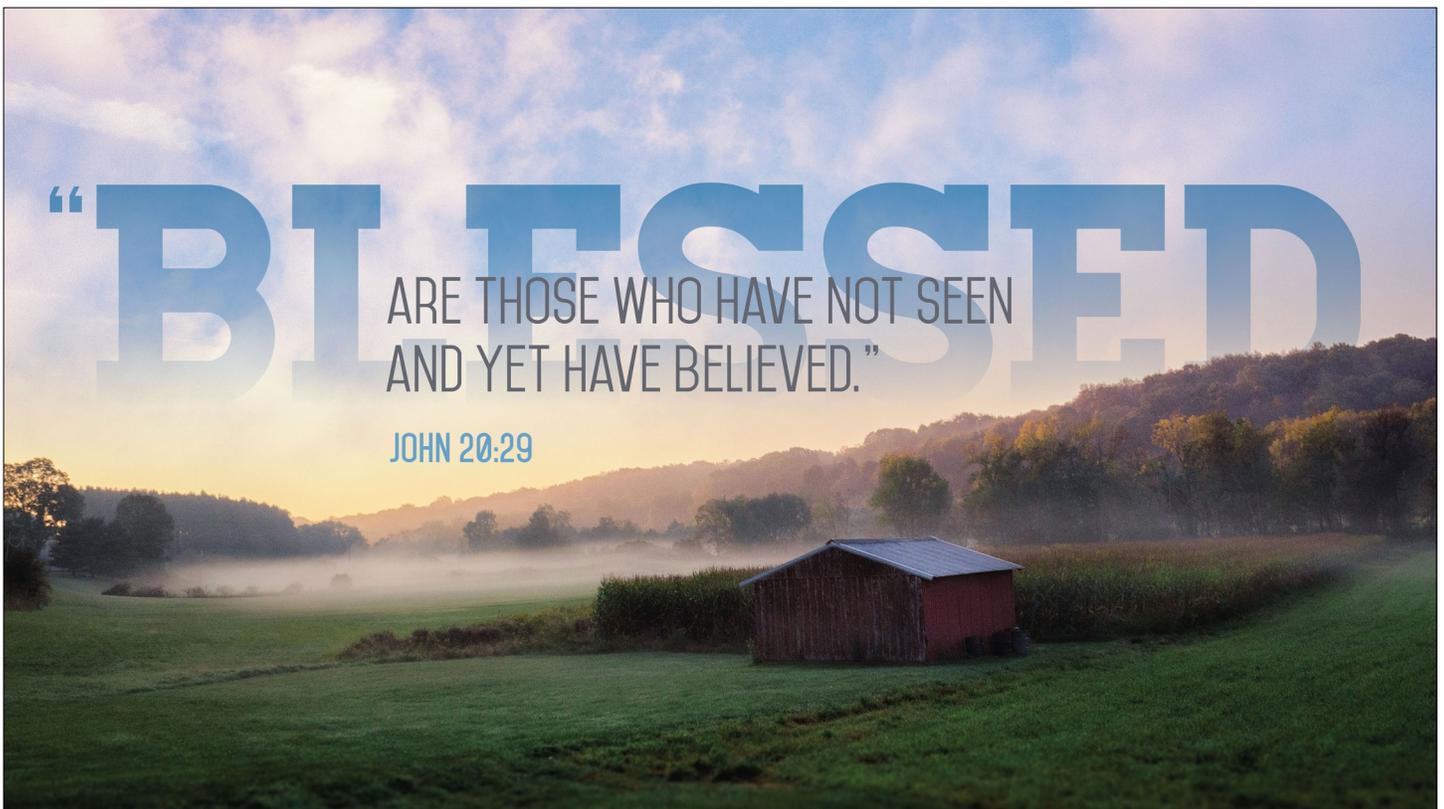


# The Parish of the Holy Cross

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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!**

**Divine Mercy Sunday - April 24, 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  
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## PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Michael F. Holzmann  
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Mrs. Jane Wirth  
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Mrs. Mary Inghilterra  
Weekend Sacristan

