



# 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.

**Be of the same mind,  
with the same love,**

**Have in you  
the same attitude  
that is also  
in Christ Jesus...**

**united in heart,  
thinking one thing.**

Philippians 2:2,5

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 27, 2026**



**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: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM;

Monday: 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Wednesday immediately after 9:00 AM Mass

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# WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**  
**MONDAY - THURSDAY**  
**9 AM - 4 PM**  
**(closed 12:15-1 PM)**

**Parish Office**  
**FRIDAY HOURS**  
**9 AM - 12 NOON**

**OUTREACH OFFICE HOURS:**  
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday  
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Evening Hours by Appointment Only



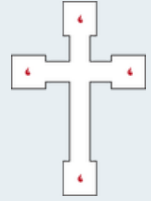
"Remember that Your compassion, O Lord,  
and Your love are from of old.  
The sins of my youth and my frailties remember not;  
in Your kindness remember me  
because of Your goodness, O Lord.

-Psalm 25:6-7



# THANK YOU SR. MARGARET

*Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael*



I first met Sr. Margaret Secour when I was a nervous freshman at St. Pius X High School Seminary in Uniondale. It so happened it was Sr. Margaret's first day of work there as well. She was hired to work in her area of expertise which was library science. She was the school's new librarian. I went to that school without knowing anyone. Quickly enough, I found a little circle of friends with whom I was comfortable. Eventually, we made our way to the library. We thought it would be a safe haven for us. I don't know if she adopted us or we adopted her, but what would become a lifelong friendship began.

Through my high school years we had more than our fair share of adventures and shenanigans. There were times we would create library projects that just so happened to coincide with our gym class. As much as it pained us, we would ask to be excused from gym to help Sr. Margaret. (In case you didn't pick up on it, I said the last sentence with my eyes rolled as the truth was we all hated gym.) Honestly, there were times when we worked out a scenario to our benefit. To this day, when we have a mini-reunion among ourselves, we recall the stories and laughter that were part of those days. From time to time, we may have taken advantage of the situation. But we never did anything that was mean-spirited or disrespectful. We had the greatest admiration and deepest respect for Sr. Margaret. She is a good and holy woman and we recognized that.

I attribute my ability to discern a vocation to priesthood because of my experience at Pius. It was an environment which was filled with good men and women who were committed to the Church. On any given year, there were between 6-8 priests whose full-time assignment was being on the faculty of Pius. The days of that luxury are long gone. It was a unique opportunity in the history of our Diocese, and I was blessed to be part of it. I remember thinking how all these priests seemed normal and happy in doing what they were doing. This provided an excellent point of reference and role model for a young man who was considering priesthood.

After graduating, unfortunately my contact with Sr. Margaret was limited, but the friendship endured. There have been reunions and other occasions that have brought us together. This Saturday, I'm attending her 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Mass at Brentwood. It will be an honor for me to be there for this milestone celebration in her life. I'm sad, but I could not find a picture of us together to include in this article. I will rectify that situation when I see her. It's remarkable how there are some people who come into our lives that play a gentle but significant role. We can take for granted or lose sight of the ways our lives are woven together and all the good that can come from those relationships. Be filled with gratitude for those people who are part of your journey. Also, don't overlook how it is you might be that kind of person for someone in your life. We are richly blessed by the people who come into our lives.



On another note, the renovation of the lighting project has been delayed by a few weeks. There was an issue in getting one of the components of the project in a timely way. There was a delay in materials arriving from the West Coast. We hope to be back on track in mid-October.

2026

SEPTEMBER

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## PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



