



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.

*And I will ask the Father,  
and he will give you another Advocate,  
to be with you forever.*

*This is the  
Spirit of truth...*

*John 14:16-17*

**Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 10, 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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# WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

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**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



“And a man with leprosy came to Jesus, imploring Him and kneeling down, and saying to Him, ‘If You are willing, You can make me clean.’ Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out with His hand and touched him, and said to him, ‘I am willing; be cleansed.’ And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed.”

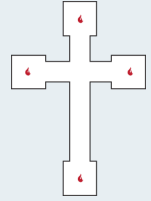
-Mark 1:40-42

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for more information on how we can serve you.



## ANOTHER YEAR

*Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael*



I was happy to announce last weekend that my time as pastor here at Holy Cross has been extended through June 2027. I made this request to the Bishop back in December. This is the proper protocol, but for some reason there was a long delay in making the decision this year. Last year when I was granted an extension, I received that news at the end of February. Likely this will be the final extension that I receive. The Diocese is grappling with a declining number of qualified pastors and ongoing demands of parish life. We have been told that next June there will be a broader look at the needs of parishes and priests who are available. There will be strategic and long-term planning taking place. In some instances, smaller parishes may not have a pastor assigned to that parish alone. There are already pastors who are responsible for two or, in a few cases, three parishes. I have not heard of any plans that would impact Holy Cross. There is a chance that somewhere down the road Holy Cross could be impacted by such a need.

I don't have any sudden surprises up my sleeve that I want to reveal in my final year. There are some repairs that need to be made at the house. You know how it is. You get used to some of the little quirks at home, but someone moving in would immediately see and want to correct it. I have a few electrical issues to resolve as well as tape and sheetrock peeling back on the ceilings. I don't envision any dramatic changes in staffing or parish programs. We are blessed that most aspects of parish life are running well. That is due to your generosity and support. In many ways, you make the work of being pastor here very easy. It will be hard to leave when the time comes.

Early Saturday morning I had an unfortunate experience. I woke with a dreaded feeling that I have experienced a few times before. The room felt as though it was spinning. I knew I was battling a bout with vertigo. It is a miserable and helpless feeling; there is no getting away from it. By sunrise I was faring a little better but I was in no condition to say Mass. I could not stand up straight. Last Saturday were two celebrations for our First Communion children. I felt terrible, but I had to scramble to find a priest to cover for me. Happily, Fr. Matthew Udobi who is one of the chaplains at Mather Hospital was free to assist. It was a disappointment that I could not be there. But I am grateful I was able to get coverage. I appreciate all those who had to adjust to the last minute change of plans. This is not the first time I have experienced vertigo. I seem to get a bout every three or four years. My symptoms lasted less than 24 hours. I hear of people who have to endure this miserable experience for days.



This is an important weekend. A blessed Mother's Day to all the moms and to all those who live their lives demonstrating motherly wisdom. This one day tries to do the impossible. One day is insufficient to acknowledge all the sacrifice, hard work, thankless duties and endless expectations that are placed on moms. I would like to believe there is a subtle reward which makes itself known every once in a while so she knows her labors are not in vain. To all those moms who are in the midst of the journey, God's blessing and strength to you. To all those moms who have passed, rest in peace. Happy Mother's Day.



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| 2026 |     | MAY |     |     |     |     |  |
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| 10   | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  | 16  |  |
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| 24   | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  | 30  |  |
| 31   |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |

