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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.



Third Sunday of Easter - May 4, 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



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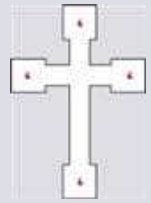
**NEW OUTREACH HOURS:
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Evening Hours by Appointment Only**



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for more information on how we can serve you.



DON'T JUDGE A VALLEY BY ITS NAME



Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael

Allow me to share with you a bit of something fun I did. Last week I took a few days off after Easter to go on a little getaway with a friend. Although I had visited there a couple of times with brief day trips, I always wanted to spend more time. It may seem a bit unusual, but our destination was Death Valley, California. At first glance, the name may seem to be abundantly accurate. When summer temperatures soar above 120, when you can stand on arid ground almost 300 feet below sea level, and when the only surface to walk on is a layer of salt, you might conclude that Death Valley is an appropriate description. However, when you spend a little time there you realize there is life in abundance, but it may take a discerning eye to appreciate everything that surrounds you.



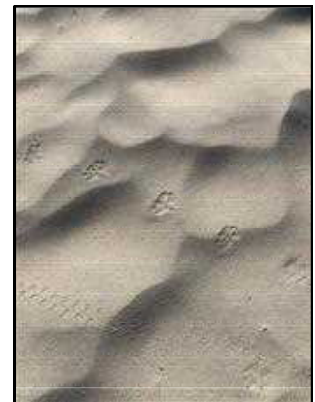
For the Timbisha Shoshone people, they don't need anyone to tell them that there is beauty and life to be found. This small group of native American people have called this desert location their home for over a thousand years. They adapted to the heat and found a way to make this extreme environment work for them. Needless to say, they are not fond of the name this land now bears. For them it will always be a place of life, not death. Through the years there were various periods of mining that took place. The busiest mining boom was in the 1880s when tremendous efforts were made to harvest a bit of gold but mostly an abundance of borax.



The most compelling reason for my wanting to visit was to see the night sky. It is considered one of the best places on the face of the earth for star gazing. The remote location eliminates virtually all light pollution, and the night sky explodes with stars beyond imagination. There was a richness in the darkness and silence that is difficult to duplicate elsewhere. Upon arrival at the area where we wanted to observe the stars, we were greeted by a coyote in the headlights of our car. He didn't bother us, and we certainly didn't bother him. We stayed only about a half hour, but it was amazing that the simple night sky could reveal the grandeur it did. I left offering a prayer of gratitude for the beauty that had been revealed.



Another element of the desert and Southwest that I find so compelling is the wind. Through my years of travel, I have encountered a warm driving wind that rumbles along the sands and through the mountains. I don't know why or how, but there is something life-giving to feel the movement of air seemingly coming out of nowhere but nonetheless surrounding and enveloping you. If you have ever had a moment like this, it becomes apparent why one of the traditional images of the Holy Spirit is a driving wind. I don't know how many other visitors there were acknowledging or celebrating the Risen Lord, but for me it was a profound experience of the life our Lord offers, even in what seems to be the most remote and desolate place.



Easter celebrates new life. I am grateful for the time away and some relaxation. I am deeply touched by the richness of this obscure, wondrous, and mysterious place. If it were up to me to give it a new name, I would ponder names like Spirit, or Hidden Treasure or Secrets Revealed, all of which would be more accurate descriptions of this amazing valley. May the mystery, wonder, and gift of the Risen Lord continue to be revealed to all of us. Easter Blessings!



ON THE CALENDAR

CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



MAY 10

**5:00 PM
FR. MICHAEL**

MAY 11

**8:00 AM
FR. MICHAEL**

**9:30 AM
FR. MICHAEL**

**11:30 AM
FR. MICHAEL**



**SCRIPTURE
READINGS
for MAY 11**

**+ Acts 13:14, 43-52
+ Revelation 7:9, 14b-17
+ John 10:27-30**

Saturday, May 3rd..... FIRST COMMUNIONS
10:30AM & 1:00PM, Worship Area

Saturday, May 3rd..... HOLY HOUR
3:45PM - 4:45PM, Worship Area

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

Sunday, May 4th..... CHILDREN'S LITURGY
11:30AM Mass, Fr. Joe Room

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

Monday, May 5th GARDEN COMMITTEE MEETING
4:30PM, Fr. Joe Room

Tuesday, May 6th IN STITCHES
10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room

Tuesday, May 6th FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE
6:00PM OR 7:00PM, Worship Area, Atrium

Wednesday, May 7th BEREAVEMENT
1:30PM, Fr. Joe Room

Wednesday, May 7th KEEPING THE FIRE ALIVE
7:00PM, Atrium, Chapel

Thursday, May 8th WOMEN'S BIBLE CIRCLE
10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room

Thursday, May 8th KEEPING THE FIRE ALIVE
1:30PM, Atrium, Chapel

Thursday, May 8th ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS
7:00PM, Fr. Joe Room

Saturday, May 10th FIRST COMMUNIONS
10:30AM & 1:00PM, Worship Area

Saturday, May 10th K of C TICKET SALES
After 5:00PM Mass, Atrium

Sunday, May 11th K of C TICKET SALES
After All Masses, Atrium

Sunday, May 11th BAPTISM GATHERING
9:30 Mass, Worship Area, Fr. Joe Room

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 4

9:00AM Masses:

Mon. Albina Sangemino

Tues. Grayson Robert Danielski (living)

Wed. James Drey (living)

Thur. David Drey (living)

