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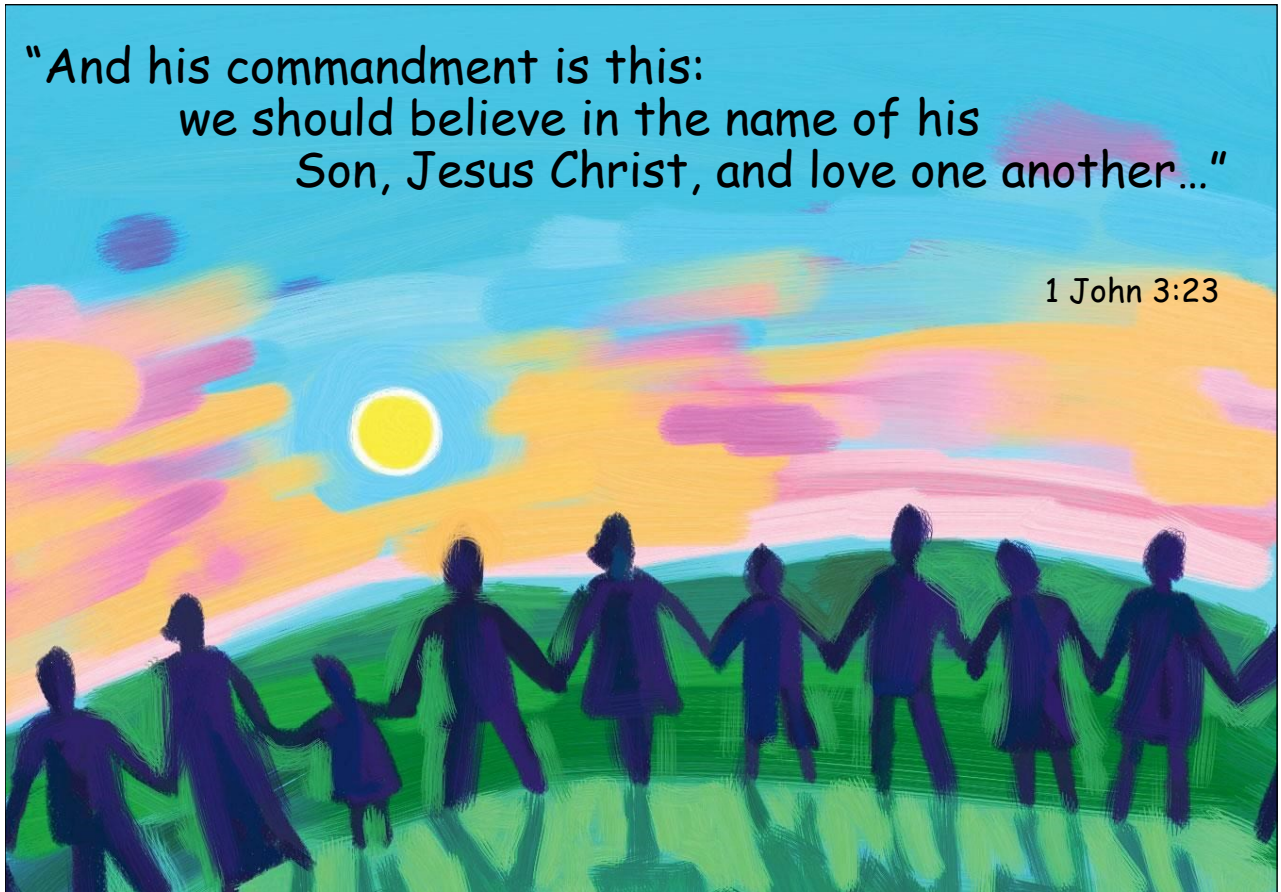
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Vision Statement: *Holy Cross is a vibrant Catholic community striving to maintain a spirit of welcome to all, serving as a guiding beacon to nourish and sustain prayer, work and play.*

"And his commandment is this:
we should believe in the name of his
Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another..."

1 John 3:23



Come and pray with us!

Fifth Sunday of Easter - April 28, 2024

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

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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
Alejandro Astegiano	Jo Barry
Kathy Barry	Barbara Bombace
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Upcoming Mass Intentions

Week of Sunday, April 28th, 9AM Masses

Mon. Arnaldo Chunga Quintana
Tue. Mildred Kane
Wed. Ginny Brindisi (living)
Thu. David Morris (living)



Saturday, May 4th, 5 PM Mass

Jane Daly, George Stratos, Annette Giannino, Bertha Tepedino, Steven Cono

Sunday, May 5th, Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Tammy Sayres
9:30 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Robert Starace, Dora Libretti, Joseph Santamaria, Joseph Moks, Peter J. Catalano

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.

