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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.



Come and pray with us!

5th Sunday of Lent - April 3, 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

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Remembering Our Sick

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

Theresa Arzillo
Kathy Barry
Ann Callari
Ann Egan
Ralph Farino
Charles Haner
Linda Jerome
Maureen Jost
Paul Kruk
Gerald Losquadro
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David Reichbach

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Judy Viskupic Peter Warns
Danny Youngworth

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Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of April 3, 2022, 9AM Mass

Mon. Sister Maura Costello (living)

Tue. Jacqueline Fini (living)

Wed. Alexandria Hadity (living)

Thu. Carolyn Kessler

Saturday, April 9th, 5 PM Mass

Giovanna Romano, Mary & Michael Dillon, Julie Geary, Nereida Quiterio, Rosa Sanchez

Sunday, April 10th, Palm Sunday

8:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. O. DeSanto

9:30 AM Lindsey Whalen, Patrick Joseph Egan,

Carolyn Kessler, Aida Maffeo, Carmela

Rose Guglielmo

11:30 AM People of the Parish

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.

DRAWING OUTSIDE THE LINES

by Father Michael

I'm sure all of us remember the challenge given to us at a young age when we were immersed in our coloring books. The goal was to try to color within the lines. For me, sometimes I did OK, but other times not so much. It would have been great that as life moved on it became as simple as trying to keep our crayons within the lines. I don't know about you, but this Lent has been a time of dealing with life when it gets outside those neat and defined boundaries. Life can get complicated and sloppy.

Certainly watching the events in the Ukraine unfold has drawn all of us into that drama. We may be trying to embrace our own little holy practices during these days. But seeing the suffering of so many may make our efforts seem insignificant. There is great hardship and suffering, and we try to remain in solidarity with those who are facing these difficult times.

I'm also aware of a number of people who are dealing with health issues. It's hard when life is moving in one direction, and then suddenly the body raises different issues that need to be addressed. It can be a helpless feeling and the source of worry and anxiety.

Personal finances continue to be an issue for many people. I heard of a few people who needed to look for a new car. The finance terms they were offered sounded like they were buying a house. It's hard to be focused in our prayer and in life when so many factors seem to be beyond our control.

Even our sound system has gone a little haywire (no pun intended). In general, it has not affected the quality of the sound in the Worship Area, but it has become difficult for folks at home to hear what is happening. The troubles began when we installed a volume control switch in the atrium. Somehow in the process the speakers in the rear of the Worship Area (where we place the camera for those watching at home) lost most of their volume. In the end, we diagnosed that the wiring became like a bowl of spaghetti. The good news is the problem has been identified, and it should be rectified shortly. Ah the wonders of technology . . .

So what is life looking like right now? Is it a beautiful picture worthy to be hung on the refrigerator? Or is it a little more chaotic and frightening than we would like? The great truth we cannot lose sight of is that our God is a God who is readily available outside the lines. God's presence can be felt even in the sloppiest days of our life. Yes, this season calls us to holiness. But falling short of perfection does not mean we have failed. We allow the Lord to lift us up in his grace and newness of life.

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, April 2nd 3:45 - 4:45 PM
• HOLY HOUR Worship Area

Sunday, April 3rd
After 9:30 Mass
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BAPTISMS
Worship Area
1PM
Worship Area

Monday, April 4th 6 PM
• LEVEL 6 SEDER Atrium

Tuesday, April 5th

• IN STITCHES

• LEVEL 6 SEDER

• TRAVEL CLUB

10 AM

Fr. Joe Room

6PM Atrium

7:30PM Atrium

Wednesday, April 6thTENEBRAE REHEARSALWorship Area

Thursday, April 7th 10 AM
• SCRIPTURE STUDY Fr. Joe Room

Friday, April 8th 7:30 PM
• TENEBRAE Worship Area

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, April 9th/10th



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

The **Bread and Wine** for the week April 3rd - 9th have been donated in loving memory of **Gloria Posimato**

by her family.



Scripture Readings for Palm Sunday

- + Isaiah 50:4-7
- + Philippians 2:6-11
- + Luke 22:14-23:56



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
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!



