

# 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 7, 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

# WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

631.265.2200 + Fax: 631.265.2229 + Email: parish@holycrossrc.org  
Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 4 PM (closed 12:15 - 1 PM)

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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
Cole Brennan	Ann Callari
Judy Carlson	Jason DeLuca
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Elaine Ruane	Casey Schultz
Kathy Schwinn	Dolores Serri
Barbara Sherry	Celeste Sichenze
Bill Tanner	Grace Van Epps
Peter Warns	

## Upcoming Mass Intentions

### Week of Sunday, April 7th, 9AM Masses

Mon. Erik DiOrio  
Tue. Jorge Gutierrez Castillo  
Wed. Sara Breslawski  
Thu. John DiBartolo

### Saturday, April 13th, 5 PM Mass

Charlie Duryea, Umberto Galvaz, Anna Galluzzo

### Sunday, April 14th, Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Maria Nunzia Damiano  
9:30 AM People of the Parish  
11:30 AM Pietro Dragotta, George Stratos, Dino  
DiPietro, Robert Capobianco, Mary  
Zitelli



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.

# EASTER GLOW

*by Father Michael*

As I write this article, I'm still feeling the exhilaration, joy, and a bit of exhaustion from all the festivities of Holy Week and Easter. The crowds on Sunday were amazing, culminating in over 800 people at the 11:30 Mass. We were packed to the rafters. I will never grumble about those who come only a few times in the year. I am grateful to have moments like that where the Gospel can be preached to so many. I am committed to offer the very best we can to those who come here to Holy Cross to share in our worship, but especially on our most holy days. A liturgy is a work of art, and it takes the efforts of many to bring out its full beauty. While we can always use more helping hands, I am most grateful to all those who helped our Masses to be a joyful and inspiring experience.

I don't want to sound boastful, but our Lenten theme seems to have touched the hearts of many. Numerous people have reached out to me in different ways to express their gratitude for what was a challenging, but meaningful season. When the Spirit comes alive in people's hearts, it is an exciting moment. It is most humbling to realize you may have played a role in someone experiencing the power of Christ in their lives. Spoken word, song, environment, and a prayerful presence help foster moments of grace. Thank you to all who were part of these days.

Although the numbers were impressive, it looks like our collection will be lower than it was last year by about \$4,000. Some Easter money will still trickle in over the next few weeks, so we have not hit the total button yet but it does look lower. We have been trying our best to get a functioning Venmo account. We placed a QR code for that along with our website on a special card in all the pews. This form of payment is preferred by many younger people, and we want to be able to offer it as an option. We thought everything was resolved, but at some point during the weekend the account was shut down. It seems having a Venmo account connected to a non-profit organization has more complications than a regular account. We will go back to the drawing board, but it is a frustrating process. There is far more to our holiest days than finances. But it is a part of the picture of our community. Our budget is on a razor-thin line, and we don't want money concerns to impact our work. Thank you to all who gave so generously.

I hope we have a clear day on Monday for the eclipse. I don't plan on traveling to Cleveland or one of those places where there will be complete darkness, but I still hope to experience some of it here.

May the joy of this holy season continue to unfold in your heart. Easter is more than a day. It can truly be a source of life for us as we face the challenges that are before us.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Saturday, April 6th</b>	<b>3:45 - 4:45 PM</b>
• HOLY HOUR	Worship Area
<b>Sunday, April 7th</b>	<b>After 9:30 Mass</b>
• DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET	Worship Area
• CHILDREN'S LITURGY	11:30 Mass Fr. Joe Room
• BAPTISMS	1PM Worship Area
<b>Monday, April 8th</b>	<b>4 - 6 PM</b>
• SPECIAL NEEDS	Atrium
• LEV. 2 PARENT/STUDENT MTG.	7PM Wor. Ar.
<b>Tuesday, April 9th</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
• CONFIRM. RECONCIL.	5:30&7PM Worship Area
• MYSTAGOGY	7PM Fr. Joe Room
<b>Wednesday, April 10th</b>	<b>11:30AM-2:30PM</b>
• SENIORS	Atrium
• FINANCE COMMITTEE	7PM Fr. Joe Room
<b>Thursday, April 11th</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
• WOMEN'S BIBLE CIRCLE	Fr. Joe Room
<b>Saturday, April 13th</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
• CONFIRM. RECONCILIATION	Worship Area
<b>Sunday, April 14th</b>	<b>9:30 Mass</b>
• BAPTISM GATHERING	Wor. Ar., FJ Rm.
• ANOINTING	After 9:30 Mass Worship Area

