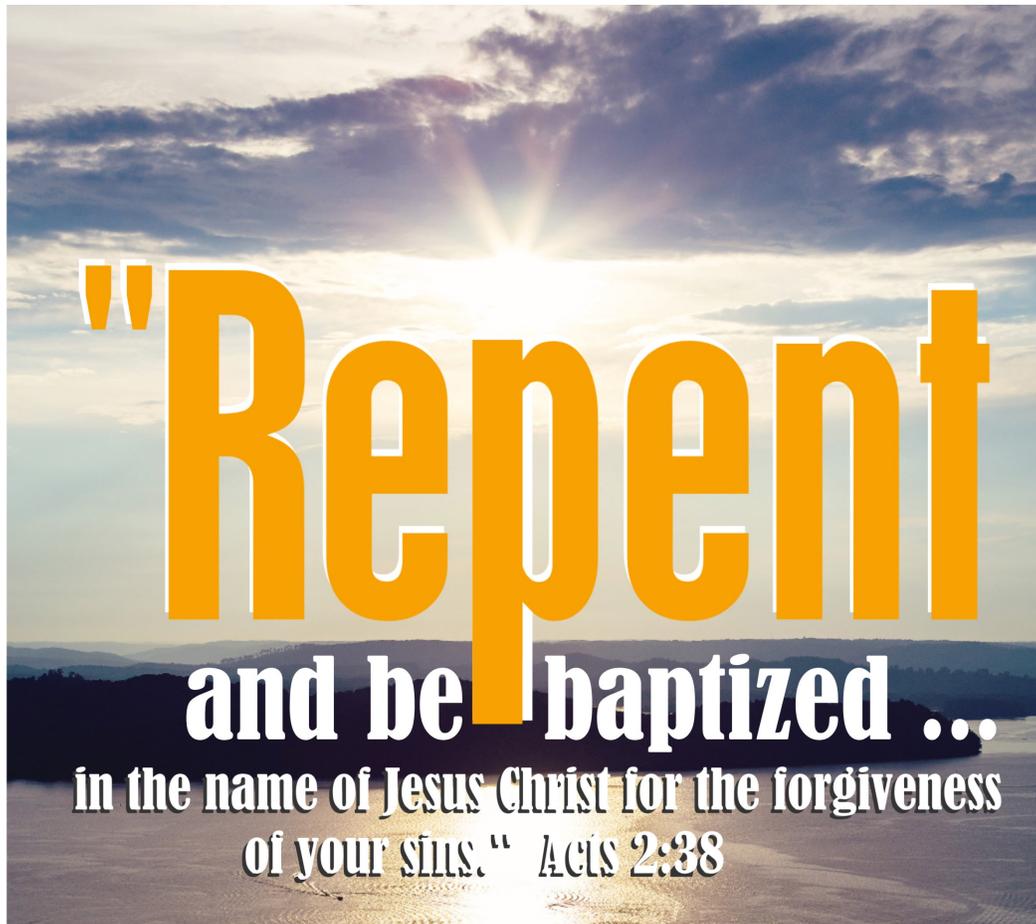


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Come and pray with us!

Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 30, 2023

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
Jo Barry	Kathy Barry
Barbara Bombace	Cole Brennan
Dan Bryan	Ann Callari
Judy Carlson	Pattie Daly-Matonti
Jason DeLuca	Manuela Diaz
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Liam Richards	Elaine Ruane
Barbara Sherry	Celeste Sichenze
Kyle Sweeney	Bill Tanner
Peter Warns	Danny Youngworth

Upcoming Mass Intentions

Week of Sunday, April 30th, 9AM Masses

Mon. Evelyn Mikol
Tue. Bob DeFilippis
Wed. Tammy Sayres
Thu. Marie Eagers



Saturday, May 6th, 5PM Mass

John Morris, Jane Daly, Michael & Carmela
Terranova, Clifford Lutz

Sunday, May 7th, Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Marie Eagers, Alice Linardo, Donna
Mary Smith, Joe Mullady, Leonard
Waldman
9:30 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Michelle Tomitz

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.

