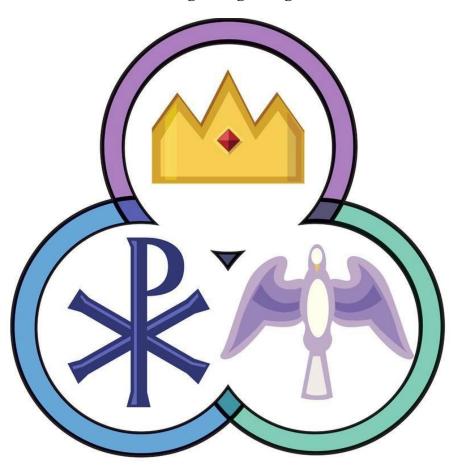
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"All power in
heaven and on
earth has been
given to me. Go,
therefore, and make
disciples of all
nations, baptizing
them in the name of
the Father, and of
the Son, and of the
Holy Spirit..."

Matthew 28:18-19

Come and pray with us!

The Most Holy Trinity - May 26, 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

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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
Kathy Barry
Cole Brennan
Judy Carlson
Jason DeLuca
Ann Egan
Joseph Fanuele
Yolanda Fattarusso
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Grace Van Epps

Peter Warns

Upcoming Mass Intentions

Week of Sunday, May 26th, 9AM Masses

Mon. Magdalena Pedroso (living) &

Theresa Mae Pedroso (living) in Christ Margaret, Ken, & Laurie Kratochvil (living)

Wed. Robert Dodge
Thu. Bob DeFilippis

Tue.

Saturday, June 1st, 5 PM Mass

Anne Mattera, John Daly, Michael Farco, Josephine & Bob Grieco

Sunday, June 2nd, Corpus Christi

8:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM Gloria Posimato, Edward Proper,

Christopher Racioppi, John Sichenze,

Bernard Zollo, John Sofia

11:30 AM Valerie Kratochvil

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.

HERE COMES SUMMER

by Father Michael

Memorial Day weekend is the unofficial beginning of the summer in the minds of many people. It feels like it has been a long time in coming as most of May consisted of cool weather and an abundance of rain. It would also be nice to stop having to deal with waves of green pollen filling the air. I love these weeks that herald the coming of summer in all its relaxing glory. My favorite part of the day is early evening as the sun likes to linger in the sky for what seems like forever. Long summer evenings always remind me of my childhood when playtime felt like it went on forever. Within a few weeks the first fireflies should be making their appearance.

I am taking some of my vacation time this week. On Sunday (today) I will be flying out of MacArthur Airport with Albuquerque, New Mexico, being my destination after a detour through Baltimore. Once I am there, I will be renting a car and heading out on a road trip. Driving the roads in the Southwest is never a dull ride for me. I delight in the beauty of the desert terrain. I'm looking forward to a relaxing time in my favorite corner of the world. I will be back for next weekend.

The coming of summer and a three-day weekend are always welcome. But we cannot lose sight of why we have this holiday. Memorial Day is when we remember all those who have lost their lives in service to our nation. We have many blessings and opportunities that we should not take for granted. We remember the countless many who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. We pray also for all those loved ones and survivors who still mourn the death of their beloved. May the weekend be filled with a spirit of gratitude and recognition for the many great sacrifices that have been made.

With the passing of Pentecost, the Easter season is now behind us, although we are not quite back into Ordinary Time for our weekend celebrations. This weekend is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Next weekend is the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, which traditionally is called Corpus Christi. As we did last year on this day, we will end each of our Masses with a Eucharistic procession and blessing outside in the courtyard. Please join us in our outdoor walk through the Children's Garden and the Stations of the Cross.

This year's Vacation Bible School has a nautical theme. It is entitled "Scuba." Please see the ad in this bulletin; Tricia Clarke is looking to borrow some nautical odds and ends that can be used as decorations for the program.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Weekly Calendar

Monday, May 27th 9 AM
• DAILY MASS Chapel
(The Parish Office is closed for Memorial Day.)

Tuesday, May 28th 10 AM
• IN STITCHES Fr. Joe Room

Wednesday, May 29th 6 - 8 PM
• YOUTH GROUP COMM. SERVICE Outdoors

• CATCHING FIRE 7-8PM Chapel, Atrium

Thursday, May 30th 1:30-2:30 PM
• CATCHING FIRE Chapel, Atrium

Saturday, June 1st 8 - 11 AM

• GARDEN CLEANUP Community Gdn.

• HOLY HOUR 3:45-4:45PM Worship Area

Sunday, June 2nd 9:30 AM

• BAPTISM GATHERING Wor. Ar., FJ Rm.

• CHILDREN'S LITURGY 11:30AM Fr. Joe Room

(Youth Group will provide hospitality after Mass.)

