



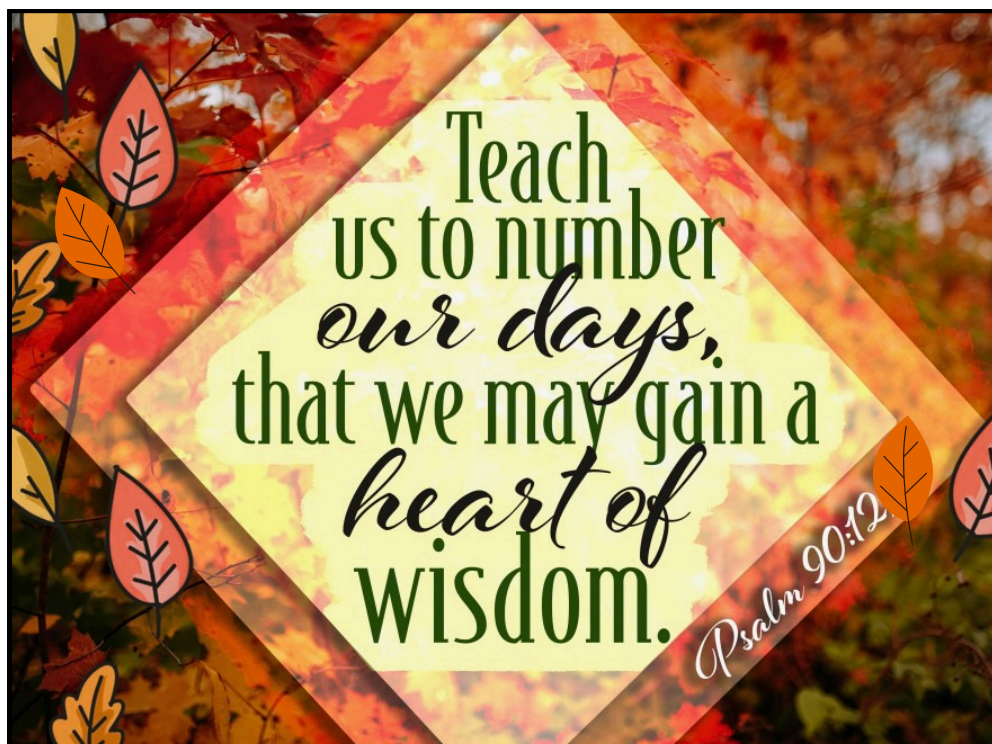
Parish of the Holy Cross



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.



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 7, 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
are livestreamed on Facebook.

We celebrate Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM;

Wednesday after 9:00 AM Mass

95 Nichols Road + Nesconset, NY 11767 + 631.265.2200
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WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

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Pastor

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MONDAY - THURSDAY
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(closed 12:15-1 PM)**

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FRIDAY HOURS
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**

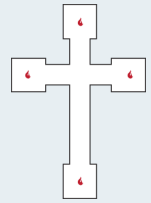


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for more information on how we can serve you.



IT'S NEVER JUST ONE THING

Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael



Here are a few updates on some repairs and other practical aspects of parish life. (Because of vacation schedules and early bulletin deadlines, this article was written three weeks ago. The following projects have either been completed, are in the midst of getting finished, or will begin shortly.)

