

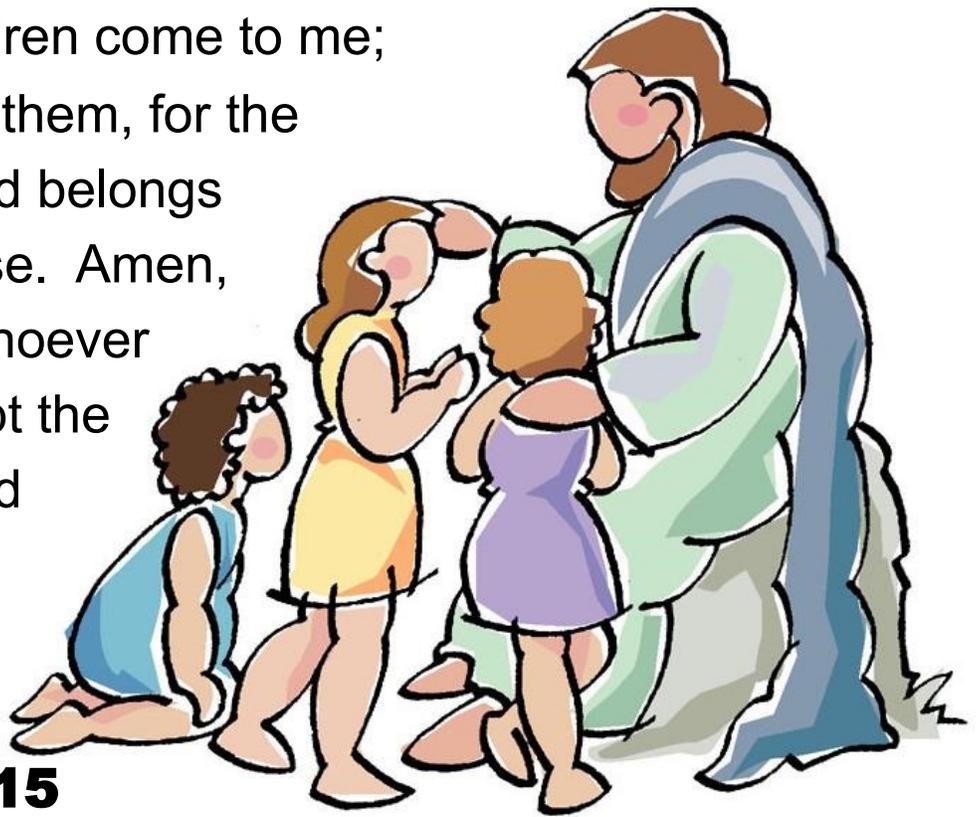
# The Parish of the Holy Cross

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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.*

“Let the children come to me;  
do not prevent them, for the  
kingdom of God belongs  
to such as these. Amen,  
I say to you, whoever  
does not accept the  
kingdom of God  
like a child will  
not enter it.”



**Mark 10:14-15**

## Come and pray with us!

### 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 3, 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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Director of Music Ministry

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Custodian

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Weekend Sacristan

## 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
Patricia Becker	Barbara Bombace
Ann Callari	Eleanor Daly
Manuela Diaz	Ann Egan
Jim Emerson	Sienna Fricke
Jeanne Gallo	Bob Grieco
Debbie Jablinowski	Diane Jones
Gerald Losquadro	Charlotte Lynch
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 3rd, 9AM Mass

**Mon.** Elisandra Fini (living)  
**Tue.** Damien Pickel  
**Wed.** Anna Mangialomini  
**Thu.** Henri-Robert Lamarque

### Saturday, October 9th, 5PM Mass

John Schroeder, William Bergan, Vincenzo Baratta, Kathleen Griffin, Harry Strole, Elena Barraco

### Sunday, Oct. 10th, 28th Sun. in Ordinary Time

**8:00 AM** People of the Parish  
**9:30 AM** Josephine Geraghty, Rudy Oswald, Paul Hartmann, Mary Yarusso, Mr. & Mrs. O. DeSanto  
**11:30 AM** Joseph Cappiello



### *Scripture Readings for October 10, 2021*



+ *Wisdom 7:7-11*  
+ *Hebrews 4:12-13*  
+ *Mark 10:17-30*

# PLAY, SERVE, AND PRAY (PART 1)

*by Father Michael*

This is the first of a three-part series being written at the end of September. This is coming about because Jane is taking a little bit of well deserved vacation time from the office (she is the one who creates our bulletin on a weekly basis), and I am taking my annual retreat. Because of this, I had to complete the next three weeks of bulletin columns early.

