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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 they
were all
filled
with the
Holy Spirit..."

Acts 2:4

## Come and pray with us!

## Pentecost Sunday - May 19, 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!**

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in Christ

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#### **Remembering Our Sick**

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

**Bob Alderdice** Alejandro Astegiano Jo Barry **Kathy Barry Cole Brennan** Ann Callari **Judy Carlson** Jason DeLuca Manuela Diaz Ann Egan Ralph Farino Sienna Fricke Debbie Jablinowski Lauren Kaiden Kristen Kennedy **Carol Leahy** 

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**Celeste Sichenze Bill Tanner Peter Warns** 

## **Upcoming Mass Intentions**

#### Week of Sunday, May 19th, 9AM Masses

Mon. Henry Wangenstein Tue. Barbara Sherry (living) Wed. Benjamin Reichbach **Timothy Coluccio** Thu.

Saturday, May 25th, 5 PM Mass

Matt Gund, Jane Wixted, Aura Morales, Gemma

Cusano

#### Sunday, May 26th, The Most Holy Trinity

**8:00 AM** People of the Parish 9:30 AM Vincent Paradise

11:30 AM Dora Libretti, Larry Pannone, Mary Diaz,

Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Santina

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.

## THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT

by Father Michael

Most people reading this article have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Some might even know the date they received it. Last week 130 of our young people received the Sacrament when Bishop Romero visited Holy Cross. Every year on Pentecost the spotlight is turned on the gift of the Holy Spirit. We can pinpoint significant days on the calendar related to the Holy Spirit, but it is another thing to know and experience the power of the Spirit at work in our hearts.

What does it mean to experience the power of the Spirit at work in our hearts? How do we make it happen? We don't control it. We can't plan for it. But the movement of the Spirit is real. I'm not sure I can completely explain it, but there are times when I know when it's happening. One gift I believe I was given was the ability to preach. I may not always do it well, but there are times when I sit down at the end of a homily and I ask myself "Where did that come from?" I have done my best to use the gifts I have discovered in my life, but then something happens even beyond that. There is an exponential outpouring of life. When it happens, it is both a joyful occasion but also a humbling one. To experience the power of God at work through our words or actions is a grounding experience.

Perhaps it is no coincidence that Pentecost falls in between Mother's Day and Father's Day. I have to believe that for those who are called to parenthood, they have some insight into the power of the Spirit. I'm sure there are times when parenting demands focus, persistence, and specific action. But then there must also be times when the Spirit gives insight, understanding, and grace in situations that you never anticipated. I'm sure every parent has at least one story of amazement of getting through a trying time in an unexpected way. Chances are it was not just some divine coincidence, but rather the power of God giving the wisdom and insight that was needed.

Sometimes gifts are exercised in a public way where many people share in the experience. Although Scripture describes the first Pentecost in a dramatic way, it need not be that way. There are also times when the outpouring of the Spirit is a very quiet and gentle expression that perhaps only one other person is privileged to share. The goal is not to attain the attention of many, but rather allow the Spirit to come forth in whatever way the Spirit unfolds. This one day is devoted to celebrating the Spirit, but it cannot be limited to any specific time period. We remain open to the wondrous and mysterious ways in which the Spirit touches our hearts and brings us life.

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING**

## **Weekly Calendar**

Saturday, May 18th 5 PM

• CONFIRMATION Worship Area

• YOUTH GROUP 6-8PM Atrium

Sunday, May 19th

• CHILDREN'S LITURGY

• CONFIRMATION

• BAPTISMS

11:30 Mass

Fr. Joe Room

Worship Area

PM Worship Area

Monday, May 20th 1:30 PM
• MALE MYSTICS Chapel

Tuesday, May 21st 10 AM

• IN STITCHES Fr. Joe Room

• DRESS A GIRL 1-3PM Atrium

Wednesday, May 22nd 7 - 8 PM

• CATCHING FIRE Chapel, Atrium

Thursday, May 23rd 10 AM
• SCRIPTURE STUDY Atrium

CATCHING FIRE
 VIRTUS CLASS
 1:30PM Chapel, Atrium
 6-8PM Fr. Joe Room

#### **Parish Outreach**

With the lazy, hazy days of summer right around the corner, vacation cannot be too far away. Outreach is looking for travel-size soap, shampoo, conditioner, and hand lotion to create *Blessing Bags* for the homeless. Please keep us in mind as you set off on your vacation. All items can be dropped off at the Parish Office. Thank you in advance for your help, and have a great vacation!

