



# Parish of the 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.



**17th Sunday of Ordinary Time - July 28, 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

Reverend Michael F. Holzmahnn..... Ext. 115  
**Pastor**

Deacon Joseph Maffeo..... Ext. 124  
**Pastoral Minister**

Mrs. Judith Pickel..... Ext. 116  
**Pastoral Associate**

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**Pastoral Associate**

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**Coordinator of Religious Ed.**

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**Director of Music Ministry**

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

**BEGINNING FRIDAY, JULY 26TH  
Parish Office Hours  
ON FRIDAYS ONLY  
WILL BE 9 AM - 12 NOON**

## PASTORAL STAFF

Mrs. Jane Wirth..... Ext. 122  
**Parish Secretary**

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Mrs. Susan Ribeiro  
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Stephanie Matula  
**Office Support Staff**

**NEW OUTREACH HOURS:  
Monday, Tuesday &  
Thursday  
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Evening Hours by Appointment Only**

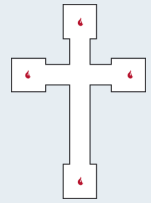


Visit our website at [www.holycrossrc.org](http://www.holycrossrc.org)  
for more information on how we can serve you.



## WHAT I WANTED VS. WHAT GOD OFFERED

*Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael*

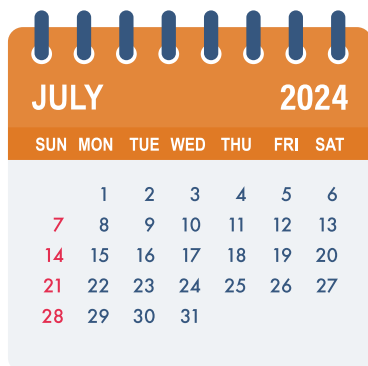


If you asked me a week and a half ago how I envisioned life unfolding in the coming days, I would have given you a list that looked something like this: enjoy the summertime weather, continue to work through my list of outdoor projects, watch all the busyness and excitement of Vacation Bible School, embrace a busy weekend in the parish including celebrating all the Masses, offer a special "thank you" and blessing for Tricia Clarke as she concluded her time with us as Director of Religious Education, and enjoy a Sunday afternoon BBQ and baseball game with the LI Ducks. In reality, what I dealt with was a minor foot injury that seemed to get worse each day, an unwelcome bout with Covid, scrambling to get Mass coverage for a funeral and the weekend Masses, and hobbling around my house wishing I was working outside in the garden. Instead, I was sitting inside thinking of all the parish activities I was missing. I was frustrated, disappointed, angry and felt sorry for myself.

Then in the midst of my pity party, God stepped in and took over. First, he prompted me to start looking through one of the many boxes of "stuff" I have in my house. I tend to save everything. I have all kinds of cards, letters, and other mementos from all of the places I served as a priest, from each step of my academic life, and going back to my childhood. One box led to the next, hour after hour I was looking at all these tokens of my life. There were kind notes people wrote in gratitude for something I was able to offer them through my priestly ministry, there were reminders of many good people who were part of my journey, and there were lots of memories that were awakened. It ended up being a prayerful, reflective, affirming few days. Left to my own devices, this would not have been my chosen weekend activity. But allowing God to offer a life-giving gift was much richer than my own agenda.

In the midst of my trip down Memory Lane, I turned on the TV for another unexpected blessing. I had forgotten this was the concluding weekend for the National Eucharistic Congress. There was an enormous national celebration in Indianapolis. I did not know the events would be televised on EWTN. Had I known this, I would have encouraged you to watch the festivities. What a prayerful, uplifting, and inspiring event it was. The music, the speakers, the energy of the crowd were all engaging. It was an affirmation in our belief that our faith and the power of the Eucharist has the ability to change our individual lives, our nation, and our world. It was a Spirit filled event which even came through on TV.