A VIEW FROM THE PEW

by Father Michael

Our Parish Mission is now complete. For those who were able to attend, I'm confident you feel as though you shared in something affirming and life-giving. It's remarkable when you think about what it is we do. We keep retelling a story that we have heard time and time again. But when the story is told well, it never gets boring or repetitive. It is a story of endless life. There is always new insight and understanding if we listen with an open heart. Fr. Albert is gifted in the way in which he proclaims the message of the Lord. His words and his animated spirit invite us more deeply into the gift and mystery to appreciate all that we share in. We may now have greater insight into something as simple as the sign of the cross. I am grateful to Fr. Albert for joining us, and I thank everyone who made an effort to be here.

In addition to hearing the beautiful message of Fr. Albert, I had an additional blessing—I was able to sit in a pew and just listen to him. I love the architecture and design of our worship area. But the vast majority of the time, my perspective is from the sanctuary looking out to the congregation. It was so nice to just sit and receive. Fr. Albert's talks took place at the same time as the fading sunlight each evening. I sat on the music ministry side of the church and within my vision was the western wall of the building. In addition to stirring words offered, I could not ignore the beauty of the silhouette of the trees against the colorful sky that the sunset offers. God's presence was abounding in the message being spoken in the silence of the beauty that nature offers. What a blessing it was. In case you did not notice, we have a beautiful worship area.

In addition to having Fr. Albert as a house guest for five nights, I also had some uninvited guests. I don't know exactly how many, but at least several squirrels have moved into my attic. I don't think this is the "patter of little feet" that you want to hear around the house. I'm sure they are preparing to have their young, so I am anxious to move them out as quickly as possible. As I write this article, we have a pest control company assessing what needs to be done. I hope we can come to a speedy resolution to relocate the little guys.

This week was Administrative Professional Day. We are blessed to have Jane at our front desk, Mary in our Religious Education office, and Karina who is our bookkeeper and oversees the care of our facilities. I offer an enormous "thank you" for all the good work they do for Holy Cross. The work that each of these ladies offers is vital for the ongoing operation of our parish. We are grateful for their commitment and for the kind and caring spirit they bring to their work.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Weekly Calendar

- Monday, April 29th** 6 & 7 PM
 • CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL Atr., Wor. Ar.
- Tuesday, April 30th** 10 AM
 • IN STITCHES Fr. Joe Room
 • COMM. REHEARSALS 5&6 PM Atr., Wor. Ar.
 • ADULT CONF. CLASS 7PM Fr. Joe Room
- Thursday, May 2nd** 10 AM
 • SCRIPTURE STUDY Atrium
 • WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP 7PM Chapel, Wor. Ar
- Saturday, May 4th** 10 AM & 1 PM
 • FIRST COMMUNIONS Worship Area
 • HOLY HOUR 3:45-4:45PM Worship Area
- Sunday, May 5th** After 9:30 Mass
 • ANOINTING OF THE SICK Worship Area
 • CHILDREN'S LITURGY 11:30AM Fr. Joe Room
 • BAPTISMS 1PM Worship Area

Scripture Readings for May 5, 2024



- + Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
- + 1 John 4:7-10
- + John 15:9-17

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, May 4th/5th



- 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*



Johanna Fuerst & Christopher Tucker

Holy Hour for the Sanctity of Human Life will be held Saturday, May 4, from 3:45-4:45PM.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be held Sunday, May 5, after the 9:30AM Mass.

Mother's Day Mass Remembrances will appear in the bulletin on Mother's Day.

Next weekend at the offertory we will also be collecting for Catholic Schools. Thank you for your support!

BLOOD DRIVE – Wednesday, July 10, 2024

Our annual Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, July 10, 2024. Just an early reminder that a 56-day interval is necessary between donations. To participate in the Holy Cross Blood Drive this year, your last day to give blood in other drives must be before May 15th. More information will follow in the weeks to come. Thank you!

Coming in May

Join us!

- **May 9 - Holy Spirit Novena** for the Parish Community begins
- **May 13 - The Mystics** are returning, 1:30 PM or 7 PM
- **May 15 & 16 - "Catching Fire, Becoming Flame"** - DVD of Fr. Albert Haase, OFM begins

Details to follow

LITURGY BYTES



Mary's Month – May

The month of May is almost upon us! This is a busy “sacrament” season here at Holy Cross with First Communions and Confirmation almost upon us. As a parish family, please pray for all of our young people receiving Jesus for the first time and for our teens who will complete their initiation through the Sacrament of Confirmation.

In addition to these beautiful, celebratory moments for our parish, the month of May has always been referred to as Mary's month. There are a number of feasts celebrated to honor the Blessed Mother throughout the month. Recitation of the Rosary is also popular during May. Here are just a couple of feasts:

A very familiar title for Mary is Our Lady of Fatima, which is celebrated on **May 13th**. In 1917, Our Lady of Fatima visited three Portuguese children: Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco. Mary asked the children to pray the rosary every day for peace, the end of World War I, for the conversion of Russia and for sinners. Numerous pilgrims visit the shrine in Portugal each year. Devotion to the rosary certainly has become one of the most beloved prayers of Catholics through the experience of these three children.

