# 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!

### 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 2, 2022

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!

631.265.2200 + Fax: 631.265.2229 + Email: parish@holycrossrc.org Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 4 PM (closed 12:15 - 1 PM)

#### PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Michael F. Holzmann Pastor, ext.115

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Mrs. Tricia Clarke, ext.112 Director of Religious Ed. Deacon Joseph Maffeo Pastoral Minister, ext.124

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### **Remembering Our Sick**

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

**Bob Alderdice Theresa Arzillo Jo Barry Kathy Barry Barbara Bombace Dan Bryan** Pattie Daly-Matonti Ann Callari 0 Manuela Diaz Matthew DiPietro Ann Egan **Jim Emerson** Syl Evangelista **Ralph Farino** Sienna Fricke **Robert Gann** Debbie Jablinowski **Diane Jones** Maureen Jost **Kristen Kennedy Roberta Lamb Dora Libretti Gerald Losquadro Charlotte Lynch** % Viola Malek Erin & baby Malley Jeanne Marie Mallev **Joseph McManus Olivia Melia Freddie Meyers** Loretto Narducci **Mary Polik-Gunther** David Reichbach **Carina Ranieri Liam Richards Elaine Ruane** Joseph Santamaria **Barbara Sherry Celeste Sichenze Kyle Sweeney Peter Warns** Ray Yager **Danny Youngworth** 

#### **Mass Intentions Schedule**

Week of October 2, 2022, 9AM Mass

Mon.Richard Nicholas TestaNew LTue.Damien Pickelín ChrWed.Estelle Sternberg, Dominick PizzurroThu.Kenneth Manwiller,<br/>Kathie Manwiller (living) & family

#### Saturday, October 8th, 5 PM Mass

Maria Reczuch, Warren Sulmasy, William John Kelly Jr., Joseph Scialabba, Blanche Kuczewski, John Lonergan

#### Sunday, Oct. 9th, 28th Sun. in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Joseph Marcucci & James Penzavecchia
11:30 AM Vincenzo Baratta, Ginny Faller, Barbara Wells, Frank Ranieri, Diane Fakih, Celeste E. Babi

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.

# HAPPY OCTOBER

#### by Father Michael

For me it feels as though September passed in a flash. September can be a spectacular month for travel and enjoying days relaxing close to home. The heat and crowds of the summer have passed, and often it is still warm and sunny. But it is sad when the setting sun comes early in the afternoon.

As I write this column there are ominous reports of hurricane Ian headed towards Iand as well as the aftermath of hurricane Fiona. Those of us who went on the cruise were fortunate in that none of our journey was affected by that storm. It was a rainy day in St. John, New Brunswick, put that was just a passing rainstorm. It is always a frightening experience when we or our loved ones stand in the path of an impending storm. We have all experienced the aftermath of power outages and other related damage. It is a difficult hardship to have to shift life into clean-up mode. We pray for all those who may find themselves in a difficult position.

This afternoon (Sunday) is one of the more unusual annual events in the life of the Church. The focus is on the little creatures — our pets. In honor of St. Francis we will offer a simple prayer of blessing at 1:00 PM in the courtyard. For many people, their pets are a great source of comfort and joy. Many pet owners say they learned patience and unconditional acceptance from their furry friends. It is a holy and happy moment when their pets can receive a blessing to affirm all the happiness and solace they offer. As a child we tried getting a dog, but I had an allergy that prevented us from keeping a cute basset hound. A few years later I was able to have a couple of hamsters. We are happy to offer these prayers for all the pets both large and small.

The first gathering of the Men's Prayer Group was supposed to be Saturday morning. It had to be postponed. Although a number of men expressed interest in it, the day and time I picked was a conflict for quite a few. I will go back to the drawing board and try finding a time that is more convenient for people. I'll post future meetings and updates in the bulletin.

I'm looking forward to our Family Fall Festival in two weeks. It should be an energetic and uplifting time for all who attend. While our pumpkin patch may not rival some of the ones out east, it is a simple and affordable way for families to have some autumn fun. We hope you can be part of this community day.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will take place after the 9:30 Mass this weekend.