I had my plans. Then God came along with a one-two punch of affirmation, hope and life when I did not expect it. Our God is full of wondrous surprises.



# ON THE CALENDAR

## CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



**AUGUST 3**

**5:00 PM FR. MICHAEL**

**AUGUST 4**

**8:00 AM FR. MICHAEL**

**9:30 AM FR. MICHAEL**

**11:30 AM FR. MICHAEL**



## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR AUGUST 4

**+ Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15**

**+ Ephesians 4:17, 20-24**

**+ John 6:24-35**

**Sunday, July 28th.....BAPTISMS**

**1 PM, Worship Area**

**Tuesday, July 30th.....IN STITCHES**

**10 AM, Fr. Joe Room**

**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)**



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

In the Second Book of Kings, Elisha feeds a hundred people with just twenty barley loaves; in the Gospel, Jesus feeds five thousand with five barley loaves and two fish. Both stories tell us that there are leftovers from the abundance of food. This physical nourishment is paired with need for spiritual nourishment: Elisha's servant and Philip and Andrew all doubt that the Lord will provide and answer all their needs.

*In your prayer today, reflect on when you have doubted how the Lord "[satisfies] the desire of every living thing" (Psalm 145:16). Ask the Lord to help you see how God has provided in abundance.*

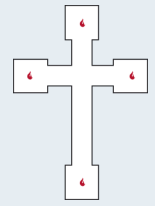
Learn about the seven corporal works of mercy: go to the US Conference of Catholic Bishops' website, [usccb.org](http://usccb.org), and search for "corporal works of mercy."

Focus on one corporal work of mercy. How can you give of yourself and work with God to feed others?

Visit our website at [www.holycrossrc.org](http://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:***

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 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  
Casey Schultz  
Kathy Schwinn  
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, July 28, 9AM Masses**

**Mon.** Rinaldi Family  
**Tue.** Joseph Fanuele  
**Wed.** Christopher Cotter  
**Thu.** Charles & Lorraine Otto

### **Saturday, August 3rd, 5 PM Mass**

Thomas Brophy, Geraldine Crocitto,  
Jim Reid, Matteo Santulin,  
Albert Buff

### **Sunday, August 4th, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM** People of the Parish  
**9:30 AM** Gloria Posimato, Rose Gatto,  
Joseph Fanuele, Bruna Siemsen, Dennis  
Derleth  
**11:30 AM** Dora Libretti



*He heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.  
- Psalm 147:3*



**Sunday, August 4th,  
will be the next date that  
the Anointing of the Sick  
will be offered  
after the 9:30 AM Mass**







**WHAT A FANTASTIC TIME  
OUR CAMPERS HAD THIS WEEK AT  
VBS SCUBA 2024**

*Thank you to all our volunteers!*



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

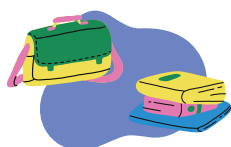


# Join us for our School Supplies for Success Drive

*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**



Choose a **BACKPACK TAG** or a **BOOK TAG** from one of the display boards in the Atrium. *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.**

## Don't want to shop?



**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.



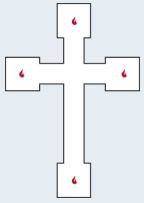
**Reminder : please attach  
the backpack tag or book  
tag to your donation.**

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!**

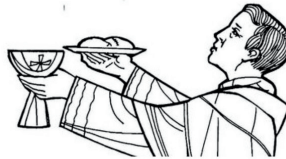


# LITURGY BYTES

*by Michele Hall*



## *Do This in Memory of Me*



Have you ever wondered what Jesus gave in offering to us His Body and Blood? Simply put on the cross, Christ saw love through to the end. Keep in mind that the institution narrative of the Eucharist does not just recall the Last Supper. We are invited to eat and drink the Eucharist, to die to ourselves and to rise into the life of God. This is the order of love that Jesus instituted.