On May 20th, we celebrate a new feast added by Pope Francis in March of 2018. It honors Mary under the title that was conferred upon her during the Second Vatican Council. It is called the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church. Pope St. John Paul II said this title reflects the deep conviction of the Christian faithful who see Mary not only as the mother of the person of Christ but also of the faithful!

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

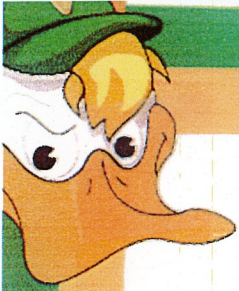
Community News

AN EVENING OF RECOLLECTION - At St. Patrick's Church (Smittown), on Friday night, May 10, at 7:30pm, Fr. Charles Mangano and his sister Laurie will be presenting a “Night of Reflection” with an evening of song, inspiration, and reflection. Fr. Charles and his sister Laurie have used their gifts of music for over 30 years and have hosted many Evenings of Prayer throughout the country. Stop by for this special and spiritually moving evening of prayer and praise.

Parish Outreach

Next Saturday and Sunday, **May 4th/5th**, will be our monthly **Food Drive** for our Parish Outreach Pantry. The following items would be most helpful: **snacks, coffee, pasta & sauce, dish soap, rice, boxed potatoes, canned chicken, ketchup, meals in a can, and tissues**. Thank you for your support of Outreach!





*Parish of the Holy Cross
Annual Day with the LI Ducks
SUNDAY, JULY 21ST, 2024*

All you can eat Picnic begins at 3:35 PM

Game begins at 5:05 PM

Adults - \$45. & Children - \$40.

FREE PARKING

RESERVE NOW: Complete and return to the Parish Office the form. DEADLINE IS: MAY 28TH, 2024.

Join with your family and the Parish family for some fun, good food and BASEBALL!!

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

Sundays are family fun days at the Fairfield Properties Ballpark. Kids can have a catch on the field before the game and run the bases after the game.

DUCKS GAME TICKET REQUEST FORM (please print clearly)

Kindly return to the Parish Office: Attn.: *Michele Hall*



Name _____ Phone# _____

Email: _____

of Tickets: Adult _____ Children _____ Total Ordered: _____

Amount Paid: \$ _____ (circle one) Check or Cash

(Questions? – call Michele Hall, ext. 120)

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**The Parish of the Holy Cross
VBS Camper Registration Form 2024
July 15th to July 19th – 10am to 1pm
Kindergarten through 5th Grade**



Child's Name: _____ Age: _____ Date of birth: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Grade entering Sept. 2024 _____

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 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 Helper Registration Form 2024
 Entering 6th through 8th Grade
July 15th – July 19th – 10am to 1pm
 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

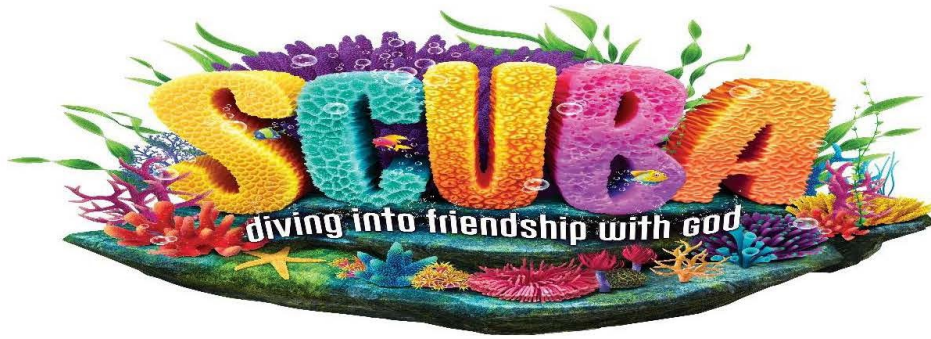
If you helped with a station, which station were you in? _____
2. Do you have a sibling enrolled as a camper this year at VBS? YES/NO
3. What parish do you attend and where do you attend Religious Education?

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

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

Tee Shirt Size (Please Circle One): Adult Small Adult Medium Adult Large Adult XL

***Tee Shirts will be handed out in June at the final meeting before VBS**



**The Parish of the Holy Cross
VBS Volunteer Registration Form 2024
July 15th to July 19th - 10am to 1pm
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 Adult

Emergency Information:

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Number: _____

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

Tee Shirt Size (Please circle one): Small Medium Large XL 1X 2X

TAKE A CHANCE!

Spring Cash Fling

For many years the Cash Calendar was a part of the Holy Cross routine, and this fundraiser provided some additional financial support to the parish. At this time, it is unlikely that we have enough parishioners attending Mass on a weekly basis to support a monthly drawing, so we will continue as we have done for the past few years with our quarterly drawing.

- \$10 per ticket
- Tickets are available for purchase through March, April and May.
- Drawing will be held **May 30th**.

This is the pay scale which will be offered:

- * 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.
- 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!

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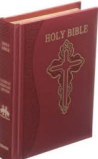
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