

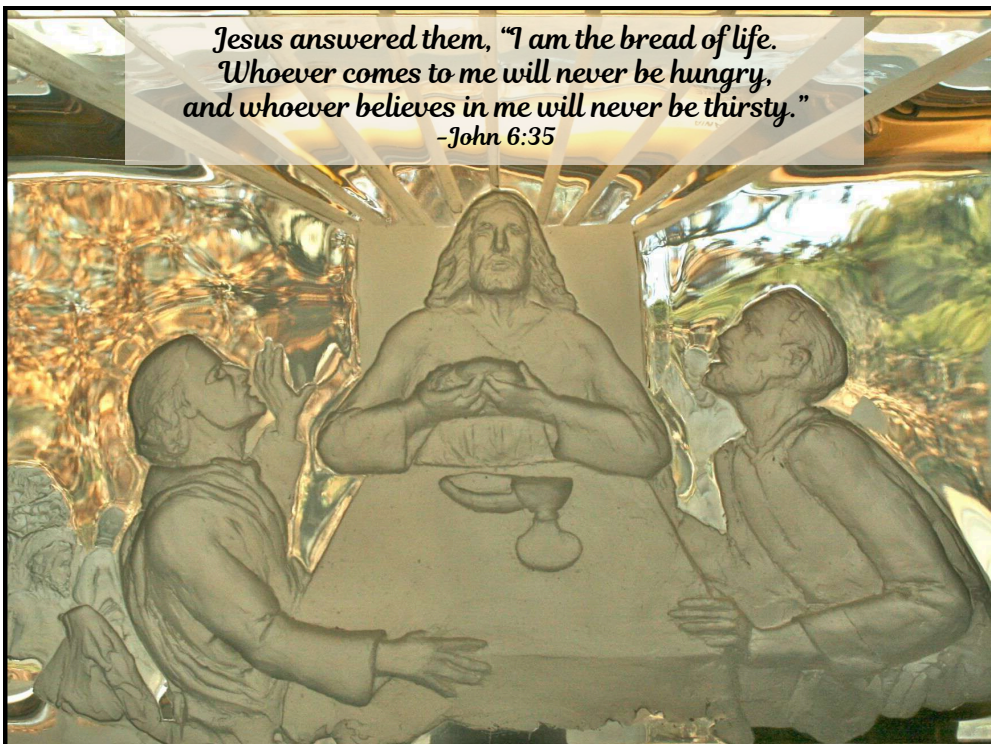


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Let All Who Enter Be Welcomed as Christ!

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.



18th Sunday of Ordinary Time - August 4, 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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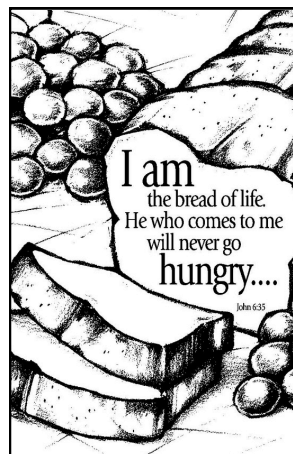
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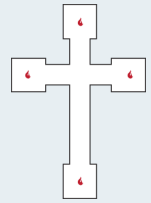


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for more information on how we can serve you.



THERE IS SO MUCH MORE THAN GOLD

Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael



We are in the midst of the Olympic games. While I do not spend hours watching the events, I do try to catch a little bit of the activity each day. It's remarkable how many different sports there are. I never knew the canoe slalom for women was a thing. I think everyone is a little taken aback to learn that break dancing is now an Olympic event. There is a whirlwind of activity that takes place underneath the five colored rings.

There is always great attention paid to those who will demonstrate excellence in their discipline and be awarded a gold medal. But for the vast majority of the participants, their efforts will not end in their receiving a medal. Yet, they carry on with determination and desire to be part of this global experience. Countless sacrifices have been made simply for athletes to stand before the world to represent their homelands. There is a blessing offered that goes beyond a trophy made of precious metal. Perhaps we cannot fully understand it or explain it, but nonetheless, it is real.