# ON THE CALENDAR

### PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



**MAY 16**

**5:00 PM**

**FR. MICHAEL / DCN. JOE**

**MAY 17**

**8:00 AM**

**FR. MICHAEL / DCN. JOE**

**9:30 AM**

**FR. MICHAEL**

**11:30 AM**

**FR. MICHAEL**



### SCRIPTURE READINGS for MAY 17

+ Acts 1:12-14

+ 1 Peter 4:13-16

+ John 17:1-11a

- Saturday, May 9th** ..... **FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS**  
11:00AM & 1:30PM, Worship Area
- Saturday, May 9th** ..... **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SALES**  
5:00PM Mass, Atrium
- Sunday, May 10th** ..... **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SALES**  
All Masses, Atrium
- Sunday, May 10th** ..... **BAPTISM GATHERING**  
9:30AM Mass, Worship Area, Fr. Joe Room
- Tuesday, May 12th** ..... **IN STITCHES**  
10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room
- Tuesday, May 12th** ..... **LEVEL 8 RECONCILIATION**  
5:00PM & 6:30PM, Worship Area, Atrium, Chapel
- Wednesday, May 13th** ..... **SENIORS**  
11:30AM - 2:30PM, Atrium
- Wednesday, May 13th** ..... **GRANDPARENTS' PRAYER**  
1:30PM, Chapel
- Wednesday, May 13th** ..... **ASCENSION VIGIL MASS**  
7:00PM, Worship Area
- Thursday, May 14th** ..... **ASCENSION THURSDAY MASS**  
9:00AM, Worship Area
- Thursday, May 14th** ..... **PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED**  
*In observance of the Holy Day*
- Saturday, May 16th** ..... **LEVEL 8 RECONCILIATION**  
9:00AM, Worship Area, Atrium, Chapel
- Sunday, May 17th** ..... **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**  
11:30 Mass, Fr. Joe Room
- Sunday, May 17th** ..... **BAPTISMS**  
1:00PM, Worship Area

### Mother's Day Blessings



**Isaiah 66:13** "As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you."

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 10**

**9:00AM Masses:**

**Mon.** Joseph Marinelli

**Tues.** Marina Paulino

**Wed.** Anthony DeVito Jr.

**Ascension of the Lord Masses**

**Wed. 7PM** Israel Herrera

**Thur. 9AM** Francis Klusza

**Saturday, May 16, 5PM Mass**

Nanchine McManus, Elisa Keena,

Louis Follo, John J. Daly,

James Michael Cerone

**Sunday, May 17, Masses**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**8:00AM** Mr. & Mrs. O. DeSanto

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

**11:30AM** Robert Riccardi, Andrea Rosa Morrone,  
M/M Bruno Santina, Paul Sena,  
Michael Estock

*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 Ciccarella  
Stephen Crawford  
Kimberly Crawford-Arbocus  
Grayson Danielski  
Baby Phoenix Dawson  
Anthony DeGennaro  
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 Muscarene  
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

*pray without ceasing*

-1 Thessalonians 5:17



*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.**



*Banns of Marriage*

Isabel Martins & Matthew Brasile  
Nicole Orlando & Thomas Datre

*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

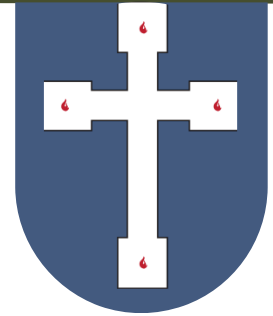


# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## Thank you

to our Level 2 Catechists  
who have helped prepare our children for  
Reconciliation and First Communion this year.

We are very grateful for you!



Michelle Becker  
Kerin Beedenbender  
Megan Boccard  
Jackie Ciro-Fernhoff  
Cristyn D'Amico  
Kristen Donohue  
Donna Keller  
Lilianne Korovezos  
Laura Krummenacker  
Daria Lynch  
William Madden  
Rosann Markowitz  
Marianne Marquat  
Nicole Martocci  
Marta Misztal

Kristin Murphy  
Danielle Neri  
Miladys Ortega  
Kim Pelan  
Samantha Peterson  
Tracy Reilly  
Angela Richford  
Deanna Rosenberg  
Jenise Scanlon  
Poliana Schmitt  
Suzanne Simone  
Maria Wenstrom  
Samantha Zambrzcki  
Nicole Zinerco



