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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.



Pentecost - June 8, 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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> > Parish Office FRIDAY HOURS 9 AM - 12 NOON

NEW OUTREACH HOURS:

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Evening Hours by Appointment Only

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

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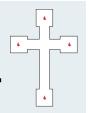
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THIS IS THE AIR I BREATHE



Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael

Based on the first Pentecost account from scripture, there are different images used to convey the power of the Holy Spirit. Fire, a dove, voices from heaven, and speaking and understanding tongues are different ways in which this presence of God is revealed. My favorite image is that of wind. A few weeks ago, I wrote about having holy and prayerful moments recently as I explored Death Valley in California. Those moments all involved being enveloped in a warm, comforting, life-giving wind. What makes it such a powerful image is that we not only feel it, but in fact we are taking it into our bodies with each breath we take. To allow trust to experience that presence of God in our lives is a rich gift and blessing.

This celebration of the Holy Spirit is abounding this weekend. On Friday, Bishop Barres was here to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with 110 of our young people. This weekend I am privileged to offer the sacrament to 12 adults from our community. The sacrament itself is quite simple; there are two main parts. The first is a prayer calling down the Holy Spirit to be upon the person(s) to be confirmed. The second is a simple sealing or signing of the cross on the forehead using the special Oil of Chrism. While the gestures themselves are not complicated, the reality of what is received often takes the passing of an abundance of time to fully appreciate what it means that we share in the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is a gift which continues to give meaning as our lives move forward.

When we have a private or personal moment of grace, it can be a rich blessing. But as great as those moments are, there is even something greater that can touch our lives. That is, when we share in those moments of grace as a body of believers. Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church. How do we enter into this holy moment of God's presence as a community of believers? Certainly, the celebration of the Eucharist is one of those moments. Traditionally, many parishes celebrate the diversity of ministries and gifts that are present in the community. It is an opportunity to recognize that the work of the Church is carried on by many people who use well the gifts God has given. We pray that Holy Cross may always be a place that gives witness to the power of the Spirit. May that presence be felt in our worship but also in the ministries and work we offer in the name of our Lord.

The title of this article mirrors the title of a song that we will be weaving throughout the celebrations of our Masses. The lyrics invite us to allow the very presence of God to be felt in our hearts just like the very air we hold in our lungs. May this Pentecost be for all of us a time to rejoice in the gift of the Spirit that renews our hearts and empowers this community to carry on. May it be a day of joy and blessing.





ON THE CALENDAR

Saturday, June 7th 8:00AM, Vegetable Garden	GARDEN CLEAN-UP
Saturday, June 7th3:45PM - 4:45PM, Worship Area	HOLY HOUR
Saturday, June 7th After 5PM Mass, Atrium	K of C TICKET SALES
Sunday, June 8th After All Masses, Atrium	K of C TICKET SALES
Sunday, June 8th9:30AM Mass, Worship Area, Fr. Joe Room	BAPTISM GATHERING
Sunday, June 8th 1:00PM, Worship Area	BAPTISMS
Monday, June 9th 7:00PM, Fr. Joe Room	LEVEL 7 TUTORIAL
Tuesday, June 10th 10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room	IN STITCHES
Wednesday, June 11th 11:30AM - 2:30PM, Atrium	SENIORS
Wednesday, June 11th7:00PM, Chapel, Atrium	KEEPING THE FIRE ALIVE
Wednesday, June 11th7:00PM, Fr. Joe Room	FINANCE COMMITTEE
Thursday, June 12th 10:30AM, Chapel, Atrium	KEEPING THE FIRE ALIVE
Sunday, June 15th 11:30AM Mass, Fr. Joe Room	CHILDREN'S LITURGY



CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES

> 5:00 PM FR. FRANK

JUNE 15 8:00 AM FR. FRANK 9:30 AM FR. MICHAEL

11:30 AM FR. MICHAEL



SCRIPTURE READINGS for JUNE 15

- + Proverbs 8:22-31
- + Romans 5:1-5
- +John 16:12-15



"And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were."