Scripture Readings for June 2, 2024



- + Exodus 24:3-8
- + Hebrews 9:11-15
- + Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

<u>Celebrants for Next Weekend's</u> <u>Masses, June 1st/2nd</u>



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



Banns of Marriage

Jennifer McCoy & Brian Maloney

The Parish Office is closed on May 27 for Memorial Day. There is a 9:00 Mass Monday morning.

The Mystics

Come join us on **Monday**, **June 3rd**, for a discussion on Thomas Merton (1915-1968), an American monk and mystic who brought together the East and West. **Come only at 1:30 PM**.



All are welcome!

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

PARISH NEWS



Vacation Bible School

We are looking for some odd donations to help decorate our set for Vacation Bible School this summer – 7/15-7/19.

Do you have a small rowboat that we can borrow?



Holy Hour for Sanctity of all Human Life

We offer our **Holy Hour** on the first Saturday of the month from 3:45 to 4:45PM in the Worship Area. The next one will take place on **Saturday, June 1st**. Please come and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament praying for God's gift of life to be recognized by all.



Anointing of the Sick

The Anointing of the Sick, generally held on the first Sunday of each month after the 9:30 AM Mass, has

been moved this month to the following weekend.

The Sacrament will take place on Sunday, June 9th.



A Prayer for Memorial Day

God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters.

Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

LITURGY BYTES

Mass - Gifts

Did you ever stop and think about what this part of Mass means to you? It follows very quickly after the ushers take up the collection and sometimes gets lost in the shuffle. Some might recall it was referred to as the Offertory.



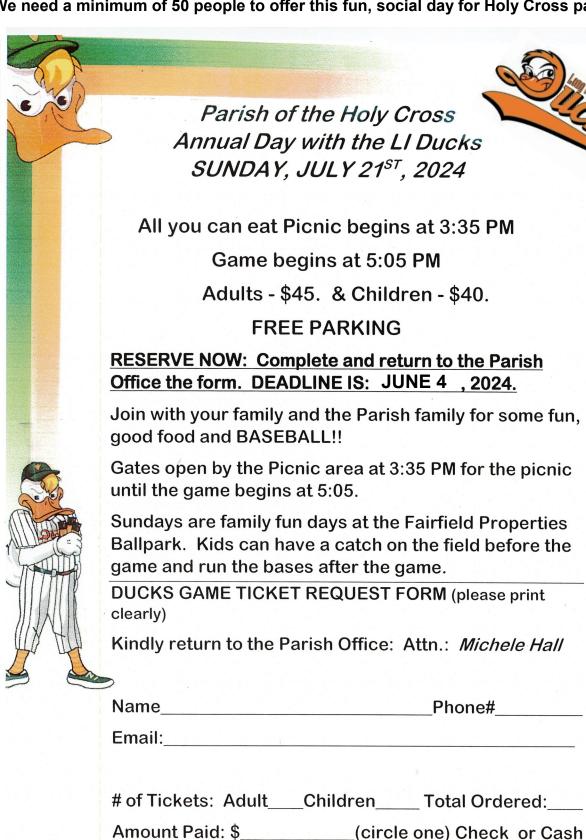
Bringing the gifts in relation to the Eucharist is documented from earliest times. From St. Paul, we know that originally the Eucharist took place during a banquet. Everyone had to bring something for the meal. Because St. Paul also told us that there were some abuses with this custom, a separation of the Eucharist from the banquet took place. Later on, the gifts brought were for the needs of the poor. The bringing of the gifts takes on a ritual form between the 4th and 7th centuries. It is the Roman liturgy that makes it a part of the liturgical action and gives it the importance of a true and proper rite. The rite is made up of two elements: a song accompanying the procession of the faithful who bring their gifts to the altar and a prayer (prayer over the gifts) with which the priest concludes the action of the faithful and the sanctifying of the gifts. It is also interesting to note that the form in some way bears traces of the first part of the blessing of the table in Jewish liturgy, expressing a thanksgiving to God for the gifts of bread and wine. The washing of the hands is also found in the Jewish liturgy of preparation and blessing of the table.

Both the prayer for bread and the prayer for wine look forward to the transformation of these gifts into our spiritual food and drink. "Transformation" is one of the key words for the Eucharist and has received a lot of attention in recent times. The bread and wine now being presented to the Father will be transformed into the body and blood of Christ. But that is not the only transformation that should take place in this mystery. We are to be transformed along with the bread and wine. Perhaps next week at Mass, we will recall this last sentence and offer ourselves to be transformed together with the bread and wine.

Have a blessed, peaceful, and prayerful week ahead! ~ Michele Hall

RSVP DATE EXTENDED!