Jesus becomes present to us in his Body and his Blood because the words he spoke at the Last Supper promised that he would. These words promised that he would give the entirety of himself to us. He is totally present because Jesus Christ, if he is going to give himself to us, is going to give everything.

The transformation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ is known as "transubstantiation." The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains that under the consecrated species of bread and wine Christ himself, living and glorious, is present in a true and real manner – soul and divinity. Transubstantiation declares that Jesus is really and truly sacramentally present in the Eucharist. There is not half bread and part God, nor partial wine and part of Jesus. Bread and wine cease functioning anymore as bread and wine. Their physical character remains, but what they are is really Christ's Body and Blood, soul and divinity. It is Jesus dwelling among us.

At every Mass, we are called to see Christ present among us in his Body and Blood. We cannot see it as if we are conducting a scientific experiment. We see with the eyes of faith. In the Eucharist we practice the art of seeing – seeing beyond what is simply before us and behold the presence of the risen Lord dwelling among us. In fact, this practice of seeing with faith is necessary for the entire Christian life. Transubstantiation is not about magic. It is about a way of seeing. Pray about that as we receive the Eucharist next time.

Have a blessed, safe, and present week ahead!

## ***Attention Grandparents- something new!***



July 26th marks the day when we celebrate the feast day of the grandparents of Jesus, Saints Joachim and Anne. Obviously, they are also the parents of our Blessed Mother, Mary. Imagine the stories they experienced and could tell as they watched both their daughter, Mary, and then their grandchild, Jesus, grow up!

Grandparents share a special bond and privilege to watch our next generation grow and develop. Grandparents witness many important moments in the lives of their grandchildren from birth, through the reception of the Sacraments, graduations, weddings, etc.

Since we just passed their feast day on Friday, I began to wonder if there would be an interest in starting a "Grandparents' Circle of Life Prayer Group" in our parish. I am interested to see how many will come. I have chosen afternoons during the week, beginning in September.

IF I HAVE SPARKED YOUR INTEREST, PLEASE COMPLETE THE SLIP BELOW AND DROP IT OFF AT THE PARISH OFFICE OR EMAIL ME AT [mhall@holycrossrc.org](mailto:mhall@holycrossrc.org)

Many thanks,

**Michele Hall**

(a proud & happy grandma)

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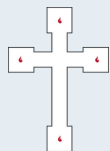
**Yes**, I am interested in information regarding the

**GRANDPARENTS' PRAYER GROUP** – (return to Parish Office)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_





# WE GROW IN OUR FAITH

## Help Wanted:

**Catechist still needed to teach  
a Special Needs class of two**

Materials and Training  
will be provided.

Please fill out form below and return it to the parish office.

## 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.



Let the little children come to me ...  
it is to such as these that the  
kingdom of God belongs.

Mark 10:14, NRSV



**Yes! I'm interested in being a Religious Education Volunteer!**

**I would like to: \_\_\_\_\_ teach**

Please contact me: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please drop this slip in the collection basket or return it to the Parish Office or  
Contact Jennifer Miller, Coordinator of Religious Education, at (631) 265-2200, Ext. 112

## 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.***

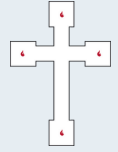
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The Religious Education department at Holy Cross will begin the current session October 2024. All catechists will be trained during the summer once we have the program in place. We are dedicated to bringing the same service to our young parishioners 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.

# 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.

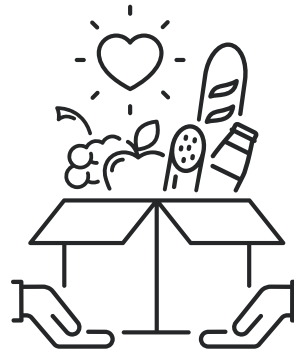
Please join us if you have participated in the past or are looking to get involved this year. If interested, please contact Outreach at 631-265-2200.

Thank you!