VOCATION WEEKEND

by Father Michael

This weekend the Church celebrates World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In the wider use of the word, vocation applies to all people in understanding the life God has called them to. Everyone has a vocation. Traditionally, when “vocations” is used in Church circles, it refers to Holy Orders and/or Religious Life. I would like to use this opportunity to offer some priestly reflections.

I am abundantly content in doing what I do. This June will mark the thirty-fifth anniversary of my ordination. So much has changed and will likely continue to change as life moves forward. When I was newly ordained, I was assigned to a parish that had five resident priests. For over a decade now, that parish has been a single-priest parish. When my next assignment comes along (which will likely be in June of 2025), it is possible I might be made the pastor of multiple parishes. There has certainly been a shift in spirituality and ecclesiology. We are still waiting for the bankruptcy to be resolved. There are aspects of life in the Church that could be a source of worry or uncertainty.

However, there are also aspects that have remained constant during the years that help bring about a stability. The Church is universal in its scope. But, for the majority of Catholics, it is what takes place in their local church that mostly defines their Church experience. For me, that local community has taken the form of three different parishes as well as a high school. It is always in the diversity, giftedness, and commitment of those who call that place their spiritual home where the grace of God is embraced. There can be an abundance of life and blessings locally even if there are wider serious issues that loom beyond the boundaries of the parish.

It would be an interesting dynamic if each parish had to nurture its own vocations for priesthood. Needless to say, those expressing an interest are far and few between. There are many reasons for the decline in numbers. In some instances, the value and role that Church plays in the lives of families has diminished. When there is a strong and consistent experience of Church growing up, that increases the likelihood of a young man considering priesthood as a viable path. It is harder for youth to be drawn to something that is not often experienced or seen as worthwhile.

Of course, in the end, all of this is the work of the Spirit. It often takes hindsight in the passing of years to fully appreciate the significance of events. Sometimes the Spirit works in unexpected ways. Yes, we need to pray for vocations and encourage them when there is an interest. But we need to work together to make this community of faith as vibrant and life-giving as possible. It is in our shared life together that we come to experience the wonder of God in our midst.

Men's Prayer Group

Upcoming Meetings - Mondays, May 15 and June 12, at 7:30 PM

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 30th	1 PM
• BAPTISMS	Worship Area
Monday, May 1st	7 - 8:30 PM
• KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Fr. Joe Room
Tuesday, May 2nd	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
• LEV. 2 COMM. REHEARSAL 5 & 6PM	Atr., Wor. Ar.
• ADULT CONFIRM. CLASS	7PM Fr. Joe Room
Wednesday, May 3rd	1:30 - 3:30 PM
• BEREAVEMENT	Fr. Joe Room
• THE CHOSEN	7PM Chapel, Atrium
Thursday, May 4th	10 AM
• SCRIPTURE STUDY	Fr. Joe Room
• THE CHOSEN	1:30PM Chapel, Atrium
• WOMEN'S PRAYER	7PM Chapel
Saturday, May 6th	10 AM & 1 PM
• FIRST COMMUNIONS	Atr., Wor. Ar.
• HOLY HOUR	3:45-4:45PM Worship Area
Sunday, May 7th	After 9:30 Mass
• ANOINTING OF THE SICK	Worship Area
• BAPTISMS	1PM Worship Area

Scripture Readings for May 7, 2023



- + Acts 6:1-7
- + 1 Peter 2:4-9
- + John 14:1-12

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, May 6th/7th



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



Adult Confirmation

Are you a baptized Catholic who received First Communion but never celebrated Confirmation? If so, and if you would like to be confirmed, please contact Jude Pickel at 265-2200 x116.

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



Women's Prayer Group

Women's Prayer Group will be meeting on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Chapel. All women in the parish are welcome. First meeting: May 4th, 7-8 PM

The Chosen will be back soon!

Season 3, Part 2 of **The Chosen** begins on **Wednesday, May 3, at 7:00 PM** and on **Thursday, May 4, at 1:30 PM**. All those who attended Season 3, Part 1 are registered to return. Newcomers are welcome, as long as you already have viewed Season 3, Part 1. Space is limited so please call Jude at x116 if you are interested in attending.