- We ordered eight new folding tables. Our “fleet” of tables has slowly been diminishing as some of the older and cheaper tables have fallen into disrepair. Along the way we tried getting a few replacements, but the ones sold locally are not made for commercial use. We had to deal directly with the manufacturer in getting heavy-duty tables that will last for many years. The cost for these was \$1,200, including delivery.
- About six years ago we replaced the bulbs in the parking lot lights with LED lamps. Although we were promised that “they last forever,” we have encountered many of them that blink like strobe lights or outright stopped working. This time, we are replacing all the fixtures for our outdoor lighting. There should be a marked improvement in our outdoor lighting. The cost for this project is \$37,000.
- It was a hot summer in both the Parish Office and Chapel as one of two compressors on the roof failed. One option was to replace the compressor which would have been an \$11,000 band-aid on a 30-year-old unit. Instead, we will be installing two “mini-split” units which will provide both heat and AC to the Chapel and the Parish Office. The cost for these new units is approximately \$11,000.
- The Parish Office will be undergoing a minor renovation in order for the new AC unit to function more efficiently. The wall which creates a small closet in the rear of the office will be removed. This will create a small alcove. The Business Manager’s desk will move back into that space which will provide more privacy. I’m not sure yet of all the costs involved with this project. I’m hoping for some helping hands from parishioners to keep the cost of this improvement as reasonable as possible.

It is not my goal to be spending money like a wild man, but all these items are necessary. Neglected maintenance will snowball into even greater expenses. A few weeks ago, a financial report was presented at all the Masses. Overall, collections have remained steady through the years; it is our expenses that are increasing. In response to that report, some parishioners signed up for electronic giving which is a tremendous help to us. Other parishioners increased their weekly offering. We are grateful for your ongoing support that enables us to carry on the mission of the parish. Thank you for your generosity.

Next weekend we will be honoring the founding parishioners of Holy Cross. In particular at the 5 o’clock Mass we will recognize those parishioners who were part of Holy Cross from the very beginning. It is a unique experience for people to be part of the founding of a parish. We are blessed to still have so many who were part of those first days.



SEPTEMBER 2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

ON THE CALENDAR

CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



SEPTEMBER 13

5:00 PM

FR. MICHAEL

SEPTEMBER 14

8:00 AM

FR. MICHAEL

9:30 AM

FR. MICHAEL

11:30 AM

FR. MICHAEL



**SCRIPTURE
READINGS
for SEPTEMBER 14**

+ Numbers 21:4b-9

+ Philippians 2:6-11

+ John 3:13-17

Saturday, September 6th..... HOLY HOUR
3:45PM - 4:45PM, Worship Area

Saturday, September 6th..... GRANDPARENT/CHILD BLESSING
5:00PM Mass, Worship Area

Sunday, September 7th..... GRANDPARENT/CHILD BLESSING
All Masses, Worship Area

Sunday, September 7th..... ANOINTING OF THE SICK
After 9:30AM Mass, Worship Area

Sunday, September 7th..... YCC HOSPITALITY
After 11:30AM Mass, Atrium

Sunday, September 7th..... BAPTISMS
1:00PM, Worship Area

Monday, September 8th..... LEVEL 7 PARENT/STUDENT MTG.
7:00PM, Worship Area, Atrium

Tuesday, September 9th..... IN STITCHES
10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room

Tuesday, September 9th..... LEVEL 8 PARENT/STUDENT MTG.
7:00PM, Worship Area, Atrium

Wednesday, September 10th..... SENIORS
11:30AM - 2:30PM, Atrium

Wednesday, September 10th..... BEREAVEMENT
1:30PM, Fr. Joe Room
The Journey Continues

Wednesday, September 10th..... EM DISCERN. MTG.
7:00PM, Fr. Joe Room

Thursday, September 11th..... CONSOLATION MINISTER MTG.
12:30PM, Fr. Joe Room

Thursday, September 11th..... FALL FESTIVAL MTG.
7:00PM, Fr. Joe Room

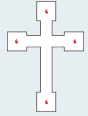
Saturday, September 13th..... FOUNDERS' DAY MASS
5:00PM, Worship Area

Sunday, September 14th..... BAPTISM GATHERING
9:30AM Mass, Worship Area, Fr. Joe Room

Sunday, September 14th..... HEALTHY SUNDAY
10:00AM - 1:00PM, Atrium

Visit our website at www.holycrossrc.org
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, September 7

9:00AM Masses:

