# The Parish of the Holy Cross

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#### Take and eat, this is my body...



Take and drink, this is my blood ...

# Come and pray with us!

#### The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ - June 2, 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
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Ann Egan
Ralph Farino
Sienna Fricke
Debbie Jablinowski
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#### **Upcoming Mass Intentions**

#### Week of Sunday, June 2nd, 9AM Masses

Mon. Mary CotterTue. Joseph FanueleWed. Joan WilczekThu. Angelo LaSala

Saturday, June 8th, 5 PM Mass

James A. Perry Jr., Robert Amato Pellizzi, Diane H. Wallace, William T. DaCosta

#### Sunday, June 9th, 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Thomas Dunn, Frances Rella, Rose

Figliozzi, Robert Brady **9:30 AM** People of the Parish

11:30 AM Biagio Chirafisi, Maria & Marco

Sagliocca

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.

# LIGHT, CAMERA, ACTION

by Father Michael

This Thursday the Catholic Faith Network (CFN) will be here to record two episodes of the show entitled "The Word." (The Worship Area will need to be closed from about 11:30AM-1:30PM.) This is a brief 15-minute presentation where a priest or deacon offers a homily based on the upcoming Sunday readings. I have participated in this show several times through the years. It used to be recorded at the CFN studios in Uniondale. Recently, they have taken the show "on the road" and now record in churches throughout our Diocese. I'm happy to help out in this way. But don't look for me to be on the air anytime soon. The Sundays I was assigned will not air until the fall of 2025. They really get things done ahead of time.

We are making some progress in addressing the lighting situation in the Worship Area. This week we met with a lighting engineer from Lutron (the manufacturer of the current control/dimming system) who is continuing to assess our needs. We are hoping for a proposal within the next few weeks. It is all but certain we will need to be changing all the fixtures. One of the biggest challenges is going to be getting up to the top of our ceiling to replace the lights. Understandably, there are not a lot of folks who are capable and willing to do that kind of work. It can certainly be done, but we are being warned that it will be a labor intensive project, therefore making it a costly undertaking. I will keep you updated as we make progress towards coming up with a solution.

Today is the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, traditionally called Corpus Christi. My first Mass as a newly ordained priest took place on this feast day 36 years ago. It just happened to unfold that way in 1988 that Corpus Christi coincided with my ordination weekend. I was always delighted that it worked out that way. I can't think of any other feast day that would be more appropriate to begin the path of priestly ministry than a day that focuses on the gift of the Eucharist. Perhaps we too often take for granted what happens when we gather. There is no other event that unites so many people at one time. Differences that otherwise might separate us in other avenues of life are put aside so that we can truly be one. We are enlightened and encouraged by the timeless stories of Scripture. Then we share in the sacrifice of the Eucharist, a gift that can be found nowhere else—a gift that uniquely and powerfully unites us with our Lord. May this weekend help to awaken our appreciation for what the Lord has given to us, his very body and blood.

Because of the Eucharistic processions we will have after each Mass this weekend, the monthly Anointing of the Sick will be moved to next Sunday, June 9th, after the 9:30 Mass.

# **WHAT'S HAPPENING**

#### Weekly Calendar

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

Monday, June 3rd 1:30 - 3 PM • MYSTICS Chapel • KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 7PM Fr. Joe Room

Tuesday, June 4th 10 AM

• IN STITCHES Fr. Joe Room

Wednesday, June 5th 1:30 PM • LITURGY MEETING Fr. Joe Room • CATCHING FIRE 7PM Chapel, Atrium

Thursday, June 6th 10 AM • SCRIPTURE STUDY Atrium

• CATCHING FIRE 1:30PM Chapel, Atrium

• WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP 7PM Chapel, Wor. Ar.

Friday, June 7th 7 - 9 PM

• CONNETQUOT CHOIR REHEARSAL Worship Area

Saturday, June 8th 1 - 2 PM • CONNETQUOT CONCERT Worship Area

Sunday, June 9th After 9:30 Mass • ANOINTING OF THE SICK Worship Area • BAPTISMS

1PM Worship Area

Scripture Readings for June 9, 2024



- + Genesis 3:9-15
- + 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
- + Mark 3:20-35

#### Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, June 8th/9th



Fr. Frank/Dcn. Joe 5:00 PM 8:00 AM Fr. Frank/Dcn. Joe

Fr. Michael 9:30 AM 11:30 AM Fr. Michael



#### Banns of Marriage

Jennifer McCoy & Brian Maloney

#### 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!



Holy Cross parishioners are invited to hear the Connetquot Choir perform on Saturday, June 8, at 1 PM!

## **Help Wanted: Helping Hands**

Courtyard maintenance	☐ Set-up, clean-up for special events
Light gardening	☐ Hospitality: bake, serve for special

☐ Grounds keeping ☐ Carpentry, light repairs

☐ Spring, fall clean-up ☐ A pick-up or a van

> Could you be available in any of these areas on an occasional basis? Please check your area of interest and return this slip to the Parish Office.

