

# 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.



#### 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time - September 1, 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



#### WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

#### **PASTORAL TEAM**

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> PARISH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - THURSDAY 9 AM - 4 PM (closed 12:15-1 PM)

> > Parish Office FRIDAY HOURS 9 AM - 12 NOON

#### PASTORAL STAFF

NEW OUTREACH HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday &

Thursday

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Evening Hours by Appointment Only

Mr. Roberto Maza

Mrs. Susan Ribeiro **Bulletin Editor** 

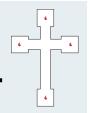
Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

James 1:27

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



#### **TOURIST FOR A DAY**



#### Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael

This is the last of the bulletin articles that had to be written weeks in advance. My own vacation travels and some early bulletin deadlines required early submissions. I will be happy when we are back on track with one article per week.

Back in mid-August, I spent the day with two former colleagues from when I worked at the high school. We spent a day in the city. The highlights of our adventure began with a trip on the LIRR into Grand Central Station. That is a grand old station, filled with character and history, and a fun place to explore. From there we took the subway over to the West Side to begin our trek down the High Line. That is a neat walk that raises you over the busyness of the street below and allows for a relaxing stroll. Unfortunately, it turned into a hotter day than we anticipated, and the heat took away some of the peacefulness of the walk. Once that was complete, we took a rest stop at Little Island Park. This is a relatively new park built at Pier 54 (where the survivors of the Titanic arrived). It is supported in the midst of the Hudson River by a series of decorative concrete piers and was a nice place for a break. From there we walked to the subway and headed to Battery Park.

The highlight of our day was a ride on the Staten Island Ferry. This was the first time I ever did that. Being on the open deck of the boat made the heat of the day melt away in the cool air of the harbor along with a welcomed breeze. You get some beautiful views of the Statue of Liberty. It is always neat to see that landmark, but it was also enjoyable watching those for whom this was their first up-close encounter with Lady Liberty. I don't know from what corner of the country or even what distant countries they came from, but they were clearly delighted as we passed by. This beautiful excursion was free, as they do not charge for passage on the ferry. I think there were as many tourists doing what we were doing as there were commuters.

Another subway ride brought us into Brooklyn to begin our trek across the Brooklyn Bridge. I had done this a few times before, but it is always an exciting walk. The perspective you gain is a unique one. From there we worked our way over to Little Italy and had a delightful meal sitting outside watching life go by. By then the temperatures cooled, and it was a very pleasant evening. Soon we were exhausted, and it was time to head home.

In the course of the day, we took five different subways. Four of them had icy cold air conditioning and one of them was a rolling sweat box. My two traveling companions were a bit freaked out by the remarkably long escalators at Grand Central. By the end of the day we tipped the scale with just over 20,000 steps. Aside from the trains and dinner, everything we did was free. It was fun being a tourist in our own backyard.



#### ON THE CALENDAR

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SCRIPTURE STUDY
WOMEN'S PRAYER
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BAPTISMS

SEPTEMBER 7

CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES

5:00 PM FR. FRANK

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



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 8

- + Isaiah 35:4-7a
- + James 2:1-5
- + Mark 7:31-37

THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd, for Labor Day.

THERE WILL BE A 9:00 MASS MONDAY MORNING.

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

Our faith is one of transformation. Simply praying or attending Mass is not enough; selflessly honoring God with our lips and our actions is critical to bringing hearts close to the Lord.

When you hear the Word today, what does it compel you to do? What action can you take today to become a doer of the Word?

The psalm proclaims that doing justice is required to live in the presence of the Lord. Visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee for Domestic Justice and Human Development website (www.usccb.org/committees/domestic-justice-and-human-development). Scroll down to the "Happening Now" section on the page. Spend time this week learning about timely events and how you can get involved, such as by contacting your government representatives or donating goods or time to a local charity. How can you do justice?

