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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.*

Jesus said...

**“DO NOT FEAR,
ONLY BELIEVE.”**

MARK 5:36

Come and pray with us!

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 27, 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:

Kathy Barry	Patricia Becker
Barbara Bombace	Ann Callari
Manuela Diaz	Ann Egan
Jim Emerson	Sienna Fricke
Jeanne Gallo	Bob Grieco
Debbie Jablinowski	Gerald Losquadro
Charlotte Lynch	Michael Maroney
Olivia Melia	Joseph Santamaria
Barbara Sherry	Marlene Starr
David Velkas	Doreen Velkas
Judy Viskupic	Peter Warns

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 27, 9AM Mass

Mon. Maria Giacalone
Tue. Theresa & Anthony Medaro
Wed. Greg Wirth, Vito & Maria Ligabo
Thu. Pauline Rahilly

Saturday, July 3rd, 5PM Mass

Ann Keena, Judy Keena, Elisa Keena, Ray Henry, Marie Guarino, Peter Garrambone, Vincent Gallo

Sunday, July 4th, 14th Sunday-Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Francesca McDonald
9:30 AM Edward Lloyd, Angelina Pellitteri, Doris Stewart, Gulia Bua, Tricia Estro
11:30 AM People of the Parish



Scripture Readings for July 4, 2021



+ *Ezekiel 2:2-5*
+ *2 Corinthians 12:7-10*
+ *Mark 6:1-6*

GOOD IDEAS & PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

by Father Michael

This past Tuesday we had our annual Pastoral Team and Staff Evaluation and Planning Day. It's a long day of meetings, but a necessary and fruitful one. We did not come to any revolutionary decisions. We recognized some of the good things that worked well this past year or so, and thought of ways we could continue those efforts. Over the past year we had themes for some of our liturgical seasons. In Advent we "Embraced Trust." In Lent we "Gave Our Lives Away." We hope to continue themes like that as they give us a common focus (and there has been an inspirational song that has accompanied each season).

Holy Cross is blessed in many ways. In spite of the challenges of the past eighteen months, we are doing well financially. While overall income has declined a bit, it has not become an obstacle for carrying on our work. Thank you to all of you who so generously continue to support us in our efforts. I will continue to address repair and maintenance issues as they come along so that our property does not fall into disrepair.

Our Mission as a parish is to bring the mystery of the Risen Christ to life in the hearts of our people. The Catholic tradition embraces this gift and we are stewards in sharing it with one another. There are some aspects of parish life that vary tremendously. The work of Religious Education is different than Outreach which is different than Youth Ministry. However, there is a common bond that unites this work. All that we do is in relation to the mystery of Christ Jesus. But what we do is more than passing along doctrine and following the rules of the Church.

This parish has a wonderful tradition of doing this work while always embracing the humanity of the individual. We just can't be tossing around pious platitudes and holy thoughts with a pitchfork. We need to see the face of each person who stands before us. The presence of Christ needs to be brought about on a personal and real level. I was ordained by Bishop McGann whose motto was, "Serve the Lord with gladness." I always liked that phrase from scripture. While life is not always easy, we must seek joy. We need to celebrate when there is reason to celebrate, we need to laugh at ourselves when we do silly things, and we need to smile at all the little blessings that come along our way. There are many joyful people here, and I will always try to do my work in that same spirit of happiness.

We look forward to good things continuing to happen here at Holy Cross. This is a place that is a precious gift to many of us. Thank you for being part of this wonderful experience.

WELCOME DEACON JOE!



Let me begin by introducing myself. My name is Deacon Joe Maffeo, and as of this week I'm excited to be joining Holy Cross and Deacon Ralph as the newest deacon. Actually, I am not a new deacon; as a matter of fact, I was ordained in 1991. The first seven years I was assigned to St. Joseph's in Ronkonkoma. I transferred to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Lake Ronkonkoma in 1998, because they were in need of an active deacon, and served that parish for twenty-three years. During the Covid pandemic, I was able to reflect on my ministry and was aware that I could be of better service in a new parish. I had always known that Holy Cross was a vibrant, welcoming and active parish. I also knew that Holy Cross was always blessed with a great staff and great pastors, especially Father Michael. With that in mind, I inquired about becoming a member of this great parish. So here I am!

Father Michael asked me to write a brief biography of myself. I was born in Mount Vernon, NY, and raised in Lindenhurst, NY. I attended OLPH for the next eight years and still have the nuns' battle scars to prove it. I spent my high school years at St. Louis de Montfort Seminary in Bay Shore. While in the seminary, I developed a devotion to the Blessed Mother and the Eucharist, as well as an awareness of social justice and service to God's people, which are the basis of Montfort spirituality. At the seminary, I played a wide variety of varsity sports. I was the captain of the baseball team for two years, which meant a lot to me because I love baseball. I continued my seminary life in Ozone Park in Queens and attended St. John's University. My priestly ambitions came to an end after two years in Ozone Park when I started dating my sister's friend Beverly. After four years of dating we got married, and I have to admit I don't know how she put up with me for the last forty-seven years. I finished my studies at St. John's and earned my degrees in Sociology and Psychology. After graduating I went to work for the U.S. Treasury Department as an Internal Revenue Officer. We were the guys who enforced the tax laws when a person failed to file or pay taxes. It was a dangerous job but someone had to do it. After thirty-five years of serving my country in this capacity, I retired. I didn't stay retired for long, as I took a job with Suffolk County as an investigator looking into Medicaid fraud. I finally retired for good after doing that for twelve years. I guess forty-seven years of civil service was enough.