**OCTOBER 3**

**5:00 PM**

**FR. MICHAEL**

**OCTOBER 4**

**8:00 AM**

**FR. MICHAEL**

**9:30 AM**

**FR. MICHAEL**

**11:30 AM**

**FR. MICHAEL**



## SCRIPTURE READINGS for OCTOBER 4

**+ Isaiah 5:1-7**

**+ Philippians 4:6-9**

**+ Matthew 21:33-43**

# ON THE CALENDAR

**Saturday, September 26th** ..... **CATECHIST MEETING**  
**9:00AM**, Atrium, Fr. Joe Room

**Saturday, September 26th** ..... **CONFESSIONS**  
**9:00AM - 9:45AM**, Chapel

**CONFESSION HAS BEEN MOVED TODAY FROM 12 NOON TO 9AM.**

**Saturday, September 26th** ..... **BASKET RAFFLE SALES**  
**After 5:00PM Mass**, Atrium

**Sunday, September 27th** ..... **BASKET RAFFLE SALES**  
**After all Masses**, Atrium

**Sunday, September 27th** ..... **BAPTISMS**  
**1:00PM**, Worship Area

**Tuesday, September 29th** ..... **IN STITCHES**  
**10:00AM**, Fr. Joe Room

**Tuesday, September 29th** ..... **FALL FESTIVAL MTG.**  
**7:00PM**, Fr. Joe Room

**Tuesday, September 29th** ..... **TRUNK OR TREAT MTG.**  
**7:00PM**, Atrium

**Thursday, October 1st** ..... **SCRIPTURE STUDY**  
**10:00AM**, Atrium

**Friday, October 2nd** ..... **HOLY HOUR**  
**7:00PM**, Chapel

**Saturday, October 3rd** ..... **FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL**  
**10:00AM - 3:00PM**, Parish Grounds

**Sunday, October 4th** ..... **BAPTISM GATHERING**  
**9:30AM Mass**, Worship Area, Fr. Joe Room

**Sunday, October 4th** ..... **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**  
**After 9:30AM Mass**, Worship Area

**Sunday, October 4th** ..... **BAPTISMS**  
**1:00PM**, Worship Area



This weekend at the offertory we will also be collecting for our Renovations and Major Repairs fund.

**Thank you for your continued support!**



If you would like to purchase an **"At Home with the Word"** book for 2027, please sign up in the hallway by the Parish Office, **and**, if you are interested, there is also a sign-up sheet to purchase a 2027 Missalette.

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

Visit our website at [www.holycrossrc.org](http://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 27

#### 9:00AM Masses:

**Mon.** Patti Mason

**Tues.** Marcello Ricciardi (living)

**Wed.** Daylinda Abelo

**Thur.** Cecilia Klusza

### Saturday, October 3, 5PM Mass

Estelle Sternberg, James E. Guiliano,  
Raquel Maria Kappel de Vargas,  
Veronica Waka, Jose M. Mendes

### Sunday, October 4, Masses

#### Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:00AM** Kathleen Healy

**9:30AM** James W. Corrigan Jr., Gloria Posimato,  
John Schultz Jr., John Hanley,  
Michael Mendolia, Cora Ellen McKinley

**11:30AM** People of the Parish

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

Bob Alderdice  
Andrew Arbocus  
Alejandro Astegiano

Kathy Barry  
Alison Bilski  
Cole Brennan  
Norma Capule

Judy Carlson  
Michael Castellano  
Mary Champagne

Peter Chirafisi  
William Ciccirelli  
Maria Ciminiello

Justin Curran  
Grayson Danielski  
Baby Phoenix Dawson

Manuela Diaz  
Peter DiMauro  
Claudia DiPalermo

Rose Dugan  
Ann Egan  
Lisa Eger

Vincent Esposito  
Ralph Farino  
Yolanda Fattarusso

Irene Feldman  
Baby Lorenzo Folio  
Sienna Fricke

Linda Giordano  
James Greene  
Linda Heinrichs

Ryan Huscher  
Debbie Jablinowski  
Kristen Kennedy

Caroline Lazar

Carol Leahy  
Victor Lewandowski  
Mary Lopez

Gerald Losquadro  
Jeanne Marie Malley  
Janet Mangano

Sarah Masi  
Hank McCormick  
Loretto Narducci

Kevin Neeson  
Andrea Nocito  
Darin Pitkanen

Patricia Pitkanen  
Janine Pixley  
Colleen Prinz

Carina Ranieri  
Bernardine Reichbach  
Mary Ann Reilly

Rob Remhild  
Marcello Ricciardi  
Lynn Rodger

Sean Romeo  
Elaine Ruane  
John Saccenti

Jacqueline Santamaria  
Casey Schultz  
Kathy Schwinn

John Serri  
Dennis Shin  
Joan Shin

Celeste Sichenze  
Sue Southard  
Barbara Swingle

Calvin Tatone  
Grace Van Epps  
Wayne Van Epps

Peter Warns



## Banns of Marriage



Carla Alvarado & Emilio Benitez  
Colleen Hoyt & Daniel Emerson



*We thank  
the men and women  
who serve in our military  
for their service.*

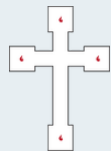
**If you would like to have the name of your  
loved one listed in our prayers for the sick,  
please call 631-265-2200 x122.**

*Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the  
church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the  
name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will  
make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up.  
If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.*

James 5:14-15

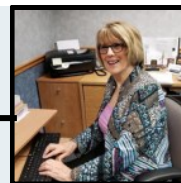


**Sunday, October 4th,  
will be the next date that  
the Anointing of the Sick  
will be offered after  
the 9:30 AM Mass**