Mon. Theresa Anne Callahan

Tues. Joseph Marcucci

Wed. Mary Shipman

Thur. Victims of Terrorism

Saturday, September 13, 5PM Mass

Nancy Gallagher, Mauro Silva,
Bobby Kieley, Maryann Follo,
Isabella Smith, Anne DiGregorio

Sunday, September 14, Masses Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00AM People of the Parish

9:30AM People of the Parish

11:30AM People of the Parish



Sunday, September 7th,
will be the next date that
the Anointing of the Sick
will be offered after
the 9:30 AM Mass



*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	Loretto Narducci
Mary Champagne	Andrea Nocito
William Ciccarelli	Nicole Petrocelli
Kimberly Crawford-Arbocus	Darin Pitkanen
Grayson Danielski	Patricia Pitkanen
Anthony DeGennaro	Colleen Prinz
Manuela Diaz	Carina Ranieri
Ann Egan	Rob Remhild
Vincent Esposito	Liam Richards
Ralph Farino	Amy Rivers
Yolanda Fattarusso	Lynn Rodger
Sienna Fricke	Sean Romeo
Linda Giordano	Elaine Ruane
James Greene	Casey Schultz
Linda Heinrichs	Kathy Schwinn
Ralph Hughes	John Serri
Ryan Huscher	Celeste Sichenze
Debbie Jablinowski	Todd Skala
Kristen Kennedy	Sue Southard
Caroline Lazar	Bill Tanner
Carol Leahy	Calvin Tatone
	Grace Van Epps
	Peter Warns

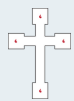
**If you would like to have the name of your
loved one listed in our prayers for the sick,
please call 631-265-2200 x122.**



*Holy Cross parishioners remember and pray for the
following who passed away recently:*

**Anna Maria Angelini
Margaret Bakos
Gordon Loh
Jo-Ann Loh
Michael Stumbo**

*May they rest in peace,
and may their loved ones be consoled.*



WE PRAY...CELEBRATE...REMEMBER

May All of us Remember

May all of us remember with love and compassion this day.

May we grieve with those who still mourn,
and share memories with those who cannot forget.

May we draw strength from those who bravely responded,
and gave their lives to save others.

May we stand with strangers who became neighbors that day,
and remember their generosity and hospitality.

Above all God, may we remember your faithfulness
and learn to trust in your unfailing love.

-Author unknown



HOLY HOUR
Saturday, September 6th
3:45pm - 4:45pm
in the Worship Area



Holy Cross Welcomes these Children Baptized in August



Penelope Grace Aviles
Aria Grace Castro
Isla Rose Crivello
Luca Walter Giaramida
Serafina Ann Pagan
Michael Louis Vierling

*"Lord, you have been our refuge from generation to generation.
Before the mountains were brought forth or the earth and the world came into existence,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God." -Psalm 90:1-2*



PARISH OUTREACH

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

The next collection will be this weekend
September 6 & 7.



Snacks
Tuna / Chicken in a Can
Mayo
Soup
Peanut Butter & Jelly

Thank you for checking expiration dates before donating.

Thank you for the donations of bags for our pantry.
We are not accepting any more at this time. Thank you!

Thank you for your continued support!



We will meet on
Tuesday, September 23rd,
1-3PM
in the Atrium

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.



SIGN UP FOR A FREE CLASS TO LEARN ABOUT PREPARING FOR EMERGENCIES

With **severe weather events** becoming more frequent and more extreme, it is more important than ever that New Yorkers are prepared for disasters. **The NY Citizen Preparedness Training Program** teaches residents to have the tools and resources to prepare for any type of disaster, respond accordingly and recover as quickly as possible to normal conditions. This training course will provide an introduction to responding to a natural or man-made disaster. Participants will be advised on how to properly prepare for any disaster, including developing a family emergency plan and stocking up on emergency supplies. Each family that attends will receive one preparedness kit.

