

The Parish of the Holy Cross

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LET ALL 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.*



Come and pray with us!

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 10, 2021

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!

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Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 4 PM (closed 12:15 - 1 PM)

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Remembering Our Sick

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

Ada Agugliaro	Celeste Babi
Jo Barry	Kathy Barry
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Ann Callari	Eleanor Daly
Manuela Diaz	Ann Egan
Jim Emerson	Sienna Fricke
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Viola Malek	Michael Maroney
Olivia Melia	Liam Richards
Joseph Santamaria	Barbara Sherry
David Velkas	Doreen Velkas
Judy Viskupic	Peter Warns

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

Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of October 10th, 9AM Mass

Mon. Paul Kane
Tue. Louis Forero
Wed. Denise Lamarque
Thu. Pauline & Edward Rahilly

Saturday, October 16th, 5PM Mass

Patricia Lore, Suzanne Scanio, Marie Eannacone, Kathleen Griffin, Nick & Nina Makowicz

Sunday, Oct. 17th, 29th Sun. in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Stasia & Patrick Egan
11:30 AM Elizabeth Shea, Fr. Jerzy Popietuszko, Kathleen Adell, Paul Hartmann, John James Dugan



Scripture Readings for October 17, 2021



+ *Isaiah 53:10-11*
+ *Hebrews 4:14-16*
+ *Mark 10:35-45*

PLAY, SERVE, AND PRAY (PART 2)

by Father Michael

I originally entitled this series Play, Work, and Pray. Work is essential and necessary. But that word can connote a negative energy; that is, that work can be a drudgery. When was the last time you heard someone say “Woo-hoo, it’s time to go to work”? There are times when my responsibilities in the parish can be challenging, but rarely would I describe them as an unpleasant task. The better word to describe my usual activity is ministry or service. And last week was a humdinger of a week in terms of ministry.

We had four celebrations of the Sacrament of Confirmation for our young people on Friday and Saturday. There are countless details that are part of major undertakings like this. In addition to these special events, we also had to accommodate funerals and carry on with other scheduled events like the regularly scheduled Masses and baptisms. We even had to throw in the blessing of animals for the Feast of St. Francis (thank you Deacon Joe for helping out on that one). Beyond the boundaries of Holy Cross, I had to put on my “Dean’s hat” last weekend and install a new Pastor at St. James Church in Setauket. There has been a lot going on. It’s all good and holy stuff, but it is a lot.

When I go back to my house at the end of some of these days, I feel numb. So much has happened in the course of the day. I feel both exhilarated and exhausted at the same time. A good and productive day will do that to the soul.

It’s easy to complain and say, “I’m working too hard.” There are times I am tempted to feel that. Often out of these moments of self-pity there are insights that come along to remind me that this is the work God has called me to. For this moment in time, I am the one who needs to be embracing these holy encounters for this community. Sometimes I need to be reminded of this by some of the guardian angels (friends and parishioners) that are part of my life.

I’m blessed that much of my daily routine and work lends itself to being uplifting and renewing. There are some folks for whom their work is a burden. There may be some who need to remind themselves that it is their efforts that provide for the needs of their families, and that can bring about some satisfaction. But for all of us, we are invited to see the hand of God at work in the daily routine of our lives that we call work. The Lord has given each of us gifts and abilities which we are called to use well. The more aware we are of a connection between God’s presence and what we do, the more easily we see our lives in terms of ministry and service instead of just “going to work.” More to come . . .

Check out our new website www.holycrossrc.org and subscribe on the homepage to our parish email list. You will never receive spam from the parish, only important notifications!

PARISH NEWS

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, October 16th/17th



5:00 PM Fr. Michael
 8:00 AM Fr. Michael
 9:30 AM Fr. Michael
 11:30 AM Fr. Michael

Banns of Marriage First Time



Kathryn Sarmiento & Lorenzo Mercado

Third Time

Jessica Reed & Johnny Santos

Special Collections

Next weekend we will be collecting for our **Repairs and Major Renovations** fund. Thank you for your support!

Altar Servers Needed!

Are you in fourth grade (or above) and interested in becoming an Altar Server?

