

# 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.



## 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time - September 8, 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

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NEW OUTREACH HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday &

Thursday

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Evening Hours by Appointment Only

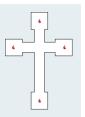


"Ephphatha,"

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



## THE SPIRIT GOES ON VACATION



### Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael

I am still coming out of the joy and relaxation of my riverboat cruise on the Rhine. One thing I have found is that for me there is always a strong connection between vacation/travel and prayer. This trip was not a retreat, yet there were deeply prayerful moments that came out of the blue. For example, one day I was wandering by myself through Old Town Zurich when I stumbled upon a labyrinth (prayer walk) in the courtyard of a church. I always find walking a labyrinth to be a reflective time. And so, for 20 minutes I found myself having this prayerful walk. It was an unexpected gift from the Spirit.

The TV in the cabin on the ship had live TV; it was mostly different news networks from around the world. I would briefly check to see if there were any significant headlines, but I consciously chose not to watch the news. Without having to deal with the complexities and emotions of the election and other global issues, it was like I immersed myself in a bubble of serenity. I was able to catch up on what happened while I was away, but the break from media was a welcome respite.

In the absence of TV news, there were occasions when I was looking for something to fill the time. The entertainment system on the ship offered hundreds of on-demand movies. Most of the more contemporary movies I did not recognize or had little interest in, and so I found myself watching some old classics that I had never seen before. Sometimes it was just a few minutes at a time, but I worked my way through some real gems.

Two films had a much greater impact than I expected. First was the 1961 (a very good year) Disney film, "The Parent Trap." While it was light-hearted and entertaining, it raised questions about the complexity of divorce and the impact it has on children. For a sixty-year-old wholesome film it raises some pointed questions and provides insight into the human struggle. But there was even a more engaging movie that took me by surprise, Gregory Peck in the 1947 film, "Gentlemen's Agreement." It was a powerful statement on prejudice and antisemitism. You would think a 75-year-old film would have lost its relevance. There were many aspects of the story that could have been taken from today's headlines. It's well worth a viewing, if you have the opportunity.

Sadly, some issues of life are timeless. The struggles of humanity found in the scriptures, old Hollywood films, and today's headlines are essentially the same. We haven't gotten it right yet. In light of our need to grow and be transformed, the Spirit remains at work. Sometimes the Spirit touches us in formal prayer, sometimes in the routines of our life. And sometimes, the Spirit travels with us on vacation and offers rich gifts. I am grateful for all the blessings of my life and how the Spirit continues to offer hope.



## ON THE CALENDAR

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						

CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



SEPTEMBER 14 5:00 PM FR. MICHAEL

SEPTEMBER 15 8:00 AM FR. MICHAEL 9:30 AM FR. MICHAEL 11:30 AM FR. MICHAEL



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 15

- + Isaiah 50:4c-9a
- + James 2:14-18
- + Mark 8:27-35

Saturday, September 7th	HOLY HOUR
Saturday, September 7th5:00 PM Mass, Atrium	K OF C SALES
Sunday, September 8th All Masses, Atrium	K of C SALES
Sunday, September 8th 1:00 PM, Worship Area	BAPTISMS
Monday, September 9th7 - 8:30 PM, Atrium	K of C MEETING
Tuesday, September 10th 10 AM, Fr. Joe Room	IN STITCHES
Tuesday, September 10th7PM, Atrium, Worship Area	LEVEL 8 PARENT/STUDENT MEETING
Wednesday, September 11th 10:00 AM, Fr. Joe Room	DRESS A GIRL (Ministry Leaders Only)
Wednesday, September 11th 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM, Atrium	SENIORS
Wednesday, September 11th 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM, Fr. Joe Room	BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP
Wednesday, September 11th7:00 PM, Fr. Joe Room	FALL FESTIVAL MEETING
Thursday, September 12th 10:00 AM, Fr. Joe Room	WOMEN'S BIBLE CIRCLE
Thursday, September 12th 1:30 or 7 PM, Atrium, Worship Area	LEVEL 3 & LEVEL 4 PARENT MEETING
Saturday, September 14th5 PM Mass, Worship Area, Courtyard	DARISH FEAST DAY
Sunday, September 15th9:30 AM Mass, Worship Area, Fr. Jo	BAPTISM GATHERING e Room
Sunday, September 15th 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Parking Lot	HEALTHY SUNDAY

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

Jesus says to the deaf man in Decapolis, "Be opened!" (Mark 7:34) Immediately the deaf man hears. How is Jesus telling you to "be opened"? Spend time reflecting on how you can figuratively open your ears and your heart to listen to how God is speaking to 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



## 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 Caroline Lazar 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 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, September 8, 9AM Masses

Mon. Gary Giovia (living)

Tue. Lucrezia & Tom Lackey (living)

**Wed.** Victims of Terrorism **Thu.** John Schultz Sr.

Saturday, September 14, 5 PM Mass

People of the Parish

Sunday, September 15, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:00 AM** James Guiliano **9:30 AM** Joseph Marcucci

**11:30 AM** Maria Ligabo, Judy Viskupic, Anna Pugliese, Rita Muller, Ann Nagosky



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





## **WORK OF THE PEOPLE**



## LITURGY BYTES by Michele Hall



The Church tells us that the word liturgy comes from a Greek word, leitourgia, which means "public work" or the "work of the people." It definitely is work and not a passive activity. It calls us all to actively participate with heart, mind, and voice.