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, September 1, 9AM Masses

**Mon.** Bob DeFilippis **Tue.** Rinaldi Family

Wed. Christopher Giarraputo

**Thu.** Maria Conte

#### Saturday, September 7th, 5 PM Mass

Carmela Terranova, Eric Schwarz, William Crocitto, Leo Rutledge

Sunday, September 8th, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:00 AM** Mr. & Mrs. O. DeSanto, Alfred Buff, Joseph Cloonan, Gaetano Cavalli, Giovanna Cavalli

9:30 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM John Cione



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!

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

**Bob Alderdice** Theresa Arzillo Alejandro Astegiano Jo Barry Kathy Barry Barbara Bombace Cole Brennan Dan Bryan Ann Callari Judy Carlson William Ciccarelli Jason DeLuca Manuela Diaz Ann Egan Vincent Esposito Ralph Farino Yolanda Fattarusso Sienna Fricke Linda Giordano Linda Heinrichs Debbie Jablinowski Kristen Kennedy Roberta Lamb

Carol Leahy Mary Lopez Gerald Losquadro Charlotte Lynch Viola Malek Jeanne Marie Malley Olivia Melia Loretto Narducci Darin Pitkanen Patricia Pitkanen Carina Ranieri Rob Remhild Liam Richards Sean Romeo Elaine Ruane Casev Schultz 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.



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

> Oswald Cruz Carol M. Doscher James Guiliano Sr. Catherine Mary McGuigan

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



## LITURGY BYTES



by Michele Hall

#### The Psalms - Part 2



The Book of Psalms is a collection of 150 prayers from different periods of Israel's life. While the final collection is connected in a special way with the figure of King David, Moses and Solomon are credited with writing a few, too.

Two important features of the Psalms deserve special notice. First, the majority were composed, originally, precisely for liturgical worship. This is shown by the frequent indication of liturgical leaders interacting with the community (e.g., <u>Ps 118:1-4</u>). Secondly, they follow certain distinct patterns or literary forms. Thus, we have hymns/poems of praise, lamentations, thanksgiving, and wisdom.

It is obvious that not all of the Psalms can be pigeon-holed into neat classifications, but even a brief sketch of these types helps us to catch the structure and spirit of the Psalms we read. It has been rightly said that the Psalms are "a school of prayer." They not only provide us with models to follow but inspire us to voice our own deepest feelings and aspirations.

The prayer of the Psalms takes our human life, in all its dimensions, very seriously. They are full of "heart" and full of feeling. Nothing in our experience is foreign to our prayer. It is there in the everyday interactions of our lives, in our deeply felt blessings and joys, and our deeply suffered pains and hurts that we respond to our God, the source and root of all life. The Psalms are truly prayers from the heart, from the heart of our lives.

At Mass each week, we have the opportunity to sing the Psalm led by the Cantor. With the singing of the Responsorial Psalm at Mass, the rhythm of the liturgy changes and the assembly is called to an even more active role. The singing of the Responsorial Psalm refrain takes us more deeply into the words. Singing also unites us as one group. Together we follow the melody and together we breathe. Together we give voice to the theological theme expressed in the Psalm refrain that highlights either the first reading or the Gospel. So, the next time at weekend Mass, make it part of your prayer, and sing along with others at the time of the Responsorial Psalm.

Have a blessed, peaceful, 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:	



#### PARISH OUTREACH

# Successful School Supply Drive!

Thank you to all who donated so generously to our School Supplies for Success Drive this year. With your support, we provided 33 students from 21 families with back packs (in their choice of color) filled with school supplies appropriate for their grade level. Thank you!

Also, thank you for the generous financial support given. With your donations, we were able to also include gift cards to purchase more school supplies (if needed) and/or new clothes or sneakers for each student. Thank you!

A special thank you to all the volunteers who helped sort, organize and distribute all the school supplies to our Outreach families. We could not have done this without you!











