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**11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 13, 2021**

**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 live streamed 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:

<b>Kathy Barry</b>	<b>Patricia Becker</b>
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<b>Judy Viskupic</b>	<b>Peter Warns</b>
<b>Elaine Wilkinson</b>	

If you would like to have the name of your loved one listed in our prayers for the sick, please contact the Parish Office at 631-265-2200 x122.

## Mass Intentions Schedule

### Week of June 13, 9AM Mass

**Mon.** Matthew Sullivan (living) & Madelyn Sullivan (living)  
**Tue.** Florence & Joseph Rahilly  
**Wed.** Laura Izzo  
**Thu.** Edward Lloyd

### Saturday, June 19th, 5PM Mass

All Father's Day Mass Remembrances

### Sunday, June 20th, 12th Sunday-Ordinary Time

**8:00 AM** All Father's Day Mass Remembrances  
**9:30 AM** All Father's Day Mass Remembrances  
**11:30 AM** All Father's Day Mass Remembrances



### *Scripture Readings for June 20, 2021*



+ Job 38:1, 8-11  
+ 2 Corinthians 5:14-17  
+ Mark 4:35-41

# A LASTING IMAGE

*by Father Michael*

In the course of my priestly ministry, I hear lots of life stories and different experiences of our faith. Every once in a while, one of those stories strikes me in a particularly powerful way. Allow me to share one of those moments with you. A man was telling me about his faith journey and how he always had a unique spiritual connection with Veronica (who wiped the face of Jesus). He spoke of the power of simple gestures of kindness and seeing the needs of those who may be suffering. All of this was beautiful in and of its own right. But the part of the story that truly struck me was how he initially made this connection to Veronica.

When he was a young boy, his parents brought him to Mass every Sunday. (I don't know what parish it was.) As most good Catholics, the family had "their pew" that they would sit in every week. Apparently, this pew was located near the sixth Station of the Cross: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus. When he was bored or didn't understand what was happening at Mass, he would stare at this image. There was something about it that captured his heart and planted seeds that would bloom well into his adulthood.

The power of faith is remarkable. The ways in which the Spirit can enter the heart are beyond measure. The ways in which the spiritual imagination can be triggered are unpredictable; a piece of art, a song, even a particular aroma can become the doorway by which God's grace unexpectedly enters our hearts and takes on a power that can continue to unfold throughout our lifetime. Chances are you can identify some experience very early in your life which somehow triggered the profound to awaken. It impacted your life in ways in which you did not fully understand. Be grateful to the people, places, and circumstances that were defining moments for you in your spiritual journey, especially those that happened at a young age.

There are parts of our faith that are filled with great mystery; we just celebrated Trinity Sunday and Corpus Christi Sunday. Sometimes the descriptions of these mysteries can turn these aspects of our faith into intellectual discussions. Our faith was never meant to be an exercise in intellect, but rather an experience of the heart. Every aspect of who God is and how we experience God's grace is open to every person. We share in a precious and eternal gift.

On a different note, every so often we have a "sacramental tsunami" that unfolds on a given day. This Saturday turned into one of them. We had three funerals, a wedding, a Holy Hour, Confessions, and the evening Mass. That might explain why your pew felt warm when you sat down! Have a great week.

# PARISH NEWS & REMINDERS

## Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses



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

## Youth Ministry

Our Youth Ministry year is coming to a close. We will have our last meeting for this year on Sunday, June 13th, from 6-8 PM.

If you would like to attend, or have any questions, please feel free to contact Allie Roecklein, Coordinator of Youth Ministries, at [youthgroup@holycrossrc.org](mailto:youthgroup@holycrossrc.org) or call the parish office.

## Holy Cross Seniors

Our Holy Cross Senior Group is back and looking for new members to join them for an afternoon of fun and socializing.

You are invited to stop in on the **second and fourth Wednesday** of the month and meet some new friends. The meeting is held in the Atrium of the Church from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

We will be meeting on June 23rd. Hope to see you there!



Fun for Seniors

## Hearing Devices

For parishioners who have difficulty hearing, Holy Cross has individual devices which can amplify sound. They are simple to use and work for those who wear hearing aids and those who do not. If you are interested in using one of these devices, please see the Sacristan or an Usher prior to Mass.

