

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.



21st Sunday of Ordinary Time - August 25, 2024



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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"As for me and my household,

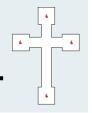


we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15

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IT'S PRESS TIME



Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael

Writing this weekly column is one of the recurring tasks of my life. Usually by the time I am in front of the keyboard, I have a good idea what I want to write. Sometimes I need to look at the parish calendar or ask around the office for a little bit of "filler," but usually I have the title and content ready to go. For some reason, I am thoroughly discombobulated with these summer issues. I have my own vacation and time off to work around, and there are a few weeks of early deadlines this summer. All I know is that I have a bunch of articles that are just about overdue that will cover the next few weeks. So here I go, starting to write when I'm not sure about what to write.

Writing was never one of the joys of my life. Certainly during my educational journey there were many papers and reflections that had to be submitted. It never came easy to complete an assignment. Translating ideas from my head into an organized written presentation took a great deal of effort. For better or for worse, I finished what needed to get done with at least a minimal degree of competency. Until recently, I had saved some of my papers from college and the seminary. As I think back to them, I almost cringe as I really struggled to communicate my thoughts in a meaningful and coherent way. But in fairness, those were pre-computer days, and we now have a tool that makes writing abundantly easier.

It was only years after I was ordained that writing became less of a burden for me. While it was never my go-to means of communication, I found it is certainly necessary and can be quite rewarding. I was ordained about ten years when I was asked to write a weekly Sunday reflection article for *The Long Island Catholic*. There were a number of priests who would take turns writing the articles for a particular liturgical season or short periods of time of about six to eight weeks. What I thought would be a one-time invitation turned into an ongoing commitment. They were always tedious to write, but once they were finished I had great satisfaction. Over a number of years, I covered just about every Sunday in the three-year liturgical cycle.

When Fr. Ed Kealey and I were Co-Pastors in Medford we shared a weekly bulletin column. We had different styles and perspectives, but somehow they came together in a cohesive way. People enjoyed our weekly written antics and insights. In a similar way when I came to Holy Cross, I continued that practice. As you know, sometimes these articles are reflective, sometimes informative, and sometimes light-hearted and silly. I'm pleased to share my thoughts, and it seems many look forward to reading them. I am happy to see that I have hit my five hundred words, which I am quite pleased because I did not think I had anything to write about. Till next week . . .

AUGUST 2024

ON THE CALENDAR

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CELEBRANTS FOR

NEXT WEEKEND'S

MASSES

Sunday, August 25th	BAPTISMS
1:00 PM, Worship Area	

Monday, August 26th.....EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE 10:00 AM, Chapel

Tuesday, August 27th.....LEVEL 2 CATECHIST MTG. 5:30 PM, Atrium

Tuesday, August 27th.....LEVEL 7 CATECHIST MTG. **7:00 PM,** Atrium

Wednesday, August 28th.....SENIORS 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM, Atrium

Wednesday, August 28th.....LITURGY MTG. **1:30 PM**, Fr. Joe Room

Sunday, September 1st.....ANOINTING OF THE SICK After 9:30 AM Mass, Worship Area



"Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."



Practice of Charity (Excerpt from "At Home with the Word 2024")

John 6:68-69

How often, after hearing the Word of God, have you found yourself saying, as did many of Jesus' disciples, "This is hard; how can I accept it?" Following the Holy One of God is a great mystery, one that comes with many challenges. As we hear in the Book of Joshua, we can choose either to serve the Lord or other gods such as wealth, prestige, or some worldly desire.

Today, light a candle and spend some intentional time reflecting on your actions from the past week. Did you serve God or were your actions in service of a different objective? What god did you serve? What keeps you from singular focus on the Lord?

Following Jesus requires wholehearted dedication to serving others. Whom do you resist serving? How can you better serve that person?

AUGUST 31 5:00 PM FR. MICHAEL

SEPTEMBER 1

8:00 AM FR. MICHAEL 9:30 AM FR. MICHAEL 11:30 AM FR. MICHAEL



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 1

+ Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 + James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 + Mark 7:1-8, 14-15,

21-23

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



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

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Kathy Schwinn
John Serri
Barbara Sherry
Celeste Sichenze
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.

Upcoming Mass Intentions

Week of Sunday, August 25th, 9AM Masses

Mon. Helen Dalamango Tue. Maria Conte Wed. Carmine Cusano Thu. Pepe Guzman

Saturday, August 31st, 5 PM Mass

Richard Zak, Michael T. Amann, John Armstrong, Joseph Armstrong, Charles Armstrong

Sunday, September 1st, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM George F. Raplee9:30 AM Joseph Fanuele11:30 AM People of the Parish



Sunday, September 1st, will be the next date that the Anointing of the Sick will be offered after the 9:30 AM Mass



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





LITURGY BYTES



by Michele Hall

The Psalms - Part 1



As we have come to know, sacred Scripture is most important in the celebration of the liturgy. Scripture is important for liturgy, and liturgy is important for Scripture. This relationship is very important because the celebration of the Eucharist is the primary setting in which we engage with the Word of God.