WHERE: Parish of the Holy Cross
95 Nichols Road
Nesconset, NY 11767

WHEN: Monday, September 15, 2025
1:30PM

REGISTER:

Registration is required to attend the event.
To register visit
www.prepare.ny.gov or
scan the QR code



THIS EVENT IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY
GOVERNOR HOCHUL IN CONJUNCTION WITH:



and Parish of the Holy Cross

We will be hosting a free vaccine clinic

in the Atrium in partnership with CVS pharmacy. Our local CVS pharmacist and staff will be available for the following:

**Flu shot - COVID - Shingles
RSV - MMR - Tdap**

Vaccinations are one of the best things you can do to help protect yourself from serious diseases. If any of these is of interest to you, please stop by our Healthy Sunday table in the Atrium between 10am and 1pm. No appointment necessary.



HEALTHY SUNDAY

at Holy Cross

Vaccine Clinic

**Sunday, September 14th,
from 10am to 1pm
in the Atrium**





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.

MEETING THIS WEEK:

LEVEL 7 - Monday, September 8, 2025, at 7pm (only) Parents and Students

LEVEL 8 - Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 7pm (only) Parents and Students

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Level 1 - Monday, October 6, 2025, at 1:30pm or 7pm

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

Level 3 - Monday, September 29, 2025, at 1:30pm or 7pm

Level 4 - Monday, September 29, 2025, at 1:30pm or 7pm

Level 5 - Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at 1:30pm or 7pm

Level 6 - Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at 1:30pm or 7pm



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

On the weekend of August 30th & 31st children who brought their backpacks to Mass received a special blessing for the new 2025-2026 school year.

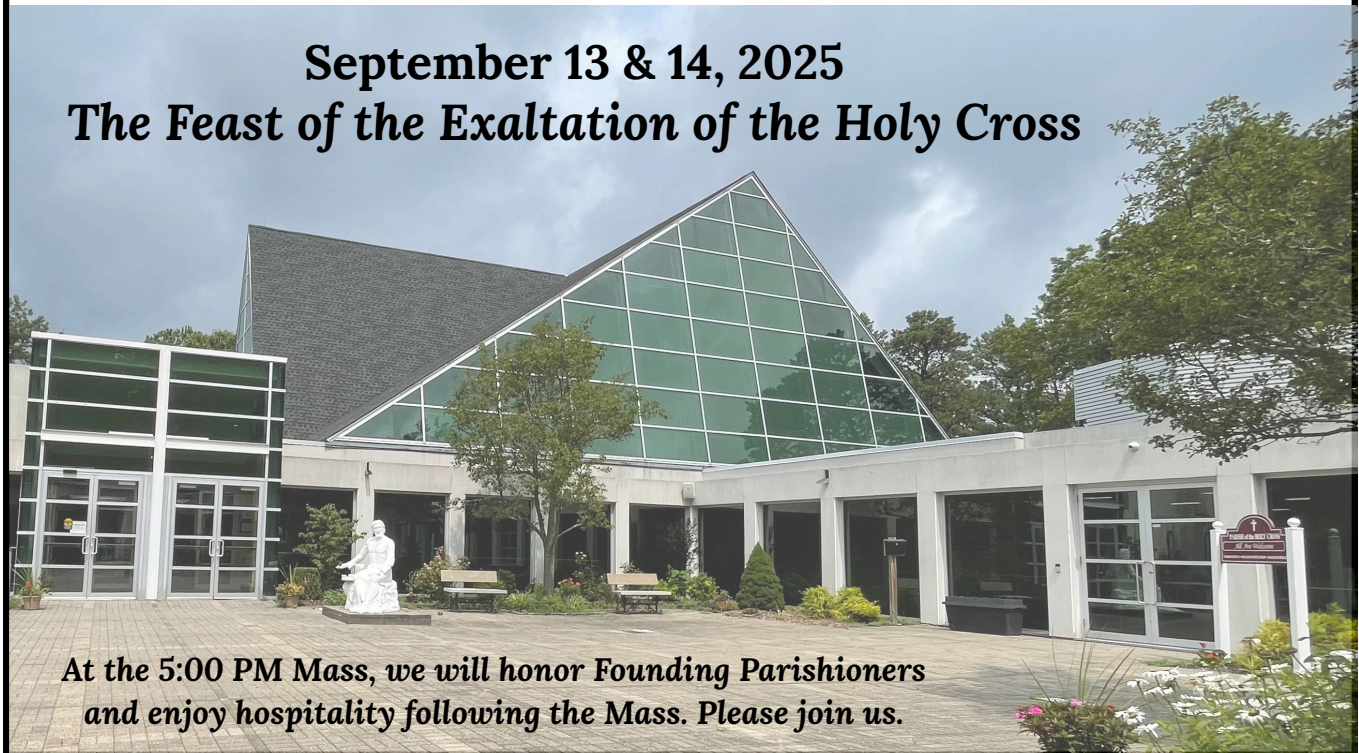
Thank you to Fr. Mickey Bancroft our guest officiant...

