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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.



Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 18, 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



WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

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9 AM - 12 NOON

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

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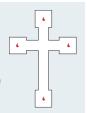
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WHIRLWIND DAYS OF LIFE



Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael

These days of spring can become a whirlwind of life. By last Sunday afternoon, I was literally dizzy after the weekend's activities. We had the final two First Communion Masses on Saturday, then the usual Confessions and Saturday evening Mass. I had a group of friends over to the house for dinner on Saturday evening. Sunday morning was the regular schedule of Masses with a Mother's Day blessing woven into all of them. We also had a baptism class and a blessing for some new parents. An afternoon wedding followed by a baptism completed the day. I'm not complaining, it was both energizing and exhausting having so many activities in one weekend. At the end of these uplifting and frenzied days, my prayer is that our efforts here allow people to experience the good news of God's love in their lives. Sacraments are moments of grace, and to play a role in people encountering God is a profound privilege.

It is not just busy in the Church, but for many families these days are filled with an array of activities. School events start moving into the year-end mode and graduations are approaching on the horizon. Attending First Communions, family parties, Mother's Day, Father's Day and delighting in the warmth of spring moving into summer make these days abound with life. In the midst of all these life-giving moments, we recognize we also celebrate the gift of the Risen Christ in this holy season of Easter.

There is also an air of excitement and anticipation surrounding the election of our new pope. Who would have thought we would have an American pope? Folks are asking me if I have any secret insights into who he is or what his pontificate may look like. I don't; I'm reading the same things that you are. Certainly, a man who has dedicated years of his life serving the poor as a missionary has a credibility in proclaiming the gospel. Most folks are describing him as a caring man and balanced in his approach to Church life. Time will tell how things will unfold. There is something intriguing about seeing the ancient traditions of selecting a pope being exercised again. While there are these long-standing human traditions, there is also an awareness of the Holy Spirit being at work in the midst of it all.

Also, add into the mix that the celebration of Pentecost is also approaching. Pentecost is one of those days that I feel demands more attention than it sometimes gets. There are so many aspects to the day that touch our hearts and human experience. The day is sometimes referred to as the birthday of the Church. We are currently planning how our liturgies will be particularly joyful for this great feast. Not only will we be celebrating Pentecost here with great fanfare, but the Diocese is sponsoring a Eucharistic Congress that will take place at St. Anthony's High School throughout the day. More information will be found in the bulletin in the coming weeks.

I hope good and holy things are happening in your life in this season of new life.





ON THE CALENDAR

Saturday, May 17th After 5:00PM Mass, Atrium	YCC HOSPITALITY
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Sunday, May 18thK of After All Masses, Atrium	of C TICKET SALES
Sunday, May 18thCHI 11:30AM Mass, Fr. Joe Room	LDREN'S LITURGY
Sunday, May 18th 1:00PM, Worship Area	BAPTISMS
Tuesday, May 20th 10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room	IN STITCHES
Tuesday, May 20th 7:00PM, Fr. Joe Room	MOMS' GROUP
Wednesday, May 21stSUFFOLK E	DA PRESENTATION
Wednesday, May 21stLEVEL 8 5:00PM or 7:00PM, Worship Area, Chapel	RECONCILIATION
Thursday, May 22nd ADULT CON 7:00PM, Fr. Joe Room	FIRMATION CLASS

CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



MAY 24 5:00 PM FR. MICHAEL

MAY 25 8:00 AM FR. MICHAEL

9:30 AM FR. FRANK

11:30 AM FR. FRANK



SCRIPTURE READINGS for MAY 25

+ Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

+ Revelation 21:10-14. 22-23

+ John 14:23-29



Practice of Hope

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

In the last discourse in John's Gospel, Jesus speaks to an intimate group in the most intimate of terms. There is an urgency to his address. The commandment he gives is new because the love he is speaking about is new, all-consuming, and sacrificial. For his followers to understand this love, Jesus demonstrates it on the cross. Without the crucifixion, they will never grasp what Jesus is asking of them. Christians today have had millennia to comprehend this kind of love; after all, our central symbol is the crucifix.

Read excerpts from Pope Francis' homily about the death of Jesus on the cross, available here:

 $https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2023/documents/20230402\\ -omelia-palme.html$

In this resurrection season, pray before the crucifix, thanking God for the hope we have been given through the action of his Son.

If there is not a crucifix in your home, purchase one at a religious goods store and display it. If you have children, teach them why Christians honor the crucifix.

