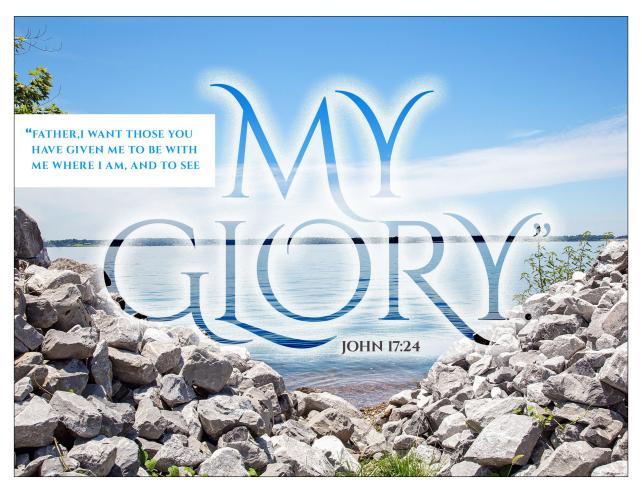
The Parish of the Holy Cross

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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!

7th Sunday of Easter - May 29, 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 Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 4 PM (closed 12:15 - 1 PM)

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Mrs. Mary Inghilterra Weekend Sacristan

Remembering Our Sick

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

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	Bob Alderdice	Bobby Alderdice
•	Theresa Arzillo	Jo Barry
	Kathy Barry	Barbara Bombace
~	Ann Čallari	Manuela Diaz
	Ann Egan	Jim Emerson
0	Ralph Farino	Sienna Fricke
	Robert Gann	Debbie Jablinowski
8	Linda Jerome	Diane Jones
	Maureen Jost	Kristen Kennedy
°	Paul Kruk	Roberta Lamb
	Dora Libretti	Gerald Losquadro
8	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
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Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of May 29th, 2022, 9AM Mass

Phil DeNobrega Mon. Tue. James Moran Wed. Anne Mattera Thu. Edward Proper & Joseph Parreno

<u>Saturday, June 4th, 5 PM Mass</u> John Mattera, James A. Perry Jr., Michael Farco, Josephine & Bob Grieco, Frank Mancini

Sunday, June 5th, Pentecost Sunday

Anthony DiMichele 8:00 AM 9:30 AM People of the Parish 11:30 AM Vincenzo Baratta, Theresa Castellano, Aida Maffeo, Lucille, Anthony & Michael Tortorelli, Margaret Conway, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick

The Bread and Wine for the week May 29th-June 4th have been donated in loving memory of Mario Mauro by his family.



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REFLECTIONS FROM THE SIDELINES

by Father Michael

Sometimes life deals us a card that suddenly changes our plans. Last Sunday morning I was dealt one of those cards as an at-home Covid test displayed a faint pink line. As much as I hoped it didn't count, it did. It was not a life-changing event, but it did suddenly put the brakes on my plans for the next week. I was diagnosed with Covid and sent to the quarantine box for five days. Suddenly having a block of time redefined brings with it some different perspectives and insights into what surrounds us, our attitudes, and our inner resolve. Here are some of the truckload of thoughts that were part of my unexpected week:

- Self-pity for my aches and pains
- Grateful for being in a much better place than we were two years ago having testing and remedies much more readily available
- Grumbling that I was not able to do everything I wanted to do
- Appreciation for the outreach and helping hands that were offered
- Feeling blessed for the concern, best wishes and prayers that were offered

There is new-found time to reflect upon some of the bigger questions of life:

- Regrets for missed opportunities in life
- Gratitude for what has happened in life
- Plans and hopes for what still may be
- Wondering about the future of our nation, our world, our Church

There is also time to notice that which often gets ignored in the midst of the daily routine of life:

- I really don't need all those "treasures" I'm saving in my closets and basement.
- Dust bunnies and cobwebs can take on monstrous proportions when they are not addressed.
- Expiration dates quickly come and go on some of those odd-ball items on the doors of the refrigerator.
- A house can really become a home that brings peace and comfort.
- Prayer can truly be a foundation and a source of life.

In many ways this felt like a lost week that got derailed by something out of my control. There is truth to that. But more accurately, I was reminded that life doesn't always flow according to the best of hopes and plans. Rather than thinking that I was stuck on the sidelines, it is better to trust and embrace that this was the "playing field" of life that I was meant to walk this week. Some of the things on my check-list never got done. But other things I had not even thought about were happily accomplished. When we allow the Spirit to unfold as it is meant to, we can experience finding new life in unexpected ways.

Here's to good health. But more importantly, here's to a loving God who leads us through all the corners of life.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

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

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Calendar

Sunday,	May 29th
• BAPTIS	SMS

1 PM Worship Area

Monday, May 30th9 AM• MORNING MASSWorship Area(The Parish Office is closed for Memorial Day.)

