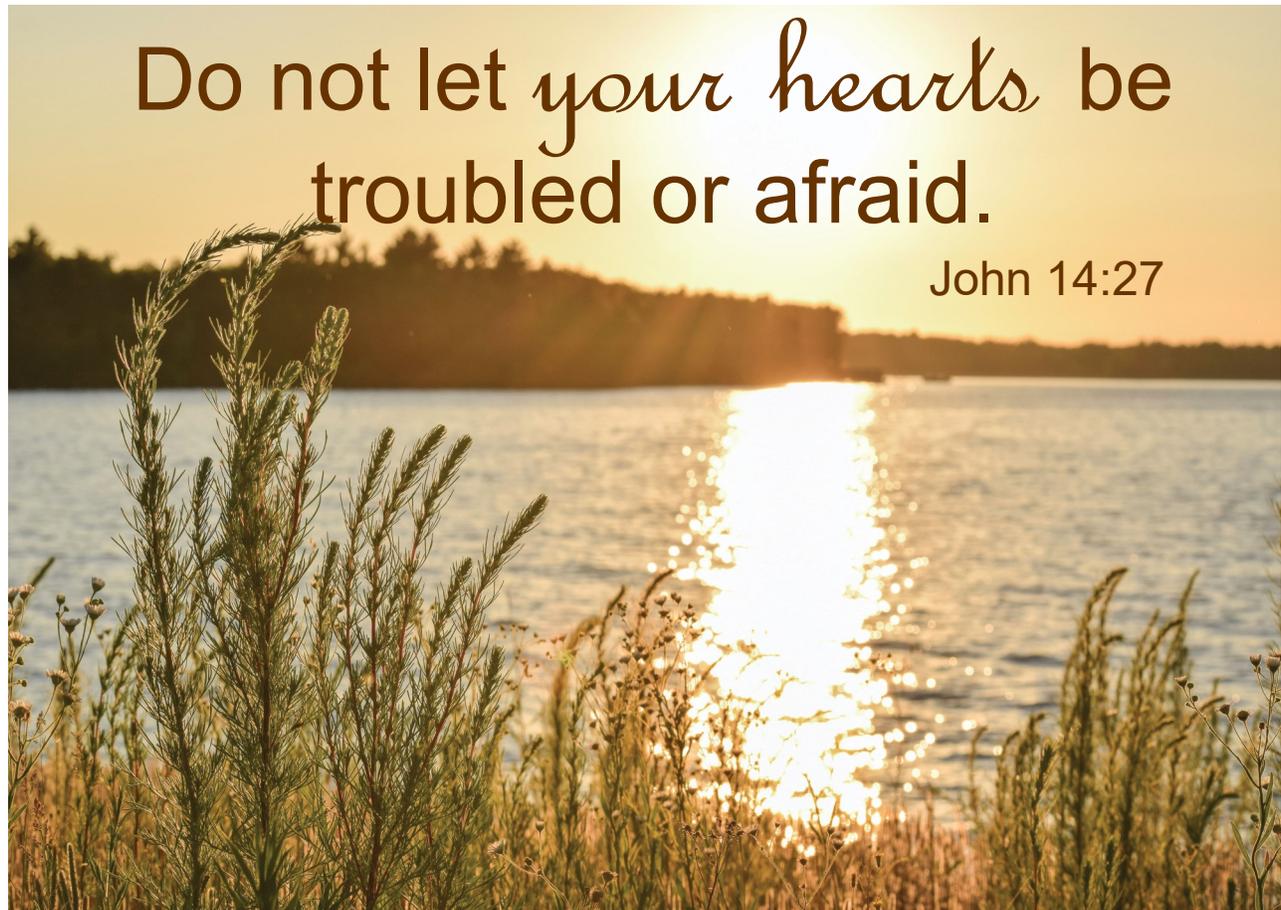


The Parish of the Holy Cross

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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!