Girls and boys interested in serving are invited to come to trainings and find out all that is involved in being an Altar Server. At the end of the three training sessions, you will be able to assist at Mass as an Altar Server. Training will be held from 4:30 to 5:30 PM on three consecutive Wednesday afternoons: October 20, 27 and November 3. **Please call the Parish Office to register.**



Meetings this Week

- Sunday, October 10th** 3 PM
 • **COOKING OUT OF THE PANTRY** Atrium
- Monday, October 11th** 9 AM
 • **MASS** Worship Area
(The Parish Office is closed for Columbus Day.)
- Tuesday, October 12th** 10 AM
 • **IN STITCHES** Fr. Joe Room
 • **K OF C INSTALLATION** 7PM Fr. Joe Room
- Wednesday, October 13th** 11:30AM-2:30PM
 • **SENIOR GROUP** Atrium
 • **LEV. 5/6 PARENT MTG.** 7PM Worship Area
- Thursday, October 14th** 1:30 - 3:30 PM
 • **BEREAVEMENT** Fr. Joe Room
- Sunday, October 17th** 11:30 AM
 • **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** Fr. Joe Room
 • **YOUTH GROUP** 6-8PM Atrium

The Parish Office is closed on
Monday, October 11th,
 for **Columbus Day.**
 There will be a **9:00 Mass**
Monday morning.



Carwash Fundraiser

An Eagle Scout project to improve the clothing donation bin area is planned. The plan includes removing the overgrown vegetation, leveling out the area, laying a cement slab, planting trees and spreading mulch. The car wash will take place on October 16 from 10AM to 2PM at the Nesconset Fire House.



PARISH NEWS

Attention Ushers!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS....

and be sure to join us for an Ushers' meeting on **Monday, October 25th**, at **7PM** in the Worship Area. Discussion will focus on this new revitalized ministry.



Holy Cross Seniors

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 and meet some new friends. The meeting is held in the atrium of the church from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM. **Our next meeting is October 13.** We hope to see you there!



Coming soon to Holy Cross: **The Chosen**

The Chosen is an eight-part film series portraying the life of Jesus through the eyes of those who met him. Based on the Gospels, this series illustrates the lives of everyday people and the profound impact Jesus had on their lives.



Join us for 4 evenings as we view Parts 1, 2, 3, & 4:

Wednesdays, October 20, 27, November 3 & 10, from 7:00-8:30 PM

There will be time for discussion after each episode.
Parts 5 – 8 will be shown after the first of the new year.

Please fill in the tear-off below and return it to the Parish Office by October 18:

I would like to attend **The Chosen**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

Religious Education classes will begin the week of October 18th. Please check our parish website — holycrossrc.org — and our bulletin for upcoming parent meetings.



You will be able to pick up your child's books and folders at your meeting. If you have not registered, please do so **asap**. **Children must be registered in order to receive their materials.** We look forward to a wonderful year with you!!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Hello everyone! Are you in high school? Do you want to make new friends as you play fun games? Do you want to build more of an understanding about yourself and your faith?

If you answered "Yes!" to any one of those questions above, then you **MUST** check out the **Holy Cross Youth Group!** You will be glad you did! The Holy Cross Youth Group is the perfect opportunity for you to continue to grow in your faith and build relationships with others in the parish. Join us for our **Fall Kickoff** event:

Sunday, October 17 - The Youth Group will be having a fun Youth Night from 6 to 8PM! All new 9th graders who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation this October are invited to attend. Hope to see you there!

For more information, contact our Youth Minister, Allie Roecklein, at youthgroup@holycrossrc.org.



PARISH OUTREACH

NY Project Hope
Coping with COVID



*NY Project Hope helps people manage and cope with changes brought on by COVID-19.

We all respond to stress in different ways
including fear, anxiety, and grief.

**Please join us on
Tuesday, October 19th,
from 7pm to 8pm
as we share strategies for coping and
managing stress during COVID.**

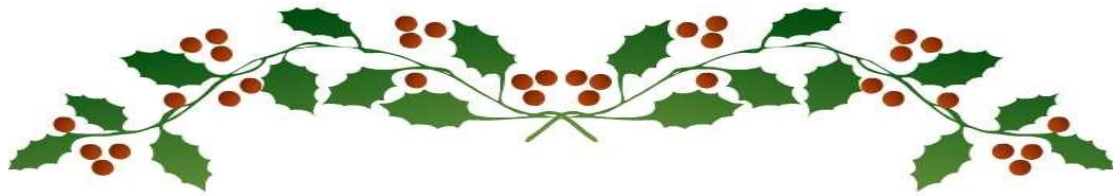
***Our speakers are trained Crisis Counselors from
NY Project Hope.

- **Please call to make a reservation**
- **All are welcome!**

The Parish of the Holy Cross Outreach

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PARISH OUTREACH



Holiday Bereavement Support Group

If you are grieving a loss, the holidays can be a particularly difficult time. Grief is like taking the color out of your world any time of the year, yet during a holiday those grieving often experience a more intense sense of loss.