## *Scripture Readings for April 14, 2024*



- + Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
- + 1 John 2:1-5
- + Luke 24:35-48

## Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, April 13th/14th



- |          |                    |
|----------|--------------------|
| 5:00 PM  | Fr. Frank/Dcn. Joe |
| 8:00 AM  | Fr. Frank/Dcn. Joe |
| 9:30 AM  | Fr. Michael        |
| 11:30 AM | Fr. Michael        |



## *Banns of Marriage* *Third Time*

Ashley Volz & Sal Abbamonte

*Due to the Divine Mercy Chaplet prayer after the 9:30 Mass on April 7, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick has been moved to Sunday, April 14.*

*The Bread and Wine for the week April 7th-13th have been donated in loving memory of*  
***Gloria Posimato***  
*by her family.*



## *Easter Flower Remembrances*

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

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GRACE MAGRINO  
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MOM AND POP GALLO  
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# **Holy Cross Parish Mission**

## **“ Signed and Sealed with the Cross”**

Over three evenings, Fr. Albert Haase, OFM, will lead us in examining the ancient gesture of the Sign of the Cross. What challenges do we face and what responsibilities do we accept when we sign ourselves with the cross?

***Please join us from 7:00-8:00 PM on:***

***Sunday, April 21: Our Image of God***

***Monday, April 22: Finding Jesus in the Storms of Life***

***Tuesday, April 23: Being Sent on Mission***

Fr. Albert is a former missionary to mainland China, and a popular teacher and preacher. He is the award-winning author of over 15 books on spirituality and the presenter of 5 best-selling videos. He currently resides in San Antonio, TX. Visit his website at [www.AlbertOFM.org](http://www.AlbertOFM.org)

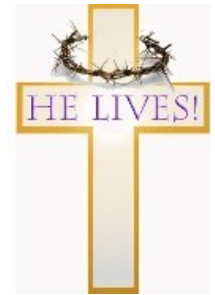
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enriching  
experience  
for all.***



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a  
friend!***

# LITURGY BYTES

## The Great 50 Days!



The great 50 days begin with our celebration of Easter and run until Pentecost. It actually is celebrated as one long feast. This is similar to the Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday which consists of one liturgy that spans three days. Let us also remember that Easter is not over on Easter Monday. It takes 50 days to celebrate Easter. All of the Sundays of the Easter season are part of the Easter story. We call these feasts “solemnities.” Two significant feasts during the Easter season are the Ascension which is 40 days after Easter, and at the end of the Easter season is the great feast of Pentecost which is the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church. There are various elements and themes of the Easter season. The Easter Vigil is the primary and principal Mass of the Easter celebration. However, on Easter Sunday itself we look back at the Vigil, renew our baptismal promises, and truly experience a joyful celebration of praise and thanks for Christ’s death and resurrection.

The Scripture readings for the season of Easter are all from the New Testament or Christian Scriptures. The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles, which is about the first emerging Christian community that was charged with spreading the Good News. During the Easter season we hear the stories of Jesus’ post resurrection appearances: Jesus’ appearance to the Apostles, the doubting Thomas story, the road to Emmaus and Jesus’ appearance at the Sea of Tiberius. Also, we hear the famous encounter with Peter and Jesus’ question to him, “Do you love me?,” as well as Jesus’ command to Peter to feed his sheep. The pronouncement by Jesus that he is the Good Shepherd and that he is the vine, and his disciples are the branches is also heard. Finally, Jesus tells his disciples that he will send the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit, to continue his presence on earth. These are all familiar accounts but should be heard anew each year.

These great 50 days are also a special time for the “new” Catholics of our parish. They are invited to uncover the mysteries of our faith, referred to as mystagogy, during this fascinating time. Next week, we will examine all that this time holds.