I am commenting on three different ways in which we can experience the power and gift of God working in our lives. Moments of grace can be experienced in different ways. These few weeks are providing that whirlwind of holiness in my life.

I begin with the one that is the most fun: play. Last week some friends took me to the Cradle of Aviation Museum in Uniondale. As much as I love flying and travel, I never took the time to visit this local museum; it has been around now for almost 20 years. I can't remember when I had a more delightful day. The museum has exhibits on space travel and military aircraft. I knew that Long Island was home base for several large aviation related companies: Grumman, Republic, Sperry, etc. But in the early days of flying through WWII, Long Island was home base to dozens of aerospace companies. I found this all very informative, but for me the part I get most excited about is commercial aviation. They have a wonderful exhibit that pays tribute to Pan Am, perhaps the most iconic airline ever. They had a fun little video simulator in which I had to land a 757. I am happy to report I made a successful landing (after several failed attempts). For those who have an interest in things that fly, this is an amazing place to visit.

It was a timeless day. We spent a full five hours being immersed in all the museum offered. I lost track of time and just had a splendid time. After the museum, our day culminated with a nice dinner. Good friends, good food, good times all made for a grand time. I felt refreshed and renewed. It was a moment for God to recharge my batteries in the context of having a fun day off. I felt ministered to in a life-giving way.

One other detail that may have added to the total relaxation and joy of the day was that I inadvertently left my cell phone at home before I left. At first I was in panic mode; how will I make it through the day? I quickly came to the realization that not having to check texts and emails every three minutes was actually a very freeing experience. When I got home I caught up on everything I missed, which in fact was not much at all.

I know everyday cannot be a play day. But when a really good one comes along, it is an uplifting experience. I'm feeling blessed for having received all that I shared in that happy day. More to come . . .

Check out our new website [www.holycrossrc.org](http://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 9th/10th



5:00 PM Fr. Frank  
 8:00 AM Fr. Frank  
 9:30 AM Msgr. Jim Vlaun  
 11:30 AM Fr. Frank

## 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

**Saturday, October 2nd** 10 AM & 1 PM  
 • CONFIRMATIONS Worship Area  
 • HOLY HOUR 3:45-4:45PM Worship Area  
 • CAR WASH PRESALE 5PM Atr./Courtyard

**Sunday, October 3rd** All Masses  
 • CAR WASH PRESALE Atr./Courtyard  
 • ANOINTING OF SICK 10:30AM Worship Area  
 • CHILDREN'S LITURGY 11:30AM Fr. Joe Room  
 • BLESSING OF ANIMALS 12:30PM Courtyard  
 • BAPTISMS 1 PM Worship Area

**Monday, October 4th** 7 PM  
 • LEVEL 2 PARENT MEETING Worship Area  
 • KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Fr. Joe Room  
 • FINANCE COMMITTEE 7:30PM Atrium

**Tuesday, October 5th** 10 AM  
 • IN STITCHES Fr. Joe Room  
 • CUT UPS 1PM Atrium  
 • VIEW FROM THE PEW 7PM Chapel  
 • THE MOMS' GROUP Atrium

**Thursday, October 7th** 10 AM  
 • SCRIPTURE STUDY Atrium  
 • BEREAVEMENT 1:30-3:30PM Fr. Joe Room

**Friday, October 8th** 1 - 3 PM  
 • FABRIC CUTTING PARTY Atrium

**Sunday, October 10th** 3 PM  
 • COOKING OUT OF THE PANTRY Atrium

## RCIA

**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.



**RCIA**

# PARISH NEWS

## Banns of Marriage Second Time

*Jessica Reed & Johnny Santos*

## Third Time

*Amelia Balestrieri & Robert Bailey*

## Blessing of the Animals

To commemorate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we will have the **Blessing of the Animals** Sunday, Oct. 3rd, after the 11:30 Mass



## Car Wash 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. Presale tickets will be on sale after Mass this weekend.