"Train up a child in the way he should go,  
and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6





# God Bless Our Children

who have received their  
**First Holy Communion**



Hazel Abbruzzese  
Giovanna Agliato  
Anthony Andreoni  
Carter Apicella  
Salome Avila  
Valentina Avila  
Megan Becker  
Owen Beedenbender  
Charles Boccard  
Julia Bourgoin  
Alexander Bracco  
Tyler Brown  
Riley Cacioli  
Emily Carbone  
James Cillis  
Aiden Clarke  
Francesca Clemente  
Patrick Cox, Jr.  
Avery D'Amico  
Joshua Denmark  
Camden DePresco  
Aria DeSalvo  
Callie Dolce  
Nicholas Donohue  
Braden Fechter  
Olivia Fernhoff  
Mackenzie Finan  
Adam Fischer  
Thomas Foronjy  
Joshua Fullam  
Robert Gasparro, Jr.  
Tyler Gebbia  
Blaine Gehshan  
Emiliana Giannadeo  
Julian Grano de Oro  
Soriah Grano de Oro  
Murphy Guercio

Nicholas Guercio  
Clell Hall  
Cole Harrison  
Liliana Hernandez  
Joseph Jurlando  
Colton Keller  
Helayna Klesin  
Viviana Korovezos  
Dylan Krolick  
Brayden LaMura  
Everly LaMura  
Nora Lederer  
Piper Legg  
Hannah Liebert  
Nicholas Lynch  
Aaron Madden  
Ella Magnano  
Owen Markowitz  
Ava Martins  
Luciano Martocci  
Brendan McCauley  
Michael McKell  
Harris Murat  
Avery Murphy  
Karson Murphy  
Liliana Murphy  
Christian Nacarolo  
Gianna Napolitano  
Nicholas Neri  
Logan Nicotra  
Noah Nicotra  
Lilliana Nordmann  
Klara Nowacki  
John O'Connor  
Harper O'Sullivan  
Carmine Ochrym

Cecilia Palacio  
Lorenzo Passanisi  
Paolo Pecoraro  
Riley Pelan  
Alexander Perez  
Aria Perrone  
Stella Perrone  
Isabelle Peterson  
Thomas Pisani  
Nico Pomi  
Ryan Ramistella  
Carson Rathjen  
Jaxxton Reginella  
Luca Reinado  
Liam Richards  
Joseph Richford  
Julianna Rosenberg  
John Rost  
Adelynn Roumpas  
Stella Sangimino  
Ryan Scanlon  
Luchiano Schmitt  
Dominic Sciscioli  
Colton Shea  
Emmie Slinkosky  
Hope Sorice  
Giuliana Stabile  
Thomas Staats  
Kayla Superina  
Vincenzo Tamburro  
John Troiano  
James Vinberg  
Jonathan Vinberg  
Lucas Welsh  
Kevin Wenstrom  
Emily Zambrzycki  
Nico Zinerco

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said,  
"Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying,  
"Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

Matthew 26:26-28



# Mother's Day Remembrances



**We remember and pray for all our mothers  
and special women in our lives-  
those living and those who have gone before us.**

## In Memory of...

Ann Keena  
 Geraldine Keena  
 Isabella Burton Smith  
 Judy Keena  
 Kathy Kamine  
 Lucy Follo  
 Marie Guarino  
 Gwyneth Morris  
 Nanchine McManus  
 Nancy Gallagher  
 Nell Cangiano  
 All Keena, Follo, Burton &  
 Cangiano Mothers  
 Anna Bell  
 Hedwig Lewandowski  
 Theresa Prudenti  
 Ruth Alderdice  
 Marie Chester  
 Epifanie Salvia Rosen  
 Catherine Moreno  
 Mary O'Connor  
 Frances Monaco  
 Thomassina Collura  
 Lucy V. Marotta  
 Lucy M. Guiffre  
 Theresa Caracciolo  
 Ada Canalini  
 Ann Agostino  
 Kathleen Munoz  
 Ann Armandi  
 Barbara Philapavage  
 Tammy Sayres  
 Barbara Sayres  
 Ann Brennan  
 Anne Calia  
 Geraldine Cammarata  
 Anne Merlo  
 Florence Sassano  
 Josephine Sassano  
 Madeline Zanfini  
 Anna Maria Filiberto  
 Lina Grisanzio  
 Rose Minichello  
 Jean Bruno  
 Rose Schreiber  
 Dollie DeSanto