God Bless all our students and educators as they head off back to school!



We will celebrate the 30th Anniversary of opening our
Worship Space and Offices at all Masses on the weekend of

September 13 & 14, 2025 *The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*



*At the 5:00 PM Mass, we will honor Founding Parishioners
and enjoy hospitality following the Mass. Please join us.*

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.

Next weekend is the last weekend for donation collection

BASKET RAFFLE FUNDRAISER 2025

We are asking for your support
for one of our biggest fundraisers
of the year, our Basket Raffle!

***We are looking for donations of individual items
to fill and create baskets and
completed themed baskets!***

With your help,
we hope to make this fundraiser a huge success!

**Want to make a themed basket?
Here are a few ideas for baskets:**

- Coffee Basket
- Golf Basket
- Baker's Basket
- Rest and Relax - Spa Basket
- Dinner and a movie basket
- Kid's Basket

**Suggested items for baskets:
New Items only please**

- Gift certificates - (for products and/or services)
- Scratch-off tickets
- Wine/Liquor
- Event tickets - (play, movies, baseball game)
- Hand crafted items - (quilts, jewelry)

DONATIONS NEEDED!

**All completed baskets and all individual donated items
can be brought into the parish office during business hours
from August 18th to September 14th.**

**Donations can also be left in the atrium after the Masses
on Saturday, Sept 13th & Sunday, September 14th**

If you have any questions and/or would like to be
on the Basket Raffle Committee,
please call Mary Ann Viscusi at 631-686-5280
or Linda Denninger at 631-265-7111.

Thank you for your continued support!

FALL FESTIVAL FUN



BASKET RAFFLE

A wide variety
of themed baskets will
be displayed, and tickets sold
after all the Masses on the
weekends of:

Sept. 20-21 & Sept. 27-28

Tickets are
3 for \$5 or 7 for \$10

Lucky winners will be drawn at our
FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL
on **Saturday, October 4th, at 3PM**

Winners do not have to be present to win.

Be part of our
BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR!

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or individual items for baskets
is Sunday, September 14th.*

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**All completed baskets and all individual donated items
brought on the weekend of September 13th & 14th,
can be dropped off in the atrium before each Mass.**

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Thank you for your continued support!

Name _____
Phone _____
Email _____

The winner does not need to be present.



Drawing will be held at the
Holy Cross Family Fall Festival
on **October 4th, 2025**

Return completed raffle with payment **\$10 each**

Name _____
Phone _____
Email _____

The winner does not need to be present.



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Try your luck this fall with the
NIFTY 50/50 RAFFLE
Tickets are \$10 each.

Jackpot builds as tickets are sold.
Enter as many times as you wish.