Saturday, May 10, 5PM Mass

All Mother's Day Mass Remembrances

Sunday, May 11

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM Masses

All Mother's Day Mass Remembrances

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

Bob Alderdice	Mary Lopez
Theresa Arzillo	Gerald Losquadro
Alejandro Astegiano	Viola Malek
Jo Barry	Jeanne Marie Malley
Kathy Barry	Steve Matonti
Cole Brennan	Olivia Melia
Judy Carlson	Diana Metzger
Hank Champagne	Loretto Narducci
Mary Champagne	Andrea Nocito
William Ciccarelli	Darin Pitkanen
Kimberly Crawford-Arbocus	Patricia Pitkanen
Grayson Danielski	Colleen Prinz
Anthony DeGennaro	Carina Ranieri
Manuela Diaz	Rob Remhild
Ann Egan	Liam Richards
Vincent Esposito	Lynn Rodger
Ralph Farino	Sean Romeo
Yolanda Fattarusso	Elaine Ruane
Sienna Fricke	Jacqueline Santamaria
Linda Giordano	Louise Scagnelli
James Greene	Casey Schultz
Linda Heinrichs	Kathy Schwinn
Ralph Hughes	John Serri
Ryan Huscher	Celeste Sichenze
Debbie Jablinowski	Sue Southard
Kristen Kennedy	Bill Tanner
Caroline Lazar	Grace Van Epps
Carol Leahy	Peter Warns
Victor Lewandowski	Emma Zeidman
Jo-Ann Loh	



*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!

**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.**



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

Joseph Martin

*May he rest in peace,
and may his loved ones be consoled.*



IT IS FIRST COMMUNION TIME

LITURGY BYTES *by Michele Hall*



The warmth of spring, flowers blooming, and Easter bring us to another important time in the life of the Church, first Holy Communions! We have two Saturdays, May 3 and May 10, for our young people receiving Jesus for the very first time. When you come to Mass, you might notice a wall of blue banners on the glass side of the worship space. Spend a minute and take a look at these new folks joining us at the table of the Lord and remember them in your prayers.

Let us try to recall our own First Communion Day. What do you remember? Did your parents take many pictures of you in your Communion attire? Perhaps you were nervous, feeling uncomfortable in your new attire or just the opposite, excited and looking forward to receiving Jesus for the first time! No matter what our memories tell us, it is important to reflect on what it is that we are receiving and how this special relationship with Christ has changed our lives. Naturally, at the young age you received for the first time, the previous suggestions would only come at a much more mature time in our lives. However, planting the seeds early is the way young people grow in their love and understanding of this most sacred gift. In the following weeks, hopefully these new little ones will be here sharing at the table of the Lord with their parish family.

Anima Christi

*Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me. Within your wounds conceal me.
Do not permit me to be parted from you. From the evil foe protect me.
At the hour of my death call me.
And bid me come to you, to praise you with all your saints forever and ever. Amen.*

Have a blessed, prayerful, and peaceful week ahead!



Practice of Charity

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

The Church gives us fifty days to contemplate how the Lord draws us close, feeds us, and empowers us to be living witnesses of joy.

Put yourself in the shoes of the early Christians by reading all the Acts of the Apostles.

Seek an opportunity to feed the hungry this week.

Be alert to people who need a conversation about their faith and be ready to listen to them.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Level 2 **Communion Practice** for MAY 10th Communion

Tuesday,
May 6th at 6pm

if your child's Communion is
May 10th at 10:30am
or

Tuesday,
May 6th at 7pm

if your child's Communion is
May 10th at 1pm

Level 8 **Confession**

Wednesday,
May 21st at
5:00pm or 7pm
in the Worship Area



God Bless the Children
who received their
First Holy Communion
this week



Volunteers
needed



Our Religious Education Program is expanding and we are looking for:

Special Needs Teachers (Mondays)

Level 2 Catechists
Level 3 Catechists
Level 4 Catechists
Level 6 Catechists
Level 7 Catechists

If you enjoy working with children and are available for 1 hour a week, please call Jennifer or Mary at the Religious Education office at
631-265-2200



PARISH OUTREACH



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

**The collection will be this weekend,
May 3rd & 4th.**

Pancake mix - Pancake syrup
Shelf stable milk - Juice - Coffee
Fruit in a can - Snacks
Mayo - Chicken in a can
Jelly (grape and strawberry)
Sauce (no pasta please)
Bars of soap

*Thank you for checking expiration dates before donating.
Thank you for your continued support!*



We will meet on
Tuesday, May 13th, 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.

PREVENTING THE FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION OF SENIORS

Education & Training Program

What you need to know:

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**

PARISH COMMUNITY



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**Information Evening
Tuesday, May 13, @7:00PM
in the Atrium**



*Map is for reference purposes only.
It does not indicate the touring locations.



PARISH COMMUNITY



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



Holy Hour
Saturday, May 3rd
3:45pm - 4:45pm
in the Worship Area

Banns of Marriage



Megan Connor & Benjamin Reese
Taylor McDonough & Lucas Gallo



**Knights of
Columbus**

Tickets will be sold after all Masses on the
weekends of May 10, 17, 24, and June 7
for the

Veterans Benefit Flag Day Dinner **Saturday, June 14, 2025**

at St. James Church gym, Setauket

\$30pp / \$55 per couple
\$250 per table of 10

Knights of Columbus will also be selling chances
after all Masses on **May 17 & 18**
in the Atrium

Please stop by and
purchase chances to help support Holy Cross
and other charities.

See Next Week's Bulletin for More Information



Holy Cross Welcomes these Children Baptized in April



Anaya Reign Bennett
Toni Loren Culotta
Cillian Joseph Daly
Vienna Josephine DeForca
Harper Jean Diiorio
Leo Thomas Killoran
Rose Marie Loescher
Lillian James Marchica
Alexandra McGovern
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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 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!

Spring Cash Fling

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