Marie Gargiulo  
 Irene B. Kucz waj  
 Virginia Makowski  
 Lorraine Broderick-  
 Harrington  
 Irene "Honey" Kucz waj  
 Frances Marino  
 Mary Tanzola  
 Rose Russo  
 Marie Benvenuti  
 Theresa Schnurr  
 Anna Bursky  
 Theresa Medaro  
 Luisa Alvarado  
 Victoria Galary  
 Florina Talbot  
 Rolande Talbot  
 Maryellen Klaus  
 Grace Persich  
 Elizabeth Mulderig  
 Margaret Dorney  
 Maureen Kelly  
 Joann Galgano  
 Lucy V. Marotta  
 Lucy M. Guiffre  
 Frances Monaco  
 Thomassina Collura  
 Gloria Posimato  
 Rose Gatto  
 Elsie Pansaleo  
 Theresa Harris  
 Frances Galletti  
 Maria Aliano  
 Cleopatra  
 Joan Messina  
 Dorothy Logan  
 Anna Testa  
 Lucille DeVito  
 Rita Smith  
 J. Strafford  
 Eleanor Barkey  
 Helen Ruane  
 Estelle Sternberg  
 Ann Wirth  
 Marion Hoffman  
 Antoinette Radecki

Maureen E. Jost  
 Alice F. Jost-Kramer  
 Pauline Borkowski  
 Rose Cardone  
 Rose Gicola  
 Angelina Frangosie  
 Rita Castelluzzi  
 Ida Kotarski  
 Marie Otarola  
 Gloria Orbe  
 Donna Hegarty  
 Marian Hegarty  
 Alice Klein  
 Mary Humphries  
 Pat Mosca  
 Roberta Lamb  
 Teresa Lamb  
 Laura McQuade  
 Patricia Jackson  
 Laraine Miller  
 Jean Turdo  
 Carolyn Hanczor  
 Sue Melillo  
 Florence Marturano  
 Ann T. Slattery  
 Mae McCutchen  
 Lillian Deis  
 Viola Cook  
 Elizabeth Longcor  
 Lucy Esposito  
 Lorraine Canicatti  
 Prudence DelGaudio  
 Frances Grass  
 Mildred Serrantonio  
 Mary Travers  
 Thelma Hasenzahl  
 Eleanor Trapani  
 Irene Hansen  
 Hilda Hansen  
 Maria Slowikowsky  
 Marie Puppa  
 Margaret Leptich  
 Gloria Posimato  
 Josephine Posimato  
 Mary Kain  
 Mary Moylan

Teresa Navarra  
 Ada Agugliano  
 Norma Heffernan  
 Adalaide DeNobrega  
 Frances Giambanco  
 Ellen Trapani  
 Josephine Vitale  
 Bridget Mazucco  
 Jean Basile  
 Madeline Crowley  
 Patricia Mennella  
 Vincenza Castronovo  
 Marie Koerick  
 Mildred Kane  
 Terry Hall  
 Emma Fumai  
 Angela Fumai  
 Lorraine Otto  
 Lillian Buckhout  
 Jane Daly  
 Mary E. Knipper  
 Jayne Kiley  
 Patricia Schussler  
 Kathleen Paciullo  
 Marie Morris  
 Pauline Kruk  
 Elizabeth Conway  
 Dorothy Conway  
 Frances Birkins  
 Clara Orlando  
 Mary Bivetto  
 Angeline Winters  
 Stella Gugala  
 Edith Hornberger  
 Lee Sclafani  
 Georgette Eckhardt  
 Ann Skwarek  
 Theresa Carofano  
 Antonia Minerva  
 Maria Ligabo  
 Teresa Dragotta  
 Eleanor DiMichele  
 Frances B. Kelly  
 Dorothy F. Kohler  
 Catherine Neary  
 Stella Konchalski





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## In Memory of...