Attention All Volunteers



Please join us on Sunday, May 21st, from 3pm to 6pm

for the

Volunteer Appreciation BBQ

(Catered by The BBQ King)

in the Courtyard of
The Parish of the Holy Cross

*Let's begin the day with a Prayer of Gratitude at 3 pm,
and then enjoy the bbq directly after.*

*Volunteers = anyone who has volunteered for any ministry/activity
at the Parish

**Come join us as we show our appreciation for all that you do for
The Parish of the Holy Cross**

Please complete the tear off below and return to the Parish Office not later
than **May 12th**.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

_____ I will be attending the Volunteer Appreciation BBQ



Please return this slip to the Parish Office no later than May 12th.

LITURGY BYTES

First Communion Time



As we move out of the month of April and begin May, many of us realize it is First Communion time once again. Here at Holy Cross, we will celebrate First Holy Communion on two Saturdays: May 6 and May 13. Be on the lookout for young people coming to Sunday Mass dressed in their "Communion attire." Maybe what we could do to demonstrate our connection as members of the Body of Christ is to pray for these young communicants and their parents. Afterall, they are our future!

First Communion time always brings me back to my own special day when I was 7 years old in second grade. It was exciting to receive Jesus for the very first time, but I was a nervous wreck going through the steps. How do we continue to have that great love and devotion each time we come forward to receive? Afterall, it is our nourishment that fills us like nothing else can do. I remember when we were shut down during the early days of COVID, watching Mass on our TVs and computers gave me the same longing that I had leading up to my First Communion day. I could not wait to receive Jesus back then and also when I could not receive during the lockdown. I am sure many others felt the same loss as I did.

These thoughts bring me to our young people getting ready for their First Communions. Do they realize the best present they will ever receive is Jesus in Holy Communion? His presence in our hearts and souls is all we really need. The graces from Holy Communion can and will fill our lives time and time again. We just need to be there. As we continue in the season of the Great 50 Days, treasure what Our Lord has given us~~~His Body and His Blood!

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

PARISH OUTREACH

Outreach Food Pantry

Next Saturday and Sunday, **May 6th/7th**, will be our monthly Food Drive for our Parish Outreach Pantry. The following items would be most helpful:



- Pasta
- Rice
- Peanut Butter
- Toothpaste
- Sauce
- Boxed Potatoes
- Jelly

Please don't forget to check expiration dates! It will greatly assist the volunteers who stack the pantry with your donated goods. Thank you!

Lets talk about it...

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS 101



MHW 101 reframes the conversation about mental health-teaching that we ALL have mental health; it's not just about the presence or absence of an illness. The one hour training will help participants understand mental health as an integral part of overall health, prevalence of mental illness, and risk & protective factors; promote help-seeking behavior, recovery and self-care.

**Join us
May 15, 2023
at 2:00PM
in the Atrium**

Goals of the training:

- Increase basic knowledge of mental health to help reduce stigma.
- Understand Mental Health as a continuum of wellness that defines us every day – it is illness, recovery and all of the space in between.
- Promote wellness, treatment seeking behavior, recovery and self-care.

Why is this important?

Consider this: the median time between the onset of mental illness (when symptoms first appear) and when an individual gets appropriate treatment is **10 years**. During that time, a person is likely experiencing periods of increased symptomology and periods of wellness. Mental Health and recovery are dependent on an individual's ability to recognize and manage where he/she is each day on the continuum between wellness and illness and take care accordingly, an important piece to quality of life. **Education and early intervention promotes wellness.**

To attend,
please RSVP
to Kelley
in Parish Outreach
at 631-265-2200
ext. 113 by
May 11th.



HEALTHY MINDS FOR A HEALTHY NEW YORK

Mental Health and Wellness 101 is a project of the Mental Health Association in New York State, Inc.

Holy Cross Parish

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN TO BENEFIT LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND



REMEMBER TO BRING IN THOSE BABY BOTTLES!

Recently, Holy Cross Parish
kicked-off their Baby Bottle Campaign
to benefit the Life Center.