## Gluten Free Hosts

For parishioners who have Celiac Disease or a gluten sensitivity, Holy Cross has gluten free hosts. If you would like to receive a gluten free host during Communion, please inform the Sacristan prior to Mass.

## Special Collections

This weekend we will also be collecting for our **Renovations and Major Repairs** fund. Thank you for your support of this important collection!



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.

## Remember "Kevin Bacon"

Don't forget to feed "Kevin Bacon" your quarters when you come to Mass on Sundays! Your donation benefits **Heifer International**.



# YOU ARE INVITED!

Come join us  
and follow the

## ROADMAP TO



*Please RSVP by*  
**Wednesday, June 16th.**

*Return the tear-off below  
to the office or place in  
one of the baskets, and  
you'll be on your way!*

## Fr. Michael Turns 60

Have a bite and some laughs as  
Fr. Michael celebrates his  
60th birthday

**Sunday, June 27th,**

**3 to 6 PM**

on the lawn at the parish house,  
weather permitting, (in the atrium if  
it's raining). Park in the parish  
parking lot, walk the path over to  
the house. Follow the signs and  
you'll be there in a jiff! (Shuttles will

be available  
for those  
unable to  
walk the  
path.)



Name/Family Name:

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Number of people attending:

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone # : \_\_\_\_\_

**Appetizers**

**Beverages**

**Dessert**

**NO PRESENTS PLEASE! YOUR PRESENCE IS THE PRESENT.**

# LITURGY BYTES

## Baptism

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



As we re-enter into Ordinary time in the Church's liturgical year, I have noticed an increase in the number of scheduled Baptisms taking place at our parish. Baptism, the first Sacrament and so meaningful throughout our lives, has many beautiful symbols. For our reflection today, let us take a look at a few of the symbols used at Baptism: water, light, and oil.

**Water** - is an essential aspect of any Baptism. The water of Baptism can be either poured over the child's head or, in some places, the child can be totally immersed in the water. The water is blessed by the priest or deacon during the baptismal rite. The water itself is a sign of new life as it calls us to die to our sinfulness, only to rise to the fullness of life offered by Christ. Its gentle waves wash away the stains of original sin.

**Light** - the "light of Christ" is represented by a lit baptismal candle. This light is entrusted to the child's parents and godparents to be kept burning brightly, a representation of the child's faith being protected from the darkness of sin. By accepting the baptismal candle, the parents and godparents of the child are promising to offer an example of faithfulness to the child.

**Oil** - typically, the Baptism of a child will include two anointings with oil. The first oil known as the Oil of the Catechumens is applied to the child's chest invoking Christ's power and protection in the life of the child. The second anointing is with Holy Chrism, which is oil that has had an aromatic perfume called balsam added to it. The chrism is placed on the crown of the child's head in an ancient sign of kingship. It represents the royal priesthood of the baptized and the child's enrollment into God's people.

So the next time you have the opportunity to attend a Baptism, think about the importance of these three beautiful symbols of our faith, which we all received at the time of our own Baptisms! We are crowned priest, prophet, and king by virtue of this beautiful Sacrament of Initiation.

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

# PARISH OUTREACH

Please join Outreach for our

## Father's Day Drive

Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>,

at all the Mases to benefit the men of



We will be collecting the following:

Cologne

Shaving Cream

Razors

Deodorant

Men's Shower Gel

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Please drop off all items in the bins (marked Father's Day) located in the Atrium of the Church no later than June 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your support!

Happy Father's Day!!!



# BACKGROUND SCREENING UPDATE

## *The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People*

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (The Charter) promulgated by the Bishops of the United States in 2002 outlines specific practices and guidelines providing standards of safety in parishes and dioceses throughout the United States. As directed in The Charter, the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires all employees, clergy, and volunteers to complete three requirements within thirty days of employment or volunteering:

1. Attend **Protecting God's Children Program (Virtus)**
2. Sign the Codes of Conduct
3. Complete a background screen application. The Diocese requires all those who remain in active ministry be rescreened at 5-year intervals. volunteers/employees.