Catherine Henry  
Helen McCulloch  
Joy Travers  
Nancy Giambalvo  
Lucia Chirafisi  
Ana Tshumi  
Dorothy Sneckenberg  
Catherine Rober  
Virginia Chasinov  
Lucy Lescinski  
Joan Metzner  
Margaret A. Walker  
Celeste E. Babi  
Marianna Iacovelli  
Anna Cervone  
Anna Gionfriddo  
Josephine Fausone  
Irene Sims  
Gaetana Carnesi

Dorothy Zeltmann  
Rosaria Penzavecchia  
Carmela Marcucci  
Maria Eannacone  
Rose Marino  
Linda Marino  
All Our Mothers  
Catherine O'Grady  
Catherine Hauser  
Anne M. Green  
Genevieve Jamrock  
Marlies Bisso  
Josephine O'Shea  
Rosalie A. Hanchen  
Sylvia Tedeschi  
Magdalena Zapata  
Margarita Ballesteros  
Clara Ferony

Renda Mothers  
Barry Mothers  
Antoinette Vilardi  
Isabel Kislack  
Dotty Morris  
Liz Cuskey  
Cecilia Lopes  
Emma Emerson  
Anne Mattera  
Melba Lotierzo  
Agnes Detweiler  
Josephine Murphy  
Mary Italiano  
Bertha Perrino  
Helen O'Hara  
Nancy Jones  
Gloria Dandrea  
Gaetana Grobluski

Jane Shannon  
Gertrude Kelly  
Anna Karwowski  
Anne Rudnicki  
Theresa Natoli  
Patricia Messina  
Emma Feldman  
Mary Reece  
Rebecca Nesfield  
Annie Ryan  
Helen Reece  
Marge Cortegiano  
Sarah Cortegiano  
Margaret Missbach  
Josephine DiRosa  
Calogera DiRosa  
Anna Mula  
Joan Edwards  
Rosaria LoPiccolo

## In Honor of...

Cindy Follo  
Karen Follo  
Lisa Follo  
Mei Ying Eng  
Mela Silva  
Regina Follo  
Veronica Follo  
All Keena, Burton &  
Cangiano moms  
Garcia Moms  
Maryanne Detweiler  
Anne Burke  
Rosalina Simoes  
Lori  
Loretta Schroeder  
Kelly Davis

Teresa Vilardi  
Renda Mothers  
Barry Mothers  
Elsa Abreu  
Miryam Ballesteros  
Carol Ann Corrigan  
Bridgette Volpe  
Casey Schultz  
Patricia O'Connor  
Cornelia McLean  
Ann Magnani  
Nancy Avdoulos  
Lucy Talbot  
Susan Marques  
Kathryn Aurricchio  
Julianne Inghilterra  
All of Our Mothers

Sovina Fuentes  
Dorothy Padrone  
Carolyn Beccarelli  
Anna Castellano  
Jessica Modzel  
Mary Ann Canalini  
Mary Lou Smith  
Isabella Altamore  
Lucrezia Altamore  
Theresa Colica  
Margaret Scaparro  
Anne Borruso  
Diane Hancock  
Mayra Hancock  
Maria Babula  
Aldona Gawoys  
Barbara Scholl