# **PARISH NEWS**

### Weekly Calendar

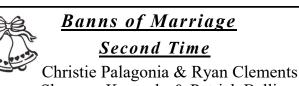
Saturday, October 1st	3:45-4:45PM
• HOLY HOUR	Worship Area
Sunday, October 2nd	After 9:30 Mass
• ANOINTING OF THE SICK	Worship Area
• FAMILY MASS 11:30AM	Worship Area
• BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS 1PM	
Monday, October 3rd	7 PM
• LEV. 7 PARENT/STUDENT MTG.	Wor.Ar./Atr.
• KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 7PM	Fr. Joe Room
• LEV. 8 PARENT/STUDENT MTG. 8	
Tuesday, October 4th	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
• VIRTUS 6:30PM	Fr. Joe Room
Wednesday, October 5th	1:30 PM
CONSOLATION MINISTRY	Fr. Joe Room
• ENCOUNTER 4PM or 7PM	l Chapel/Atrium
Thursday, October 6th	10 AM
• SCRIPTURE STUDY	Fr. Joe Room
Sunday, October 9th	1 PM
• BAPTISMS	Worship Area

### Pray for Our Military

SPC(E-4) David Basler 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

We thank the men and women who serve in our military for their service. We will continue to pray for them through 2022. Please let us know if their service is finished, their title has changed, or you would like continued prayers through 2023. May God bless all who serve our nation. Pray for Peace! The **Bread and Wine** for the week October 2nd-8th have been donated in loving memory of **Italo D'Aversa** by the Rizzo family.





Christie Palagonia & Ryan Clements Shannon Kennedy & Patrick Balling

<u>Third Time</u> Brittney Gonzalez & Anthony Farina

#### Scripture Readings for October 9th, 2022



+ 2 Kings 5:14-17 + 2 Timothy 2:8-13 + Luke 17:11-19

#### <u>Celebrants for Next Weekend's</u> <u>Masses, October 8th/9th</u>



5:00 PM Fr. Frank 8:00 AM Fr. Frank 9:30 AM Fr. Michael/Dcn. Joe 11:30 AM Fr. Michael/Dcn. Joe

### Holy Baptism

Holy Cross Welcomes These Children Baptized in September

Angelo Joseph Bagnasco Dominic Joseph Barbuto Tyler Jon Benish Angelina Faith Bennett Colton James Flynn Ava Angelica Hofmann Collins June Kitson Zoey Noelle Loiacono Jason Michael McLoughlin Victor Alexander Navas Landon Ismael-Herman Nelson Hailee Evelyn Orbe Lorenzo Rocco Salvatico



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

George Díllon Andrew Makowícz Shírley Owen

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

### **Blessing of the Animals**

To commemorate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we will have the

Blessing of the Animals this Sunday at 1 PM.



# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### <u>Altar Server Training</u> 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 Tuesday afternoons: October 11, 18 and 25. Please call the Parish Office to register.

### <u>Coming to Holy Cross:</u> "An Encounter with the Community of Jesus"

For all adult parishioners: a six-week course designed to deepen our appreciation of the Church community founded by Jesus Christ.

Join us for Scripture, reflection, a short video, and small group discussion on <u>Wednesday, October 5, 12, 19, 26, November 2\*, 9,</u> from <u>4:00 – 5:00 PM</u>, *or* from <u>7:00 – 8:00 PM</u>.

(\*No evening session on Nov. 2. 7:00 session will be on Nov. 3 instead) Questions? Call Jude at ext. 116

Please print clearly and return tear-off to Holy Cross by October 3.

I would like to participate in:

"An Encounter with the Community of Jesus" at _	4:00PM	7:00PN
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Name: \_

Email:

Phone:

# PARISH OUTREACH



### Holiday Bereavement Support Group

If you are grieving a loss, the holidays can be a particularly difficult time. Grief is like talking 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 3-week session focusing on: "Ways to Handle Grief During the Holidays." This Bereavement Group will consist of those handling the passing of a loved one.

# We will meet Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:30 PM. The dates are November 2<sup>nd</sup>, November 9<sup>th</sup> and November 16<sup>th</sup>.



Pease 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.

### Press a Girl Around the World



**Cut-Ups**: (those who cut the material and assemble our dress kits) Our "Cut-Ups" will meet **Thursday, October 27th, from 1PM-3PM** in the atrium. We will continue cutting out dresses for the little ones in need. **Please RSVP to Outreach at 631-265-2200** (limited space available). No skill required. All are welcome!

We will be kicking off our new year of *Dress a Girl* on October 27<sup>th</sup>. This past year, we completed 200 dresses and sent them on their way to Haiti. We are looking forward to our new year together and creating more beautiful little girl dresses.

We are, once again, looking for donations of larger pieces of cotton fabric (2-3 yards) for the body of the dress. Thank you in advance for your constant support and generosity of our *Dress a Girl* ministry.



**Stitch-UPS:** (those who sew the dresses found in our dress kits) Our "Stitch-Ups" are welcome to pick up completed dress kits by calling the Outreach Office at 631-265-2200. Everything you need to complete a dress is included in a kit including instructions. Any questions—we are just a phone call away! Thank you!