## Special Collections

This weekend we will be collecting for **Respect Life**. Support of this ministry encompasses prayer, education, advocacy, care and services. Thank you for your support!

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

# PARISH NEWS



## Pray for Our Military

SPC(E-4) David Basler  
Cpl Richard J. DeKanchuk, USMC  
SA Anthony J. DeNicola  
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  
IT1 Jason Mulderig  
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 2021.

Please let us know at any time during 2021 if their service is finished, their title has changed, or you would like continued prayers through 2022. May God bless all who serve our nation. Pray for Peace!

*The Bread and Wine for the week October 3-9 have been donated in loving memory of Estelle Sternberg by Jennifer & Charles Miller.*



We pray for the following parishioners whose funerals were celebrated at Holy Cross in September:

*James Allocca  
Lucille Cupito  
Madelaine Ennis  
Ana A. Figueras  
Antonio Martínez  
Maureen Nicosia*

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



*Holy Cross welcomes these children Baptized in September*

**Tristan Reid Bartolotta  
Jace Thomas Biggio  
Beau Harrison Charity  
Brady Hayes Ferguson  
Evelyn Grace Finocchiaro  
Eliana Rosalie Georgatos  
Alexander John Jedrys  
Cameron Edward Langenback  
Finnegan Alan Loescher  
Michael Anthony Pinto  
Chloe Rae Ruocco  
Ty Joseph Sitar  
Gabriella Theresa Stabile**

## Attention Ushers!

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



# THE HOLY CROSS MOMS' GROUP

## *ATTENTION ALL MOTHERS!*

*Are you yearning for:*

- the companionship of other moms?
- the sound of another adult voice?
- some quiet time?
- a chance to see where God is in your busy life?

*Then, why not think about trying ...*

## **THE HOLY CROSS MOMS' GROUP**

Our group is re-gathering at a new day and time:  
**Tuesday evening**, once a month, from **7:00 – 8:00 PM**.

Mothers of all ages are welcome. Come, relax with a cup of tea or coffee, and share with other moms the joys and challenges of motherhood.

First meeting: **Tuesday, October 5, 7:00 PM**

For more information, call Jude at x116.

  
Mom

# SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

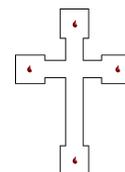


***Congratulations to the following children who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation this week!***

Joseph Anthony Adams  
Riley Francis Arbocus  
Rodrigo Spyridon Argueta  
Brady Richard Austin  
Matthew Luke Bernardo  
Ryan Michael Bishop  
Olivia Faith Bozzo  
Dean Xavier Burchard  
Laura Catherine Byrne  
Santino Anthony Capozzola  
Ella Felicity Carbone  
Samantha Josephine Carnazza  
Keira Francis Choinski  
Addision Teresa Citrin  
Angelina Lillian Conway  
Sophia Elizabeth Corso  
Alexa Tina Crispo  
Kyle Joseph Cullinan  
Neal Zachary Cusumano  
Gianna Veronica D'Agostino  
Joseph Michael Davide  
Daniel Matthew DeBobes  
Paige Frances DelColle  
Gabrielle Gemma DiGianni  
Andrew Sebastian DiMondo  
Catherine Patricia DiSpirito  
Kacper Francis Dubilo  
Olivia Bruna Elarde  
Jordan Jude Falco  
Joseph Francis Fallon  
Vincent Michael Fantauzzi  
Charlotte Madeline Farrugia  
Aidan John Feulner  
Isabella Brigid Fokas  
Kalle Mary Friedmann  
Nicholas Anthony Friscia  
Matthew Anthony Gandarillas  
Paul Trifone Garbarino  
Ashley Rose Garofalo  
Angelina Amelia Gramarossa