We need to realize this drive and energy is not limited to the world of sports. For all of us there is the ability to go to great efforts to bring about something meaningful. We can make a difference in the lives of others. It was recently brought to my attention that several of our catechists and parents stepped up beyond what would have been expected of any of them to help accommodate a special needs child in our Religious Education program. Selfless actions like this take place time and time again. There will never be a stadium full of people who will offer their gratitude and admiration for what they did. They are not looking for praise; they are simply seeking to do something good. They are generously responding to an invitation from God. Amazing things can happen when good folks realize they can make a difference.

Enjoy the Olympics. Admire the skill and ability of those who compete. But also allow their underlying passion and desire to be a reminder for us. Hopefully, with the passing of years, your interest in receiving awards is diminishing. Wisdom allows us to seek meaningful paths without the need for recognition. May we be a people who understand that the truly valuable prizes of this life are known within the depths of our hearts. It is God alone who fulfills all we need to be at peace and to know joy.

We are at the halfway point of our summer season. I have not made my way to the halfway point on my summer "to-do" list, so I need to step it up. (Hobbling around on a cane for a few weeks put me behind schedule.) Enjoy these days and try to make the best of them.



ON THE CALENDAR

CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



AUGUST 10
5:00 PM FR. MICHAEL

AUGUST 11
8:00 AM FR. MICHAEL

9:30 AM
FR. FRANK/DCN. JOE

11:30 AM
FR. FRANK/DCN. JOE



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR AUGUST 11

+ 1 Kings 19:4-8
+ Ephesians 4:30-5:2
+ John 6:41-51

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

Sunday, August 4th.....BAPTISM GATHERING
9:30 AM, Worship Area, Fr. Joe Room

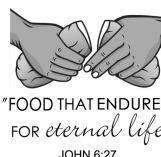
Sunday, August 4th.....ANOINTING OF THE SICK
After 9:30 AM Mass, Worship Area

Sunday, August 4th..... TRICIA'S "THANK YOU" MASS
11:30 AM Mass, Worship Area, Atrium (hospitality after Mass)

Monday, August 5th..... SPECIAL NEEDS MEETING
5:30 PM, Fr. Joe Room

Monday, August 5th.....KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
7:00 PM, Fr. Joe Room

Sunday, August 11th.....BAPTISMS
1:00 PM, Worship Area



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

Jesus tells the crowd that meets him in Capernaum that he is the bread of life. We are reminded of the same each time we participate in Mass.

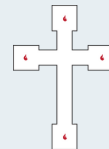
The next time you go to Mass, pay attention during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This part of the Mass begins when the bread and wine are brought forth to the altar and ends when the priest offers a short prayer after Communion. What words and actions stand out to you during the Liturgy of the Eucharist? Research answers to any questions you may have.

While bread and wine are processed to the altar, imagine you are also bringing yourself up as a gift. Pray about how the Bread of Life will transform and inspire you to "put away... your former way of life" (Ephesians 4:22) this week.

The next time you attend Mass, invite a friend to share in "the food that endures for eternal life" (John 6:27) with you.

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, August 4th, 9AM Masses

Mon. Donald Trump (living)
Tue. Annmarie Zimmermann (living)
Wed. Bob DeFilippis
Thu. Maria Conte

Saturday, August 10th, 5 PM Mass

Mary Donnelly, Dorothy Giordano,
Felice Costanzo, Brenden Terracciano,
Denise Perrone

Sunday, August 11th, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Evelyn & William Maccaro
9:30 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Jarmila Langova,
Antonia Cuccia, Julia Fitting,
Dennis Derleth, Richard RJ Rider

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

Bob Alderdice	Mary Lopez
Theresa Arzillo	Gerald Losquadro
Alejandro Astegiano	Charlotte Lynch
Jo Barry	Viola Malek
Kathy Barry	Jeanne Marie Malley
Barbara Bombace	Olivia Melia
Cole Brennan	Loretto Narducci
Dan Bryan	Darin Pitkanen
Ann Callari	Patricia Pitkanen
Judy Carlson	Carina Ranieri
William Ciccarella	Rob Remhild
Jason DeLuca	Liam Richards
Manuela Diaz	Sean Romeo
Ann Egan	Elaine Ruane
Vincent Esposito	Casey Schultz
Ralph Farino	Kathy Schwinn
Yolanda Fattarusso	Barbara Sherry
Sienna Fricke	Celeste Sichenze
Linda Heinrichs	Bill Tanner
Debbie Jablinowski	Grace Van Epps
Kristen Kennedy	Peter Warns
Roberta Lamb	Emma Zeidman
Carol Leahy	