### Parish Outreach

### Update on New Income Guidelines for Child Care Assistance

Starting August 1, 2022, households with incomes up to 300% of the State Income Standard are eligible for the child care subsidy program. For example, a family of two with a household income of \$54,930 or a family of four with household income up to \$83,250 can apply for child care assistance. Applications can be submitted through the local Nassau or Suffolk Department of Social Services or by mail.

# LITURGY

### Liturgy Bytes—Prayer, Jesus & the Pope

Why does Jesus pray? Our idea of prayer is almost always related to what we need. However, Jesus shows us a different way of praying based on developing a

relationship. We all understand relationships that we build. The more we feel loved and succeed in loving, the more we feel that life is livable, something we can face. Jesus invests time in relationships with the people around him, but he also invests time with the relationship that he has with his Father. As evidenced in Scripture, he devotes much time to God the Father in prayer.

Another question: Is prayer a duty for us or a relational investment? Notice in some of the Gospel stories that people wanted to always touch Jesus. They felt a power coming forth from him which healed them. Those who pray are mysteriously filled with a power that heals even those around them. This was true for Jesus, but it is also true for each of us.

The Pope urges us to keep in mind and remember that Jesus prays for us. He gives some examples from Scripture:

Jesus chooses the apostles after a night of prayer. The Pope comments that there is no criterion in this choice other than prayer.

The Apostles sometimes become a concern for Jesus. However, since he received them from the Father after prayer, he carries them in his heart, even in their errors or when they fall.

With those two quick Gospel stories above, Pope Francis tells us that Jesus not only wants us to pray as he prays, but assures us that, even if our attempts at prayers are completely vain and ineffective, we can always count on Jesus' prayer. Jesus' love, Jesus' prayer for each one of us does not cease, but rather becomes more intensive. When there is a difficulty, when we feel so many distractions – Jesus is praying for each of us!

Have a prayerful, blessed, safe and healthy week! ~ Michele Hall



### Serving the Needs of our Parish Family WILL YOU JOIN US?

At this time, we need assistance in the following areas: Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors. The Diocesan training sessions will be offered in late October. So, please read on ...

Maybe you have thought about this in the past. So, why not step up and give it a try now?

**Eucharistic ministers** serve Holy Communion at the weekend Masses. Right now, we are especially in need of help at the 5 PM Saturday and 8 AM Sunday Masses. If you attend either of those Masses, please consider joining us.

**Lectors** who proclaim the Scriptures at Mass are also needed at the 5 PM Mass on Saturday and the 8 AM Mass on Sunday. In addition to the training offered by the Diocese, we will offer some local training right here at home.

**Please pray and ask the Lord to guide your decision.** For questions or more information, please contact Michele Hall at the Parish Office or send an email to: <u>mhall@holycrossrc.org</u>

# **ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS!**

### **Attention Holy Cross Volunteers**

Virtus Training, *Protecting God's Children for Adults*, will be offered at Holy Cross

#### Tuesday, October 4, 2022, 6:30 – 9:00 PM

As you know, <u>all</u> parish and diocesan employees and volunteers are required by the Diocese to attend a Virtus session. (Those who have already attended Virtus are not required to go again.) If you have not yet taken Virtus training, <u>please register on-</u><u>line right away</u>, as the number of participants is limited to 20. You **must** be registered to attend a Virtus session.

To register, go to <u>www.virtus.org</u> and follow the directions. Complete instructions about the requirements for all parish volunteers are given on page 14 of this bulletin.

If you have any questions, or need help with the registration, please call Jude at (631)265-2200x116.

# PARISH NEWS

### **Family Fall Festival**

Come join the fun! The Parish of the Holy Cross will be hosting a Family Fall Festival on October 15<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for volunteers to assist in assorted activities. What a



wonderful opportunity to get involved, meet new people, meet up with old friends, and play an active role in a fun filled day! If you can't commit to all day — come join the fun for a few hours. Any or all help is welcome. If interested, please call Outreach at 631-265-2200 or email at outreach@holycrossrc.org.

FYI - This is a perfect opportunity for our young parishioners to acquire service hours and enjoy the day!

We are looking for donations for our Children's Raffle table at the Family Fall Festival. Items should be no more than \$15, new, and either for a boy or girl. Please bring all donated items to the Parish Office. Any questions, please call Outreach at 631-265-2200. Thank you in advance for all your help. (See following pages for more festival info!)