Julie Marie Grimaldi  
James Michael Hagens  
Vincent Rocco Hardina  
Jase James Heffernan  
Claudia Elizabeth Hupp  
Gianna Sophia Intintoli  
Joseph Thomas Jaeger  
Benjamin Ralph Khandpur  
Joseph Joseph Koppelman  
Valerie Vincent Kratochvil  
Laurie Margaret Kratochvil  
Derek David Lendin  
Giuliana Sara Liebman  
Parker Nicholas Lyon  
Victoria Regina Mackay  
Connor Nicholas Madden  
Cormac Luke Maloney  
Daniel Michael Mavridis  
Jack Joseph McCarty  
Peyton Jerome McGrade  
Jenna Marie Mehlinger  
Stephen Lawrence Mequia  
Madelyn Catherine Messner  
Danielle Riley Mezzanotte  
Thomas Luke Mills  
Samuel John Morreale  
Adrianna Catherine Mozian  
Alexis Elizabeth Mozian  
James Peter Mozian  
Hunter James Munoz  
Alessandra Elizabeth Naples  
Avery Jane Nasta  
Brianna Valentina Naumann  
Jessica Ann Nodell  
Theresa Faith O'Brien  
Emma Mary Phillips  
Jack Sebastian Pitman  
Matthew Christopher Podesta  
Ava Abigail Poletski  
Angelo Stephen Portillo

Dante Anthony Prass  
Adriana Irene Richford  
Tyler Thomas Rockis  
Sean Vincent Romeo  
Isabella Catherine Rosselli  
Beth Katherine Rowan  
Brady Francis Ryback  
Dana Helena SanFilippo  
Laila Nicole Scafuri  
Joseph Sebastian Scarabino  
Joliana Elizabeth Schiavo  
William Francis Shea  
Rebecca Genevieve Sinatra  
Nicolas Sebastian Skartsiaris  
Brady Michael Snak  
Dylan William Snak  
Kayla Rose Sokol  
Robert John Spadaccini  
Isabella Madeline Staffieri  
Emma Catherine Svercel  
Travis Austin Szober  
Brendan Peter Thatcher  
Sophia Gianna Trivigno  
Kylie Josephine Trojcak  
Ava Faith Valenzano  
Riley John Verderame  
Logan Christopher Viollis  
Jack Joseph Visnius  
Daniel Christopher Volino  
Ava Josephine Walsh  
Shane Francis Weisberg  
Isabella Elizabeth Youllar  
Madelyn Stephanie Young  
Max Michael Zandberg  
Grace Maria Zanfardino  
Michael Joseph Zizzo



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE



Religious Education classes will begin the week of October 18th. Please check our parish website — [holycrossrc.org](http://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](mailto:youthgroup@holycrossrc.org).

## PARISH OUTREACH

### Cooking out of the Pantry

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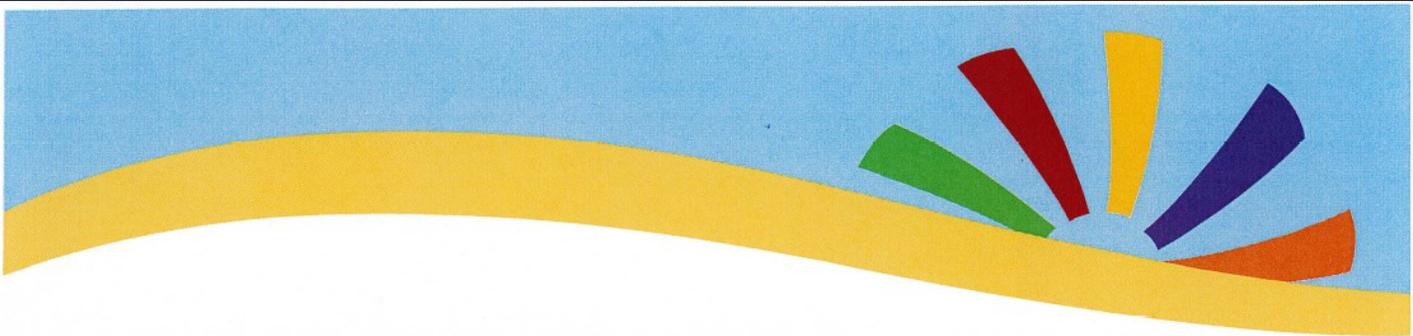
“Cooking out of the Pantry” needs many hands to make the night a success. Please consider sharing some of your time to volunteer before, during and after the event. Any time would be appreciated.