How to enter:

Fill out the tickets to the left
and return it with payment
to the parish office by October 3rd.

*Additional raffle tickets for purchase can be found
in the parish office, and will be sold up until the
drawing on the day of the festival.*

Drawing will be held at the
Family Fall Festival on October 4th, 2025.

The winner does not need to be present.



Grandparents play an important role in the fabric of our lives.
We asked our parishioners to tell us what it means to them
to be grandparents.

We wish all the grandparents in our church family a very
Happy Grandparents' Day!



What Being a Grandparent Means to Me

To give and receive unconditional love from my two wonderful grandsons. - Dorothy Thestrup

An extension to the best days of my life when I had children. My precious grandchildren complete my life's desires. They are my heart.
- Jean Burke

Being a grandparent is a chance to improve on my parenting. To correct all the mistakes I think I made when I was a working parent.
- Victor Lewandowski

Being a grandparent makes my heart happy & sing... loving, sharing, & making memories with all 4...very blessed. - Ginny Lewandowski

Our 3 grandsons are special in our lives, our hearts...God Bless Us. - Love, Grandpa & Grandma Ferony

If I ever needed proof of God's generosity, I would just look at my 5 grandchildren. The gift of my son and daughter would have been enough, but God just couldn't stop giving. Being a grandparent means I am richly blessed. - Jude Pickel

I always tell them "Remember you are loved!" I am proud to be their "Grammy"! - Julia M. Plume

There is nothing like being a grandparent. The love of grandparents is a special kind of love. It gives warmth and affection without pressures from parents. - Joanne Amature

Unconditional love...Their laugh is intoxicating. Their love is endless and invigorating. They can make a bad day beautiful with a smile and a hug. Love my grandchildren always. - MaryAnn & Steve Arena

God has blessed me with 3 children, 4 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. - Joan Wheaton

Being a grandparent is wonderful. I enjoy my grandchildren so much. I should have had them first!!! - Caroline (Lya) Hosler

My heart melts with the hugs from my grandchildren. In their eyes I see the past and imagine the future, and I know that I am truly blessed. - Jane Wirth

Giving hugs and kisses...watching the grandkids do the same antics their parents did. - Wendy Ringhiser

Grandchildren remind us, every day can be "the best day ever." - Laura & Bill Holst

My four grandchildren are a most precious gift from God. They are a joy which fills my heart. - Marietta Alvarado

Being a grandparent has given me the opportunity to play with my grandchildren and be part of their day to day growth. A second chance, you might say, as I missed a lot of this time with my children because of work. I love them dearly. - Philip DeSalvo

When God blesses us with grandchildren, He also blesses us with an abundance of love in our hearts that is so profound that cannot be expressed in words. We love our grandchildren with an unconditional love and they give us unconditional love in return. - Maria Filiberto

Being a grandparent means the world to me. Being a part of my grandchildren's lives and building a relationship with them is a blessing. - Debbie Akalski

One of the best things that ever happened to me is being a grandma (Nonni)! I can relax, enjoy them, spoil, love, kiss them with NO parental responsibility! - Mary Estock

Being a grandparent means giving the gift of unconditional love to my grandchildren. - Jo-ellen May-Wadsworth

Being thankful to see my four granddaughters grow up to be successful women. I have been blessed with four wonderful great-grandchildren with another one due shortly. The wedding, next year, of another adds to the joy in my life. I'm so grateful to be around to see it all. - Marie DeVito



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What Being a Grandparent Means to Me

It's an overwhelming feeling of unconditional love, joy and pride that extends beyond the love I have for my own children. It's an opportunity to brag and be proud of it and a time to look back and give thanks 😊. - Rose Martino

Grandchildren are music to my heart. They are little blessings full of mischief, love, and laughter. Grandchildren are the greatest legacy anyone can leave behind. - Barbara Bronzino

Being a grandparent is everything in my life. They are my life now. When they come to see me, I am happy and blessed. God bless them and all the grandchildren in our world. - J.M.S.