6th Sunday of Easter - May 22, 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

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

631.265.2200 + Fax: 631.265.2229 + Email: parish@holycrossrc.org
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Remembering Our Sick

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

Bob Alderdice

Bobby Alderdice

Theresa Arzillo

Jo Barry

Kathy Barry

Barbara Bombace

Ann Callari

Manuela Diaz

Ann Egan

Jim Emerson

Ralph Farino

Sienna Fricke

Robert Gann

Debbie Jablinowski

Linda Jerome

Diane Jones

Maureen Jost

Kristen Kennedy

Paul Kruk

Roberta Lamb

Dora Libretti

Gerald Losquadro

Charlotte Lynch

Viola Malek

Joseph McManus

Olivia Melia

Freddie Meyers

Connie Polik

Fred Polik

Carina Ranieri

David Reichbach

Liam Richards

Elaine Ruane

Joseph Santamaria

Dolores Serri

Barbara Sherry

Kyle Sweeney

Chase Turano

Judy Viskupic

Peter Warns

Danny Youngworth

Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of May 22nd, 2022, 9AM Mass

Mon. Matthew Rizzo Jr.

Tue. Benjamin Reichbach

Wed. Gary John Hughes (living)

Wednesday, May 25th, Ascension Vigil Mass

7:00 PM Nick Lombardo

Thursday, May 26th, Ascension Mass

9:00 AM Bob DeFilippis

Saturday, May 28th, 5 PM Mass

Marilyn Thomas, Anthony Michael Arzillo, June DiTommaso, Stephen Eith, Sheehan Wilcox

Sunday, May 29th, Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. O. DeSanto, Arthur Buckhout, Lillian Buckhout, Robert Henrich, Andrea Fernandez Ortiz

9:30 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM Aida Maffeo



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 PLACE HAS BEEN CRANKING

by Father Michael

Boy, has this place been busy. At the beginning of the week, I was standing at the altar during daily Mass looking out towards the congregation. For some reason I was reminded of all the activity that has taken place in the past weeks. We had 1 wedding, 2 funerals, 7 babies were baptized, and 127 children made their First Holy Communion. All of this was in addition to our regular weekend Masses as well as daily Masses. And as long as I am making a list, let's not exclude 2 evening retreats for our Confirmation students, 2 Anointings of the Sick, Holy Hour and Confessions.

When I reflect upon this kind of activity, it is a humbling realization. In the course of the last two weeks, well over a thousand people came here to celebrate, mourn, and pray. It's an awesome responsibility to know that I share in deeply personal and significant moments in the lives of so many people. I know we don't always do everything perfectly, but I take pride and joy in knowing that those responsible for these holy and prayerful moments don't take them lightly. Great care is given so that these occasions may be moments of grace for all who come here. Ultimately, it is God's spirit that touches and transforms hearts, but it is a privilege to know that we play a role in a time and space for these holy moments.

Holy Cross is a place to be proud of. We do our best to allow what takes place within our walls and beyond to reflect the joy, compassion and hope of our loving Savior. In many ways our Worship Area is holy ground. We pray that parishioners who return here as well as those who visit, may find this a place which opens the heart to God's grace to be at work.

On a completely different note, this week I was notified that my personal Visa account was compromised, and unauthorized charges were attempted. Happily, my bank questioned the purchases and no transactions were completed. These kinds of things are happening on a regular basis to many people. Allow me to use this moment to remind you that sometimes fraudulent activity comes under the banner of Holy Cross or my name. It seems every month or so, someone reports that they received an email from me seeking assistance. There would never be any occasion where I would ask parishioners to purchase gift cards. Any e-mail inquiry which asks for account numbers to be sent should raise immediate suspicion. If ever there is any doubt or question about an e-mail from us, please call to verify if it is legitimate.

Continue to enjoy these days of May as we move into the warmth of springtime.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

**You're invited to a Welcome to Summer Party
at the Parish House on June 26th!**

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, May 21st	5 PM Mass
• LITTLE FLOWER DRIVE	Atrium
Sunday, May 22nd	All Masses
• LITTLE FLOWER DRIVE	Atrium
• BAPTISM GATHERING 10:30AM	Fr. Joe Room
• YOUTH NIGHT 6-8PM	Atrium
Tuesday, May 24th	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
• FUN/FUNDRAISING COMM. 7PM	Fr. Joe Room
Wednesday, May 25th	11:30AM-2:30PM
• SENIORS	Atrium
• ASCENSION VIGIL MASS 7PM	Worship Area
Thursday, May 26th	9 AM
• ASCENSION MASS	Worship Area
<i>(The Parish Office is closed for the Holy Day.)</i>	
Sunday, May 29th	1 PM
• BAPTISMS	Worship Area

The Ascension of the Lord
Masses will be held

Wed., May 25th, at 7 PM
&
Thu., May 26th, at 9 AM

The Parish Office is closed on Thursday for the Holy Day.



Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, May 28th/29th



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

Special Collection

Next week at the offertory we will also be collecting for the **Catholic Communication Campaign**. This collection supports Catholic programs of faith to NBC, ABC, and many cable networks, inspiring radio programs, children's videos, free movie reviews and much more! Please help to spread the Good News!

Scripture Readings for May 29, 2022



+ Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60
+ Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20
+ John 17:20-26

Banns of Marriage

First Time



Kimberly Desz & Vincent Bonura

Third Time

Alyse Marotta & Alan Morris

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 May 22nd from 6 to 8 PM in the atrium!**





The Parish of the Holy Cross NIGHT WITH THE DUCKS

OPPONENT: Southern Maryland Blue Crabs

DATE: Sunday, July 24th 2022

TIME: Game at: 5:05 PM
Picnic at 3:35 PM

(Gates open at 3:35 pm for Picnic)

PRICE: \$40 adult & \$35 children,
FREE PARKING

RESERVE NOW: Complete form & Return by : **6/21st**

Join the Parish at Fairfield Properties Ballpark for
Family Fun, Good Food and Baseball!

PRE-GAME PICNIC INFO:

90 Minutes – all YOU can eat buffet.

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

Sundays are family fun days at the ballpark.

Kids can have a catch on the field before the game and
run the bases after the game.



NAME PHONE #

OF TICKETS EMAIL

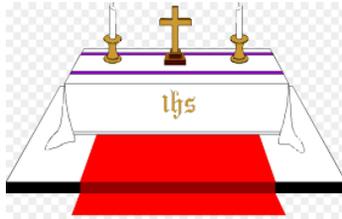
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(checks payable to Holy Cross ; cash is fine too!)



LITURGY BYTES

Welcome to the Table



Another important event that occurs during the month of May, is First Holy Communion. Our young people gather with their families and friends in special clothing to receive for the very first time, the Body of Christ. For the many years I spent as a DRE, this occasion always touched my heart and gave me great hope. Honestly, I am not referring to the actual First Communion liturgies, but to the following days when these young people would return in their “Communion garb” and attend one of the weekend parish Masses. Most parishioners would agree, it was so good to have these young people join with us at the table of the Lord. Their excitement and smiling faces were reminders of our first time and the feelings and love for Jesus we felt in our hearts.

This practice of inviting the children back to Mass with their Communion garb also gives the parish the opportunity to officially welcome them into the local faith community. It connects each child to the presence of Jesus and allows them to experience yet another step of deeper commitment to the Catholic way of life. As we know, the Eucharist is a sacred meal of thanksgiving, a memorial of Christ’s death and resurrection, and the center and highpoint of the Church’s sacramental life.

So let this time be a reminder for all of us to think about the Communion we share in at every Mass. It is a time for us to pause and think about how we receive the presence of Jesus under the form of consecrated bread and wine, as well as the witness we give to those around us. Secondly, let us recognize the ways we are fed and are feeding others. May we see and experience the giving and receiving, and the sharing of our lives. Our presence at Mass says the Church is not just for people who have faith all figured out. We come back each week for the body of Christ so that we can be the body of Christ in the world!

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

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. 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**

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

Street address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Grade entering Sept. 2022 _____

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 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 If yes, please fill out Allergy Form. Any Medical Conditions, please
explain: _____



The Parish of the Holy Cross

VBS Helper Volunteer Registration Form

Entering 6th through 8th 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 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 _____ (Adult/S, Adult/M, Adult/L, Adult/XL)

*t-shirts will be handed out in June at the final meeting before VBS

PARISH OUTREACH

Friendly Calls

What are Friendly Calls?

Friendly calls provide a simple check-in and friendly phone call to seniors/parishioners who are homebound, feeling lonely and/or isolated. This program helps seniors/parishioners who are trying to remain independent with phone calls during the week to check on their mental, spiritual, and physical wellbeing. Getting regular friendly calls can be a real boost for someone who is lonely.