-Acts 2:1-2

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, June 8 9:00AM Masses:

Mon. Biagio Chirafisi

Tues. Barbara & Bill Burger (living) **Wed.** Neal & Concetta Romano

Thur. Rinaldi family

Saturday, June 14, 5PM MassAll Father's Day Mass Remembrances

Sunday, June 15, Masses 8:00 AM, 9:30AM & 11:30AM Masses All Father's Day Mass Remembrances

The **Bread and Wine** for the week have been donated in loving memory of **Daniel Bryan** by Maryann Fletcher.



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



Banns of Marriage

Alicia Williams & Christopher Murphy Rachel Siggilino & Ryan Clark Lauren Makley & Daniel Foley

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 Veronica Buscemi 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.



Holy Hour Saturday, June 7th

3:45pm - 4:45pm in the Worship Area

Please come and spend some time
with the Lord in personal prayer
as you pray before
the Blessed Sacrament
during the Parish Holy Hour.



COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



LITURGY BYTES by Michele Hall





The Easter season concludes with Pentecost, but we do not automatically jump back to Ordinary Time with the next two Sunday feasts. The weekend of June 14/15 is known as the feast of the Holy Trinity and the following weekend of June 21/22, the Church celebrates the Body of Christ, a/k/a Corpus Christi.

The feast of the Holy Trinity came about through the efforts of Pope John XXII in the thirteen hundreds. Even though the Church honors the Trinity in the Gloria at Mass, there were some Church officials that felt it was not necessary to designate a special day. However, during his reign John XXII ordered it for the entire Church on the first Sunday following Pentecost.

The feast of Corpus Christi has always been more popular because of the many processions that accompany the celebration. We gather together to celebrate the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Did you know that besides us, this feast is celebrated in certain Western Orthodox, Lutheran, and Anglican churches? This feast was first proposed by Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church, to Pope Urban IV. He wanted to emphasize the joy of the Eucharist being the Body and Blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus. It was officially established as a feast in 1264.

This year on the weekend of June 21/22, our parish will celebrate with a procession at the conclusion of Mass to the outside area around the building and conclude with a special Eucharistic blessing. We are hoping to have some of our First Communion children lead the procession dressed in their special Communion clothing. Keep an eye out for more information from the altar or in the bulletin and pray for beautiful weather to surround us!!

Have an extra special and blessed week ahead!!!



Practice of Charity

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

The world has awaited this moment since its creation: the birth of the Church, a singular people whose work is to continue the work of Christ in the world. And what work faces us! How do we confront with joy the work that restores honor to each aspect of creation? A model for our approach may be St. Francis, whose joyful love transcended all barriers.

Read Pope Francis' encyclical Fratelli tutti

(https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html). Inspired by St. Francis and addressed to the entire world, *Fratelli tutti* calls the faithful to love without barriers.

Pray for the courage through St. Francis' intercession, to enter an unfamiliar place. Try to break down a barrier - participate in an ecumenical service or attend a Mass for an age or language group other than yours.

Look for ways to serve those who live behind unbreachable walls - prisoners, addicts, and others isolated by despair.

PARISH OUTREACH





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

The collection will be this weekend, June 7th & 8th.

Shelf stable milk (Please no condensed milk)

Ketchup - Pasta Sauce - Tuna

Paper Towels - Toilet Paper

Thank you for checking expiration dates before donating.

Thank you for your continued support!



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.



We will meet on Tuesday, June 17, 1-3PM

in the Atrium

Every girl should have the chance to receive, own and wear a new dress. Our Dress a Girl ministry helps make this possible. We gather monthly to lovingly create dress kits at our "Cut-Ups" session. These dress kits are then available to take home, where skilled sewers create beautiful dresses. We hope that each dress symbolizes how special and loved each girl is. Our prayers are with them all.

If you would like to join us, we meet monthly to create the dress kits. If your talent lies in sewing, you are welcome to pick up a dress kit (with instructions) and create a beautiful dress for a girl in need.

All are welcome to join us. Not sure what you can offer?

Our ministry leaders will help guide you as you work alongside others.

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.



Have extra coins to spare? Remember "Kevin Bacon"

Don't forget to feed "Kevin Bacon" your quarters when you come to Mass on Sundays!

Your donation benefits Heifer International.

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PARISH COMMUNITY



Blessed Sacrament Council of the Parish of the Holy Cross and **Mother Theresa Council** of St. James/Setauket

are hosting a

Veterans Benefit Flag Day Dance

Proceeds will benefit both Councils and Local Veterans Organizations

Saturday, June 14, 2025

Come join us for Dinner and Dancing

at

St. James Gym, 429 NY 25-A, Setauket

Doors Open at 6:15 p.m. Dinner Served at 7:15 p.m.