In the Catholic Church, we read lessons or readings that are excerpts of a biblical passage. These passages are collected in the Lectionary, a book arranged according to the liturgical year. We do not read from the Bible itself, but from the Lectionary. For the weekend liturgies, we have a three-year cycle, named cycle A, B and C. There is a separate Lectionary for each of these years. Cycle A will mainly deal with Matthew's Gospel, Cycle B we hear Mark's Gospel, and Cycle C is devoted to the Gospel of Luke. You might wonder, where does the Gospel of John come in? John's Gospel appears on most of the Sundays of Easter, on Holy Thursday, for the Passion on Good Friday and in Cycle A on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent. John also appears in the latter part of Cycle B, completing the liturgical year after the very short Gospel according to Mark ends. Readings for weekdays are provided for two years, namely, year I and year 2.

The Lectionary, with its selection and grouping of passages, all arranged in a particular order, creates a liturgical context from which we interpret the psalms. In the liturgy, the Responsorial Psalm focuses the assembly's response on a specific theme articulated in the First Reading.

When we turn to the liturgy, we see that the psalms are used quite often. They form the backbone of the Liturgy of the Hours where they are prayed in a four-week cycle. And, in the Eucharist, they function particularly as prayers of response. "The Psalms remain essential to the prayer of the Church" (CCC, #2586).

Have a blessed and prayerful week ahead!

FEAST DAY CELEBRATION



Parish of the Holy Cross invites you to celebrate the



on the weekend of September 14th & 15th 5 PM Mass & 11:30 AM Mass

Barbecue to follow the 5 PM Mass (Compliments of our Parish Knights of Columbus Council)



In order to plan, we need to know who will be attending.

Kindly complete the form below and return to the Parish Office by September 9th

PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION BARBECUE

Name		Phone#
Email		
Number attending:	Adults:	Children:

We are asking for your support for one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, our Basket Raffle!

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We are looking for donations of individual items to fill and create baskets and completed themed baskets!

With your help, we hope to make this fundraiser a huge success!

Want to make a themed basket? Here are a few ideas for baskets:

- Coffee Basket
- Golf Basket
- Baker's Basket
- Rest and Relax Spa Basket
- Dinner and a Movie Basket
- Kid's Basket

Suggested items for baskets: New Items only please

- Gift certificates -(for products and/or services)
- Scratch-off tickets
- Wine/Liquor
- Event tickets -(play, movies, baseball game)
- Hand crafted items -(quilts, jewelry)

DONATIONS NEEDED!

All completed baskets and all individual donated items can be brought to the parish office during business hours from August 26th to September 8th

> If you have any questions and/or would like to be on the Basket Raffle Committee, please call Mary Ann Viscusi at 631-686-5280 or Linda Denninger at 631-265-7111

Thank you for your continued support!

PARISH OUTREACH



Early Heart Attack Care

Please join us on

Monday, August 26th,
at 10am
in the Chapel

If interested, please join us.
All are welcome to attend!

Please join us for an educational morning with Yvonne Leippert, RN, MS, CCRN.

Yvonne is from Stony Brook University Hospital Heart Center.

She will educate us on topics such as

Early Heart Attack Care,

Blood Pressure Screening,

Cholesterol Screening,

Hands Only CPR,

Medication and

Nutrition Education.



This Bereavement Group is for anyone dealing with grief.

All are welcome.

We will meet for six (6) consecutive Wednesdays beginning September 11th through October 16th from 1:30PM - 3:30PM in the Fr. Joe Room.

Losing a loved one is painful for anyone. How we cope is as unique as our fingerprints. It can be experienced as losing the ability to see the beautiful colors in a rainbow.

Our world seems so grey.

Making the time to listen to others dealing with grief enables us to begin to see the colors of life once again. This also allows us to share our stories and gain ways to move forward.

Come and join us as we work together and share this journey.

If you are inter<mark>ested in</mark> joining or have any questions, ple<mark>ase call Outreach</mark> at 631-265-2200.

All who will be attending will be asked to complete a registration form.

"Come to me, all who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you." Matthew 11:28



WE GROW IN OUR FAITH

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration for 2024/2025
Religious Education opened on June 1st.

- Please go online to www.holycrossrc.org
- Please click on the Religious Education icon
- Click on "Printable Religious-Ed Class Forms"



· Download the registration form, complete and return to the parish office

If your child is entering First Grade in September please register and include a copy of their Baptism Certificate.

For further information, please contact
Jennifer Miller, *Coordinator of Religious Education*(631) 265-2200 Ext. 112

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Mary Pannone, Religious Education Secretary, (631) 265-2200 Ext. 111



CATECHIST MEETINGS

The following two meetings will take place on Tuesday, August 27th, in the Atrium.