Your concern, time and compassion are the foundation of this program. Do you have a few minutes a week to share a conversation with a senior/parishioner who may be homebound and feeling isolated? If yes, please call the Outreach office at 631-265-2200 x113 to become a volunteer. All volunteers must be VIRTUS certified and sign a confidentiality form.

Who is Eligible for a Call?



Would you like to receive a call from a parishioner volunteer while you are homebound? Individuals may self refer or be referred by a caregiver or family member. This program is intended to serve seniors/parishioners who are homebound, living alone or otherwise need regular contact to eliminate social isolation. If you are interested in receiving a call, please call Outreach at 631-265-2200 x113. All calls are confidential.

Volunteer Drivers Needed

Outreach occasionally receives requests from parishioners for rides. At this time, we need volunteers to help with these requests. This is not a full-time commitment but rather an occasional request. Please consider being part of this wonderful and much needed ministry. If you would like to be a volunteer driver for Outreach, please call the office at **631-265-2200 x113**. You will be sent an Outreach volunteer form and information on registering for VIRTUS, which must be completed before you will be asked to drive. Thank you for considering this special service to our neighbors in need.



May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Here are three ways to celebrate:

Take care of yourself—When your mental health acts up, seek the right treatment, and make yourself better because, after all, life has much more to offer.

Take care of your loved ones—Check up on your friends and family. Many times, all people need is a shoulder to cry on and/or an ear to listen. Support and encourage them if they are being treated for any mental problems.

Talk about mental health—One of the best ways to celebrate Mental Health Awareness Month is by talking about it with your peers. The more you talk about it, the more normalized it will become.

Need to talk to someone? Call The NY Project Hope Emotional Support Helpline number at **(631) 471-7242 ext. 1800**. Trained crisis counselors are available 9:00am to 7:00pm, Monday through Friday. You can also send an email to projecthope@mhaw.org

PARISH OUTREACH

Online Support Groups



Helping you cope with the challenges of COVID
Free, confidential & anonymous

Wednesday

Healing through Loss
7-8pm

Many have been impacted by loss due to the pandemic; gain support and connect with others as you navigate grief in all of its forms.

Thursday

Wellness Workshops
6:30-7:30pm

All things wellness; join us for yoga, nutrition, art and so much more!

2nd Saturday of Each Month

Coping through the Arts
10-11am

Get the family together to destress, strengthen your bond and have fun through creativity and the arts.

Join us on Zoom!

Call in # +1 646 558 8656
Meeting ID: 939 2266 2794
Passcode: 659532

bit.ly/3gaJvhj



Scan the QR code to access our live group calendar

Call our helpline for information & support

516-510-0282

Monday-Friday 8am-8pm & Saturday 8am-4pm



NY Project Hope
Coping with COVID

A program of the NYS Office of Mental Health
Funded by FEMA

PARISH OUTREACH

Outreach Community Garden

For many years, our garden has provided wholesome vegetables for those seeking assistance from Parish Outreach. As we begin a new season, we are looking for volunteers to help with our **Spring Clean-Up and Planting**. So, mark your calendars and please join us on Saturday, June 4th, from 8-10 AM to help clean up and prepare for our upcoming gardening season. Our raindate is Sunday, June 5th, from 12-2 PM. Just bring yourselves and your gardening gloves!



We are looking for volunteers of all ages, from students to retirees. All are welcome! For more information, please call JoEllen at 631-360-1373.

A Message from Parish Outreach

If you know of a house, an apartment, or a room to rent in our community, please contact Outreach at 631-265-2200 ext. 113. Thank you!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Maria Regina Life-Giving Care Center

1725 Brentwood Road, Brentwood, NY 11717

Maria Regina Residence, currently under the auspices of the Sisters of St. Joseph, is a 188-bed Skilled Nursing Facility. They are inviting compassionate, dedicated men and women who are willing to volunteer their time and talent in various service areas (usually for one or two mornings or afternoons/week).

Current priority needs include transporting residents in their wheelchairs within the building, (especially on alternate Sundays) serving as visitors or Eucharistic ministers, helping in the gift shop and more.

For more information, please contact Sister Mary Sheppard, CSJ, and leave contact information at (631) 299-3288.