### **A Word on Background Screening of Volunteers:**

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People (OFPCYP) has streamlined the volunteer application process enabling volunteers to complete the three safe environment requirements in one step. Individuals wishing to volunteer in a parish or school:

1. Register to attend a Protecting God's Children class and create a Virtus account on the Virtus website: [www.Virtus.org](http://www.Virtus.org)
2. Electronically acknowledge the Diocesan Code of Conduct - provided during the Virtus registration process.
3. Follow the instructions to complete the Sterling Volunteers background screening application offered during the Virtus registration process.

### **Active Volunteers:**

If you are active in a parish ministry, have already attended Virtus and have been background screened, you may be at—or beyond—the **5yr. rescreening requirement**. If this is the case, you will receive an email from **Sterling Volunteers** asking you to complete the background screening application online. You may access the background screening application by following the prompt in the email or logging into your Virtus account. **Please be aware—this is not a scam nor has your email been hacked.** The OFPCYP has been working with your parish to update the Safe Environment records and noted it is time for you to be rescreened. You may also be prompted to electronically re-sign the Code of Conduct when you log into your Virtus account.

### **Edit Your Virtus Account:**

To access your Virtus account [www.Virtus.org](http://www.Virtus.org) you will need your Username and Password. If you need assistance, please contact Virtus: 1-888-847-8870 or [helpdesk@virtus.org](mailto:helpdesk@virtus.org). Once in your account, review your account information—particularly your email address. If your account requires updating, please hit the TOOLBOX tab at the top of the screen. On the left side of your screen, in the green column, click "Update My Account." You will be able to make the necessary changes. Please remember to hit the SAVE button at the bottom of the screen.

Questions or concerns: [mmcmahon@drvc.org](mailto:mmcmahon@drvc.org); [amendoza-cantos@drvc.org](mailto:amendoza-cantos@drvc.org); [jwinter@drvc.org](mailto:jwinter@drvc.org); [pditomasso@drvc.org](mailto:pditomasso@drvc.org)

Thank you to all who continue to serve in a ministry during these extremely challenging days.

# WHAT'S NEW?

## Summer Cash Sizzle

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 introduce the "Summer Cash Sizzle." This is a similar idea, however it will be offered initially on a quarterly basis.

- \$10 per ticket
- Tickets are available for purchase through June, July and August.
- Drawing will be held August 30.

Because we anticipate smaller participation, there will be 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!***

### Summer Cash Sizzle

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# MEETINGS THIS WEEK

<b>Saturday, June 12th</b>		<b>3:45 - 4:45 PM</b>
• HOLY HOUR		Worship Area
<b>Sunday, June 13th</b>		<b>1 PM</b>
• BAPTISMS		Worship Area
• YOUTH NIGHT	<b>6-8PM</b>	Atrium
<b>Tuesday, June 15th</b>		<b>10 AM</b>
• IN STITCHES		Fr. Joe Room
• ALTAR SERVER TRAINING	<b>4:30-5:30PM</b>	Worship Area
• LITURGY TEAM	<b>7PM</b>	Fr. Joe Room
<b>Wednesday, June 16th</b>		<b>7:30 PM</b>
• BAPTISM PREP		Worship Area
• PASTORAL COUNCIL	<b>7:30PM</b>	Fr. Joe Room
<b>Thursday, June 17th</b>		<b>10 AM</b>
• SCRIPTURE STUDY		Atrium
• BOOK CLUB	<b>7PM</b>	Atrium
<b>Friday, June 18th</b>		<b>7PM</b>
• PRE-CANA MEETING		Atrium

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# PARISH OUTREACH

## Community Vegetable Garden

The sun and warmth of the approach of summer literally call us outside. This type of weather opens the doors to countless ways of being active, while enjoying the great outdoors. Why not make our Community Vegetable Garden the place you head to?

Our Community Vegetable Garden is always looking for help to keep the garden thriving. Our garden provides produce to those households served by our Parish Outreach who do not have access to fresh vegetables. Your time and help make this possible. We are looking for volunteers of all ages. This is a perfect opportunity to get service hours for school, to socialize while being outside, work on perfecting your gardening skills, or just start to learn about gardening. Time commitment depends on volunteer's interest and availability.

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