### **Special Collection**

As we take up the annual collection this week for **Respect Life**, we are reminded that the assaults on human dignity come in many forms. The Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics is charged with deepening our already strong commitment to pro-life activities and parish education. Please support this vital work through participation in the special Respect Life envelope collection. Your prayers and assistance are greatly appreciated.

### **<u>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</u>**

Are you seeking Baptism? Are you a baptized Catholic who never celebrated First Communion and Confirmation? Have you been baptized in another Christian faith and now desire to become Catholic?

If your answer is "YES" to any of these questions, we want to hear from you. The Church gives us a beautiful process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for those who seek to



become fully initiated in the Catholic Church. This year's RCIA will be starting soon. If you're interested and would like additional information, please contact Jude Pickel at 631-265-2200 x116.



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# Family Fall Festival October 15, 2022 10 AM - 3 PM

- Face Painting (10am-2pm)
- Sand Art (10am-2pm)
- 50/50 Raffle (10am-2:30pm)\*
- Children's Raffle (10am-2:30pm)\*
- Dinner with Fr. Michael Raffle (10am-2:30pm)\*
- Fall Plant Sale (10am-2pm)

- Craft Fair (10am-3pm)
- Concession Stand (11am-2pm)
- Pumpkin Picking (11am-2pm)
- Taste Testing Contest (2pm) with judging directly after
- Fun with the Nesconset Fire
   Department

\* Raffle winners will be picked after 2:30pm. VENDORS NEEDED! Please call Tricia at 631-265-2200 x112



## FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL PLANT SALE ORDER FORM



## **Family Fall Festival Plant Sale**

Pre Order Now and Pick up at the Festival



Plant Type	How Many of Each	Price of each	Sub Total
Yellow 9" Mum		8.00	
Purple 9" Mum		8.00	
White 9" Mum		8.00	
Bronze 9" Mum		8.00	
White Kale		8.00	
Purple Kale		8.00	
Montauk Daisy		14.00	
perennial			



Number of plants	
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Total Due\_\_\_\_\_

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Phone

Email

Drop form and payment off at Office - Attention Kim/ Fall Plant Sale (Please make checks payable to Holy Cross)

Pick up October 15<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM-2 PM

#### Additional items will be for sale the day of the festival.



# FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL TASTE TESTING CONTEST

# **Pumpkin Spice Everything!!**

(must be over 18 years of age)

Do you have a favorite pumpkin spice recipe? Come share your culinary expertise, and enter your selection in our first Taste Testing Contest to be held at our Family Fall Festival on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Winner will be declared at the festival.

All entries must be pumpkin spice flavored and homemade. Possibilities are muffin, bread, donut or cookie, but all pumpkin spice entries are welcome.

We ask that all recipes be submitted by October 12<sup>th</sup>. Recipes will be printed and displayed the day of the judging (in response to food allergy concerns).

Winner will be picked by a panel of judges. Good Luck and Good Baking!!!

To enter the contest or if you are interested in being a judge, please check the appropriate box on the form below and return it to the Parish Office by October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Name\_\_\_

Phone\_

\_\_\_\_\_- Yes! I will submit my delicious recipe and culinary creation to be entered in the Family Fall Festival Pumpkin Spice Taste Testing Contest.

I agree to submit my recipe by October 12<sup>th</sup> to the Outreach office.

\_\_\_\_\_- Yes! I agree to be one of the judges that will fairly determine the winner of the Family Fall Festival Pumpkin Spice Taste Testing Contest.

Please return completed form to the Parish Office no later than October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

# FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL DINNER RAFFLE



# Take a chance to win Dinner for Eight with Father Michael

(Fr. Michael is included in the eight.)

### to be drawn at the Family Fall Festival

Cost: 1 ticket for \$2, 3 for \$5, 7 for \$10

Date to be mutually determined

Dinner with Fr. Michael Name Phone Email	<b>Dinner with Fr. Michael</b> Name Phone Email
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### 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 class: <u>www.Virtus.org</u> When you log on to the Virtus website, you will create a Virtus account.

- a. If you have not attended a Virtus class, 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 the 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 #; if you do not provide a Social Security # you will be charged a fee.
  - d. After completing the application, hit the 'Submit Button'

#### Congratulations! You have now:

Registered to attend a Virtus class ~ signed the Codes of Conduct ~ Completed the Background Screening.

# 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 present the *"Fall Cash Fling."* This is a similar idea, however it is offered on a quarterly basis.

- \$10 per ticket
- Tickets are available for purchase through September, October and November.
- Drawing will be held December 1.

Because we anticipate smaller participation, there is 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

Name _	
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