Toward a Pro-Life Future in the Empire State

A statement by the Catholic Bishops of New York State

Humanity's salvation history was forever changed when a poor, devout Jewish girl from Galilee affirmatively said yes to life and set in motion the birth, ministry, sacrificial death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Mary's fiat ("Thy will be done.") was a gift of love to humanity, given freely in spite of her inability to know all that would entail, but with more faith in the Lord than fear of the unknown. In this month of Mary, we have an opportunity to reflect on her example, even as Americans grapple with gathering societal unrest over the issue of abortion.

"Any woman – regardless of age, religious belief or affiliation, marital status or immigration status – who is pregnant and in need, can come to the Catholic Church and we will give you the services and supports you need to carry your baby to term, regardless of your ability to pay."

Since the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Roe v. Wade* effectively opened the door to abortion on demand throughout the land, an estimated 63 million unborn babies across the country have been killed in the womb before they could even draw their first breath of air. As we await a decision on *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, the recently argued Supreme Court case that could potentially overturn *Roe*, we pray for a positive outcome even as we acknowledge that abortion in New York would continue unfettered, and even be actively promoted as a social good by many elected officials. Sadly, New York, which legalized abortion three years before the *Roe* decision, has long been the abortion capital of the country, a tragic and sobering distinction.

Through the years, advocates for legal abortion have skillfully framed the narrative as one of "choice," and "reproductive freedom," completely ignoring the biological reality of what abortion is: the intentional killing of an innocent child in the womb. Even as sonogram technology and advances in neonatal medicine clearly show us the truth that what is being "terminated" is a human life, the pro-abortion movement refuses to address the science. The

abortion industry has been so successful in its messaging that the right to abortion has become inextricably linked to the notion of women's rights and equality for a significant portion of the country, which is why the prospect of a nation without *Roe* has led to fear and anxiety for many people.

Millions of our fellow Americans – even, it must be said, many of our fellow Catholics – have succumbed to this false notion, and we must respond to it in charity and with sensitivity, but with clarity. The fears and anxieties of a young woman faced with an unplanned pregnancy are valid. She is likely terrified. She may be overwhelmed with a plethora of legitimate questions: How will she provide for her other children with another baby on the way? Will the father abandon her? Will she be able to continue her education? Where will she and her family live? Who will provide childcare when she goes back to work? For many, abortion seems the only way out.

These feelings are real, and the challenges of an unplanned pregnancy are difficult. This presents a pastoral challenge for bishops, clergy, Church leaders and, indeed, for all faithful Catholics. Often, the Catholic Church is unjustly accused of being more concerned with the baby in the womb than with the mother and child once the infant has been born. As false as this notion is, it is incumbent upon us as shepherds to acknowledge and address that misperception.

As far back as the 1980s, the late John Cardinal O'Connor, a giant of the pro-life movement, made a pledge that we reaffirm today: Any woman – regardless of age, religious belief or affiliation, marital status or immigration status – who is pregnant and in need, can come to the Catholic Church and we will give you the services and supports you need to carry your baby to term, regardless of your ability to pay. Furthermore, we will not abandon you and your baby after delivery, but, rather, we will see to it that you have the resources that you and your child both need and deserve. No one will be turned away from life-affirming care. If you have had an abortion that you regret, whether recently or in the distant past, please come to us as well, so that we may offer you services to help you to heal.

We ask every Catholic parish, every Catholic Charities program, every Catholic health facility, every Catholic school, every Catholic college and university, and every religious community in our state to proactively engage with us in this pastoral effort. Together, through the New York

State Catholic Conference, we have gathered a list of many of the available resources at www.nyscatholic.org/HelpForMoms. You can also find a map to all Catholic parishes, schools and Catholic Charities agencies in the state at www.nyscatholic.org/places.

But our state and local governments must do their part as well. Elected officials constantly fall over themselves in rushing to announce new initiatives to ever expand abortion in order to garner votes. New York has long been one of the few states to require taxpayers to fund abortion through Medicaid. Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers have access to endless state funding streams. Perhaps the most egregious piece of abortion expansion legislation anywhere was the 2019 Reproductive Health Act. Championed by our previous governor, this act legalizes abortion on demand through nine months of pregnancy, declares abortion to be a fundamental right, allows non-physicians to perform abortions, and even removes criminal penalties for forced or coerced abortions. This year, our current governor codified a provision in the state budget requiring all health insurance plans to cover abortion, with virtually no exemptions for religious employers. Most recently, significant taxpayer funds were redirected to increase abortions in New York State.