## Remembering Our Sick

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

Bob Alderdice  
Theresa Arzillo  
Kathy Barry  
Ann Callari  
Ann Egan  
Ralph Farino  
Robert Gann  
Debbie Jablinowski  
Diane Jones  
Kristen Kennedy  
Roberta Lamb  
Charlotte Lynch  
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Gerald Losquadro  
Amanda Maddox  
Joseph McManus  
Freddie Meyers  
Liam Richards  
Joseph Santamaria  
Barbara Sherry  
Chase Turano  
Peter Warns

## Mass Intentions Schedule



### Week of April 24, 2022, 9AM Mass

**Mon.** Sara Connor  
**Tue.** Rose Pastore (living)  
**Wed.** Adrienne Reilly  
**Thu.** Richard C. Murphey

### Saturday, April 30th, 5 PM Mass

Jane Daly, Mildred Kane, Carmela & Michael Terranova, Kate Strockbine

### Sunday, May 1st, Third Sunday of Easter

**8:00 AM** People of the Parish  
**9:30 AM** Gloria Posimato, Biagio Mancuso, Aida Maffeo, John Caldo, Maria Fausto  
**11:30 AM** Mary Conlin

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.

# HOLY PLACES:

## A Packed Church and an Empty Chapel

*by Father Michael*

Holy Week and Easter unfolded beautifully here at the parish. I am grateful to all those who lent a helping hand in doing all that is necessary with our many celebrations. The attendance numbers were strong for all the services and Masses. Clearly, the most crowded moment was at the 11:30 Mass. We counted just shy of 700 in the building! The last time we would have had a number like that was Christmas of 2019. It was exhilarating to see so many people.

It was a life-giving celebration. The prayers, readings and songs all proclaimed the glory and wonder of the Risen Lord. While all this was happening, I had a sense that all the folks there were hungering for this message. There was a desire to share in the telling of this great story, and there was a desire to do so in the presence of so many others. There was an energy and life that was found in the sheer numbers of those who were there.

Contrasting that, this week I had the opportunity to visit a parishioner at the Maria Regina Rehab Center and Nursing Home in Brentwood. This facility on the grounds of the Sisters of St. Joseph's mother house was originally their own little retirement home to care for the sisters of their community. A number of years back, they made a wise decision to expand the scope of the services offered. They went through a lengthy process to meet all the State requirements to operate as a licensed facility to provide long-term care as well as rehabilitation. They continue to serve the retired sisters as well as provide for others.

I had a delightful visit with one of our parishioners. Before I left, I stopped in the chapel to say a prayer. I was the only one there. No sooner had I sat down that I had an overwhelming feeling of being enveloped in holiness. The chapel itself is nice enough, it was built during the 70s, and its art and architecture reflect that time period. But my feeling had little to do with stained glass or the décor of the building. It was a sense that I was in a place that was the spiritual home for countless holy women. I can't imagine how many hours of prayer have been offered within those walls through the decades. I said a prayer for the sisters both living and deceased, and I asked them to pray for me. It was a moment I felt deeply connected to people who I did not necessarily know. God's presence was abounding even in the midst of an empty chapel.

These are days when our faith urges us to share in the joy of the Risen Lord. At times, that joy is found in vast numbers and at other times, in quiet and serenity. May we continue to rejoice in new life wherever we may find it.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will take place after the 9:30 Mass on Sunday, May 1st.

# PARISH NEWS

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Sunday, April 24th</b>	After 9:30 Mass
• BAPTISM GATHERING	Fr. Joe Room
• DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET	Worship Area
• BAPTISMS	1PM Worship Area
• YOUTH NIGHT	6-8PM Atrium
<b>Monday, April 25th</b>	4 - 6 PM
• GREATER NEEDS	Wor. Ar., Atr.
• VBS MEETING	7PM Fr. Joe Room
<b>Tuesday, April 26th</b>	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
• LEVEL 8 YOUTH NIGHT	7PM Worship Area
<b>Wednesday, April 27th</b>	11:30AM - 2:30PM
• SENIORS	Atrium
• THE CHOSEN	7PM Chapel, Atrium
<b>Thursday, April 28th</b>	1:30 PM
• THE CHOSEN	Chapel, Atrium
• LEVEL 8 YOUTH NIGHT	7PM Worship Area
<b>Friday, April 29th</b>	7 PM
• SPRING DANCE-LEVELS 1-4	Atrium
<b>Sunday, May 1st</b>	After 9:30 Mass
• ANOINTING OF THE SICK	Worship Area
• SYNOD GATHERING	1PM Atrium
• YOUTH NIGHT	6-8PM Atrium

## Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, April 30th/May 1st



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

## *Scripture Readings for May 1, 2022*



+ Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40-41  
 + Revelation 5:11-14  
 + John 21:1-19

## Banns of Marriage

### First Time

Valerie Forte & Brian Laverty

### Second Time

Waleska Cedeno & Thomas Cilmi



Next weekend at the offertory we will also be collecting for our Catholic Elementary Schools. This collection provides scholarships and program funding for the needs of students and schools.

## Adult Confirmation

*Are you a baptized Catholic who has not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation?*

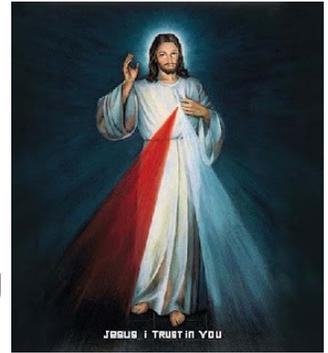
If so, it's not too late! Classes will start soon in preparation for Adult Confirmation on the **Feast of Pentecost**. Call Jude at 631-265-2200 x116 for more information.

## 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 of those questions, and you have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, then you **MUST** check out the **Holy Cross Youth Group!** If you are thinking about joining us and would like more information, please contact Allie Roecklein, Coordinator of Youth Ministries, at [youthgroup@holycrossrc.org](mailto:youthgroup@holycrossrc.org) or call the parish office. **Our next meeting is April 24th from 6 to 8 PM in the atrium!**

# LITURGY BYTES

## Divine Mercy Sunday



Every year on the week after Easter, the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday. During the 20<sup>th</sup> century (in the mid 1930s) when the need for God began to diminish along with the dignity of human life, a Polish nun, Sister Faustina, received private revelations concerning Divine Mercy from Jesus. In May of 2000, five days after Sister Faustina was canonized a saint, the Vatican decreed that the second Sunday of Easter would be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

The chaplet was also given to St. Faustina as was recorded in her diary. Jesus desired that His mercy be known throughout the whole world and encouraged St. Faustina to spread this prayer with the 9 intentions He gave to her.

Familiar to us is the Rosary which is possible to use in order to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Here is an overview of how it is done with the Rosary:

Holding the rosary in your hands, **make the sign of the cross**. Using the first three beads say the Creed, the Our Father and a Hail Mary.

**Then on the next bead where we say the Our Father, instead say:**

*“Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, soul and divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.”*

**On all the beads where we normally say the Hail Mary, we say the following:**

*“For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.”*

(We repeat this pattern throughout the five decades of the rosary.)

**At the conclusion, we pray this prayer three times:**

*“Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.”*

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

# We Need Volunteers!

**We will train! Commitment is approximately one Sunday a month to run slides at Mass!**

If interested, please fill out & return the form below or call Barbara Shipman at 631-813-9175.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Weekend Mass: (please circle)  
5:00, 8:00, 9:30 or 11:30



## AN INVITATION TO A SYNOD GATHERING

Pope Francis has called upon Catholics throughout the world to participate in a synod process. "Synod" comes from two Greek words meaning "together" and "journey." Since all the baptized share in the vocation of journeying together as Church, all parishioners of Holy Cross are invited to take part in this effort by joining the Pastoral Team for a time of prayer and listening – to one another and to the Holy Spirit. Come, and share your experience of Church with us: your joys, your difficulties, your hopes for the future.