## *Fall Festival* **PLANNING MEETING**

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



**Cake Mix  
Brownie Mix  
Icing  
Mac & Cheese  
Snacks  
Fruit in a Can  
Chicken in a Can  
Juice Boxes  
Mayonnaise  
Ketchup  
Pancake Mix  
Syrup**

Thank you for checking expiration dates before donating.

*Thank you for your support!*

## The Corporal Works of Mercy



The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise. They "are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs" (USCCB). They respond to the basic needs of humanity as we journey together through this life.

### **The seven Corporal Works of Mercy are:**

Feed the Hungry, Give Drink to the Thirsty, Shelter the Homeless, Visit the Sick, Visit the Prisoners, Bury the Dead, Give Alms to the Poor.

*(Taken from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website)*



*Can you help serve the youth of our parish?*

**Adult volunteers needed to chaperone various youth events**

**Requirements: VIRTUS Certification and a few hours of your time**

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Angela and Susan at [youthcc@holycrossrc.org](mailto:youthcc@holycrossrc.org)

If you are not VIRTUS Certified and would like to be a volunteer for future events, there will be a training on August 20th. Register online at: [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org)

*Many hands make light work*



**The Parish of the Holy Cross and  
the Nesconset Fire Department**  
would like to invite you to join us for



# **ADULT CPR and AED Training**

**Get your CPR & AED Certification in just one day!**  
*Learn and Practice Your Skill on How to Save Lives*

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 17th, 10AM - 1PM**

**Nesconset Fire Department**

**25 Gibbs Pond Road - 3rd Floor, Nesconset , NY 11767**



In this course, you'll learn how to perform CPR and how to use an AED.  
You will also be given a Heartsaver® CPR AED Student Workbook,  
which you will be able to keep.

**At completion of the course, you will be eligible for your  
American Heart Association E-Card which is valid for 2 years.**

**Cost: \$25 per person      Last day to register is August 9th**

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

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***CPR and AED Registration - Please return to the Outreach Office***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

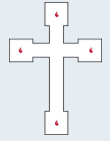
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **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* \_\_\_\_\_

# PARISH NEWS



Our volunteers pictured  
from left to right are:  
Allaire Sheehy,  
Jim Jarosch,  
Charlie Schreiber,  
Gerri Schreiber,  
Tom Vargas,  
Gary DiBiccari,  
Tommy Vargas Jr.,  
Larissa Newton,  
Jo-Ellen May-Wadsworth



The Outreach Garden Committee would like to welcome and thank the following volunteers who helped us plant our fall garden of pumpkins, gourds, decorative corn and sunflowers: Larissa Newton, Tommy Vargas Jr., Tom Vargas and Jim Jarosch. We greatly appreciate the donation of their time and talent to get our garden started. As you can see from the pictures, their efforts have paid off. Thank you all again.

**We would like to thank our most  
generous parish for all the  
donations we received to make this  
year's SCUBA VBS a success!**



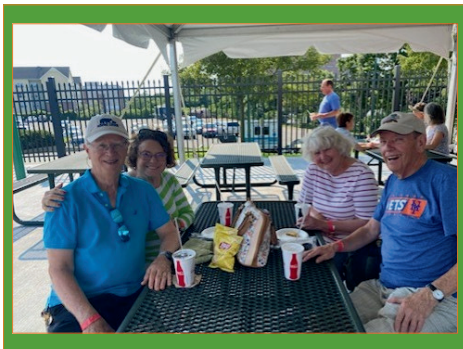
Parishioners donated food items, paper goods, pool noodles, scuba themed decorations and money towards this important event.

Our "Stitchers" crew contributed by making the sea anemone decorations.

A special thanks to Little Vincent's Pizzeria of Ronkonkoma for donating 12 pizzas for our end of the event party for our leaders and helpers.

**With gratitude,  
Tricia Clarke and the VBS Team**







# 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!***

## Summer Cash Sizzle

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