Meanwhile, programs to support women who make the choice to keep their babies, to the extent that they exist at all, are starved for funding and are not well promoted. Yet many political leaders typically cater more to abortion providers and advocates than to women who might well make a different choice, if only they were aware of and had other options.

We understand full well that no Supreme Court decision will reduce the availability of abortion in New York. With that reality as a backdrop, state government has nothing to lose and everything to gain by working toward reducing the rate of abortion. There is common ground to be found, even in a state like New York. The recent state budget provision dramatically expanding postpartum Medicaid eligibility is proof of this. But why not work together to do more?



**New York State
Catholic Conference**

WHAT WE ARE

The Catholic Conference represents the Bishops of New York State in public policy matters.

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- We envision a New York where a woman in a crisis pregnancy is never made to feel that she has no choice but to abort.
- We envision a New York where parents, husbands or partners, as well as society at large, do not put undue pressure on a woman to abort her child.
- We envision a New York where access to quality prenatal care and healthy birth outcomes are the same whatever your ZIP code, the color of your skin or your country of origin.
- We envision a New York where employers and educational institutions fully accommodate the needs of pregnant women and new mothers so that they can carry their babies to term without fear of negative financial, professional or academic consequences.
- We envision a New York where public policies promote adoption through tax credits and other incentives for both birth mothers and adoptive parents.
- We envision a New York where tax policies aimed at reducing poverty, like an expansion of the Child Tax Credit, enable single mothers and poor families to provide for the basic needs of their children.
- We envision a New York where no mothers or children fall through the cracks of the social safety net, and quality health care is guaranteed for all.
- We envision a New York where quality childcare is affordable and accessible for all.
- We envision a New York where marriage between one man and one woman is promoted as a societal good geared toward the stable raising of children.
- We envision a New York where boys and men are taught to respect women and to

accept and embrace the financial, physical, and emotional responsibilities of fatherhood.

- We envision a New York where post-abortive women who are suffering emotionally are given the services they need to heal, and the acknowledgment that their pain is real.
- We envision a New York where religious organizations can provide needed services to pregnant women and moms while remaining true to the tenets of their faith.

All of these goals can come to pass, even in a state like New York. Let us not put our trust in mere judges, legislators, governors, or presidents. Rather, let us put our faith in God, for whom nothing is impossible. Politicians can change policies and laws, but only God can convert hearts and minds.

So, in this month of Mary, mother of Jesus and mother of us all, let us pray through her intercession for an end to abortion in our lifetime and let us work toward making New York a state where even if abortion is not illegal, it will one day be unthinkable.

May 12, 2022

Timothy Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

Most Rev. Edward B. Scharfenberger
Bishop of Albany

Most Rev. Robert J. Brennan
Bishop of Brooklyn

Most Rev. Michael W. Fisher
Bishop of Buffalo

Most Rev. Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg

Most Rev. Salvatore R. Matano
Bishop of Rochester

Most Rev. John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

Most Rev. Douglas J. Lucia
Bishop of Syracuse



HELPING OUR COMMUNITY!



Little Flower Child & Family Services (Wading River)

Due to financial impacts of Covid and supply chain issues over the last 2 years, hygiene supplies have been difficult to get. Eagle Scout candidate Michael Fallon invites you to help in his effort to stock up and supply a brand new “Hygiene Pantry” for female residents. (A collection for male residents will take place at a later date.) This pantry will cater to children ages 7-21 in residence at Little Flower, some with disabilities and some without.

For this collection, specifically for females, the following items are needed.

General Supplies:

Toothbrushes / Toothpaste
Cotton Balls / Q-Tips
Bath Towels (washcloths, floor towels, bath towels)
Hand Sanitizer
Body Wash, Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner
Moisturizer / Lotion
ChapStick
Acne Products
Hairbrushes / Combs

Female Specific Items:

Women’s Shaving Cream
Women’s Razors
Perfume
Feminine Scented Soaps
Makeup
Nail Polish / Polish Remover
Feminine Products
Makeup Remover
Hair Accessories – Hair Ties
Hair Products – Gels / Oils
Body Lotions / Body Sprays



Parishioner Michael Fallon is undertaking this drive for his Eagle Scout project. The collection will take place...