# THE "VOCATION" OF MATRIMONY

LITURGY BYTES *by Michele Hall*



Most of us when we hear the word vocation probably think about priesthood or religious life. Those with a vocation have received a special calling to follow Jesus and make a gift of their lives directly to God. Actually, each one of us has a vocation, but we lack the awareness that each of us has received a unique call from God. This unawareness causes most of us to think that the priesthood and religious life are the only God-oriented vocations. If we are thinking about only marriage and/or the single life, we seem to leave God out of the equation. It is important to realize that vocation is not just for a chosen few, it is for each one of us whom God has made, whom God loves and longs for, and whom God calls by name. Our Baptisms celebrate holiness which is our lifelong task as Christians. We recognize God in many human experiences. We live to become the person that our God calls us to be in the midst of the world.

Marriage, the single life, the religious life, and the priesthood all represent ways of holiness, ways of discipleship, ways of dying and rising. One of the seven Sacraments, Matrimony, is sought after by the majority of people as their path to God. This Sacrament plays itself out over a lifetime. The celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony combines domestic and Church ceremony. Many couples comment afterwards about the pronouncement of the wedding vows and what impact those words had on them, especially with family and friends present. In this Sacrament, there is a heightened awareness of commitment because that is what the Sacrament is all about. It also focuses on the couple's commitment to love, to cherish, to honor, to forgive, and to keep Christ a part of their lives. That should be everyone's AMEN!

*Have a blessed, healthy, and peaceful week ahead!*



## Practice of Hope

*(Excerpt from "At Home with the Word 2026")*

Great hope can be found in today's readings, even if the message is not always straightforward. In the second reading, we are reminded how Jesus Christ took on our human form, suffering as humanity does in order to give us new life. Living up to that greatest gift is no easy feat – certainly nothing we can accomplish on our own. The hope we have, then, is in the trying; we are not always going to "get it right" when it comes to a life of faith.

Pray today for the grace of humility, as described in the second reading. How are you working to improve in this virtue?

It is hard to keep our eyes always fixed on the hope that Jesus promises us. Consider a time when you did not believe the promises of Christ. How did you navigate that? How could you do so going forward?

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# Holy Cross Family FALL FESTIVAL

October 3 | 10AM - 3PM

Pumpkin Picking 11AM to 2PM

Sand Art 10AM to 2:00PM

Face Painting 11AM to 2:00PM

Games for Kids

Nesconset Fire Department  
visits from 11AM - 2PM

TASTE TESTING CONTEST 2PM

*Come Join the Fun!*





Do you have  
a Favorite **Apple Recipe?**



# Family Fall Festival Dessert Contest

Come share your culinary expertise and enter  
your selection in our annual taste testing contest to be held  
**at our Family Fall Festival on October 3rd**

The winner will be decided at the Family Fall Festival by a panel of volunteer judges.



To enter, the requirements are as follows:

- All items must be homemade
- Please prepare enough to serve at least 20 bite size pieces
- Include a printed copy of your recipe to be displayed



**We ask that all recipes be submitted  
by Wednesday, September 30th**

Recipes will be printed and displayed  
the day of the judging  
(in response to any food allergy concerns)



**Interested in submitting a recipe, or being a taste testing judge?**

Fill out this form, check the appropriate line and return it to the Parish Office by September 30th.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Yes! I will submit my delicious recipe and culinary creation to be entered in the  
Family Fall Festival Taste Testing Contest.

*I agree to submit my recipe by September 30th to the Outreach Office.*

\_\_\_\_ Yes! I agree to be one of the judges that will fairly determine the winner of the  
Family Fall Festival Taste Testing Contest.



## BASKET RAFFLE

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

**Sept. 19-20 & Sept. 26-27**

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

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

Winners do not have to be present to win.

Be part of our  
**BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR!**

## Do you like to bake?



We are looking for items that can be  
individually wrapped to sell at our Dessert Table  
at the Family Fall Festival.

### Cookies, Brownies, Muffins, or Non-iced Cake

that can be cut into individual slices are welcome.  
Please wrap each item individually for easy sale.

**All individually wrapped donated baked goods  
are needed at the parish on Friday,  
October 2nd, between 10AM and 12PM**



### Come share your gift of baking with us!

Thank you in advance!

If you are able to help,  
please call  
Outreach at 631-265-2200

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

The winner does not need to be present.