Wednesday, June 1st • BEREAVEMENT	5:30 - 7:30 PM Fr. Joe Room
	Chapel, Atrium
Thursday, June 2nd	10 AM
• SCRIPTURE STUDY	Fr. Joe Room
• THE CHOSEN 1:30PM	Chapel, Atrium
• LEVEL 8 INTERVIEWS 6-8PM	Wor. Ar., Atrium
• ADULT CONFIRM. CLASS 7PM	Fr. Joe Room
Saturday, June 4th	8 - 10 AM
• COMM. GARDEN CLEANUP	Community Gdn.
• HOLY HOUR 3:45-4:45PM	Worship Area
• ADULT CONFIRMATIONS 5PM	Worship Area
Sunday, June 5th	After 9:30 Mass
• ANOINTING OF THE SICK	Worship Area
• GDN. CLEANUP RAINDATE 12-2P	-

• YOUTH NIGHT 6-8PM Atrium



The Parish Office is closed on Monday, May 30th, for Memorial Day. There is a 9:00 Mass Monday morning

<u>Celebrants for Next Weekend's</u> <u>Masses, June 4th/5th</u>



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

Scripture Readings for June 5th, 2022



+ Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 + 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 + John 20:19-23



Banns of Marriage

Second Time

Kimberly Desz & Vincent Bonura



All **Father's Day Mass Remembrance** envelopes may be handed in at this time. Names of loved ones will appear in the bulletin on Father's Day.

Special Collection

This week we will also be collecting for the **Catholic Communications Campaign.** Please help to spread the Good News!

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 June 5th from 6 to 8 PM in the atrium!



The Parish of the Holy Cross NIGHT WITH THE DUCKS

OPPONENT: Southern Maryland Blue Crabs

DATE: TIME: <u>Sunday, July 24th 2022</u> Game at: 5:05 PM Picnic at 3:35 PM

FRFF PARKING

<u>(Gates open at 3:35 pm for Picnic)</u> \$40 adult & \$35 children,

PRICE:

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

TOTAL AMOUNT \$

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

LITURGY BYTES

Come Holy Spirit!!

Next weekend, June 4 and 5, the Church celebrates the official end of the Easter season with the Feast of Pentecost. This is one of the great moments in the life of the Church because it celebrates the beginning of the Church. It is helpful to keep in mind that the Holy Spirit comes to give many

spiritual gifts which prepare us to enter into relationship with Christ.

In looking at the timing and origins of Pentecost, we know that it occurs 50 days after the death and resurrection of Jesus, and ten days after Jesus ascended into heaven. Because Easter is a moveable feast without a fixed date, Pentecost depends on the timing of Easter and can be celebrated anywhere between May 10 and June 13.

Other pointers about Pentecost are as follows: 1) The timing of these feasts is also where Catholics get the concept of the Novena – nine days of prayer. In Acts 1, we find Mary and the Apostles praying together continuously for nine days after the Ascension leading up to Pentecost. Traditionally, the Church prays the Novena to the Holy Spirit in the days before Pentecost. The name of the day itself (Pentecost) is derived from the Greek word "pentecoste" meaning 50th. 2) There is a parallel Jewish holiday called Shavu'ot which falls 50 days after Passover. This feast is sometimes called the festival of weeks, referring to the seven weeks since Passover. Shavu'ot commemorates the sealing of the Old Covenant on Mount Sinai, when the Lord revealed the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. Every year the Jewish people renew their acceptance of the gift of the Torah on this feast.

For us Christians, Pentecost is the celebration of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles and Mary in the upper Room. This strong, driving force came to them and allowed them to speak in different languages, giving them the gifts needed to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations. Next weekend when we attend Mass, be sure to wear something red for this special feast as we reflect on the words of Pope Francis: "We need the Holy Spirit to transmit the faith. We cannot do it alone."

Have a blessed, safe, and spirit-filled week! ~ *Michele Hall*

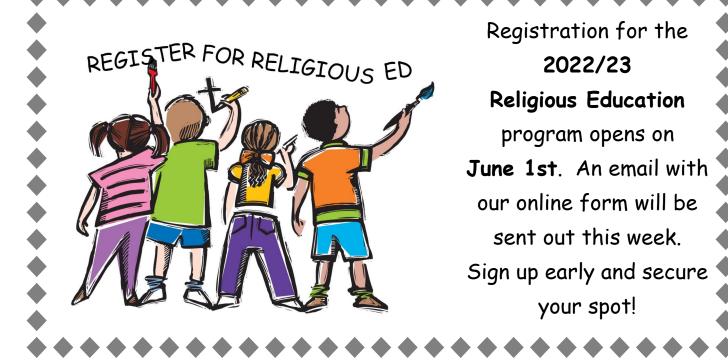
Registration is currently taking place for Vacation Bible School this summer for children entering 1st through 5th grade in September. There is still room, so sign up as soon as possible! We're looking forward to a fun-filled week of "Monumental—Celebrating GOD'S Greatness." Tricia and Mary