#### Scripture Readings for May 26, 2024



- + Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40
- + Romans 8:14-17
- + Matthew 28:16-20

# Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, May 25th/26th



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



#### Banns of Marriage Third Time

Liliana Lopez & Joseph Donlon

This weekend we will also be collecting for our **Repairs and Major Renovations** fund.

Thank you for your support!

#### Press a Girl Around the World

There will be no Dress a Girl meeting in May. Please join us for our next gathering on **Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, from 1PM to 3PM** in the atrium. Please call Outreach for details.



#### Garden Clean-up 2024

After the long winter months, there has never been a better time or a bigger need for the benefits of nature. Did you know that having some contact with nature can reduce stress and can improve your



overall mood? Our Community Garden can provide a wonderful opportunity to access some of these mental health benefits after the long winter. Mark your calendars and please join us on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, at 8AM to help clean up and prepare our Community Garden for our upcoming gardening season. We are looking for volunteers to assist our dedicated garden volunteers in the cleanup. All are welcome! For more information, please call JoEllen at 631-360-1373.

## LITURGY BYTES

## A Different View - part 2

Picking up from last week's part 1, we return to our response of paying attention to the liturgy. Our first response is we need to be reflective about what we are doing at the Mass. We also need to pay attention to the prayer – the words, the movements, the objects, even the space and time.



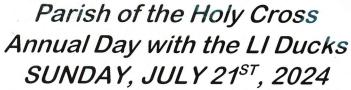
Firstly, let us look at what we bring to the liturgical prayer of the Mass as it unfolds. In other words, our dying and rising in our everyday lives should be joined to the death and rising of Jesus. We need to be mindful of the griefs and the joys of our daily lives, the longings, the half-met expectations etc.—all human experiences that influence what we bring to Mass each week. The liturgy is a celebration of our experience, helping us to make sense of it, to purify it, to face the truth of it, to live through it and to surrender to God. Liturgy demands of us attention to itself and attention to ourselves. With so many distractions in our world today, this makes it most difficult. We have gadgets that distract us, much noise coming from many sources. On the other hand, there are those who do not have a cluttered life. They barely have enough to get by and struggle to make ends meet. Even though we have a longing for these obstacles that distract us, there is a longing for other kinds of values, like something more than mere survival, for example, beauty, solitude, simplicity to name a few. Today, we have a reverence for the earth, the fragility of our planet and all creation. There are so many things to distract us from paying attention, and yet there seems to be a restlessness until we rest with God. The desire for God is at the beginning and end of paying attention. This is called contemplation. Contemplation is the art of paying attention to God and to oneself in God. I am sure by now you are wondering what all of this has to do with our experience of the Mass. In liturgy, we gradually cultivate an awareness of God at the very heart of the touches, sights, sounds and smells of the Word, gestures, and objects, even of the faces of those with whom we have gathered at Mass.

I am not trying to be complicated by offering all that influences how we pay attention when we are at Mass. Truly it is impossible to recall all of the above as we come each week for Mass. Perhaps a good place to start would be to try to think of one point each week. It could help in realizing, once again, the beauty of each part of the Mass and how we, the people, are truly part of it. And, depending on "where" we are at on that day, what effect of God's love will we experience?