Please join us for this three week session focusing on:

“Ways to Handle Grief During the Holidays”

This Bereavement Group will consist of those handling the passing of either a wife or husband. We will meet Thursdays from 1:30 to 3:30 PM. The dates are as follows:

October 28th, November 4th and November 18th

Please register by calling Holy Cross Outreach at 631-265-2200 ext. 113, leave your name and number, and you will be contacted by the Facilitator of the group. We welcome you to share, listen and find companionship with others who are encountering grief at this holiday time. Hopefully, together we will uncover ways to go through the holidays with a little Joy.



PARISH OUTREACH

We are in need of parishioners who can donate 2 yards of 100% cotton fabric in bright, colorful solids and prints. Please drop off the fabric at our Outreach Office. Thank you!

Dress a Girl Around the World

This unique organization donates dresses to young, vulnerable girls suffering from extreme poverty around the world. By providing a new dress, you may be changing a young girl's destiny and how she and the world see her. It tells them they are loved by someone and reminds them they are loved by God.

How Can You Help? Two Ways!

We are looking for volunteers who will cut the fabric using the patterns provided. You can do this in the comfort of your own home or with a group. Fabric will be provided.



Are you able to sew and want to share your gift for this project? Outreach is looking for volunteers who are interested in creating these dresses by sewing them in their own homes, using pre-cut fabric.

If you are interested, please call Outreach at 631-265-2200 ext. 113 for further details.



Thank you!



PARISH OUTREACH

Homebound and Hospitalized

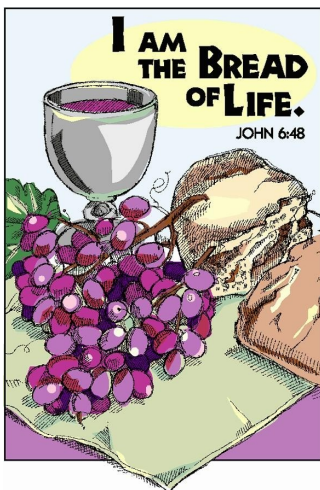
Are you, or someone you know in the parish, homebound or anticipating an operation or treatment for cancer? We in Holy Cross are eager to know in a more personal way our parishioners who are homebound or hospitalized. Often, we do not hear of a person's illness or inability to join us for Sunday Mass. Please call 265-2200 x113 or stop by the office to let Parish Outreach know of these parishioners who are so special to us. We really depend on you.



Parish Outreach sends cards, on behalf of our parish, to those who are ill or hospitalized. Our homebound folks receive friendly telephone calls by Outreach volunteers to keep up the connection and to assess ways the parish can be present to these loved parishioners. At Advent and Easter time a volunteer will visit them and bring a gift from the parish community. Eucharistic Ministers are also available to bring communion to the homebound who desire it.

These are some of the ways Holy Cross reaches out to the homebound and hospitalized. Please help us by contacting Parish Outreach or a member of the Pastoral Team if you know of anyone we can serve in their time of need.

YOU MAY WANT TO...



Consider a donation of **Altar Bread and Wine** for a week, especially if your request for a date for a Mass has been taken. Your special occasion or loved one's name will be printed in the bulletin.

Or, you may want to make a monetary donation to Holy Cross in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone living. We now have a **Book of Memorials** and a **Book of Honorees**. Your donation will be used to purchase needed items for our church. Holy Cross has a practice of not engraving names on benches and other items, but your donation will be recorded in the appropriate book for all posterity.

Our **Parish Outreach** also accepts donations in memory or honor of someone and has lovely cards that you can send.

PARISH OUTREACH

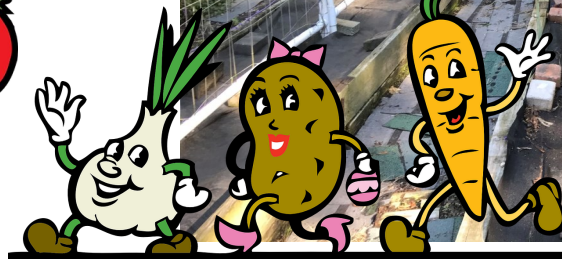
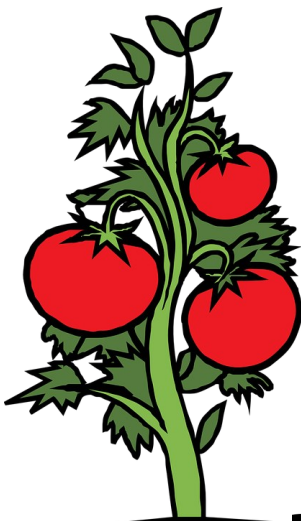
Community Vegetable Garden

Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to clean up, wrap up and put our Community Vegetable Garden to rest for the winter months. Thank you to Andy, Ken, Gary, Charlie, Gerri, Lucy, JoEllen, Allaire, Beth, Vivian, Danny, Susan and her son Ryan. Thank you so much for all your help and support this summer. You really made the project a great success. We could not have done it without you!