## Dress A Girl, Bless A Girl



The weekend of August 17th and 18th, the **Dress a Girl** ministry showcased the dresses created throughout the past year. Beautiful dresses in assorted colors and sizes decorated the Atrium. At the 11:30 AM Mass, Father Michael blessed the dresses, that will now be sent off to Haiti, and recognized the dedicated volunteers of this ministry.

Thank you to everyone who donated fabric, who attended our monthly meetings, or who sewed a beautiful dress for a young girl. I am grateful to you all for making this ministry such a success! This year 291 dresses were completed and, with the help of Friar Suppliers, will be sent off to young girls who will have the opportunity to have a new dress. Thank you!

Kelley

#### **PARISH OUTREACH**





Free Flu Shots
Blood Pressure Screenings
Education & Referrals

Sunday, September 15th 10AM - 1PM

> Parish of the Holy Cross 95 Old Nichols Road

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

The collection will be next weekend, September 7 & 8.



Pasta Sauce
Peanut butter
Boxed potatoes
Jelly
Mayo
Ketchup
Mustard

Thank you for checking expiration dates before donating.

Thank you for your support!



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 interested in joining or have any questions, please call Outreach 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**

#### **ALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PARENTS AND STUDENTS**

#### Please see below the Mandatory Meetings for your grade level.

All books, classwork materials and instructional information will be provided at these meetings.

We ask that you kindly make every effort to attend these Meetings for your grade level.

Level 2, Level 7 and Level 8 - These are both Parent and Student Mandatory Meetings and specific information will be provided to you, since this is a sacramental year.

We ask that you kindly make every effort for both the Parent and Student to attend.

TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 10TH
at 7pm
LEVEL 8
Parent and
Student Meeting
Worship Area

THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 12TH
at 1:30pm OR 7pm

LEVEL 3 & LEVEL 4

Parent Meeting

Worship Area

THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 19TH
at 1:30pm <u>OR</u> 7pm
LEVEL 5 & LEVEL 6
Parent Meeting
Worship Area

MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 23RD
at 7pm
LEVEL 2
Parent and
Student Meeting
Worship Area

TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 24TH
at 7pm
LEVEL 7
Parent and
Student Meeting
Worship Area

MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 30TH
at 1:30pm OR 7pm
LEVEL 1
Parent Meeting
Worship Area

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Religious Education office at 631-265-2200 Ext. 111

#### <u>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION CLOSES FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2024</u>

#### **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

or

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

#### **WE GROW IN OUR FAITH**





**Holy Cross Welcomes these Children Baptized in August** 

> Vienna Elizabeth Barnoski Jameson Cole Byers Selina Rose Colicino Casey Ann Cox Rosaria Maria Cruz John Daniel Esposito Blake Nicole Field Luca Anthony Georgatos Madison Grace Gilde Leo Anthony Litterello Lucia Rose Litterello Leia Rose Mallia Kenzie Noelle Merullo James Patrick Reilly III Amya Elilma Velazquez Lavla Mae Watson Wyatt Joseph Watson

If you would like to purchase an "At Home with the Word" book for 2025, please sign up in the hallway by the parish office.

If you are interested, there is also a sign up sheet to purchase a 2025 Missalette.





The book orders will be placed at the end of the month.



#### Banns of Marriage



Kayla Rapp & Kyle Moderno



#### Membership in the Catholic Church



Do you know someone who is:

- not baptized, but interested in learning about the Catholic faith?
- baptized in another Christian denomination, but wishes to explore membership in the Catholic Church?
- · baptized in the Catholic Church but hasn't celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist (Holy Communion)?

Then, the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is just what they're looking for!

RCIA is the process through which adults are welcomed and fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

Our RCIA will be meeting again soon, so if you know anyone who might answer "yes" to any of these questions, or if you are interested yourself, please contact Jude at jpickel@holycrossrc.org or at (631) 265-2200 x116.