**Sunday, May 1, 1:00 PM**

or

**Monday, May 2, 7:00 PM**

So that we can properly prepare, please fill in the tear-off below and indicate which meeting you would like to attend: **(Please return by April 26)**



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I will attend the Synod Gathering on

\_\_\_\_\_ Sun., May 1, 1:00 PM

\_\_\_\_\_ Mon., May 2, 7:00 PM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# **Holy Cross Travel Club**

## **Presents**

### **7 Night Canada/New England Cruise**

#### **On the Norwegian “Joy”**

**Sept. 16th—23rd, 2022**

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Halifax

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- Includes drink package and Specialty Restaurants
- Rates for Suites, Cabins with window and Singles are available on request.

For more information, please check our website, [holycrossrc.org](http://holycrossrc.org) or pick up the information in the Parish Office.

\$250 Deposit is required at sign-up





# The Parish of the Holy Cross NIGHT WITH THE DUCKS

OPPONENT: Southern Maryland Blue Crabs

DATE: Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup> 2022

TIME: Game at: 5:05 PM  
Picnic at 3:35 PM

(Gates open at 3:35 pm for Picnic)

PRICE: \$40 adult & \$35 children,  
FREE PARKING

RESERVE NOW: Complete form & Return by : **6/21st**

Join the Parish at Fairfield Properties Ballpark for  
Family Fun, Good Food and Baseball!

### PRE-GAME PICNIC INFO:

90 Minutes – all YOU can eat buffet.

Gates open by the Picnic area at 3:35 PM for the  
picnic until game starts at 5:05!

Sundays are family fun days at the ballpark.

Kids can have a catch on the field before the game and  
run the bases after the game.



NAME PHONE #

# OF TICKETS EMAIL

TOTAL AMOUNT \$

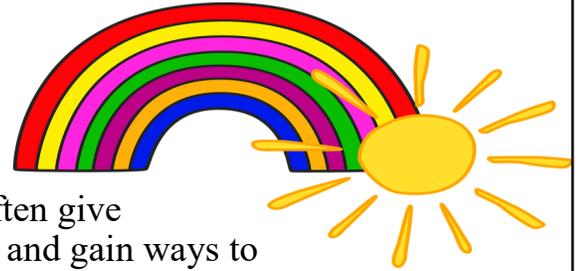
(checks payable to Holy Cross ; cash is fine too!)



# PARISH OUTREACH

## Bereavement Support Group

Walking with grief after losing a loved one is as unique as our fingerprints! It can be as if all color in our world is gray.



Having time to listen to others dealing with grief can often give us new insights, thus, allowing us to share our pathway and gain ways to move forward, putting some color back in our world!

This bereavement group is a Support Group for **anyone dealing with grief**. *All are welcome.* We will meet for six Wednesdays from **5:30 to 7:30 PM** on the following dates: **May 11<sup>th</sup>, May 18<sup>th</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup>, June 8<sup>th</sup>, June 15<sup>th</sup> & June 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

If interested, please register as soon as possible by calling Outreach at Holy Cross 631-265-2200 EXT. 113. You will then be contacted by the Facilitator of this group.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you.” Matt:11:28

## Long Island Cares Thanks You! 2022



A special thank you to our parishioners who contributed to our food drive for Long Island Cares. Your generous donations will be distributed across Long Island to eliminate hunger among our neighbors. Once again, the response was amazing. We collected 1,376 lbs. of food, and we are grateful for all your support!

## A Message from Parish Outreach

If you know of a house, an apartment, or a room to rent in our community, please contact Outreach at 631-265-2200 ext. 113. Thank you!

## NY Project Hope

EAC Network is still providing free and confidential support to Suffolk County through NY Project Hope. Please call **516-510-0282** or check online at [projecthopeinfo@eac-network.org](mailto:projecthopeinfo@eac-network.org) to learn more. Our helpline is available Monday-Friday 8AM-8PM and Saturdays 8AM-4PM. NY Project Hope Crisis Counseling Program has been EXTENDED through December 2022!