Here are pictures from cleanup day!

Thank
you!



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Here is an update on the status of the Appeal here at Holy Cross:

<u>Goal</u>	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Over (Under)</u>	<u># of Donors</u>	<u>% of Goal</u>
\$74,200.00	\$47,225.00	(\$26,975.00)	210	63.65%

When payments reach 100% of our goal, we receive a rebate of 20% or \$14,840. Please help your community and your parish by supporting the CMA!

Every gift counts and makes a difference in the lives of others!
Thank you!!

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PARISH REMINDERS

Gluten Free Hosts

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

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.

Remember "Kevin Bacon"

Don't forget to feed "Kevin Bacon" your quarters when you come to Mass on Sundays! Your donation benefits Heifer International.



COMMUNITY NEWS

The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville Host Virtual Gala

The Sisters of St. Dominic will host their annual Dominican Gala virtually on

Friday, October 22, 2021, at 6:30 PM

This year we are proud to honor Gary Bonelli, Owner & CEO of Bonardi Construction and Sister Jeanne Clark, OP, Founder of Homecoming Farm.

Proceeds from the event help the Ministry Support Fund, which provides funding to many of the Sisters' ministries caring for those most in need here, in Puerto Rico, and in El Salvador.

Throughout the pandemic, the Sisters, Associates and Young Adults in our local areas have been committed to helping the most vulnerable populations in our community. They manned food pantries, delivered food to the homebound, expanded virtual communications and technology and offered care and compassion.

Because of generous donors like you, they were able to touch the lives of thousands who were negatively impacted. As always, your presence in this way enhances our mission of preaching.

For more information about event tickets, 50/50 raffle or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Susan Jappell (631) 842-6000 x 246 or visit:

www.sistersofstdominic.org/2021gala

COMMUNITY NEWS



RAINBOWS & SILVER LININGS CHILDREN'S PEER SUPPORT GROUPS

Rainbows... when something significant happens in the family, the entire family is affected, and grieving children struggle to verbalize the complex emotions inside. **Rainbows is a support group curriculum for children who have suffered a loss in their lives**, either by death, by divorce, or any other painful transition.

This program is not a counseling session or therapy; it is **strictly** a peer support group with caring trained adults to guide them. The purpose of the curriculum is to provide these children with an opportunity to sort through and understand their grief, helping them come to a healthy acceptance of what has happened in their family. The children, as well as the adults, are bound by confidentiality.

In addition, Rainbows is offering the newly revised **Silver Linings, a Community Crisis Program, to address the negative effects of the Covid-19 pandemic** on children and young people. Silver Linings is also a peer support program and is structured the same way as Rainbows.

Format:

- 12 sessions divided into two - six week semesters (fall & winter).
- Each session runs approximately one hour per week. The children are grouped according to age level (ages 5-17).

We have a new group beginning this fall. Pre-registration is required. For further information please contact St. Patrick's Parish Outreach, Smithtown at 631-265-2668.

TAKE A CHANCE!

Fall Cash Fling

For many years the Cash Calendar was a part of the Holy Cross routine. This fundraiser provided some additional financial support to the parish. In addition, many parishioners enjoyed participating in it. Unfortunately, it was one of the many parts of parish life that was lost to COVID. At this time, it is unlikely that we have enough parishioners attending Mass on a weekly basis to support a monthly drawing. And so, we introduce the "Fall Cash Fling." This is a similar idea, however it will be offered initially on a quarterly basis.

- \$10 per ticket
- Tickets are available for purchase through September, October and November.
- Drawing will be held November 30.

Because we anticipate smaller participation, there will be a different pay scale:

- * 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. *(In the event the response is strong, we will resume a monthly drawing as soon as possible.)*
- Tickets will not be sold after Mass. 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!

Fall Cash Fling

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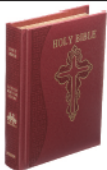
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