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# **MORE HAPPENINGS**



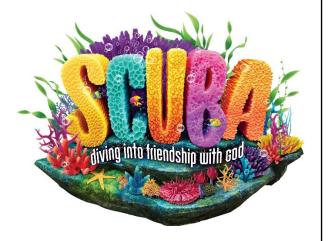
#### **Vacation Bible School**

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?

We also need nautical decorations such as flippers, masks, buoys, nets, starfish, etc... If you can help us out, please call Tricia in Religious Education or email at <a href="mailto:tclarke@holycrossrc.org">tclarke@holycrossrc.org</a>.

Thank you!



#### <u>Father's Day</u> Mass Remembrances

Father's Day Mass Remembrance envelopes may be placed in the collection basket at this time.

Names of loved ones will appear in the bulletin on  $\mathcal{F}ather$ 's  $\mathcal{D}ay$  weekend.

#### **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 Sunday, June 9th.





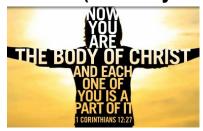
**Women's Prayer Group** meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7 PM in the Chapel.

All women in the parish and new to the parish are welcome to attend.

Join us this Thursday, June 6th, at 7 PM! (We will not be meeting July and August.)

# **LITURGY BYTES**

#### **Corpus Christi (the Body of Christ)**



Historically, the feast of Corpus Christi was always celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. Even though it is a solemnity, it is not a holyday of obligation. However, the actual celebration was changed to a Sunday, and this year it is today, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Traditionally known as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi celebrates the gift of the Eucharist. Scripture reminds us in the feeding of the five thousand, the wedding feast at Cana, and the Last Supper that this special day commemorates that with Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, he is always present with us, fully alive in the Eucharist. This feast was instituted by Pope Urban IV in the year 1264. He also commissioned St. Thomas Aquinas to compose the hymns for the first Corpus Christi Mass which included the "Pange Lingua."

A reflection by Fr. Richard Rohr explains the Eucharist as a profound mime initiated by Jesus during his Last Supper. He outlines four actions: taking life in our hands, expressing gratitude to God, breaking open our lives, and continually absorbing this mystery. He goes on to emphasize that the Eucharist invites us to actively participate in these sacred acts, mirroring Jesus' own sacrifice. As deep as his words might seem, it might be interesting to take on the challenge of living as Eucharistic people each day.

#### Corpus Christi Prayer

Let us pray for the willingness to make present in our world the love of Christ shown to us in the Eucharist.

Lord Jesus Christ, we worship you living among us in the sacrament of your body and blood.

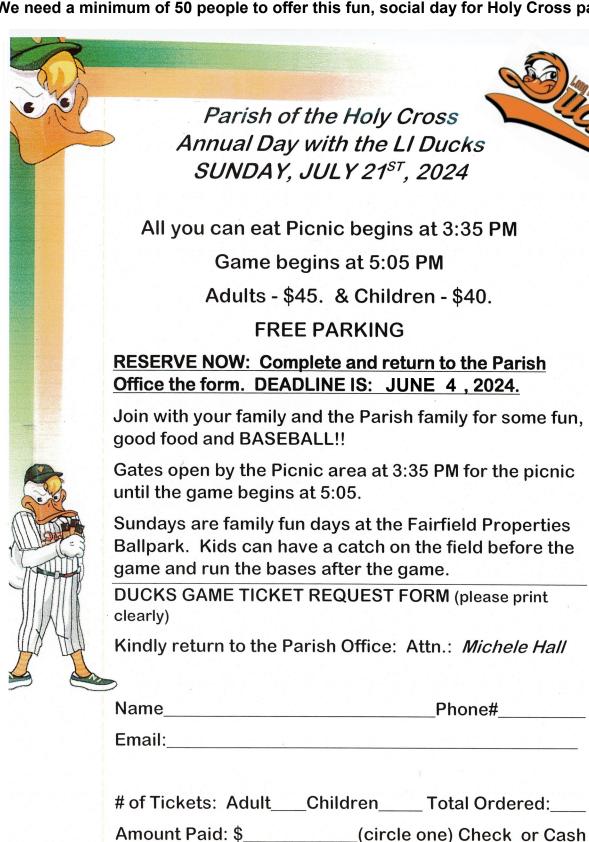
May we offer to our Father in heaven a solemn pledge of undivided love.

May we offer to our brothers and sisters a life poured out in loving service of that kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen

Have a blessed, prayerful, and safe 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

#### **Outreach Volunteer Renewal Gathering**

If you signed up to be a volunteer for Outreach during our Renewal, we invite you to please join us on **Thursday**, **June 20th**, **at 7PM** in the Father Joe Room. At this meeting we will discuss the many volunteer opportunities Outreach offers to serve and how we welcome all with dignity and love. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the Outreach Office by June 19th by calling **631-265-2200 x113**.

