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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.



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 5, 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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"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

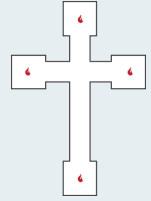
-Matthew 11:28-30

Visit our website at **www.holycrossrc.org**
for more information on how we can serve you.



GOD BLESS AMERICA

Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael



On July 4, 1976, I had just turned fifteen years old. One of the aspects of my life was that I was an employee of Penny Saver as a paper boy. It was a Sunday morning, and I had to make my appointed deliveries. I piled the papers high in my two-wheeled shopping cart as I usually did and walked my route. That Sunday morning was a little different. I brought along my state-of-the-art Panasonic "ball & chain" transistor radio (as opposed to the Toot-a-Loop radio which was also popular). I had it tuned to WOR radio that was giving live coverage of the Operation Sail/Tall Ship Parade that was taking place on the Hudson River. I wanted to hear every detail as to what was happening. There was an excitement that filled the day leading right up to the Fireworks Spectacular that night. I did not attend any of those events, but somehow I was caught up in the energy of the day.

I don't know if it was because of my youth or the climate of the times, but there was a magic to that day. Politics and life have gotten more complicated since then. Sadly, we seem to be lacking a spirit of unity. But we cannot give into negativity. We need to acknowledge the legacy of heroic and selfless individuals who in countless ways contributed to building our Nation. We share in a remarkable history. In addition, we can never give up on the dreams and visions of what we can still be. The possibilities that are rooted in the bounty of blessings we have received are limitless. We need to remain faithful in moving forward despite diversity and obstacles. The story of who we are as a Nation does not cease on this 250th anniversary. It is a milestone moment, but there is still so much more to come. Endless possibility is built into the American spirit.

The U.S. Bishops did us a tremendous favor and service in consecrating the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We are a nation who declares "In God We Trust," and we need to allow the Spirit of God's grace to be part of our vision as we move forward. There are so many beautiful aspects to the Sacred Heart of Jesus reflected in who we are and what we face. The image of the heart of Jesus is a wounded heart; there is a crown of thorns which surrounds it. We need to embrace the suffering and hardship that many face in our land. But the heart is also the universal symbol of love. We can sacrifice and give of ourselves in so many ways so that others may benefit. Goodness and hope flow from the heart of Jesus. When we watch the news there may be a temptation for us to shout about what is wrong. A more fruitful response would be to hold our Nation in prayer and pray that the Spirit of God will bring about what only the Spirit of God can do.

Our first "Summer Fun Night" is this Wednesday at my house. Just let us know if you plan on coming. Even if you don't anticipate playing corn hole, you can be part of the festivities. You can sit back and point out what is being done incorrectly by those who are playing. That will add to the frivolity of the night. It should be a lot of fun. I hope you can join us.

Continue to pray for America. We can do great things.



ON THE CALENDAR

2026		JULY					
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
			1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30	31		

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



JULY 11
5:00 PM
FR. MICHAEL

JULY 12
8:00 AM
FR. MICHAEL

9:30 AM
FR. MICHAEL

11:30 AM
FR. MICHAEL



SCRIPTURE READINGS for JULY 12

+ Isaiah 55:10-11
+ Romans 8:18-23
+ Matthew 13:1-23

**Holy Hour will not be the usual time of 3:45PM - 4:45PM on the first Saturday.
Please join us on Saturday, July 4th, from 11:00AM - 12:00 noon.*

Saturday, July 4th **HOLY HOUR***
11:00AM - 12:00PM, Worship Area

Saturday, July 4th **BLOOD DRIVE SIGN-UPS**
5:00PM Mass, Atrium

Sunday, July 5th **BLOOD DRIVE SIGN-UPS**
All Masses, Atrium

Sunday, July 5th **ANointING OF THE SICK**
After 9:30AM Mass, Worship Area

Monday, July 6th **FINANCE COMMITTEE**
7:00PM, Fr. Joe Room

Tuesday, July 7th **IN STITCHES**
10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room