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, May 18 9:00AM Masses:

Mon. Dan Drey (living)
Tues. Henry Wangenstein
Wed. Laura Henderson (living)
Thur. Elizabeth Ann Riordan

Saturday, May 24, 5PM Mass

Jean Warren, James E. Guiliano, Jean Frank, Jennie Farco, Carl William Betz

Sunday, May 25, Masses

8:00 AM Arthur Buckhout
9:30 AM Msgr. Dan Picciano, Manuel Coelho,
Benjamin Reichbach, Gloria Posimato,
Bernard Wilcenski, Joseph Fanuele

11:30AM People of the Parish



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



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

Bob Alderdice Theresa Arzillo Alejandro Astegiano Jo Barry Kathy Barry Cole Brennan Judy Carlson Mary Champagne William Ciccarelli Kimberly Crawford-Arbocus Grayson Danielski Anthony DeGennaro Manuela Diaz Ann Egan Vincent Esposito Ralph Farino Yolanda Fattarusso Sienna Fricke Linda Giordano James Greene Linda Heinrichs Ralph Hughes Ryan Huscher Debbie Jablinowski Kristen Kennedy Caroline Lazar Carol Leahy Victor Lewandowski Jo-Ann Loh

Mary Lopez Gerald Losquadro Viola Malek Jeanne Marie Mallev Steve Matonti Olivia Melia Loretto Narducci Andrea Nocito Darin Pitkanen Patricia Pitkanen Colleen Prinz Carina Ranieri Rob Remhild Liam Richards Lvnn Rodaer Sean Romeo Elaine Ruane Jacqueline Santamaria Louise Scagnelli Casey Schultz Kathy Schwinn John Serri Celeste Sichenze Sue Southard Bill Tanner Grace Van Epps Peter Warns Emma Zeidman

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.

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way.

The Lord be with you all.

2 Thessalonians 3:16





MARY'S MONTH - MAY



LITURGY BYTES by Michele Hall



For centuries, Catholics have set aside the month of May as a time to honor Mary, the Mother of Jesus. During this month, there are two separate days when she is honored: on May 13th as Our Lady of Fatima, and on May 31st the Church celebrates the Visitation when Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth. It is also important for us to know that there are misconceptions out there accusing Catholics of worshipping Mary. Simply put, as Catholics we honor Mary.

As the Mother of God, Mary has a unique position among the saints. She is exalted but she is still one of us. Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close tie, she has the dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God. Because of this very special gift, she is a special creature both in heaven and on earth. One of the documents from Vatican II, Lumen Gentium, tells us that she belongs to the offspring of Adam, and she is one with all those who are to be saved.

Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to Jesus, her Son. In these devotions to Mary while she is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being, is rightly known, loved and glorified. The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.

Perhaps during this month, praying the Rosary would be something new or different for some of us to take part in. There are numerous resources about how to pray the Rosary available, if needed. Look at the example of our beloved Pope Francis who requested he be buried outside the Vatican at the Church of St. Mary Major because of his great love and devotion to Our Lady.

"O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!"

Have a Mary filled, prayerful, and peaceful week ahead!

Crowning of The Blessed Mother - "A May Tradition"

The crowning of Mary is done in the month of May near Mother's Day. The crowning is symbolic of Mary as Queen of Heaven and the Mother of God. We entrust all our intentions to her, and she takes them to her Son who is King.











Every year in May, our lovely ladies in Scripture Study honor our Blessed Mother by crowning her, as was the tradition in their younger years. She is the most important woman of our faith, and our spiritual mother.

PARISH OUTREACH





BLOOD DRIVE - Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Our annual Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, July 16th. Just an early reminder that a **56-day interval** is necessary between donations. <u>To participate in the Holy Cross Blood Drive this year, your last day to give blood in other drives must be before May 20th</u>. More information to follow in the weeks to come. Thank you!



Types of Financial Exploitation By Someone You Trust

Financial Crimes can sometimes be committed by someone the victim knows, e.g., family members, friend, caregivers or by fiduciaries such as agents under a power of attorney, guardians, etc. Learn how to detect when it is happening to you.

By Strangers

Protect yourself and loved ones from financial exploitation. Learn how to recognize and protect yourself from identity theft against fraudulent individuals claiming to represent known institutions, and more in this presentation from the Office of the Suffolk County District Attorney in association with the Suffolk County Police Department's Financial Crimes Unit.

LEARN ABOUT WHAT'S TRENDING NOW...IN THE NEWS

The Suffolk County District Attorney's Office is committed to fighting financial crimes in our senior citizen community.

Please join us as an Assistant
District Attorney from the
Financial Crimes Bureau
instructs us on how to protect
ourselves and guard our
personal information from
scammers and fraudsters.
They will also advise how to
prevent losing our life savings
and getting our identity stolen
by con artists and swindlers.

Please join us for this informative and timely presentation.

Wednesday, May 21st 1:30 pm

in the Chapel at Parish of the Holy Cross 95 Nichols Road Nesconset

Please RSVP by Monday, May 19th to the Holy Cross Outreach office (631) 265-2200 ext. 113



Are you or someone you know in the parish, homebound or anticipating an operation or treatment of cancer?

Holy Cross reaches out to the homebound and hospitalized. Please help us by contacting Parish Outreach or a member of the Pastoral Team if you know of anyone we can serve in their time of need.