Volunteers are needed for the following:

- Setup - help setting the table for dinner service
- Cleanup - clearing table, disposing of garbage, and sanitizing tables
- Servers - helping to serve food and drinks throughout the night
- Shoppers - shopping for ingredients, drinks, and paper products

Contact Kelley at Outreach at 631-265-2200 Ext. 113 to find out more information and/or sign up. This is a great opportunity for service hours.

# PARISH OUTREACH



## Cooking out of the Pantry with Jackie Vecchiarelli

Our Outreach Pantry is filled with shelf stable, healthy foods that we share with those we serve.

Join us as we explore new and exciting ways to create new dishes using ingredients from our Pantry.

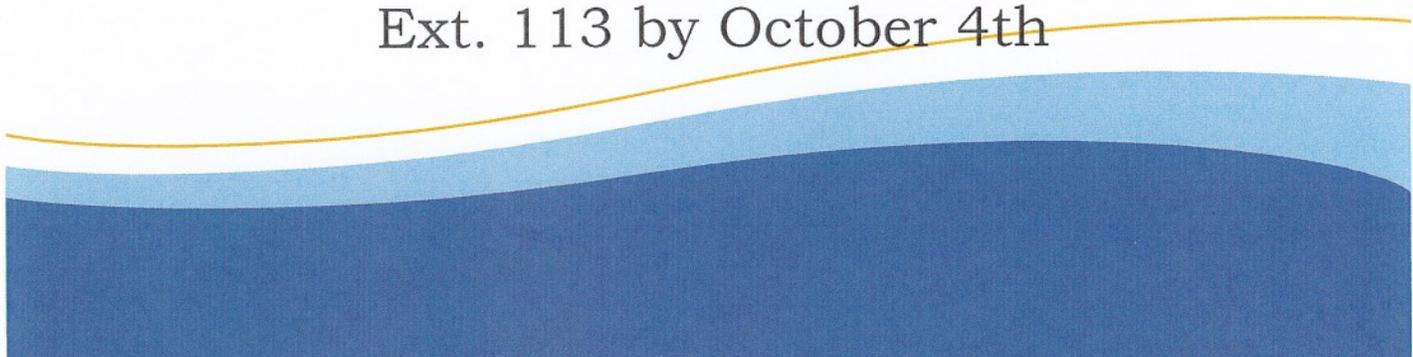
Jackie is a Registered Dietician who will lead us in an inventive and interactive cooking demonstration.

**Dinner will be served after.**

\*Please be sure to list any food allergies

**Please join us Sunday, October 10, 2021  
at 3:00 PM  
in the Atrium**

RSVP to Kelley at Outreach 631-265-2200  
Ext. 113 by October 4th



# 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!



# A THANK-YOU FROM THE K OF C!

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOLY CROSS BBQ 9/19/21**

To all the Parishioners and Staff at Holy Cross:

We would like to thank you all for coming and supporting us. Also, we want to thank all the Knights for their hard work. Going forward, we're hopefully looking to do more events for our parish!