**THE WEEKEND TO BRING THOSE
FILLED BABY BOTTLES IN IS:**

May 13th & 14th

The Life Center consults women and men who are experiencing an unexpected pregnancy. They provide free pregnancy test kits, free sonogram referrals, maternity housing with eligibility requirements referrals, medical care referrals, material aid, including car seats, cribs, clothing, diapers, and many other needed baby items.

Remember, all it takes is your change in a baby bottle and a heartfelt prayer
to make a **BIG, POSITIVE DIFFERENCE** for all those we serve.
(Please make checks payable to the Life Center of L.I.)

*May every drop of a coin remind you to pray to save a preborn
baby from abortion and give a mother the opportunity to hear the
gospel of Jesus Christ!*

SAVE THE DATE!



Holy Cross Parish Day with the
LI Ducks - Sunday, July 16th, 2023
(picnic first, followed by
game at 5pm)

A big hit last year, so don't miss it!

Tickets will go on sale soon, so watch
the bulletin for more details!

SPECIAL COLLECTION



Invest in the Future of Our Church!

Create scholarships for students to
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100% of your parish's collection goes to
scholarships for students throughout
Long Island attending our Catholic schools!



**Give to the Special Collection during Mass:
Saturday, May 6th / Sunday, May 7th**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Thank you to our Religious Education classes for collecting loose change during the season of Lent for Rice Bowl. Congratulations on collecting \$600.59 for Catholic Relief Services! Way to go, team!



The Parish of the Holy Cross
VBS Helper Registration Form 2023
July 10th to July 14th
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: _____ Phone: _____

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? _____

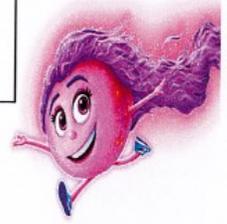
We will try to honor all requests. Thank you for volunteering!

T-Shirt Size (Please Circle One): Adult Small Adult Medium Adult Large Adult XL Adult 2X

***T-Shirts will be handed out in June at the final meeting.**



**The Parish of the Holy Cross
VBS Camper Registration Form 2023
July 10th to July 14th**



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

Street address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Grade entering Sept. 2023 _____

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)

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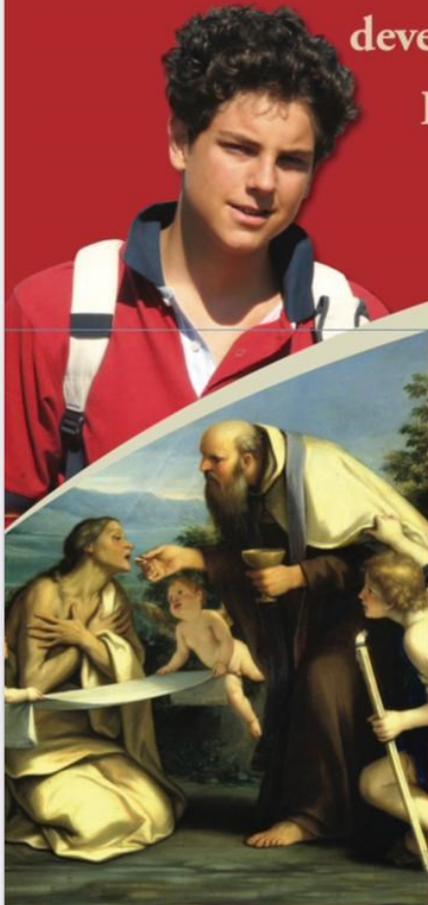
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7:00 p.m., Thursday, May 25

Our Lady of Lourdes, Massapequa Park, 855 Carmans Road

7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 31

St. Joseph, Ronkonkoma, 45 Church Street

with a Sunday Morning option, FOLLOWING THE 11:00 AM MASS, to be held at

12:00 p.m., Sunday, June 4

St. Anthony of Padua, East Northport, 20 Cheshire Place



RSVP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to 631-423-0483 Ext. 179
or by email to diaconateformation@drvc.org

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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 introduce the “*Spring 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 March, April and May.
- Drawing will be held **May 25th**.

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!

Spring Cash Fling

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