(631) 265-2200 www.holycrossrc.org



#### **OUR PARISH COMMUNITY**



#### **Blessed Sacrament Knights of Columbus**

will have a table in the atrium during weekend Masses welcoming parishioners on the following weekends:

September 7th/8th November 2nd/3rd I

October 12th/13th December 7th/8th

Stop by and purchase chances to help support Holy Cross and other charities

Join us at the K of C sponsored BBQ on Saturday, Sept. 14th, after the 5pm Mass

We welcome prospective members to join The Knights



# HCTV MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!!! WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!

... TO RUN SLIDES AT MASS.

We will train!

Commitment is approximately ONLY one weekend per month!

"Techies" as well as "Non-Techies" (Age 16 and above)...

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!





Join us for conversation and laughs as we work on new or unfinished knitting, crocheting, quilting, needlepoint, crafts or sewing projects.

We resume meeting on SEPTEMBER 3rd and then every Tuesday from 10AM to 12PM in the Father Joe Room

Contact: JoEllen May-Wadsworth (631) 360-1373 EMail: jpmclady@yahoo.com

# HOLY HOUR ~ EVERY 1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH



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

Next weekend at the offertory we will also be collecting for The Catholic University of America

Thank you for your continued support!

#### **OUR PARISH COMMUNITY**



Next
Virtus Session
at Holy Cross:

Friday, Sept. 20, 2024

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Go to <u>Virtus.org</u> to register

Questions? Call Jude at (631) 265-2200 x116

#### For Volunteers in the Diocese of Rockville Centre

A person wishing to volunteer in any parish or organization in the Diocese of Rockville Centre must first complete three requirements:

- 1. Attend Protecting God's Children (Virtus)
- 2. Sign the Codes of Conduct
- 3. Complete a Background Screening application.

(Background screening is conducted on all volunteers and employees every 5 years.)

#### Directions to Complete the 3 Requirements.

- 1. Sign up to attend a Protecting God's Children session: www.Virtus.org
  When you log on to the Virtus website, you will create a Virtus account.
  - a. If you have not already attended Virtus, you are a first-time registrant.
  - b.The first screen will ask the name of your organization from the drop-down list, select Rockville Centre-Safe Environment.
  - c. Follow all directions on the next screens.
  - d.One screen will have the Codes of Conduct. Please acknowledge the Codes of Conduct
  - e. Continue with the registration process and select the class you will attend.
  - f. After selecting the class, you will be instructed to complete the Background Screening application.
- 2.Background Screening Application:
  - a. Sterling Volunteers is the company providing background screening.
  - b. Follow all the directions to complete the background screening application. DO NOT STOP ONCE YOU BEGIN THE APPLICATION! If you stop, you are locked out of the process due to security procedures.
  - c. You will need to provide your Social Security number; if you do not provide a Social Security number, you will be charged a fee.
  - d. After completing the application, hit the "Submit" button.

#### Parish of the Holy Cross GRANDPARENTS' GROUP forming



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 25th, at 2 PM in the Chapel.

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 <a href="mailto:mhall@holycrossrc.org">mhall@holycrossrc.org</a>

#### GRANDPARENTS' PRAYER GROUP - (return to Parish Office)

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

Name	Phone#		
Fmail			

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

of the year, our Basket Raffle!

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!



Jesus Christ, who gave yourself for the good of all, we come before you as brothers and sisters, but we are divided and at times, even hostile - tearing each other down.

We approach your altar with our faults and ask for your forgiveness

Move us, instead, towards listening, dialogue, reconciliation, and a commitment to build your kingdom for the good of all.

Heal us, restore us, unite your divided family, Lord.

Through the power of the Eucharist, overcome our divisions.

Give us sincere hearts that make us open, not closed, and willing to encounter, ready to listen.

In your broken body, given for all, may we find peace in you, as we pray in the Unity of the Holy Spirit,

God forever and ever.

Amen.

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