



# 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.



## **Pentecost - May 24, 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 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM;  
Wednesday after 9:00 AM Mass



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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



Light shines in the darkness for good people,  
for those who are merciful, kind, and just.

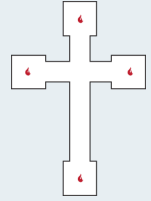
-Psalm 112:4

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for more information on how we can serve you.



## PENTECOST BLESSINGS

*Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael*



This weekend we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost. It is sometimes called the “birthday of the Church.” It is a day we embrace with great enthusiasm and joy. We associate this day with the calling forth of gifts and abilities. We affirm the diversity of gifts that enables us to carry on the work of the parish. All of this is true, and I don’t want to take away from any of those positive dimensions. But when we look at the scriptural accounts of the first Pentecost, we see there are other dynamics at work. The beginning of Acts of the Apostles and the end of John’s Gospel provide us those details.

- The starting point in John’s Gospel for the disciples is fear. They are locked in the upper room still trying to understand all that has happened with Jesus. There needs to be a void or space in our lives for the Spirit to get in. When we have all the answers, there is no need to seek a new perspective.
- There is mystery with an element of that which cannot be explained. We hear about driving winds and tongues of fire. Where did these elements come from, and what do they mean? We must be able to deal with something we cannot completely explain.
- There is something new to the experience. People were speaking in what is described as different tongues. But to the amazement of all, there was comprehension taking place. They were understanding although they did not know how. We need to be open to newness in our lives. Although “always doing it this way” may have served us well, it may also be limiting ourselves in how we experience God to be at work in our lives.
- We have to deal with others. Saint Paul reminds us that we are one body and there are many parts. We need to understand our role. In some instances, it may feel as though we only make a small contribution. We cannot underestimate the intricacy of human dynamics. This is true whether it be in a family, a parish, or beyond.

The Holy Spirit is given to all of us. We need to be mindful when it stirs within our lives and allows us to know of this presence of God within our own hearts. I pray that this Pentecost be a day for us as a parish community to recognize the power of the Spirit at work among us. And I pray that all of us remain open to the wondrous ways that the Spirit may be at work in our lives. We are always led more deeply into the mystery and gift of God’s love.

Here are two other tidbits of life:

- Thank you to all who responded to my “radio crisis” that I wrote about last week. I was surprised and delighted with the number of parishioners who reached out to me. One even gave a replacement radio.
- I spoke to Fr. Frank this week. He is hopeful of being able to return to saying Mass at Holy Cross sometime this summer. He is moving slower and using a cane but would like to get back into the routine of parish life. (I think he has a several month supply of jokes ready to go.)



2026		MAY					
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31							

# ON THE CALENDAR

### PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



**MAY 30**  
5:00 PM  
FR. MICKEY BANCROFT

**MAY 31**  
8:00 AM  
FR. MICKEY  
9:30 AM  
FR. MICKEY  
11:30 AM  
FR. MICKEY



### SCRIPTURE READINGS for MAY 31

+ Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9  
+ 2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
+ John 3:16-18

**Saturday, May 23rd** ..... **ADULT CONFIRMATIONS**  
5:00PM, Worship Area

**Monday, May 25th** ..... **DAILY MASS**  
9:00AM, Chapel

**Monday, May 25th** ..... **PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED**  
**In Observance of Memorial Day**

**Tuesday, May 26th** ..... **IN STITCHES**  
10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room

**Wednesday, May 27th** ..... **SENIORS**  
11:30AM - 2:30PM, Atrium

**Wednesday, May 27th** ..... **LEVEL 8 CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL**  
6:00PM & 7:00PM, Atrium, Worship Area

**Friday, May 29th** ..... **CONCERT REHEARSAL**  
7:00PM - 9:00PM, Worship Area

**Saturday, May 30th** ..... **CONNETQUOT CHOIR CONCERT**  
1:00PM - 2:00PM, Worship Area

The Connetquot Concert Choir will be performing for free in our Worship Area on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to attend to enjoy this performance.

**Saturday, May 30th** ..... **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SALES**  
5:00PM Mass, Atrium

**Sunday, May 31st** ..... **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SALES**  
All Masses, Atrium

**Sunday, May 31st** ..... **HEALTHY SUNDAY**  
10:00AM-1:00PM, Atrium



### Practice of Faith

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

On Pentecost, we celebrate the birth of the Church - new life coming into being with the breath of the Holy Spirit. It is significant that the crowd in the first reading heard the Good News being shared in their own languages. We know how this localized experience animated the early Church: when we hear or see matters of faith in our own contexts, we can identify more clearly the gifts of the Spirit at work. We then become more aware that there are many gifts and ways to serve.

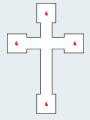
Reflect on what it means to hear God's wonders declared in your own tongue. What does it sound like to hear them in a context that makes sense to you, that is familiar to your own experience?

How do you feel the Holy Spirit moving in your own life?

In what corners of your heart is the breath of the Holy Spirit needed?