Have a blessed, joy-filled week ahead! ~ *Michele Hall*

# PARISH NEWS



## Pray for Our Military

Sgt David Basler  
Cpl Brian S. Brophy Jr., USMC  
Cpl Richard J. DeKanchuk, USMC  
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 2024. Please let us know if their service is finished or their title has changed.

May God bless all who serve our nation.  
Pray for Peace!



## Holy Baptism

*Holy Cross  
Welcomes These  
Children Baptized in  
March*

Thomas Javier Cilmi  
Cora Elizabeth Culicerto  
Athena Leigh Grant  
Reya Tammy Jaikaran  
Lorelei Astrid Knopf  
Angelo Anthony Orbe Jr.  
Sofia Marie Sanzone  
Hailey Jo Tolsdorf  
Malachi Bryan Wadlo

## Special Collection

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

# PARISH OUTREACH

## Dress a Girl Around the World

Come and check out our next “**Cut-Up**” session and join in the fun! At our gathering we cut out the pockets, bindings, and the body of the dress for our **Dress a Girl** dress kits. Kits are then created and are ready to be sewn. **Dress a Girl** leaders are there to offer guidance or answer any questions you may have.



What happens to the kits? Kits are available in the Outreach office to all who would like to participate in becoming a “**Sew-Up**” or someone who sews the dresses in the comfort of your home. There is no limit to how many dresses you can sew, we just ask that you craft each dress **with love and skill**.

If you have never taken one of our kits home to sew a **Dress a Girl** dress but are a **skilled sewer**, we invite you to join this wonderful ministry. We need your talent! Our next meeting is **Tuesday, April 16th, from 1-3pm**. Please call Outreach if you are interested, have any questions, or to let us know you will be joining us! Thank you!

**JOIN US!  
BRING A FRIEND!**

7th - 12th grade

# For YOUTH

*Leading Teens  
Closer to Christ*

at the Parish of the Holy Cross

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OR  
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**The Parish of the Holy Cross  
VBS Camper Registration Form 2024  
July 15<sup>th</sup> to July 19th**



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 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 Helper Registration Form 2024  
 Entering 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
*July 15<sup>th</sup> – July 19<sup>th</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**

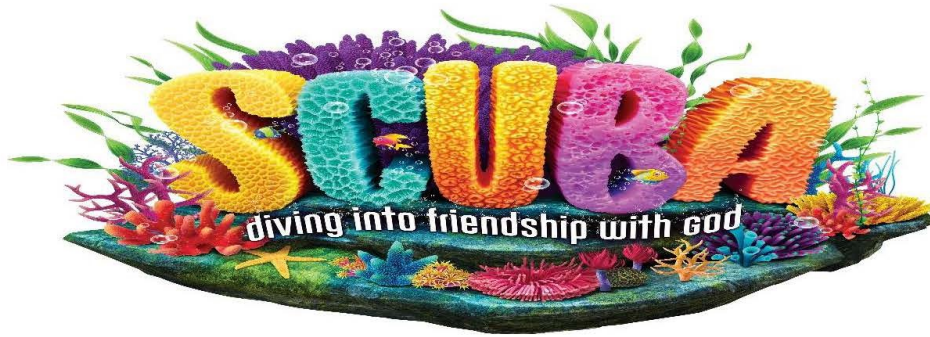
1. Is this your first year helping at VBS? YES/NO
  - a. If no, have you been a Station Helper or Crew helper? YES/NO
  - If you helped with a station, which station were you in? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Do you have a sibling enrolled as a camper this year at VBS? YES/NO
3. What parish do you attend and where do 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! 😊

**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 15<sup>th</sup> to July 19<sup>th</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      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

# PARISH CELEBRATIONS



As Mass began on **Palm Sunday**, these young people waved palms as they joined the altar servers, lectors and Fr. Michael in the procession to the altar.



Congratulations to the newest members of the Parish of the Holy Cross - Jodi, Brock, Michael, and Carolyn - who celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation at our **Easter Vigil**. May God bless you always.



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## All Are Truly Welcome

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Marriage Struggling?



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# 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!***

### Spring Cash Fling

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

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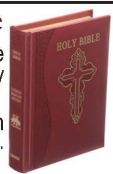
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