In regards to my family, besides my wife, Beverly, we have two children, Stephen and Anthony. Stephen, my eldest, and Nicole live in Lindenhurst. Anthony lives near Pittsburgh with Kacey and our three grandchildren. Elizabeth is a beautiful four-year-old girl, and Nina and Emily are two-year-old twins. Most people go on vacation to the beach or the mountains, or go on a cruise. We go to Pittsburgh. It's well worth the eight hour drive to see our grandchildren. My mother Aida was born in L'Aquila, Abruzzo, in Italy. She's ninety-two years old and lives with my sister, Linda. My brother, Mike, is a priest. We were ordained the same year, a week apart. He was the pastor in St. Joseph's for eleven years and is currently the pastor of St. Edward's in Syosset. Last if not least, there's my dog, Woofie, who's an important part of our family.

Basically, that's who I am. I am really looking forward to serving you and getting to know the people of Holy Cross as a deacon. As I stated earlier, this is a wonderful parish, and I feel blessed being a part of it.

Thanks for welcoming me!
Deacon Joe

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for Religious Education has begun. Please check our website www.holycrossrc.org for registration forms. The Religious Education office will be closed the week of June 28th and will return on July 6th.

LITURGY BYTES

Year of St. Joseph



Since we just celebrated Father's Day last week, my thoughts went to how the Church has declared this year, the year of St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus. There has been quite a bit written on his life these past months, pointing out many things about his life that I never realized. Here is a small sample of what Pope Francis has said in his Apostolic Letter, "Patris Corde," that will help us come to know this quiet carpenter who helped raise Jesus.

Throughout salvation history, God has repeatedly chosen the least likely candidates to accomplish His will. Moses was slow of speech, Peter was a fisherman, Paul was a persecutor of the Church, Joseph was a carpenter. What matters not to the Lord is anyone's status in life, our prestige or our mightiness, but simply that we do His will. St. Joseph modeled that in every moment of his life, from accepting Mary into his home, to naming his son Jesus, to fleeing for safety to Egypt, and then returning to Nazareth. He certainly teaches us humility and obedience.

He also was a father in every sense of the word. He guided and protected his family, provided for them, and loved them with tender affection. Everything he did was for the well-being of Mary and Jesus. He was a strong leader as well as a servant. He sacrificed much, worked at his vocation for the family, and taught Jesus his trade.

Many parents do exactly what Joseph did for their families, day in and day out. How many of us see the example of St. Joseph as a great role model for our own individual lives? Do we realize these daily tasks for our families are acts of holiness? There is much more written about St. Joseph to reflect on. Hopefully, a few of the above pointers will touch your heart as it did mine.

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

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!

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MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 27th • BAPTISMS	1 PM Worship Area
Tuesday, June 29th • IN STITCHES	10 AM Fr. Joe Room
Saturday, July 3rd • HOLY HOUR	3:45 - 4:45 PM Worship Area
Sunday, July 4th • ANOINTING OF THE SICK	After 9:30 Mass Worship Area

The **Bread and Wine** for the week June 27th - July 3rd have been donated in loving memory of **Christopher M. Cotter** by his family.

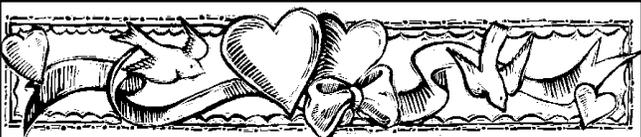


PARISH NEWS

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



Banns of Marriage - First Time

Caitlyn Mazzeo & Matthew Bronk

Come to Assisi and Rome with Fr. Jim McNamara

The trip to celebrate his fiftieth anniversary of priesthood is now scheduled for **August 25 - September 3, 2021.**

You can access the website by going to:
www.pilgrimages.com/frjimmcnamara

Special Collection

This week is the collection for the **Holy Father ~ Peter's Pence.** For information on this collection visit <http://www.peterspence.va/en.html>.

PARISH OUTREACH

Thank you to all who supported our Pronto Father's Day Drive. We collected over 15 bags of items which will be distributed to the men of Pronto. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated. Thank you for making this Father's Day Drive a huge success!

Parish Outreach is in need of Trader Joe's brown bags with handles. If you could spare any, please drop them off at the office. Thank you.

Holy Cross Blood Drive

The Holy Cross Blood Drive will be held Thursday, August 12, from 2:30-8:00 PM in the atrium. Since 56 days are required between donations, your last donation should be before June 17.

Next Saturday and Sunday, **July 3rd/4th**, will be our monthly Food Drive for our Parish Outreach Pantry. The following items would be most helpful:

- Beans (Bags or Cans)
- Tea (Small Boxes)
- Chicken in a Can
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Juice Boxes, Juice
- Mac and Cheese
- Rice
- Chile in a Can



Please check expiration dates! It will greatly assist the volunteers who stack the pantry with your donated goods. Thank you.



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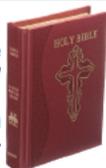


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