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

We continue to pray through 2024 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
SSGT Ryan Mauldin
PFC Ryan McCoy, USMC
Lt Ryan Montvydas
Cpl Michael Palagonia, USMC

*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!*

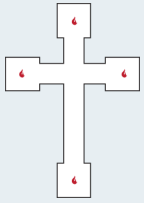
**If you would like to have the name of your
loved one listed in our prayers for the sick,
please call 631-265-2200 x122.**



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

**Salvatore J. Calia
Mary Donnelly
Kenneth Kramer
Dominick D. Picarello
Alice Coletti Reeves**

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



LITURGY BYTES

by Michele Hall



Eucharistic Prayer - Part 5



Continuing with our study of the many parts of the Eucharistic Prayer, we focus on the "mystery of faith" proclaimed by the priest midway through the prayer. Our response can be one of three options.

The first one states, "We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again." These prayers are addressed to Jesus. However, it seems most of the Eucharistic Prayer is addressed to the Father through the Son. Now with Christ's Body and Blood becoming present, we pray to Jesus himself. To sing the mystery of faith is to prepare our hearts to adore the Lord in Holy Communion.

Each of the prayers puts Jesus' presence in the context of what he has done for humanity. Christ becomes present in the Eucharist. Jesus is the one who becomes present and raises death to new life. Jesus, whose death was the source of new life, is the one who transforms what it means to be human. To proclaim the mystery of faith is not to announce Jesus' presence as if he is some object. Rather, he is a person who has come to dwell among us, acting once again.

Keep in mind we are not just remembering the activity of Jesus once upon a time. Jesus is going to act again here and now. His Death and Resurrection are relived when we eat the Body and Blood of Christ, when we proclaim to the world that Jesus is the living one who comes to free us from sin and death. Let us reflect on this meaning as we join together at Mass.

Have a blessed, healthy and prayerful week ahead!

Would you like to help a child succeed this school year?



Join us for our School Supplies for Success Drive

Children receiving school supplies will be from our Parish Outreach families.

There are 2 ways to help!

**Collection of all purchased items starts
Monday, August 5th and ends Sunday, August 18th**



For those who chose a **BACKPACK TAG** or a **BOOK TAG** from one of the display boards in the Atrium, please *purchase items listed on the back of the book tag OR a backpack as described on the backpack tag.*



The **BACKPACK TAG** is to
*purchase a **backpack** for a student.*



The **BOOK TAG** has the *supply list*
for the school year printed on the back.

**Pray for
the children
who will receive the
supplies and write a
personal note if
you wish.**

You Can Still Help!



Purchase a gift card from Target or Walmart to supplement a student's school supplies and/or school clothes and drop off at our School House in the Atrium.



Support our effort by making a monetary donation to help us meet the needs of our families. Checks can be made out to "Holy Cross Outreach" and put in a plain envelope marked "School Supplies." These donations can be dropped in our School House in the Atrium or in the collection basket.



**Reminder : please attach
the backpack tag or book
tag to your donation.**

The tag ensures that the correct items are going to the right student. Please *place your donation in a paper or plastic bag* with the tag and place on the School Supplies for Success table in the Atrium.

If you choose to purchase a gift card or make a monetary donation, we ask that you place cards in the school house located in the Atrium by Sunday, 8/18.

Any questions, please contact the Outreach Office at (631) 265-2200

Thank you for your support!



**The Parish of the Holy Cross and
the Nesconset Fire Department**
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**At completion of the course, you will be eligible for your
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Cost: \$25 per person Last day to register is August 9th

Please make checks payable to: *The Parish of the Holy Cross*

CPR and AED Registration - Please return to the Outreach Office

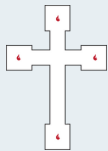
Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

____ **YES, I will be attending the CPR and AED Training Class on 8/17
at the Nesconset Fire Department at 10 AM**

Please make checks out to: The Parish of the Holy Cross

Check Enclosed _____



WE GROW IN OUR FAITH

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

The Religious Education Office is planning ahead for the 2024 - 2025 Formation Year. Families who are currently enrolled in our program will receive Re-Registration form through their email. All children who plan on continuing in our program must be re-registered each year. Children need to successfully complete their current Religious Education level before they can move to the next level.