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, May 24**

**9:00AM Masses:**

**Mon.** Arthur Buckhout

**Tues.** John Hanley

**Wed.** Christopher Chapman

**Thur.** Marilyn Thomas

**Saturday, May 30, 5PM Mass**

Eileen Pistora, Linda Czub, M/M Tafuri,  
Muriel Meier, Sr. Miriam Lucille

**Sunday, May 31, Masses**

**The Most Holy Trinity**

**8:00AM** Arthur Buckhout, Anthony Gestone,  
Josephine Barry

**9:30AM** People of the Parish

**11:30AM** Alex Martin, John Deery

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

Bob Alderdice  
Alejandro Astegiano  
Kathy Barry  
Alison Bilski  
Cole Brennan  
Laurie Bronzino  
Veronica Buscemi  
Judy Carlson  
Michael Castellano  
Mary Champagne  
Peter Chirafisi  
William Ciccarelli  
Stephen Crawford  
Kimberly Crawford-Arbocus  
Grayson Danielski  
Baby Phoenix Dawson  
Manuela Diaz  
Peter DiMauro  
Claudia DiPalermo  
Rose Dugan  
Ann Egan  
Lisa Eger  
Vincent Esposito  
Ralph Farino  
Yolanda Fattarusso  
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  
Olivia Melia  
Geraldine Muscarnere  
Loretto Narducci  
Andrea Nocito  
Darin Pitkanen  
Patricia Pitkanen  
Colleen Prinz  
Carina Ranieri  
Bernardine Reichbach  
Mary Ann Reilly  
Rob Remhild  
Marcello Ricciardi  
Lynn Rodger  
Sean Romeo  
Elaine Ruane  
Jacqueline Santamaria  
Casey Schultz  
Kathy Schwinn  
John Serri  
Celeste Sichenze  
Todd Skala  
Sue Southard  
Barbara Swingle  
Bill Tanner  
Calvin Tatone  
Grace Van Epps  
Peter Warns



*We thank the men and women  
who serve and have served in our military for  
their bravery and sacrifice.*

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

For May,  
he asks us to pray that  
**People will have  
food to eat**



For more information, please see:  
[Popesprayerusa.net](http://Popesprayerusa.net)

**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.**

*My son, be attentive to my words;  
incline your ear to my sayings.  
Let them not escape from your sight;  
keep them within your heart.  
For they are life to him who finds them,  
and healing to all his flesh.*



Proverbs 4:20-22



Prayer Buddies Box is in the atrium. Please submit your letter or card to the Confirmation Candidate who you are praying for, no later than May 31<sup>st</sup>.

(Next Weekend is the last weekend)

## Level 8 REHEARSAL DATES for Confirmation



Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm  
for the June 3<sup>rd</sup> 3pm Confirmation

Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm  
for the June 3<sup>rd</sup> 6pm Confirmation



Catechists for our Religious Ed. Program

### Catechists Needed for 2026-2027

*We are seeking volunteers willing to share faith with our parish children.*

**Special Need Catechists**, Mondays  
(anytime between 4pm-6pm)

#### Level 2 Catechists are needed

Level 2 teachers - commitment is 1 hour per week or an hour and a half every other week for the following areas – Cherokee area needs 1 more, Wenonah, Bretton Woods, and Hiawatha

*Prayerfully consider this need to serve.*

Please call Jennifer or Mary at the Rel. Education office at 631-265-2200.

*Thank you!*

## HEALTHY SUNDAYS



SUNDAY,  
MAY 31, 2026  
10:00AM - 1:00PM

in the Atrium



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- Blood Pressure Screening
- Education and Referrals



## BLESSING BAGS Donation Request

With the lazy, hazy days of summer right around the corner - vacation cannot be too far away. **Outreach is looking for travel size soap, shampoo, conditioner, and hand lotion to create Blessing Bags for the homeless.** Please keep us in mind as you set off on your vacation. All items can be dropped off in the Parish Office. Thank you in advance for your help and have a great vacation.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCILS BLESSED SACRAMENT BLESSED TERESA OF CALCUTTA 2nd Annual Summer Kickoff Dinner and Dancing



SATURDAY NIGHT, JUNE 13<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 PM to 10:00 PM

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#### TICKET SALE DATES

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MAY 9-10,  
MAY 30-31  
JUNE 6-7

All proceeds to benefit the councils charitable support.

For ticket information,  
please call Ray Yager at 631-981-6284



# Spring Cash Fling



For many years the Cash Calendar was a part of the Holy Cross routine, and this fundraiser provided some additional financial support to the parish.

*At this time, it is unlikely that we have enough parishioners attending Mass on a weekly basis to support a monthly drawing, so we will continue as we have done for the past few years with our quarterly drawing.*

- **\$10 per ticket**
- **Tickets are available for purchase March, April, and May.**
- **Drawing will be held June 1st**

**This is the pay scale which will be offered:**

- **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.*

**Please cut out and use the 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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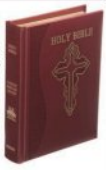
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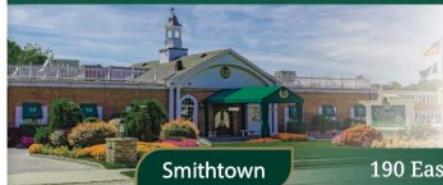
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