LEVEL 2 at 5:30 PM

LEVEL 7 7:00 PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES FORMING NOW

If you are new to the parish, please contact the Religious Ed. Office at (631) 265-2200 x111



OUR PARISH COMMUNITY





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All Welcome to Join this important Liturgical Ministry!!!

If you can help, please contact Wendy at wringhiser@gmail.com



Women's Prayer Group

Women's Prayer Group will resume meeting on

the 1st Thursday of each month, beginning September 5th

from 7:00 - 8:00 PM in the Chapel.

All women in the parish are welcome.

Come, and bring a friend!

Banns of Marriage

Kayla Rapp & Kyle Moderno



Parish of the Holy Cross GRANDPARENTS' GROUP forming

fill the world with Love

Recently, the Pope asked the Church to celebrate the good work of grandparents and the elderly in our communities. The Holy Father recognizes the special role of both grandfathers and grandmothers, and also our beloved elderly as well.

To enhance the special bond grandparents experience with grandchildren whether near or far away, a group is being formed in our parish to pray for those special people in our lives and offer support to each other on this journey. Gatherings would be daytime starting on Wednesday, September 11th, at 2 PM.

It is important to know who would be interested, so please complete the form below and return it to the parish office or email Michele Hall at mhall@holycrossrc.org

GRANDPARENTS' PRAYER GROUP - (return to Parish Office)

Yes, I wish to participate in the new Grandparents' Group.

Name	_Phone#
Email	



OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



Holy Cross Senior Group

Our Holy Cross Senior Group is always looking for new members to join them for an afternoon of fun and socializing.

You are invited to stop in on the <u>second</u> and fourth Wednesday of the month and meet some new friends.

The meeting is held in the atrium of the church from 11:30AM to 2:30PM. Our next meeting is August 28th.

We hope to see you there!



Overwhelmed new mom? Frazzled mom of toddlers? Worried mom of teens? Empty-nester? Joyful grandma?

Whatever stage of motherhood you are in, you are welcome to join our multi-generational group of moms! Together we share our common bond - the joys, the pains, the boring stuff, and the milestones of being a mom. Find solace, find friendship, find wisdom, and support for one of life's rewarding, yet challenging, calling that women can experience. We meet every third Tuesday of the month from 7PM - 8PM in the Fr. Joe Room. Light refreshments are served as we gather together. Come as you are, and receive the grace of God.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 17th.



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Not only that, our parish receives a part of the advertising commission. So, please frequent the fine establishments that advertise in our bulletin!

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** 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.



Hearing Devices

For parishioners who have difficulty hearing, Holy Cross has individual devices which can amplify sound. They are simple to use and work for those who wear hearing aids and those who do not. If you are interested in using one of these devices, please see the Sacristan or an Usher prior to Mass.

Low-Gluten Hosts

For parishioners who have Celiac Disease or a gluten sensitivity, Holy Cross has low-gluten hosts. If you would like to receive a low-gluten host during Communion, please inform the Sacristan prior to Mass.





September 29

8:30 - 4pm followed by Catholic Mass

Celebrate Marriage

Come spend the day with the love of your life. This enrichment will renew your dreams, increase your passion and refresh and celebrate the Sacrament of your marriage.

Location:

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception 440 W Neck Rd, Lloyd Harbor, NY 11743

\$100 per couple
mail check payable to **WWME**497 Clay Pitts Rd
East Northport, NY 11731
includes: breakfast and lunch
Contact: Chuck & Maria Reiss
(631)486-8607
chuck.maria.reiss@wwme.org

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace"

1 Peter 4:10

Sharing Our Gifts through the CMA

Stewardship is the grateful response of every Christian disciple to share our God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure in a way that passionately sets our hearts on fire and touches the lives of others, as we live the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The Catholic Ministries Appeal is an excellent way to journey through the Pillars of Hospitality, Prayer, Formation and Service to express your gratitude to God.

Through the Pillar of Hospitality and Service, many parishes form CMA committees to support a smooth and organized Appeal effort by creating a welcoming environment for all. Others share their gifts by volunteering in the ministries that the CMA supports, such as formation classes and parish outreach programs.

Through the Pillar of Prayer and Formation, the Catholic Ministries Appeal brings us closer to those we help and support as we become more "connected" with our sisters and brothers through prayer and evangelization ministries. We may wish to pray for those who support and volunteer for the committee and for those who receive support from the appeal.

The CMA provides an opportunity for stewards to use their treasure to serve more than 600,000 of our sisters and brothers each year in our formation and Catholic Charities pastoral programs. It is rare that just one person or one parish could touch this many lives. The CMA brings us beyond the individual, the group and the parish and unites us as one Church of Long Island.

The Catholic Ministries Appeal is Stewardship in action!

To donate, you can also visit https://www.drvc.org/donate/cma/ or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296

Please pick up a brochure on the bulletin table in the atrium!

LAST FEW DAYS TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!

Summer Cash Sizzle

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 29.

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 use the tear-off 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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