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We are currently accepting new registrations. If you are new to the Parish, please call the main office at 631-265-2200 x111. Once we have your email address, we can send you a new registration form.

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The Religious Education department at Holy Cross will begin the current session October 2024. All catechists will be trained during the summer once we have the program in place. We are dedicated to bringing the same service to our young parishioners that we have had in the past. Textbooks will be distributed only after your child is registered. Please register even if you are not paying at this time to secure a spot for your child in a class. SPACE IS LIMITED!

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Religious Education Registration Forms are found on the R/E Forms Page of our website.

BLOOD DRIVE 2024 - THANK YOU SO MUCH!

We would like to express our appreciation to our parishioners who donated blood at our annual Blood Drive on July 10th. Thanks to your willingness to share the gift of life, we were able to help our fellow Long Islanders in need of blood.

The day went very smoothly thanks to our chairperson, Marianne Nawrocki-Caruso, and to the volunteers who worked both before and during the blood drive. A special thank you to all our volunteers: JoEllen May-Wadsworth, Rose Martino, Carole Johnson, Mary Ann Viscusi, Susan Lampach, Joyce Knipper, Jean Neary, and Michele Alderdice. We could not have done it without you!

Also, a very special thank you to the Knights of Columbus Blessed Sacrament Council for all your help at the blood drive. Thank you for your help and support during the drive.

Below are the official results of the 2024 Blood Drive:

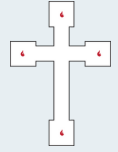
Whole blood donations - 37 units
Double Red Cell donations - 8
Total donations - 45



If you were unable to give at our drive this year, we encourage you to donate at Long Island Blood Services, 3125 Veterans Highway, Bohemia. The Holy Cross Group # is 10019.

Thank You! -Parish Outreach

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



All are welcome!

You are invited to join us for our first planning meeting for the Family Fall Festival on **Wednesday, August 21st, at 7 PM** in the Father Joe Room.

Please join us if you have participated in the past or are looking to get involved this year. If interested, please contact Outreach at 631-265-2200. Thank you!



Fall Festival **PLANNING MEETING**

THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU
to the children and their families at
Vacation Bible School - you raised \$290!

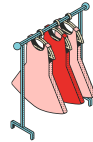
This money will go directly to Butterfly Palliative Home in South Africa. The government has no provisions for these dying babies. This home is funded strictly by donations. This home can house 12 children. These babies are loved and taken care of and living longer. At this home they are able to live ...not waiting to die. They are children living a happy life. *You can follow them on Facebook: **Butterfly Palliative Home***. Last year's donations bought all the children Peppa Pig sheets with which they were thrilled.

Could it be you?

If you would like to pursue a calling to teach our children about our Catholic faith, please reach out to our Religious Ed. Coordinator, Jennifer Miller, at (631) 265-2200 x112



Thank you



Dress a Girl Around the World Showcase

Join us on the weekend of August 17th & 18th

Many of our beautiful dresses will be displayed in the Atrium along with information about this wonderful ministry. At each Mass, a portion of the dresses will be blessed by Father Michael before they are sent to Friar Supplies, the organization that delivers the dresses to their last stop, the young girls of Haiti.

If you are in any way part of the Dress a Girl Ministry, (donated fabric, cut fabric for kits or sewn a dress), you are invited to join us at Mass for not only a blessing of the dresses, but a special recognition and blessing for your participation in this ministry.

Contact Outreach at (631) 265-2200 with any questions.



Holy Cross Welcomes these Children Baptized in July



Thomas Javier Cilmi Tessa Marie Cuminalé
Brooke Lilly Fay Gavin Jacob Lamm
Donovan Terri Ortiz

Banns of Marriage



Caitlin Ziegler & James Cavan

**The VIRTUS training on
AUGUST 20th has been CANCELLED**

**New VIRTUS training date is
September 20th, 6-8 PM**

Please register online at virtusonline.org



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

Thank you for your continued support!

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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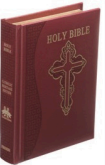
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