We need a minimum of 50 people to offer this fun, social day for Holy Cross parishioners!



(Questions? - call Michele Hall, ext. 120)

PARISH OUTREACH

Garden Clean-up 2024

Did you know that working in a garden can boost your mood and your immune system? There are many health benefits associated with gardening. It can lower your blood pressure levels, strengthen your bones,



and relieve chronic pain, just to name a few. Our very own Community Garden is a perfect place to start for you to find these health benefits. Please join us as we prepare the garden for planting, enjoy fellowship with other parishioners and experience the joy of gardening. We will be meeting Saturday, June 1st, at 8AM for our Community Garden clean-up. Please bring gloves, rakes, etc., if you have them. We look forward to you joining our "Garden Party"! For more information, please call JoEllen at 631-360-1373.

Stroke Awareness

Please join us at Holy Cross on Monday, **June 17th, at 2PM** for a lecture on Stroke Awareness presented by Stony Brook University Hospital, Department of Neurology.

Would you recognize the warning signs? Stroke, which can affect people of all ages and backgrounds, is the third leading cause of death for both men and women in the United States. Outcomes are greatly improved today, thanks to better treatments and awareness of the signs. Gain a better understanding of stroke signs, symptoms, and risk factors by attending.

Please call Outreach at 631-265-2200 by Wednesday, June 12th, to reserve your seat. Thank you!

Blessing Bags

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!

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** 18th, from 1PM to 3PM in the atrium. Please call Outreach for details.



Outreach Food Pantry

Next Saturday and Sunday, **June 1st/2nd**, will be our monthly Food Drive for our Parish Outreach Pantry. The following items would be most helpful:

- Spaghetti Sauce
- Soup
- Healthy Cereal

- Meals-in-a-can
- Coffee
- Peanut Butter

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





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SATURDAY 6-8PM NE 15TH **AFTER MASS**



7TH - 12TH GRADERS **CAN JOIN US FOR** AN EARLY **SUMMER CELEBRATION**

PLEASE RSVP BY JUNE 12TH

youthgroup@holycrossrc.org

We are in need of adult volunteers to continue running successful youth group nights.

Please consider helping.



The Parish of the Holy Cross VBS Camper Registration Form 2024 July 15th to July 19th – 10am to 1pm Kindergarten through 5th 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 #		
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The Parish of the Holy Cross VBS Helper Registration Form 2024 Entering 6th through 8th Grade July 15th – July 19th – 10am to 1pm **Please print clearly**



Name:	Age:
Street Address:	Grade in Sept
City: Z	p:Home Phone:
Parent's E-mail:	
Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Names:	
Emergency Contact Name:	
Emergency Contact Phone Number:	
Allergies or other medical conditions: YES/NO If ye	s, 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 statio	n 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 att	
Do you have a request to work with a crew or station?	
We will try to honor all requests. Thank you for vo	lunteering!

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 15th 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

PENTECOST MASSES



Last Sunday,
on Pentecost,
young people who
received Confirmation
joined in the
procession waving
red banners.









Congratulations to
Andrew and Aaron
Delgado, Jr, and to
Carlie Stabile and
Taylor Mcdowell who
celebrated Confirmation
on Pentecost weekend.

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide them.



2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal

As Catholics, we are called to spread the Good News to all those we meet. Jesus says to His Apostles (and all of us), "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And, behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20)

How are you answering this call in your life? As members of the Catholic Church on Long Island, we can answer this call and help spread the Faith to our youth and young adults, as well as to many others who depend on us, by supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Your gifts help to fund formation programs that bring people closer to Christ. One such program is *Camp Quo Vadis* for our youth. This camp is so vital to the mission of the Church because it quenches the spiritual thirst that so many young people on Long Island experience. The more our young people seek out Christ and the more the Church helps them to navigate their journey—the better our future will be.



"The camp revitalizes the faith by helping young people understand who God is and develops their relationship with Him. It keeps young people close to God by learning more through the sacraments by offering Mass and time for Eucharistic Adoration. Seeing their faith grow and seeing faith through the eyes of our youth strengthens my faith."

- Father Sean Magaldi, Vocations Director

There are many other ministries funded by the CMA that support the education of youth and young adults in addition to seminarians and those preparing for the Diaconate. Visit the CMA website to learn more about what the CMA does: https://www.catholicministriesappeal.org/.

Let us come together to spread the Good News to the people of God on Long Island so that we can build a solid foundation for the future of our Catholic Community.

Thank you for your consideration of this special request to make a gift to the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Remember that no gift is too small, and every gift makes a difference in the lives of our young people—the now and the future of our Catholic Church.

Please make checks payable to Ca	— — — — — ntholic Ministries Ap	peal.	_
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City, State, Zip			
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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!

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