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Child's Name:	Age:	Date of	birth:	
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\$100.00 for 2 campers \$140.00 for 3 or more campers	May <u>request one</u>			
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.				
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FOR PARISH USE ONLY: Payments Made: Date:	Amount:	Cash	Check #	Paypal

The Parish of the Holy Cross VBS Volunteer Registration Form 2022 July 18 th to July 22 nd 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:		

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Emergency Contact Phone Number:		
Allergies or other medical conditions: YES/NO If yes, please fill out A	Allergy/Medical Form	
VBS REFERENCE INFORMATION	V	
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		

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



PARISH OUTREACH

Press a Girl Around the World

Cut-Ups: (those who cut the material and assemble our dress kits) Our "Cut-Ups" will meet Thursday, June 30th, from 1PM-3PM in the atrium. We will continue cutting out dresses for the little ones in need. **Please RSVP to Outreach at 631-265-2200** (limited space available). No skill required. All are welcome!

At our last couple of meetings, our Cut-Ups have assembled over 100 dress kits for Stitch-Ups to take home and create dresses for young girls. So far this year we have received over 140 completed dresses from our Stitch-Ups which will be shipped to Haiti this summer. Thank you to all those who have donated material. You have made all this possible with your generosity. At this time, we are looking for 1½ yards of fabric which make one small dress, 2 yards which make one medium dress, or 3 yards which make two medium dresses. All remnants are used to make the pockets and bindings for the dresses. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Stitch-Ups: (those who sew the dresses found in our dress kits) Our "Stitch-Ups" are welcome to pick up completed dress kits by calling the Outreach Office at 631-265-2200. Everything you need to complete a dress is included in a kit including instructions. Any questions—we are just a phone call away! Thank you!

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



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**

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Scan the QR code to access our live group calendar

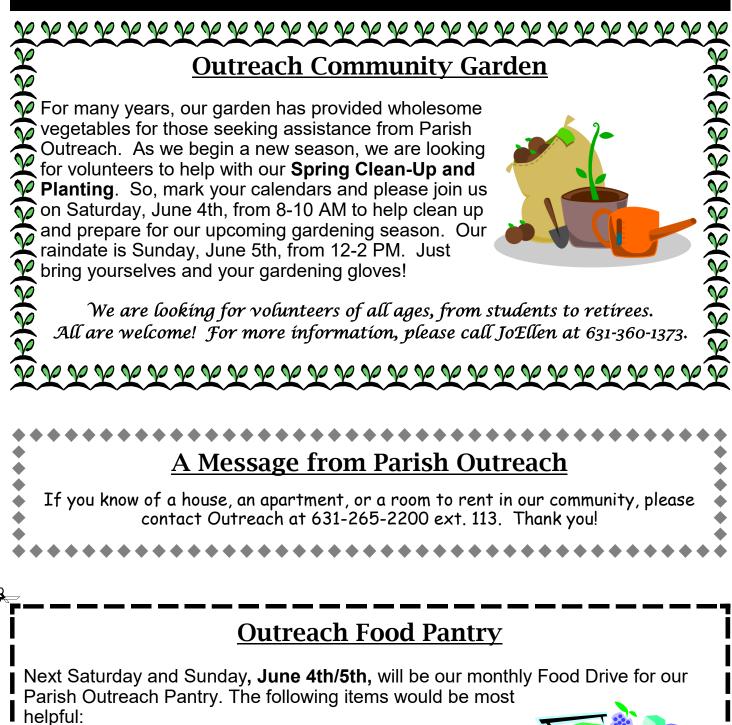
Call our helpline for information & support 516-510-0282

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





PARISH OUTREACH



- Pasta Sauce
- Rice
- Canned Fruit
- Mayonnaise
- Chicken in a Can
- Brown Paper Bags with Handles

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

PARISH NEWS

Holy Hour for Sanctity of all Human Life

Anointing of the Sick

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 4th**. Please come and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament praying for God's gift of life to be recognized by all.



You are strongly encouraged to receive this Sacrament if you are having upcoming surgery, are dealing with a chronic or debilitating illness, are suffering from addiction, mental health issues or frailty.

On the first Sunday of each month, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is offered after the 9:30 AM Mass. Sunday, June 5th, is the next date the Anointing will be offered.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Chaminade High School

340 Jackson Avenue, Mineola, NY 11501 (516)742-5555 www.chaminade-hs.org

Chaminade High School is a Catholic college-preparatory institution rooted in the Marianist tradition and committed to the formation of young men as sons of Mary and authentic witnesses to Christ, His Gospel, and His Church. The Chaminade Family educates the whole man: body, mind, and soul. Tours are offered Monday through Thursday during and after school. Visit **www.chaminade-hs.org/admissions** to sign up!

Information packets are available by the Holy Cross Parish Office.

Engaged Encounter

Do you need to fulfill your Marriage Prep Requirement? Engaged Encounter is an effective PreCana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Couples are provided with social-distancing during this time. Our next 2-day weekend will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington on July16-17, 2022. Visit longisland.engagedencounter.com for information and registration.

LAST 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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