#### **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

Come and check out our next "Cut-Up" session on Tuesday, June 18th, from 1PM to 3PM! At our gathering we cut out the pockets, bindings, and the body of the dress for our *Dress a Girl* dress kits. Kits are then created and are ready to be sewn. *Dress a Girl* leaders are there to offer guidance or answer any questions you may have.

What happens to the kits? Kits are available in the Outreach Office to all who would like to participate in becoming a "Sew-Up" or someone who sews the dresses in the comfort of your home. There is no limit to how many dresses you can sew, we just ask that you craft each dress with love and skill. Please call Outreach if you are interested, have any questions, or to let us know you will be joining us! Thank you!

# **PARISH NEWS**



SSGT David Basler
Cpl Brian S. Brophy Jr., USMC
Cpl Richard J. DeKanchuk, USMC
FC2 Lane Dyar
AS Brandon Ferrara
MIDN Jonathan A. Goohs Jr., USNA
WO Christopher Kaminsky
Sgt Michael J. Knipper, USMC
SSGT Ryan Mauldin
PFC Ryan McCoy, USMC
Lt Ryan Montvydas
Cpl Michael Palagonia, USMC

We thank the men and women who serve in our military for their service. We will continue to pray for them through 2024. Please let us know if their service is finished or their title has changed.

May God bless all who serve our nation. Pray for Peace!



Holy Cross Welcomes These Children Baptized in May

Haven Layne Bihn
Lukas James Bjelke
Hailey Kate Cianflone
Sofia Catherine Ortale
Lily Anna Vaneron
Carter Joseph Vaughn
Juliana Rose Vasquez



We remember and pray for the following Holy Cross parishioners who passed away recently:

Robert G. Brady Joseph Fanuele Argelia Krayewski Steven Krayewski Lorraine Manalili

May they rest in peace, and may their loved ones be consoled.

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#### 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:	G	rade enterinç	g Sept. 2024_	
Home phone:	e-mail:			
Parish if not Holy Cross:				
Mother/guardian emergency contact	:#/cell#			
Father/guardian emergency contact	# / cell #			
Important: Allergies or other med (if "yes" please call the Religious Form.)  *** Under NO circumstance	Ed office to ol	otain an "All	ergy Action	Plan" <sup>′</sup>
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# 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:		
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 REFER	ENCE INFORM	MATION
1. Is this your first year helping at VBS?		YES/NO
a. If no, have you been a Station He	lper or Crew help	per? YES/NO
If you helped with a station, which	ch station were yo	ou in?
2. Do you have a sibling enrolled as a cam	per this year at V	BS? YES/NO
3. What parish do you attend and where do		
Do you have a request to work with a crew or station		
We will try to honor all requests. Thank you	ı for volunteering	g!

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

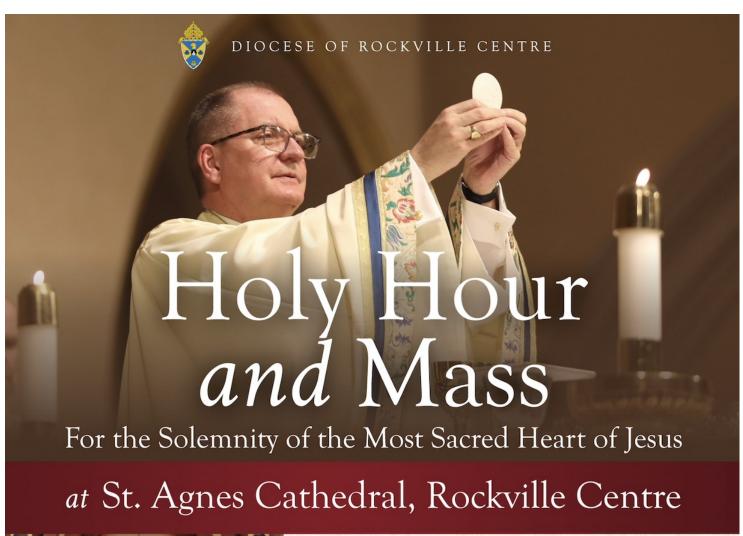


#### The Parish of the Holy Cross VBS Volunteer Registration Form 2024 July 15<sup>th</sup> to July 19th - 10am to 1pm Crew Leaders and Station Leaders

\*\*\*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





June 7, 2024

Holy Hour | Confessions at 6:15–7:15 p.m.

Holy Mass at 7:30 p.m.

Bishop Barres, Celebrant Fr. Lee Descoteaux, Homilist



# **TAKE A CHANCE!**

### Summer Cash Sizzle

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 June, July and August.
- Drawing will be held August 29.

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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