Tuesday, July 7th **TRAVEL CLUB**
7:00PM, Atrium

Wednesday, July 8th **SENIORS**
11:30AM - 2:30PM, Atrium

Wednesday, July 8th **PARISH FUN NIGHT**
6:00PM, Parish House

Saturday, July 11th **BLOOD DRIVE SIGN-UPS**
5:00PM Mass, Atrium

Sunday, July 12th **BLOOD DRIVE SIGN-UPS**
All Masses, Atrium

Sunday, July 12th **BAPTISM GATHERING**
9:30AM Mass, Worship Area, Fr. Joe Room

Sunday, July 12th **BAPTISMS**
1:00PM, Worship Area

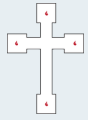


"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7:14

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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, July 5

9:00AM Masses:

Mon. Susan Chisena (living)

Tues. Peter Triquet

Wed. Margaret Remhild (living)

Thur. John Saccenti (living)

Saturday, July 11, 5PM Mass

Erik DiOrio, Roberta Lamb, Charlie Lombardo,
Kathleen W. Kerr, Maria de los Angeles Fernandez,
Salvatore Sparacino

Sunday, July 12, Masses

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM People of the Parish

9:30AM Penzavecchia Family, John Hanley,
Josephine Barry, Nello Botti,
Marina Botti, William Tanner

11:30AM Kenneth Kramer



The **Bread and Wine** for the week have
been donated in loving memory of

**Peter, Marie, Vincent
and Baby Rose Gallo**
by Angie Gallo.



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

**We continue to pray
through 2026 for ...**

SSGT David Basler
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!

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

Bob Alderdice	Kristen Kennedy
Alejandro Astegiano	Caroline Lazar
Kathy Barry	Carol Leahy
Alison Bilski	Victor Lewandowski
Cole Brennan	Mary Lopez
Veronica Buscemi	Gerald Losquadro
Judy Carlson	Jeanne Marie Malley
Michael Castellano	Janet Mangano
Mary Champagne	Geraldine Muscarnera
Peter Chirafisi	Loretto Narducci
William Ciccarelli	Andrea Nocito
Stephen Crawford	Darin Pitkanen
Kimberly Crawford-Arbocus	Patricia Pitkanen
Grayson Danielski	Colleen Prinz
Baby Phoenix Dawson	Carina Ranieri
Manuela Diaz	Bernardine Reichbach
Peter DiMauro	Mary Ann Reilly
Claudia DiPalermo	Rob Remhild
Rose Dugan	Marcello Ricciardi
Ann Egan	Lynn Rodger
Lisa Eger	Sean Romeo
Vincent Esposito	Elaine Ruane
Ralph Farino	John Saccenti
Yolanda Fattarusso	Jacqueline Santamaria
Baby Lorenzo Follo	Casey Schultz
Sienna Fricke	Kathy Schwinn
Linda Giordano	John Serri
James Greene	Celeste Sichenze
Linda Heinrichs	Sue Southard
Ryan Huscher	Fran Stathis
Debbie Jablinowski	Barbara Swingle
	Calvin Tatone
	Grace Van Epps
	Peter Warns

**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 parishioners who passed away recently:*

**Elzbieta Kulesza
Patricia Mason
William Tanner**

*May they rest in peace,
and may their loved ones be consoled.*



PRAYER, ACTION & COMMUNITY



Banns of Marriage

Lauren Owens & Dominic DeMarco

HOLY HOUR
JULY 4th
11:00AM - 12:00PM

*Holy Hour
will conclude with a
Eucharistic procession
to the Courtyard for the
ringing of the bell.*



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

Thank you for your continued support!