Drawing will be held at the  
**Holy Cross Family Fall Festival**  
on October 3rd, 2026

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

The winner does not need to be present.



Drawing will be held at the  
**Holy Cross Family Fall Festival**  
on October 3rd, 2026

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

## 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 2nd.

*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 3rd, 2026.**

The winner does not need to be present.



# PRAYER, ACTION & COMMUNITY



## What is OCIA?

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, is the process by which adults are welcomed into the Catholic Church.

If you know someone who might be interested in OCIA, please pass this information along.

## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

OCIA is open to:

- anyone who is unbaptized and has a desire to learn about the Catholic faith;
- anyone who was baptized in another Christian denomination and wishes to explore membership in the Catholic Church;
- Catholics who have been baptized but have not celebrated the Sacraments of Eucharist (Holy Communion) and Confirmation.

## WHAT CAN ONE EXPECT AT OCIA?

Individuals who go through the OCIA process can expect:

- to know themselves and God better,
- to be supported in prayer by the entire parish community, and
- to understand Catholic teachings and practices more clearly.

All that is required is openness to grow and learn.

If you wish to participate in OCIA, or if you have any questions about it, please contact Jude at (631) 265-2200 x116 or [jpickel@holycrossrc.org](mailto:jpickel@holycrossrc.org)

*"God doesn't require us to succeed, he only requires that you try."*

— Mother Teresa

## Holy Cross Family FALL FESTIVAL

## Help Wanted

The Family Fall Festival committee is looking for volunteers to help on October 3rd with the following assignments:

### Running the Children's Carnival Games

There are 4 different children's games that need supervision.

### Additional

**cleanup crew members**  
Cleanup begins at 2:30PM

If you are interested in helping or have questions, please contact Outreach at 631-265-2200.

# 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.

Level 2 Parent / Student Meeting will be held on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

Level 1 Parent / Student Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

Level 3 & Level 4 Parent / Student Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm and 6pm

Level 5 & Level 6 Parent / Student Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm and 7pm

**All Meetings will be held in the Worship Area.**

## Kick off Masses for Religious Education

will be on

Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, at the 5PM Mass  
and Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, at the 11:30AM Mass



All Religious Education  
Children and Catechists  
are invited to join us to celebrate the  
beginning of the 2026-2027  
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.

**Special Needs Religious Ed. Classes start on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**



## LEVEL 3 STUDENTS– DISTRIBUTION OF ROSARY BEADS

Please join us at one of the Masses during the weekend of  
**October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**  
to receive your blessed rosary beads.

Please bring your rosary beads to  
**Rosary Night on Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, at either 5pm or 6:30pm**  
to say a decade of the rosary and join us for a craft.



# PRAYER, ACTION & COMMUNITY



## ALTO SINGER WANTED

for our  
**HOLY CROSS TRIO**

The Holy Cross Trio is looking for  
an alto vocalist to join our music ministry!

**Audition Date will be  
announced at  
weekend Masses**

**The Holy Cross Trio is looking for an alto vocalist to join our music ministry!  
If you love to sing and would like to become part of our music ministry, we would love to hear you!**

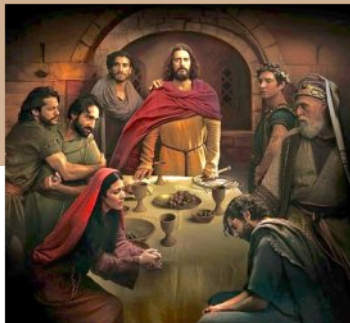


We are seeking a dependable singer who is comfortable singing harmony  
and is available to sing with us on most Sundays and Holy Days,  
as well as attend scheduled rehearsals.

This is a volunteer ministry position and a wonderful opportunity  
to share your gift of music with our Holy Cross parish community.

**Please contact Brian, our Music Director,  
for additional information or to express your interest.**

**email: [musicholycrossdir@gmail.com](mailto:musicholycrossdir@gmail.com)**



## **Coming Soon:** **The Best of The Chosen's First 5 Seasons**

**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.

While we wait for Season 6 to become available, we will re-visit some of the best of Seasons 1 - 5.

Please join us for 6 weeks on:

**Wednesday, Oct. 14, 21, 28, Nov. 18, Dec. 9, 16, from 7:00 – 8:30 PM**

or

**Thursday, Oct. 15, 22, 29, Nov. 19, Dec. 10, 17, from 1:30 – 3:00 PM**

Newcomers are welcome, but viewing any of Seasons 1 – 5 beforehand on YouTube  
or the free Chosen app is recommended.