Holy Cross Welcomes These Children Baptized in March

Giulia Angelica Caruso Caiden John Clemons

Easter Flowers

Easter Flower offering envelopes may be placed in the collection basket. Names of loved ones will appear in the Easter bulletin.



We pray for the following parishioner whose funeral was celebrated at Holy Cross in March:

Kathleen Kamine

May she rest in peace, and may her loved ones be consoled.

Holy Cross Travel Club Presents

7 Night Canada/New England Cruise

On the Norwegian "Joy" Sept. 16th—23rd, 2022

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Halifax

- Balcony Cabin—\$1599
- Inside Cabin—\$1335
- Includes drink package and Specialty Restaurants
- Rates for Suites, Cabins with window and Singles are available on request.

Join us on Tuesday, April 5th, at 7:30 PM in the Atrium for an Information Session & Sign-up!

\$250 Deposit is required at sign-up

UPCOMING FILM SERIES!

The Chosen, Season 2

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



Join us as we view all eight episodes of Season 2.

Wednesdays, April 20, 27, May 4, 11, June 1, 8, 15, 22 from 7:00 – 8:30 PM.

<u>or</u>

Thursdays, April 21, 28, May 5, 12, June 2, 9, 16, 23 from 1:30 – 3:00 PM.

Each episode is followed by small group discussion.

Participation in **Season 1** is not required for attendance at **Season 2**. However, if you missed **Season 1**, you can download **The Chosen** app (for free) to view it.

Please fill in the tear-off below and return it to the Parish Office by April 17:

Please print!

I would like to attend <u>The Chosen</u>	on Wednesday evenings or on Thursday afternoons.
Name:	Phone:
Email:	

LITURGY BYTES

Holy Thursday

The evening Mass on Holy Thursday is also called the Mass of the Lord's Supper. This is where the Church relives the institution of the Eucharist and the sacrifice of the Mass at the Last Supper. It also celebrates the institution of the priesthood, which took place on this same evening the night before Jesus was crucified.





As we know, the Last Supper was a Passover meal that Jesus shared with his Apostles.

However, he gave the traditional Passover a radically new meaning: now it is He who becomes the sacrificial lamb. Christians have come to see in this celebration the institution of the Eucharist, whereby bread and wine become truly the Body and Blood of Christ, and the ministry of the priesthood.

Another beautiful symbol of this night we need to look at is the disciple John while he rests and, like a child waiting to be fed, leaves his hand open to receive. On the other hand, Judas reaches to dip his hand in the dish. He alone feeds himself; he no longer believes the Master is the "bread of life." For him, food must be taken greedily and even by force if necessary. Something for us to ponder as we go to receive Communion at Mass is to reflect on how we do just that: *Receive*. In opening our mouths or hands, we allow ourselves to be fed. This is because life-giving love is always a gift. It can never be taken by force. Our task this Holy Thursday is to simply trust and open our hearts to *Receive*.

Another action of importance from this Passover meal happens when Jesus takes off his robe and begins to wash the disciples' feet. This is normally the job of a slave. This action provokes a series of reactions, especially from Peter who refused to have his feet washed by Jesus. He just could not allow the Lord to see his soiled feet which were distasteful in his eyes. Jesus did not come for a part of Peter. He wants to enter into a full relationship not only with Peter but with all of us. Jesus wants to know both the light and dark side of our lives. Here is a question we might wish to ask ourselves: What parts of my life am I too ashamed to share with Christ? What are the weaknesses, fears, wounds that I still keep trying to cover up before Christ's eyes?

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

PARISH NEWS

Tenebrae Service

Tenebrae is a liturgical service of light to darkness, traditionally celebrated during Lent. It is a presentation of the Passion of Jesus Christ through seven Scripture readings, meditations and song. It involves our Choir, Readers and the Congregation. We encourage all parishioners to join us for our Tenebrae Service on **Friday, April 8, at 7:30 PM** as we prepare our hearts and minds for the great gift of Holy Week to follow.



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.