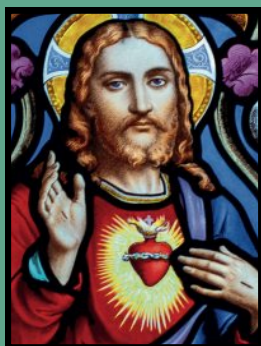
Holy Cross Welcomes these Children Baptized in June

Noah Andrew Abbate
Giovanni Joseph Bacarella
Nicolas Jon Bacarella
Rosalie Josephine Boccabella
Celeste Rose Cermak
Madison Faith Cortese
Santino Vernon DiThomas
Quinn Faith Hughes
Valentina Shay Jimenez
Miles Michael Melhus
Franky Charles Papa
Nolan John Reidy
Colton Robert Reilly
Thomas David Schwartz

***God Bless these Children and their Families.
Our Holy Cross family celebrates with you!***

Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

***On the Occasion of the U.S. Bishops Consecrating the United States of America
to the Sacred Heart of Jesus***



O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:

You know the longings of our hearts, and you desire that we enjoy friendship with you. From your pierced side, you have poured out the wellspring of life, for which we thirst. Your heart burns with a love for all people to return to a right relationship with you. We celebrate the abundant gifts you have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We make reparation for the offenses against you and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation.

May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness; may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed. May your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to your infinite love.

O Desire of Nations and Center of History, we ask you to bless these United States of America.

Who live and reign with God the Father

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!



Parish of the Holy Cross **Blood Drive**



The sign-up table to donate blood will be in the Atrium on the weekends of July 4th-5th and July 11th-12th at all the Masses.



Blood Drive



CRITICAL NEED!
Parish of the Holy Cross
Wednesday, July 15, 2026
3:00pm to 7:30pm
95 Old Nichols Road,
Nesconset

To schedule an appointment:



Sign up at nybc.org/sponsor
and use code #10019

Medical Eligibility Questions? Call NYBC Community Health at 800-688-0900

Please Eat & Hydrate Well Prior to your Donation and bring Photo ID

Prepare to donate

-  Eat well and hydrate
-  Bring a photo ID
-  Feel good and symptom free
-  **17+** Must be 17+ or 16 with parental consent form
-  Meet minimum weight requirements

For full eligibility requirements and COVID-19 information, visit nybc.org/eligibility.

Your donation will help to **save up to THREE lives**.
Our community hospitals need your help. Please share this lifesaving gift!

THANK YOU FOR CARING!



Catechists for our 2026-2027 Religious Ed. Program



***We are seeking volunteers willing to share faith with our parish children.
Do you have an hour a week to teach our children in your home?***

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

Level 2 / Level 3 Catechists are needed

Commitment is 1 hour per week or an hour and a half every other week

Level 2 – Cherokee area needs 1 more, Wenonah, Bretton Woods, and Hiawatha

Prayerfully consider this need to serve.

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



Registration for 2026-2027 Religious Education began Monday, June 15th.



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

The collection will be this weekend July 4th & 5th.

**Pasta - Pasta Sauce - Tuna - Meals in a can
Fruit in a Can - Snacks - Juice - Shelf Stable Milk**

Thank you for checking expiration dates before donating.

Thank you for your continued support!



Practice of Hope

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

These readings remind us that we are not bound by the demand, pains, and stress of our earthly reality. While suffering is a part of the human experience, the Gospel gives us hope that the burdens we carry are not forever; God desires to free us from what we carry and give us rest.

In prayer, name your burdens: use your spiritual imagination to give them shape, and then imagine placing them at the foot of the cross and receiving a lighter yoke from Christ.

As you move through your day or week, look with eyes of compassion on those you encounter: your family, neighbors, coworkers, fellow commuters, and so on. Before you react with impatience or frustration, consider what they might be carrying on their own spiritual "yokes," and reframe your reaction.

Take a moment to pray for them and invite the Holy Spirit to bring them some relief.