In addition to the priest who celebrates and leads the community in the prayer of the Mass, there are many others involved in assisting to make this happen.

As you might have noticed, we have singers and musicians who lead us in song, servers who assist the Priest and Deacon at the altar, Lectors who proclaim God's Sacred Word to us and Ministers of Holy Communion who, along with the Priest and Deacon, distribute the Body and Blood of Our Lord to the assembly at each Mass. We also have Ushers/Greeters who welcome you to each Mass, take up the weekly offerings, and distribute the Church bulletin after Mass. In addition to the folks you might see each week, there are also "behind the scenes" helpers that share their time and generosity in making things run smoothly for each liturgy.

As you probably already know, we continue to need faithful assistants from the parish family not only for special events but also for our celebration of Mass weekend after weekend. Since we will soon receive the training schedules that the Diocese offers for the fall, I wanted to raise awareness about the needs we have right here at Holy Cross.

Have a blessed, joyful, and prayerful week ahead!

## Parish of the Holy Cross <u>GRANDPARENTS' GROUP</u> forming Grandparents ATTN: GRANDFATHERS & GRANDMOTHERS



Come join us to celebrate those very special people in our lives - our grandchildren. Many of us are involved in their lives, helping out their parents by picking them up from school, taking them to their weekly activities and even bringing the Good News of our faith into their lives. Whether near or far away, they certainly do light up our lives!

If you would like to join with other grandparents to pray for our grandchildren, support what each other is doing and seek ways we can lead and guide them, please join us on

Wednesday, September 25th, at 2PM in the Chapel RSVP by email to Michele Hall at: mhall@holycrossrc.org

## **FEAST DAY CELEBRATION**



Parish of the Holy Cross invites you to celebrate the



## Next Weekend 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 <u>September 9th</u>

PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION BARBECUE - PLEASE RSVP by SEPT. 9th

Name		Phone#	
Email			
Number attending:	Adults:	Children:	



## **FUN FALL FUNDRAISERS**

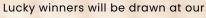


A wide variety
of themed baskets will
be displayed, and tickets sold
after all the Masses on the
weekends of:

<u>Sept. 21-22 & Sept. 28-29</u>

Tickets are

3 for \$5 or 7 for \$10



FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

on Saturday, October 5th, at 3PM

Winners do not have to be present to win.

Be part of our

BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR!

## BASKET RAFFLE FUNDRAISER 2024

Last day to donate completed baskets or individual items for baskets is Sunday, September 15th.

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

All completed baskets and all individual donated items brought on the weekend of September 14th & 15th, can be dropped off in the atrium before each Mass.

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!



Try your luck this fall with the

### NIFTY 50/50 RAFFLE

Tickets are \$10 each.

Jackpot builds as tickets are sold. Enter as many times as you wish.

#### How to enter:

Fill out the tickets to the left and return it with payment to the parish office by October 4th.

Additional raffle tickets for purchase can be found in the parish office, and will be sold up until the drawing on the day of the festival.

Drawing will be held at the Family Fall Festival on October 5th, 2024.

The winner does not need to be present.

## **PARISH OUTREACH**





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, 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



Free Flu Shots Blood Pressure Screenings Education & Referrals

Sunday, September 15th 10AM - 1PM

Parish of the Holy Cross, 95 Old Nichols Road



We will meet on

Tuesday, September 17th, 1-3PM

in the Atrium

Please join us if you are interested in helping this ministry. You can offer your assistance by preparing fabric or sewing the dresses. We also always welcome donations of 2-3 yards of new, solid colored fabric for the dresses in need. We appreciate your time and talents as we help girls around the world.

Please call Kelley from Outreach with any questions.



Shout out and big thanks
to our youth volunteers
for helping to sort and
package the **Blessing Bags**that will be donated to
Long Island Coalition for the Homeless.

Thank you all for your generous donations and continued support!



## **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 OR 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

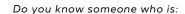
All Catechists, please pick up your materials and rosters on the day of the Parent Meeting for your grade level.

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



#### <u>Membership in the Catholic Church</u>





- 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.





Moms' Group

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 TPM – 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.

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.

OR, 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

## 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:

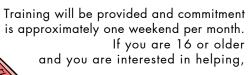
- 1. Attend Protecting God's Children (Virtus)
- 2. Sign the Codes of Conduct
- 3. Complete a Background Screening application.

(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.

## HCTV MINISTRY STILL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO RUN SLIDES AT MASS



please contact Wendy at wringhiser@gmail.com



#### **HOLY CROSS SENIORS**

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 11th

Join us in the Atrium from 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Next weekend at the offertory we will also be collecting for St. Pius X - Enriched Living Facility.

Thank you for your continued support!



## COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

AFTER MASS HOSPITALITY

If you are a middle school or high school student looking for community service hours,

please email Angela & Susan at: youthcc@holycrossrc.org

for more information.

Upcoming Community Service Events:
Youth members of our parish will be
providing refreshments
after Mass on the following weekends:

September 28/29, October 26/27, November 23/24 and December 14 5PM, 9:30AM, and 11:30AM Masses

Please register for this event to participate.

To register, send an email to Angela & Susan at youthcc@holycrossrc.org and/or join our Remind group to receive a SignUpGenius link.

Sign up for Remind at: rmd.at/ycchc

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