**For the month of March, Parish Outreach served 13 children, 76 adults and 12 seniors from 61 households. Thank you for your generous support of Outreach which enables us to serve our community with dignity and compassion.**

We are happy to announce that we will again be holding Vacation Bible School this summer from July 18<sup>th</sup> to July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Registration has now begun and is limited to 75 campers. Once the quota is reached, we will need to close registration. The deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>. We're looking forward to a fun-filled week of "Monumental—Celebrating GOD'S Greatness." *Tricia and Mary*



**The Parish of the Holy Cross  
VBS Camper Registration Form  
July 18<sup>th</sup> to July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade entering Sept. 2022 \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish if not Holy Cross: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/guardian emergency contact # / cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Father/guardian emergency contact # / cell # \_\_\_\_\_

**Important: Allergies or other medical conditions: Yes / No (please circle one)**  
**( if "yes" please call the Religious Ed office to obtain an "Allergy Action Plan"**  
**Form.)**

**\*\*\* Under NO circumstances may outside food be brought in.**

Fees:  
 \$60.00 for 1 camper  
 \$100.00 for 2 campers  
 \$140.00 for 3 or more campers

May request one name for a child to be placed with:

\_\_\_\_\_ This is only a request. Campers may be placed in same crew OR group.

Siblings will be placed together if requested.

*Photography release:* I hereby **give / do not give** permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to be photographed during the week at VBS.

(must circle one and sign) \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR PARISH USE ONLY:**

Payments Made: Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash      Check #      Paypal



**The Parish of the Holy Cross  
VBS Volunteer Registration Form 2022  
July 18<sup>th</sup> to July 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Crew Leaders and Station Leaders  
\*\*\*Please Print Clearly\*\*\***

**Applicant Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are in High School, state your grade in September \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One: College Student      Out of College      Parent

**Emergency Information:**

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: Yes / No      If yes, please fill out Allergy Form. Any Medical Conditions, please

explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



The Parish of the Holy Cross

VBS Helper Volunteer Registration Form

Entering 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

July 18<sup>th</sup> to July 22<sup>nd</sup>

\*\*Please print clearly\*\*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in Sept. \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation to Helper: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other medical conditions: YES/NO If yes, please fill out Allergy/Medical Form

**VBS REFERENCE INFORMATION**

1. Is this your first year helping at VBS? YES/NO

a. If no, have you been a Station Helper or Crew helper? YES/NO

If you helped with a station, which station were you in? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you have a sibling enrolled as a camper this year at VBS? YES/NO

3. What parish do you attend and where do you attend Religious Education?

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a request to work with a crew or station? \_\_\_\_\_

We will try to honor all requests. Thank you for volunteering! 

t-shirt size \_\_\_\_\_ (Adult/S, Adult/M, Adult/L, Adult/XL)

\*t-shirts will be handed out in June at the final meeting before VBS

## EASTER FLOWER REMEMBRANCES

We remember and pray for all our loved ones — those living and those who have gone before us.

FRANK PERRINO  
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### Eucharistic Revival Movement Outlined by the Bishops of the United States

Preserving Religious Freedom for all, "In 2021 the U.S. Supreme Court granted a historic ruling (Tandon v. Newsom), ensuring the constitutional right to worship for all Americans." (1) This was yet another ruling meant to protect the foundational right to religious liberty in America and will ensure freedom for all churches to join the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) plans for "Eucharistic Revival."

"In a spiritual sense, 'Revival' means coming to life, an awakening as the mighty Spirit of God that brings new life to His Body, the Church, and to us as individuals who are part of that grand fellowship. It means a stirring of our hearts to the very core of our being - which results in joy," wrote Guidelines.org.(2)

([freedomrevival.org](https://freedomrevival.org), 1/8/22(1); [guidelines.org](https://guidelines.org)(2); [angelusnews.com](https://angelusnews.com), 6/7/21; [ncregister.com](https://ncregister.com), 6/29/21)

***"If my people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their land."  
 2 Chronicles 7:14***



*Mother's Day Mass Remembrances - Envelopes may be placed in the collection basket. Names of loved ones will appear in the Mother's Day bulletin.*



# TAKE A CHANCE!

## Spring 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 "Spring Cash Fling." This is a similar idea, however it is offered on a quarterly basis.

- \$10 per ticket
- Tickets are available for purchase through March, April and May.
- Drawing will be held June 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!***

### Spring Cash Fling

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

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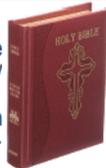
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