Thank you,

Knights of Columbus

Blessed Sacrament 11416



## 4th Quarter Financial Highlights - June 1, 2021 - August 31, 2021

### Revenues:

- Sunday collections this quarter were down 1.2% and down 1.2% for the year as well. RAMR was up 17.3%, but down 2.1% for the year. Overall collections for this year were up 2.5% which includes Christmas and Easter.
- This summer, as an alternative to the “Cash Calendar,” we held the “Summer Cash Sizzle” to generate fundraising income. In its entirety, we profited \$2,360 for the 3 months it ran. In comparison, between the dates of 6/1/19 – 8/31/19, “Cash Calendar” brought in \$1,520 as income to the parish. We are appreciative to those who participated and for the extra income it brought in. Congratulations to the lucky winners of the Summer Cash Sizzle!
- Religious Ed. was up 82.4% this quarter over last year. Contributing to that were some Communion and Confirmation donations, but mostly remaining tuition that was collected for the 2019-20 school year. As of August 31<sup>st</sup>, we had 464 out of our 597 families register their children for the 21-22 school year. That is 78% of our families and a total of 879 students ready to attend our program this year.
- Outreach was down 33.8% for this quarter and down 3.9% overall for this fiscal year. As life has returned more to “normal” for many, other folks are feeling the effects of the pandemic in financial ways. And in some ways the urgency to help (in this way), may not feel as dire as it did a year ago this time. Parishioners do continue to give generously in many ways to this program. This quarter we were able to hold a very successful Blood Drive, and we had a wonderful response, as always, to our “School Supply Drive.” Additionally, our gardeners worked diligently all summer to nurture and harvest much produce from our Community Garden. We were able to offer our Outreach clients and our parish community, fresh homegrown veggies on our “Market Days.” A huge thank you for everyone’s generosity to our Outreach Program!
- Income generated through Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, and Mass Intentions were all up considerably again this quarter over last year. Many of the weddings and baptisms were finally able to take place after some time of patiently waiting until these events could be held in the joyous and safe way the families had envisioned. Overall, we brought in \$21,229 which was up 62% for the quarter, and up 72.5% for the year.
- Our rental income, which is generated from the Verizon tower, brought in \$8,694 this quarter. This continues to be a beneficial source of income for the parish. Other substantial income included Votives, Bulletin Commission Income, and other donations. All included, this brought in \$53,470, an increase of 64.3% over last year this time.
- Diocesan Collections were up 89.8% for this quarter, but down 9.1% for the year. Your generosity towards these worthy causes, is always greatly appreciated! On a similar note, as of 8/31, we had achieved 63.20% of our parish’s CMA goal of \$74,200 with 208 donors here at Holy Cross. We have \$27,305 left to meet the goal set for us. Thank you for your support!!
- Compared to the same time last year, overall income was up 11.3% this quarter but down 1.8% for the year. Keep in mind that part of our income last year included the PPP Loan in the amount of \$68,390. With that said, we had a very good recovery from 2020. We offer our sincerest thanks to you, our generous parishioners, for your ongoing support and dedication to our parish.

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## **Expenses:**

- Salaries were down 6.7% this quarter. This was due to some changes made in bookkeeping along with a few decreases that took place where modifications allowed. Total salaries for the year were up 1% over last year. Benefits were increased this quarter by 2.5% (.09% for the year).
- Religious Ed. expenses were up this quarter by 250% (in dollars, approx. \$2000). We added gowns for our Confirmation Class, and supplies were purchased in advance for our Level 2 class. Religious Ed. expenses were up 98.4% for the year. Again, the biggest contributors to this increase were the gowns, the Confirmation Retreat (that couldn't take place in 2020), and a few other additions that were added for that same reason.
- Outreach expenses were up 250% this quarter over last year this time, and up 37% for the year. We were able to help clients in a variety of ways this quarter from yard work to household bills. We are happy to have the means to assist in giving a helping hand. Parish programs were at a 100% increase this quarter, as we were able to hold a Pastoral Team Planning Day again this year and restocked our supplies for Hospitality. Overall, there was a 40.4% increase this year over last for all our Parish Programs.
- Office expenses were 12.9% lower this quarter over last year, but up 29.7% for the year. Building Expenses were down 26.6% this quarter and up 9.5% for the year.
- Major repairs were down 52.6% for the quarter but up 39.9% for the year. We did many projects this year, the latest (beginning in late August), was the retaining wall of the rectory driveway.
- Overall, this quarter in comparison to last year, expenses were up 3% and 6.3% for the fiscal year.

## **Events, Programs & Projects this Quarter Included:**

- Pastoral Planning Day
- Development and implementation of a new Baptism Prep. Program
- A parish celebration for Fr. Michael's birthday (*No cost to the parish*)
- Launch of the new and improved website
- Blood Drive
- New Hampshire parish trip
- Purchase of two new desktop computers for the office (to be billed in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter)
- The start of a retaining wall for the Rectory driveway
- Replacement of one office desk

## **Possible Fall Projects:**

- ♦ Replacement of fencing by the small parking lot
- ♦ Upgrade sound system including outdoor speakers (Purchase a processor)
- ♦ Seal parking lot
- ♦ Get pricing for central air conditioning for the office wing

# 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

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Town \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Town \_\_\_\_\_  
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