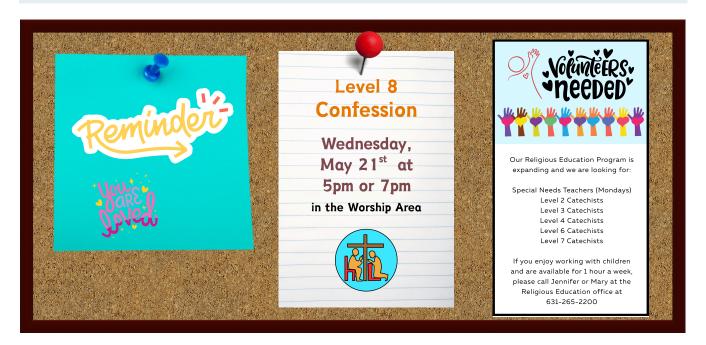


BLESSING BAGS Donation Request

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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION





Mother's Day Remembrances

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



In Memory of ...

Victoria Galary Florina Talboť Rolande Talbot Sara Connor Carmela Pappalardo Caroline Downs Anthonet Gavaz Rosalie A Hanchen Sylvia Tedeschi **Ğrace** Persich Elizabeth Mulderig Maryellen Klaus Justina Navarro Madeline Doyle Jo Campanelli Marcela Chua Chiaco Fely Marco

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All are invited for a day of prayer, catechesis, Adoration, and Holy Mass with Bishop John O. Barres. This congress will deepen devotion and equip attendees to share the graces of the Eucharist through inspiring talks, witness testimonies, worship, fellowship, and the culmination of the Eucharistic Pilgrimage

For registration, schedule, and more details, visit:

www.drvc.org/congress

CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS





Cardinal Robert Prevost has been elected pope and will be known as Pope Leo XIV.

The 69-year-old is the first American pope and will lead members of the Catholic Church's global community.

Grow your faith

The Diocese of Rockville Centre is hosting numerous events in the next few weeks. Visit the website, or scan the bar codes for more information on these events.



PRAY WITH JESUS. WALK WITH JESUS.

NASSAU

Saturday, May 31 8:00 pm Our Holy Redeemer, Freeport

Sunday, June 1

7:00 pm Maria Regina, Seaford

Monday, June 2 Holy Family, Hicksville

Tuesday, June 3 7:00 pm Our Lady of Loretto, Hempstead

Wednesday, June 4

Our Lady of Victory, Floral Park Thursday, June 5 7:00 pm

Notre Dame, New Hyde Park Friday, June 6 7:00 pm St. Patrick, Glen Cove

Learn more and see the full schedule at drvc.org/congress

Each night will have:

SUFFOLK

Saturday, May 31

7:00 pm Basilica of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus # Mary, South Hampton

Sunday, June 1

7:00 pm St. John the Baptist, Center Moriches

Monday, June 2

7:00 pm Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Patchogue

Tuesday, June 3

7:00 pm St. Patrick, Smithtown

Wednesday, June 4

7:00 pm St. Joseph, Babylon

Thursday, June 5

7:00 pm St. Anne, Brentwood

Friday, June 6

7:00 pm St. Philip Neri, Northport





Saturday, May 31 Opening Mass at St. Therese Montauk 10:00 am

Procession through Montauk

11:00 am - 12:00 noon

Opening Mass at St. Agnes Cathedral 5:00 pm

Procession to St. Christopher, Baldwin

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Procession from Our Lady of Poland to Basilica of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary, Southampton

6:00 pm Sunday, June 1

Mass at St. Isidore, Riverhead

Procession to St. John, Riverhead 11:30 am

Mass at Cure of Ars, Merrick

7:30 am Procession to St. Barnabas, Bellmore 8:30 am

ss at St. Barnabas, Bellmore 10:30 am

Procession to St. William the Abbot Seaford 12: 00 noon

Monday, June 2

Mass at St. Raphael, East Meadow 7:30 am

Procession to Holy Trinity High School 8:30 am

Tuesday, June 3

Sts. Philip and James, St. James Procession to St. Patrick, Smithtown 11:00 am

Wednesday, June 4

Mass at Corpus Christi, Mineola

Procession to Chaminade High School

Thursday, June 5 St. John of God, Central Islip Procession to St. Anne, Brentwood 6:00 pm

Friday, June 6

Mass at St. Gertrude, Bavville 8:30 am

Procession to St. Dominic, Oyster Bay 9:30 am

Saturday, June 7

Closing Mass at St. Hugh of Lincoln, Huntington Station 8:30 am

Closing Procession and Benediction St. Patrick, Huntington

Walk with Jesus

Mark your calendars for days of public witness, walking with Jesus on the roads of Long Island.



Learn more and see the full schedule at drvc.org/congress



PARISH COMMUNITY

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



Repairs and Major Renovations Fund

Thank you for your continued support.



Moms of all ages and all stages welcome!

The next meeting is Tuesday, May 20th at 7pm in the Fr. Joe Room







Please RSVP by Monday, June 16th, by returning this slip to the Parish Office.

Name	
Phone	Volunteer Appreciation
Ministry	Ice Cream Social









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 through March, April and May
- Drawing will be held MAY 28TH

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!		
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