**Questions? Call Jude at ext. 116.**

***Please print and return to Parish Office by October 10. Space is limited.***



I would like to attend **The Chosen** \_\_\_\_ on Wednesday evenings / \_\_\_\_ on Thursday afternoons.

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# PRAYER, ACTION & COMMUNITY



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

**The collection will be next weekend, October 3rd & 4th.**

**Coffee - Peanut Butter - Jelly**

**Fruit in a Can - Soup - Snacks**

*Thank you for checking expiration dates before donating.*

*Thank you for your continued support!*

## RESPECT LIFE

### Sunday, October 4 is Respect Life Sunday

A day dedicated to reflecting on the sanctity and dignity of all human life. On this day, we are reminded that threats to life and human dignity take many forms in our world. The Diocese works tirelessly to strengthen our commitment to promoting a culture of life through advocacy, education, and parish outreach. Your generosity in the Respect Life envelope collection will support this essential mission. We deeply appreciate your prayers and support.



### ***Sacrament of Reconciliation***

#### **CONFESSION TIMES**

**\*THIS SATURDAY, SEPT 26th**  
**Confession time is 9:00AM - 9:45AM**

- Saturday: 12:00 Noon – 1:00PM\*
- Monday: 6:00PM – 7:00PM
- Wednesday: Immediately after the 9:00AM Mass
- By Appointment at other times

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to  
forgive us our sins and  
to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
-1 John 1:9*

## Adult Volunteers are Needed

to help plan

## Trunk-or-Treat Night



If you like Trick or Treating,  
if you like planning fun events,  
we are asking you to consider sharing your  
leadership skills for this family favorite event!

We need you to make it happen  
and many hands make light work!

Please consider attending the  
**Trunk-or-Treat Planning Meeting**  
on **Tuesday, September 29th**  
at **7PM in the Atrium**

Volunteers are needed to help plan  
and run the event. Your helping hands are  
welcome to attend the meeting and receive  
additional information to see how you can serve.

If you are interested in helping,  
but cannot attend the meeting,  
**please contact Fr. Michael** via email:  
**frmholzmann@holycrossrc.org**  
or call at: **(631) 265-2200, ext. 115**

***Our little Trunk-or-Treaters thank you!***

*This event is sponsored by the **Family Life Committee**.  
Contact Fr. Michael if you would like to serve our community on  
this committee. All helping hands welcome.*



# PRAYER, ACTION & COMMUNITY



## Stand Up For Life: Respect Life Sunday

**October 4th,  
2026**

**2PM-3:30PM**

## Stand Up For Life: Respect Life Sunday, October 4th, 2026

Do you know about the largest Long Island Pro-Life event that has been held for the past 28 years? ***What are you doing for RESPECT LIFE Month?*** Gather with others attending the vigil. Your presence can help save a Life!

**Stand Up For Life will take place on October 4, 2026, from 2:00pm to 3:30pm.**

Join us in Huntington at Routes 110 & 25 (near the Walt Whitman Mall) or in Manorville on County Road 111 south of LIE Exit 70S. Rain or shine. Come for all or part of the time. This vigil is part of a nationwide family friendly event, held at hundreds of cities across the USA & Canada. Signs are distributed at the site, you do not have to bring anything, except a friend or the whole family. There is strength in unity. **ALL PRO-LIFE PEOPLE ARE WELCOME.**

Stand Up For Life is sponsored by the **Long Island Coalition for Life.**

For information: (631) 243-1435

or [info@ProLifeLI.org](mailto:info@ProLifeLI.org)



*Please join in prayer for the Prayer Intention of the Holy Father*

## SEPTEMBER INTENTION FOR THE CARE OF WATER

*Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.*



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**Do you have a family member  
or neighbor in our Parish  
who is unable to get out due to  
illness, age or disability?**

Please help us locate these individuals and bring them into contact with our community.

Here are some of the ways we connect with our Homebound:

- The Parish sends birthday and holiday cards
- Volunteers visit during Advent and Easter Seasons
- Volunteers call them on a monthly basis
- We arrange a Eucharistic Minister of Communion if requested

If you are aware of someone who would benefit from these efforts, please contact the Outreach Office at (631) 265-2200 Extension 113



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our Remind group: [rmd.at/ycchc](https://www.remind.com/join/rmd.at/ycchc).

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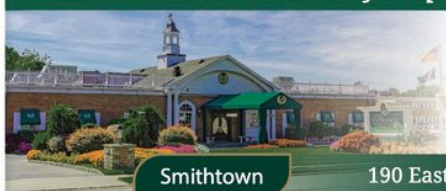
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