Special Collection

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



Easter Mass Intentions

In lieu of individual announced intentions at the Easter Masses, there are **prayer cards** in the atrium on which to write your special intentions. These cards will be placed on the Altar at all the Easter Masses.

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 or call the parish office.

Our next meeting is April 24th from 6 to 8 PM in the atrium!

We are happy to announce that we will again be holding Vacation Bible School this summer from July 18th to July 22nd. 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 15th. 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 18th to July 22nd



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Child's Name:	Age: Date of birth:
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City:	Zip: Grade entering Sept. 2022
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Father/guardian eme	ergency contact # / cell #
Fees: \$60.00 for 1 camper \$100.00 for 2 camper \$140.00 for 3 or more campers Siblings will be plant	May <u>request one</u> name for a child to be placed with: This is only a request. Campers may be placed in same crew OR group. aced together if requested. elease: I hereby give / do not give permission for my child to be photographed during the week at VBS.
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FOR PARISH USE ONLY: Payments Made: Date:	Amount: Cash Check # Paypal



The Parish of the Holy Cross VBS Volunteer Registration Form 2022 July 18th to July 22nd 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
explain:





The Parish of the Holy Cross

VBS Helper Volunteer Registration Form Entering 6^{th} through 8^{th} Grade

July 18th to July 22nd
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 REFERENC	E 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 sta	tion were you in?			
2. Do you have a sibling enrolled as a camper the	nis year at VBS? YES/NO			
3. What parish do you attend and where do you				
Do you have a request to work with a crew or station?				
We will try to honor all requests. Thank you for	volunteering!			
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PARISH OUTREACH

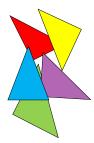
Eat Simply

We wish to thank our parishioners for their support so far of the Eat Simply program. Your generosity and spirit of prayerful sacrifice inspire us. We offer several more ideas for your Lenten Journey:

- Brown bag your lunch
- Enjoy a soup and grilled cheese sandwich supper
- Order from the "dollar" menu
- Skip your cocktail or dessert at dinner
- Use tap water instead of bottles of water (better for the environment too)
- Buy store brands instead of name brand items

Envelopes are still available on the bulletin tables and can be returned through Easter Sunday. The money you saved and donated to Outreach will be used to assist families in our area who struggle, enabling them to provide food and maintain housing for their households. Thank you!

Press a Girl Around the World



Our "Cut-Ups" will meet Thursday, April 21st, 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. Thank you to all who donated fabric for this ministry. We could not do this without your generosity!



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!

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 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!

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 11th, May 18th, June 1st, June 8th, June 15th & June 22nd.

If interested, please register as soon as possible by calling <u>Outreach at Holy Cross 631-265-2200 EXT. 113.</u> 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

COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Pius X Residence—Help Wanted

310 Cenacle Road, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

St. Pius X Residence for Retired Priests, located in Lake Ronkonkoma, is seeking a full-time LPN who is willing to work Saturday and Sunday 10am-6pm; Monday – Friday 4pm-9pm. Salary is commensurate to experience. Contact Deacon John W. for further information at 631-608-2622.

Also needed is a full-time housekeeper / porter who is willing to work Tuesday–Saturday, 37.5 hours / per week. Salary is commensurate with experience. Must be able to lift up to 50lb., have experience in waxing floors, dusting / vacuuming, cleaning the bathrooms, etc. Contact Mary D. for further information at 631-608-2622.

In addition, we're looking for possible Knights of Columbus men or any parishioner who might be interested in volunteering to drive our retired priests to doctor appointments (we follow all COVID protocols). Must be VIRTUS trained. Contact Mary D. at 631-608-2622 for further information.

SOUP SUPPER

On Friday, March 25th, we gathered in the atrium to share a simple meal together at our Soup Supper. We enjoyed delicious homemade soups and also listened to our guest speaker, Mr. Rob Cammarata from St. Brigid's in Westbury, reflect on this Lenten season. Below are some pictures from the enjoyable evening.















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!

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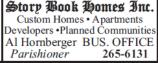






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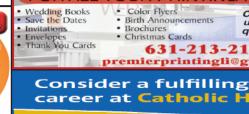
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