The Knights of Columbus are a Catholic men's organization that is dedicated to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Your support helps provide resources to further their good work. Thank you in advance for your continued support.



Ticket Prices: Single Ticket \$30 Pair of Tickets \$55 Table of 10 \$250

Checks Payable to: "Blessed Sacrament Council"

Any questions, please contact: Chris Hessel (516) 993-3184 Rick Garcia (631) 860-4227

HOLY CROSS SENIORS



Wednesday, June 11th
We are meeting in the Atrium
from 11:30AM to 2:30PM

Children's Liturgy of the Word



Every 1st and 3rd

Sunday of the month at the 11:30AM Mass

JOIN US

on *Sunday, June 15th*. Children in Kindergarten through 3rd grade



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

Thank you for your continued support!

If you are involved in a ministry,
please join us
for an afternoon of fun
at our
Volunteer Appreciation

Ice Cream Social

In the Holy Cross Courtyard

Sunday June 22, 2025 by Monday June 16th

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

Name	
Phone	Volunteer Appreciation
Ministry	Ice Cream Social



Congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on June 6th



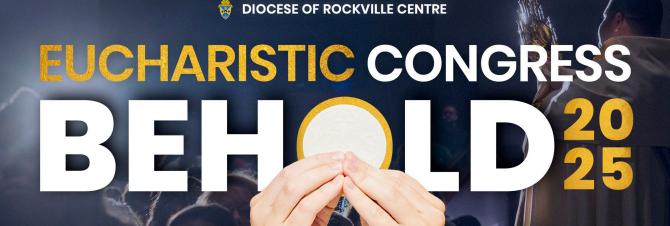
Veronica Olga Acosta Donovan Sebastian Albanese Breana Mary Anderson Rosie Sarah Armentano Tyler Richard Austin Matthew Patrick Ball Nicolas Patrick Beccarelli Sara Agnes Becker Ella Teresa Biamonte Brayden Sebastian Bjornson Jesse John Bleyer Adrianna Cecilia Boeri Vincent Joseph Calarco Marissa Mary Callea Charles Joseph Caruso Ashley Mary Chmela Patrick Daniel Citera Paolo Joseph Clemente Brayden Robert Clifford Eliana Elizabeth Clifford Jayden Joseph Colorio Giovanni Caesar Craig Drew Mark Cusumano Yasmin Teresa DeJesus Angelina Rosemarie Dellaratta Gabriella Mary DeSantolo Daniella Valerie DiMondo Matthew Michael Doherty Dylan Genesius Downing Fiona Catherine Dransite Abigail Anastasia Ennella Owen Joseph Fikes

Devyn Maria Fleming

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Sienna Grace McKinnon Jacqueline Catherine Mucaria Grace Claire Murolo Jacquelyn Brigid Nagle Angelina Lucy Nicoletta Isabella Isabella Nicoletta Erin Olivia O'Brien Tyler Michael O'Sullivan Sebastian Anthony Platania Anthony Francis Plunkett Gianna Angela Portigiano Anthony Peter Portillo Lorenzo Mario Pupplo Michael Peter Quedens Shannon Stella Reilly Gianna Angela Richford Liliana Samantha Roper Katelyn Maria Savino Jonathan Salvatore Scali Morgan Catherine Schaff Tyler Francis Schaff Jillian Valentina Siino Noah Isaac Sontag Julia Catherine Stylianoudakis Ella Lucy Taylor Jessica Rose Thomas Elena Therese Tramontana Michael Richard Tynebor Gianna Teresa Vigilante Jayla Louise Vigilante Jack Michael Vinberg James Christopher Wichtendahl Angelina Elizabeth Zendler

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.



with Guest Speakers:



Dr. Edward Sri



Father Pierre Toussaint, CFR



Father Jose Diaz



Sister Mary Gabriel, SV



Father Daniel Rivera

PENTECOST SUNDAY JUNE 8



10AM-5:30PM

Saint Anthony's High School, South Huntington



Admission is free but registration is required.

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



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 June, July and August
- Drawing will be held AUGUST 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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