Mary Ryder  
Elise Louro  
Karen Easton  
Denise Sargent  
Patricia Nesfield  
Susan Necroto  
Jennifer Nesfield  
Cornelia Polik  
Judith Abbate  
Jeannette Caponegro  
Ann Marie Kalisky  
Marianna Marchewka  
Agatha Anzalone  
Lee Martino  
Ann Marie Polizzi  
Eileen Catania





# PARISH OUTREACH

## BLOOD DRIVE

**Wednesday,  
July 15, 2026**



Our annual Blood Drive will be held on  
Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Just an early reminder  
that a 56-day interval is necessary  
between donations.**

To participate in the  
Holy Cross Blood Drive this year,  
**your last day to give blood in other drives  
must be before May 20th.**

More information to follow  
in the weeks to come.

**Thank you**

## HEALTHY SUNDAYS



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

**in the Atrium**

Parish of the Holy Cross R.C. Church  
95 Nichols Rd., Nesconset, NY 11767



- **Blood Pressure Screening**
- **Education and Referrals**



## HOLY CROSS BEREAVEMENT

### *Circle of Friends*

Please join us for our new monthly Bereavement gathering, **"Circle of Friends,"** which offers support and connection to those who have suffered a loss of a loved one in the past year (or more). ***This is a less structured meeting where we gather to discuss new life issues that you are experiencing, helping you to navigate new challenges that may arise after the loss of your loved one.***

The group is not therapy but simply a discussion group where you will meet other people who have also suffered loss.

"Circle of Friends" is for those who lost a loved one (not newly bereaved) and are looking for a safe and supportive environment to share, discuss new challenges, and connect.

Our first meeting will meet on **Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30pm to 3:00pm in the Father Joe Room.** To attend, please call the Outreach office at 631-265-2200 to **register by May 18th.**

*Come and share, pray and make new connections!*



## Lions Recycle For Sight Program



Refractive errors can be easily corrected with eyeglasses, yet millions living in low- and middle-income countries lack access to basic eye care services. The **Lions Club of Nesconset** have recognized the urgent need for corrective lenses and collect usable glasses in their communities to support the **Lions Recycle For Sight Program**.

**The Parish of the Holy Cross Outreach will be coordinating with the Lion's Club in collecting your old or unused prescription glasses for this wonderful program.**

If you have any old or unused prescription glasses you would like to donate, please bring them in and drop them off at the Outreach Office. Thank you.

## Thank You YCC Youth Volunteers!



Thank you for the time and effort you have given throughout the year. Your help with hospitality and the many other opportunities has made a real difference. We truly appreciate your willingness to show up, support others, and be part of our parish community.

Stay tuned for possible volunteer opportunities over the summer.  
*Best of luck with the rest of the school year and your finals!*



Join our Remind group: [rmd.at/ycchc](https://rmd.at/ycchc)



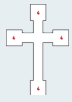
## Practice of Charity

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

Jesus asks you to follow His commandments for love of Him. You are never alone in walking the way of Christ, for He has given you the gift of His Holy Spirit, who comforts you and guides you in every good work. In 1 Peter 3:15-18, Peter speaks of Jesus' commandment to proclaim the truth of the Good News; that Jesus loves you and you are worthy to be saved. Peter speaks of the risk involved in proclaiming this Good News.

You may be "maligned" for speaking about Jesus. Be brave and "always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope" in Jesus. Do not be angry if people put you down for following this command. Speak of Jesus "with gentleness and reverence."

Lean on the power of the Holy Spirit and know that you are loved beyond measure for following in the footsteps of Christ.



# PRAYER, ACTION & COMMUNITY

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

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| TICKETS                             | TICKET SALE DATES |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| \$40 for a single ticket            | APRIL 25-26       |
| \$35 each for a pair of tickets     | MAY 9-10,         |
| \$30 each for a party of 8 or more. | MAY 30-31         |
|                                     | JUNE 6-7          |

All proceeds to benefit the councils charitable support.