Getting those special hugs from my 5 grandsons. A double blessing from God and a triple blessing if you are a great-grandparent. They all have a big piece of my heart. I wish time would slow down just a little! (There's so much more to say!) - Patrice Saccone

When we became grandparents, God gave us all the love and happiness a person could want. It was one of the best times in our lives when our daughter gave birth to 3 children. They give us so much pleasure and we are proud of all their accomplishments. - Tom & Lorraine Crocitto

Being a grandparent (G'ma) means so much to me. It's reliving the magic that I felt having my own kids, multiplied! It is a blessing that I am thankful for every single day! - Debbie Siggilino

I have been blessed with 4 loving and caring grandchildren, Daniela, Christian, Maria and Luca. I've had the privilege to spend quality time with them since birth. Now, two are in college and two are high school seniors. They are the loves of my life. - Amelia Marcucci

It is all the good things of parenthood but with a rested heart and wisdom to know that time moves quickly, so enjoy every minute. Everything else can wait. - Kelley Mowat

A very special blessing God has given to us. A gift beyond words that fills our hearts with joy, many smiles, and much love. We treasure all "8" of them! - Michele & Bob Hall

It's like watching your children growing up once again. It's God's reward for surviving parenthood. 😊 - Grammy Janice Schwarz

Being a grandparent allows me the opportunity to provide a different love and support to my grandchildren as I am free from the daily parenting pressures and responsibilities. - Angela McGrade

Being a grandparent means passing down family history and traditions. A bridge between generations, a glimpse into the future, and a reflection of the past, forming bonds, and memories that will endure. - Sue Michta

Reliving the birth of your son/daughter through the eyes of your grandchild! - Robert E. Snechtenberg

My grandchildren are the most precious gifts from God. They fill a unique space in my heart and I love them dearly. I am so very proud to be their Grandma. - Andrea Harris

Being a grandparent to my grandson is the absolute joy! I am so very blessed to have him and he brings me so much happiness. - Laura O'Donnell

We have 6 grandchildren, 9-21 years old. We enjoy our special bond and celebrating all their milestones as they grow. - Ted and Liz Koerick

My favorite people call me "Nana." I am blessed and grateful to have 2 wonderful grandsons, Jackson and Riley, and 3 beautiful granddaughters, Cameron, Haley, and Ruby. I am honored to see life through new eyes. - Pam Cotter

The joy of grandparenting began the moment the first of my seven grandchildren was placed in my arms. Grandchildren are amazing gifts from God without the responsibility of parenting. Just unconditional love! - Anonymous

He is beautiful, warm, brilliant, blessed, loving and amazing. I'm so blessed to call him my grandson! - Denise Farino

Grandchildren are the absolute best gift your heart will ever know. - Anne DiPalermo

My heart is wherever my grandchildren are. They are my everything. Ruby, Layla, Penney, Cece, Ray, Sonny, and Monty - Nonni loves you! - Joan Avolese

It's the greatest gift in the world. Unconditional love is given by our grandchildren whenever we see them. They bring so much joy to us. Our grandchildren are our greatest joy. - Phyllis and Anthony Sangimino



PARISH HAPPENINGS

Happy Grandparents' Day!

This weekend our parish celebrates the good work of grandparents and the elderly in our communities. We recognize the special role of both grandfathers and grandmothers, and our beloved elderly as well. To enhance the special bond grandparents experience with grandchildren whether near or far away, our **GRANDPARENTS' PRAYER GROUP** meets to pray for those special people in our lives and offer support to each other on this journey.

GRANDPARENTS' PRAYER GROUP will start meeting again on Wednesday, September 17th, at 1:30 PM.

It is important to know who would be interested, so please complete the form below as soon as possible and return it to the Parish Office or email Michele Hall at: mhall@holycrossrc.org.