Where: at Parish of the Holy Cross atrium

When: May 21 - 22, 2022 after all Masses

Bishop Andrzej's Easter Reflection

The Road to Emmaus

"... and it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them..."



Monday, May 23, 2022 at 7:30 pm; Via ZOOM

You are invited to join Bishop Andrzej for his
Easter Evening of Reflection,
as we continue our Synodal Journey together,

Communion * Participation * Evangelization

Please call 516-744-6850 or email
westernvicariate@drvc.org to register.

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Are You Being Called to Serve?

**By virtue of our Baptism, we are all called to holiness—
the lay faithful as well as Bishops, priests, and deacons.**

But have you felt called to serve in a much deeper and committed way?

**If you are a man between the ages of 30 and 60, who feels that
you are being called to ordained ministry as a deacon in the Church,
you are invited to come for an Evening of Prayer and Discernment
with other men of faith to discuss and explore that very question.**

There is no cost to the evening—just your time and openness.

COME PREPARED

**to LISTEN to PRAY to REFLECT to DISCERN
where God is calling you!**

The evenings are being offered conveniently at three locations in our diocese.

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| 7:00PM, Tuesday, June 7 | — | St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa, 2 Bayview Avenue |
| 7:00PM, Wednesday, June 8 | — | St. Mary Manhasset, 1300 Northern Boulevard |
| 7:00PM, Thursday, June 16 | — | St. Joseph, Ronkonkoma, 45 Church Street |

with a Saturday Morning option to be held at

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| 10:00AM, Saturday, June 18 | — | Ss. Peter & Paul, Manorville, 781 Wading River Road |
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RSVP by Friday, June 3rd, to 631-423-0483 Ext. 179 or by email to

diaconateformation@drvc.org

We thank you and look forward to being with you.

OUR WEBSITE IS UPDATED!

A NEW HOME PAGE IS HERE!!!...

THE "HOME PAGE" HAS BEEN MODIFIED & REDESIGNED...

"A Website is a 'Living Entity'... It is never finished or completed... because it is constantly in the midst of updates, changes & growth."

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THE HOME PAGE HAS BECOME OVERBURDENED with all of the added Website Information & additions. All of the Information displayed previously is still present & accessible, but has been moved to additional pages which have been added to the Website. Doing this has reduced "the clutter" and length of the Home Page making finding the appropriate information easier to navigate without scrolling through all of the added parish information.

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WHILE ON THE HOME PAGE... PLEASE SCROLL DOWN TO THE SECTION...
"EVERYTHING FOR YOU TO KNOW ABOUT THE PARISH..."

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Here you will find LINKS to the New Pages that have been added to the Website. Each of these pages are still categorized as

CHURCH NEWS, WHAT'S HAPPENING?, UPCOMING EVENTS,  
LITURGICAL CALENDAR, ANNOUNCEMENTS,  
MINISTRY SCHEDULES & THE CURRENT BULLETIN...

but these LINKS are now visually easier to see and to navigate without having to scroll through all of the information which was previously shown and combined on the Home Page.

The LINKS to these new pages are also available and have been added as a drop-down menu under "E-Z" Navigate on the Traditional Menu Bar at the top of every page. These modifications also contribute to the ability to add new information and categories to the Website without again overburdening the Home Page as the Parish Website continues to grow and develop further.

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A new LINK SECTION ~

"DON'T KNOW WHERE TO GO?...
OR WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR?... -
THE WEBSITE CAN HELP YOU!!!"

has also been added to the Home Page and is designed to help those who are "new" to navigating the Parish Website. Consolidating all of the information that was previously "Fast-Track the Website" and placing this information on a separate page has also reduced the amount of information that you needed to scroll through in the past Home Page design.

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I hope you find that these changes make it easier for you to find the parish information that you need and to make your navigation of the Website a more pleasant experience.

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God Bless All of You and Thank You for your Support in using the Parish of the Holy Cross Website!!!

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~ Vince Mazurek ~

# 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!***

### Spring Cash Fling

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