HOLY CROSS TRAVEL CLUB



It's time to set up the old slide projector and look at some vacation pictures and tell the tales that were part of our recent adventures:

**Tuesday, July 7
@ 7:00PM**

**Highlights of the
Ireland Trip &
the Route 66 Trip**



For those who went on either of these trips bring your pictures, favorite purchases, or other fun stuff for "Show & Tell"

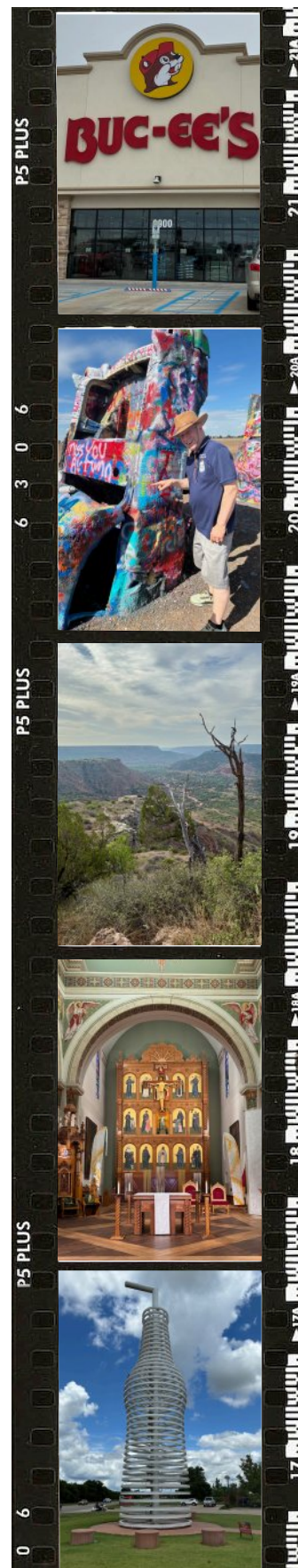
All are welcome. This meeting is NOT limited to those who went on either of the recent trips.

Please join us:

- If you would like to see the pictures of these recent trips.
- Hear about plans for what may be coming down the road.

Future Plans:

- Lancaster: Fall of 2026
- Religious Education Congress: April, 2027



SUMMER FUN

on the lawn at Fr. Michael's house



IMPORTANT INFO:

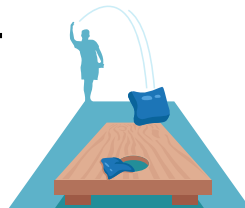
- Each evening will begin with Evening Prayer.
- **Bring the whole family** (this is not a drop-off/supervised event)
- Water and juice provided. Feel free to BYOB.
- Bring your own snacks.
- Free Hot Dogs on concert night!
- Bring your own beach chair or blanket for seating.
- Parking will be in the main parking lot. It is a short walk through the woods to Fr. Michael's house.
- Very limited handicap parking is available at the house. Please indicate if you would have difficulty in walking through the woods. Depending on how many people respond, we may need to provide "shuttle service" from the main parking lot.

* Rain date is July 22 for the July 8 & 15 events. Concert will be held in the worship area if it rains!



UPCOMING EVENTS*:

- **Wednesday, July 8: Corn Hole Night**
beginning at 6:00PM
- **Wednesday, July 15: Game Night**
beginning at 6:00PM
- **Sunday, July 19: Concert and Sing-Along**
on the lawn beginning at 5:00PM featuring
our own Brian Reich



PLEASE
Let us know that
you are joining us!

THANK YOU!



SPACE IS LIMITED

Fill out the RSVP below and either
drop it in the offering basket or
return the slip to the parish office.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

I (We) will attend: (please indicate the number attending in spaces provided)

- **Wednesday, July 8:** _____ Adults _____ Children
- **Wednesday, July 15:** _____ Adults _____ Children
- **Sunday, July 19:** _____ Adults _____ Children

_____ Check here, if you need
handicap parking/shuttle service

SUMMER FUN 2026



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 SEPTEMBER 1.**

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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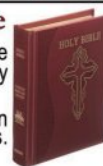
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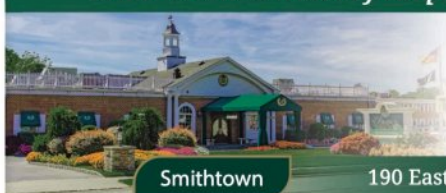
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