GRANDPARENTS' PRAYER GROUP

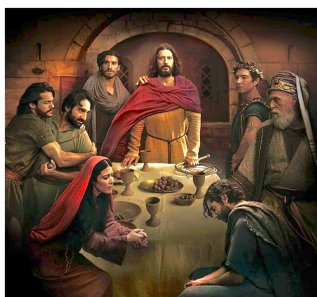
Yes! I wish to participate in the Grandparents' Prayer Group.

GRANDPARENTS
fill the world
with LOVE

Name _____ Phone# _____

Email _____

Please complete and return this form to the Parish Office as soon as possible.



The Chosen, Season 5

The Chosen is a film series portraying the life of Jesus through the eyes of those who met him.

Based on the Gospels,
this series illustrates the stories of everyday people
and the profound impact Jesus had on their lives.

Join us as we view all eight episodes of **Season 5**.

Wednesdays, Sept. 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12 from 7:00 PM – 8:45 PM

or

Thursdays, Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov. 6, 20 from 1:30 PM – 3:15 PM

Each episode is followed by small group discussion.

Participation in **Seasons 1 – 4** is not required for attendance at **Season 5**. However, if you haven't seen any of **Seasons 1 - 4**, it would be a good idea to download The Chosen app (for free) to view it and catch up.

Fill in the tear-off below and return it to the Parish Office by **Sept. 21st**. Please print clearly!



I would like to attend The Chosen ____ on Wednesday evenings / ____ on Thursday afternoons.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

PRAYER, ACTION & COMMUNITY



Mams' Group

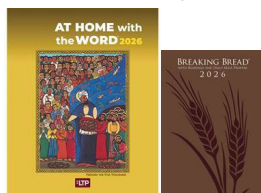
Whatever stage of motherhood you are in, you are welcome to join our multi-generational group of moms!

Together we share our common bond - the joys, the pains, the boring stuff, and the milestones of being a mom. Find solace, find friendship, find wisdom, and support for one of life's rewarding, yet challenging, calling that women can experience. We meet every third Tuesday of the month from 7PM - 8PM in the Fr. Joe Room. Light refreshments are served as we gather together. Come as you are, and receive the grace of God.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 16th.

If you would like to purchase an **"At Home with the Word"** book for 2026, please sign up in the hallway by the parish office.

OR, if you are interested, there is also a sign-up sheet to purchase a 2026 **Missalette**.



The book orders will be placed at the end of the month



YOUTH COMMUNITY CARES

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If you are a middle school or high school student looking for community service hours, please email Angela at: youthcc@holycrossrc.org for more information.

Youth members of our parish will be providing refreshments after Mass on the following weekends:

Saturday, October 25th, 5PM
Sunday, October 26th, 11:30AM
Saturday, November 22nd, 5PM

Join Remind to receive a link to sign up.
Sign up for Remind at: rmd.at/ycchc



Join us in welcoming **Archbishop Richard G. Henning** back to Long Island! The annual **Te Deum** event (*A Celebration of Priesthood*) at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, will honor the **Most Reverend Richard G. Henning, S.T.D.**, Archbishop of Boston. Scheduled for **Sunday, November 2, 2025**, the program includes Vespers at 4 pm followed by a gala reception. For sponsorship, journal, and reservations, contact the Seminary Development Office: (631) 423 - 0483 x 102; bmalone@icseminary.edu [Individual Ticket - \$150; Clergy Ticket - \$100.]



Practice of Faith

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

Jesus' advice to renounce everything goes against conventional wisdom. But the Christian is not concerned with conventional wisdom. We are led by the wisdom that comes from God; by faith, to give it another name. Faith allows us to trust in God's promise of goodness.

Learn about the Christian martyrs, whose faith allowed them to withstand extraordinary challenges.

This time in our culture has been called the Age of Anxiety for many young people. Reach out to encourage and help someone who is struggling with anxiety or fear.

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