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

Help Wa	anted: Helping Hands
<ul><li>☐ Courtyard maintenance</li><li>☐ Light gardening</li><li>☐ Grounds keeping</li><li>☐ Spring, fall clean-up</li></ul>	<ul> <li>☐ Set-up, clean-up for special events</li> <li>☐ Hospitality: bake, serve for special events</li> <li>☐ Carpentry, light repairs</li> <li>☐ A pick-up or a van</li> </ul>
	e in any of these areas on an occasional basis? f interest and return this slip to the Parish Office.
Name:	Phone:







All you can eat Picnic begins at 3:35 PM

Game begins at 5:05 PM

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

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RESERVE NOW: Complete and return to the Parish Office the form. DEADLINE IS: MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 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:
	(circle one) Check or Cash
(Questions? – c	call Michele Hall, ext. 120)

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING**

#### **The Mystics**

Come join us on **Monday, May 20th**, for a discussion on Teilhard de Chardin, a 20th century Jesuit priest, mystic and paleontologist. **Come only at 1:30 PM**.

\*\*All are welcome!





## Saturday, May 18, 2024: Armed Forces Day

This weekend is Pentecost Sunday, but in addition to the Vigil on Saturday, this date is identified as **Armed Forces Day**. This event recognizes the men and women of the United States Armed Forces (all volunteers) stationed throughout the world, defending our nation and way of life. **Please keep them in your prayers!** 

#### "Sowing Seeds of Hope with Our Vote" Webinar

In response to Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'* call, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Brentwood and Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville are offering a free webinar to get ready to vote in November. You will hear from Eilis McCulloh, HM, JD, a grassroots organizer from NETWORK, a national justice group inspired by Catholic Sisters. There will also be other speakers from various socio-economic backgrounds. Together we will seek to uncover a path to the cultural and personal changes necessary to sow seeds of hope with our vote in the upcoming election.

This webinar will be bi-partisan. In preparation, you might want to view *The Cries of the Poor* on YouTube at <a href="https://bit.ly/criesofthepoor">https://bit.ly/criesofthepoor</a> to learn of the realities impacting our island home—facts not fiction. Register for the webinar at this link: <a href="https://bit.ly/sowhopewithvote">https://bit.ly/sowhopewithvote</a>.

Zoom Date and Time: Monday, May 20, 2024; 7-8:30 PM

Sponsored by: Sisters of St. Joseph, Brentwood & Sisters of St. Dominic, Amityville

## **MOTHER'S DAY MASS REMEMBRANCES**

#### In Memory of....

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MARY CONNOLLY
CATHERINE PALERMO
LOUISE SCAPARO
JUSTINA NAVARRO
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MARCELA CHUA CHIACO



#### In Honor of...

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Sally Chua Chiaco
Meg Aguila
Gail Hunt
Saori Torii
Tuesday Coronel
Nora Santos
Mirian Cowan
Joanne McNeece
Ruby M.

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## The Parish of the Holy Cross VBS Volunteer Registration Form 2024 July 15<sup>th</sup> 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



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



Child's Name:	Age:	Date of birth:	
Street address:			
City: Zip:	Gra	ade entering Sept. 202	4
Home phone:	e-mail: _		
Parish if not Holy Cross:			
Mother/guardian emergency contact # /	cell #		
Father/guardian emergency contact # /	cell #		
Important: Allergies or other medica (if "yes" please call the Religious Ed Form.)  *** Under NO circumstances	office to obt	ain an "Allergy Actio	n Plan" <sup>′</sup>
Fees: \$60.00 for 1 camper May <u>requ</u>	<u>est one</u> name	e for a child to be place	ed with:
\$100.00 for 2 campers			
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Photography release: I hereby <b>gi</b> on to (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> – 10am to 1pm \*\*Please print clearly\*\*



Name:	Age:
Street Address:	Grade in Sept
City:	Zip:Home Phone:
Parent's E-mail:	
	Relation to Helper:
Emergency Contact Phone Number:	
Allergies or other medical conditions: YES/NO	If yes, please fill out Allergy/Medical Form
VBS REFERE	ENCE INFORMATION
1. Is this your first year helping at VBS?	YES/NO
a. If no, have you been a Station Hel	elper or Crew helper? YES/NO
If you helped with a station, which	ch station were you in?
2. Do you have a sibling enrolled as a camp	per this year at VBS? YES/NO
3. What parish do you attend and where do y	you attend Religious Education?
	n?
We will try to honor all requests. Thank you	ı 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

## **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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