### Special Collection



This weekend, at the offertory, we will also be collecting for our

### Renovations and Major Repairs Fund

*Thank you for your continued support.*

Next week we will also be collecting for Catholic Communications.

### GRANDPARENTS' PRAYER

Grandparents



Our next meeting is on **WEDNESDAY, May 13th**

Join us in the Chapel at **1:30PM**



### In Stitches

Join us for conversation and laughs as we work on new or unfinished knitting, crocheting, quilting, needlepoint, crafts or sewing projects.

Tuesday, May 12th, 10AM, Fr. Joe Room

*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)

### HOLY CROSS SENIORS



Our next meeting is on **Wednesday, MAY 13th**

Join us in the Atrium from **11:30 AM - 2:30 PM**

**JOIN US: Children K - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Children's Liturgy of the Word Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:30AM Mass**

# PRAYER, ACTION, & COMMUNITY



## Parish Ministry Spotlight



### Scripture Study



Pictured above are some of the members of the Scripture Study Ministry.

If you are seeking and looking for answers to the Bible readings, this is a good place to start. We are a group of about 40 people and good-spirited. Mary Schultz who started Scripture Study well over 20 years ago, reflects on the upcoming Sunday readings. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. Mary first starts off with the Saint of the day, then we go into a meditation followed by a song. We have a brief discussion with one another about the meditation and go into the gospel readings. Before and after each reading, Mary discusses and explains what each reading means, what message it brings to us and how it relates in today's world. At the end, we say intentions and who we want to pray for (Prayer is Powerful). Oh, did I mention we have coffee and some snacks before and after the second reading? 😊

Meetings are held every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 10AM in the Atrium

*Come check us out!*

### Holy Cross Ministries

*Sharing the gifts God gives us with others*



For a full list of parish ministry descriptions, please visit our website at: <https://holycrossrc.org/ministry-club-committees>

- Time
- Talent
- Friendship
- Leadership

*Come Join Us!*

"We must know that we have been created for greater things, not just to be a number in the world, not just to go for diplomas and degrees, this work and that work. We have been created in order to love and to be loved".

-Mother Teresa



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If your business could use some exposure, consider advertising in the bulletin. Each weekend, approximately a thousand people attend Mass at Holy Cross, most of whom live and shop in Nesconset and the surrounding areas. Also, our bulletin is on our website [holycrossrc.org](http://holycrossrc.org) and reaches thousands of area families with information about your business.

If you are interested in advertising, or would like more information, please call Karina in the parish office at 631-265-2200 ext. 110.



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## Level 8 Reconciliation for Confirmation



will take place on  
**Tuesday, May 12th**  
at 5pm or 6:30pm



or  
**Saturday,**  
**May 16th**  
at 9am



### BECOME A PRAYER PARTNER FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

In the April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> bulletin, we invited you to take an insert sheet of paper that has the name of one of our Confirmation candidates.

We ask that you pray for that student by name during these next weeks before Confirmation which takes place on June 3<sup>rd</sup> this year.

During the month of May, we will have a special mailbox in the Atrium for you to place a "Congratulations" card, letting the candidate know you have been praying for them by name. On the day of Confirmation, the students will be given these cards.

**Please submit your letter or card to the Confirmation Candidate who you are praying for, no later than May 31<sup>st</sup> into the box in the Atrium.**

## 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, Mt. Pleasant, and Hiawatha

*Prayerfully consider this need to serve.*

Please call Jennifer or Mary at the Religious Education office  
at 631-265-2200. *Thank you!*



# 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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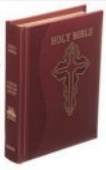
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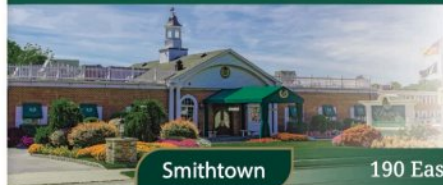
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