19, our program will be a mix of online and “home based” learning, depending on CDC guidelines. Please contact our office for more specific information.

- Religious Education classes will begin the week of October 19th, 2020.
- First time registration can be done online at [www.pothc.org](http://www.pothc.org) . Go to forms.
- Registration needs to be completed by August 15, 2020.
- Summer Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00-12:00 & 1:00-2:30
- If your child was not baptized at Holy Cross you need to send us a copy of your child’s Baptism Certificate. Please email it to [hcreled@optonline.net](mailto:hcreled@optonline.net) .
- For those who are already part of our program, you need to re-register for the upcoming year. Please note that textbooks will not be distributed to your child without a registration form.

A detailed outline of our program is available online or at our office. However, there are a few important details to be noted.

- Children must successfully complete each grade level to proceed to the next.
- The Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation require a minimum of two years of preparation.

Most importantly, we need to work together. Faithful attendance at classes and parent workshops is essential. As comprehensive and informative as our program is, this is only one part of your child’s faith formation. The greatest thing you can do to nurture your faith and the faith of your child is to regularly be part of our Sunday Eucharist - whether in person or viewing our 11:30 AM live streamed Mass.



The Catechism of the Church states that parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. We are privileged to work with you in this task. We thank you for your cooperation in allowing us to be part of your lives. We look forward to a fruitful year where everyone, young and old, continues to grow in understanding the gift of our faith.

# PARISH OUTREACH

## Counseling Services...

Currently offering telehealth and  
Zoom sessions.

Offered by the Town Of Brookhaven Youth Bureau  
Sanctuary Program

New York State Licensed Clinical Social Workers

Serving town residents between the ages of 12 - 24

**(FREE & CONFIDENTIAL)**

*Individual and/or Family Counseling*

*Support and Educational Groups (TBD)*

*Crisis Intervention*

*Housing Referrals*

*Advocacy with Community Services*

*Case Management and Independent Living Skills*

*Intervention with Runaway and Homeless Youth*

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