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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!**

**13th Sunday of Ordinary Time - June 30, 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

# WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

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## Remembering Our Sick

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

Bob Alderdice	Theresa Arzillo
Alejandro Astegiano	Jo Barry
Kathy Barry	Barbara Bombace
Cole Brennan	Dan Bryan
Ann Callari	Judy Carlson
William Ciccarelli	Jason DeLuca
Manuela Diaz	Ann Egan
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Sean Romeo	Elaine Ruane
Casey Schultz	Kathy Schwinn
Barbara Sherry	Celeste Sichenze
Tracy Southard	Bill Tanner
Grace Van Epps	Peter Warns

## Upcoming Mass Intentions

### Week of Sunday, June 30th, 9AM Masses

**Mon.** Judy Viskupic  
**Tue.** Jim Guiliano (living)  
**Wed.** Jose Luis Guzman Asin  
**Thu.** Bob DeFilippis



### Saturday, July 6th, 5 PM Mass

Vincent Gallo, Peter Gallo, Marie Gallo, Fred Coppola, Sarah Breslawski

### Sunday, July 7th, 14th Sun. in Ordinary Time

**8:00 AM** People of the Parish  
**9:30 AM** Thomas Harris  
**11:30 AM** Anthony Iaboni, Elizabeth Longobardi,  
Joseph Fanuele, Kieran Grogan, David Pendola



The Parish Office is closed on Thursday and Friday, July 4th & 5th, for Independence Day. There is a 9:00 Mass Thursday morning.

# 'TIS THE SEASON

*by Father Michael*

These days mark for many of our young people a milestone event in their lives—graduation. If you have any young people in your lives, you are able to share in the excitement of this day. Be it kindergarten or college, it is a definable time of transition. But it can also be a time to reflect on our own graduations and how through the passing of time our lives have grown in wisdom and understanding.

As I hit the rewind button of my memory bank and recall my own high school graduation, there is a whirlwind of thoughts and memories that come back. Some of my classmates were “so done with high school.” They just wanted to get out into the world and start living with greater freedom. At least that was the attitude that some of them displayed. I was a bit more fearful about moving forward. At that point in time, I was pretty confident in pursuing the path for priesthood, so it was not as if I had no idea what I wanted to do. But I was aware of a sadness in leaving childhood behind. I think in the back of my mind was the thought that life will come soon enough, there was no need to rush getting to the next plateau.

Being a chaplain in the high school for seven years was an amazing gift. It is a privilege to watch or, perhaps more importantly, share in helping a young person grow and move along. Some of the kids were a source of inspiration watching them live with self-assurance and a hunger to keep moving forward. Other kids required a bit more attention to get them through the fears and trials of adolescence. Some of them made amazing transformations during the four years. Graduation day was always bittersweet. Some of the graduates seemed grounded and balanced. For some others, I crossed my fingers and said an extra prayer for them. I can only imagine how much more so these feelings are intensified for parents.

Although each person’s graduation has a specific hour and date, there is something about that experience that is timeless. We look back with greater appreciation and insight into who we were, and who we have become. We appreciate some of the formal lessons we were taught and the life lessons that unfolded along the way. We are filled with gratitude for the good people who helped us along the way. It is one moment in time, but it can still be an abundant source of life.

To all our graduates, congratulations and good luck. For everyone else, take a look back every once in a while and acknowledge the path that has been walked since that day. There are probably a few regrets, but hopefully an array of blessings has happened since. We celebrate life wherever we are in the journey.

This week we will also be collecting for Peter’s Pence which supports Pope Francis in carrying out his charitable works. Thank you for your support. Please visit [www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html)

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Saturday, June 29th</b> • GARDEN PLANTING DAY	8-11 AM Outreach Garden
<b>Tuesday, July 2nd</b> • IN STITCHES	10 AM Fr. Joe Room
<b>Thursday, July 4th</b> • DAILY MASS (The Parish Office is closed for Independence Day.)	9 AM Chapel
<b>Friday, July 5th</b> (The Parish Office is closed for the holiday.)	
<b>Saturday, July 6th</b> • HOLY HOUR	3:45 - 4:45 PM Worship Area
<b>Sunday, July 7th</b> • ANOINTING OF THE SICK • BAPTISMS	After 9:30 Mass Worship Area 1PM Worship Area

## Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, July 6th/7th



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

## Scripture Readings for July 7, 2024



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



## Banns of Marriage

**Breanna Erato & Anthony Longo**

## Liturgy Bytes – We Have Work to Do...

Just what you might not want to hear as you are working hard sprucing up your garden for the summer season. The work I am referring to is about Mass, or the liturgy. In fact, the word liturgy in Greek means the work of the people. However, when speaking about the church's worship it is probably better to say that the liturgy is God working in and through the work of the people. Yes, we are not getting away from being linked to the word **work!**



Actually, it is more than just showing up on time to Mass. In order to contribute to the work of celebrating the Sunday Eucharist, we need to be actively present. This work begins way before we stand for the opening song at Mass. We come with our stories, our worries, our concerns for the world as we actively engage in joining with our brothers and sisters around the table of the Lord. It is also our work to pay attention to who we are, rejoicing in our diversity and our unity as we serve as a visible symbol of God giving love for all that God has created.

Without signing up for a specific ministry, we can very simply be active—welcoming, and being hospitable just by the way we smile at people and make room for them in the pew, etc. Being active also means praying along with our responses and songs. It encourages those around us to join in, too. Reaching out with a wave or verbal sign at the Sign of Peace goes a long way to helping those new to the parish feel welcomed and comfortable with this faith community.

Think about these words: “Are we welcoming as Christ was welcoming?” Reflect on that question at Mass the next time.

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

# PARISH OUTREACH

## Dress a Girl Around the World Update!

With the summer months upon us, our usual **Dress a Girl** gatherings will be on hold. We will NOT be meeting in July or August to cut and assemble dress kits. Dress kits will still be available throughout those months for those who would like to make a dress. Any questions, please call the Outreach Office.

Although we are not meeting, our work continues. We are always in need of 2-3 yards of SOLID colored cotton fabric to create our dress kits. Not sure what to buy? A perfect way to support our efforts would be a gift card to JoAnn's Fabric, Walmart or Hobby Lobby in any amount. Thank you in advance for your support.



## Stroke Awareness

Thank you to all who attended our Stroke Awareness seminar on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Sixteen parishioners attended this informative session led by Marret Anderson, Stroke Navigator Educator from Stony Brook Neurology. For those who missed it, here is important information.

**Stroke is an emergency. Every minute counts. Know the symptoms.**

### BE FAST

**Balance** - Loss of balance    **Eyes** - Blurred Vision    **Face** - Face Drooping  
**Arms** - Arm Weakness    **Speech** - Slurred Speech    **Time** - Call 911 NOW!

- Keep a list of your current medicine and any surgery you have had in your wallet.
- Practice healthy habits, eat a healthy diet, be physically active.
- Get enough sleep (7-8 hours a night).
- Keep your mind active.
- Manage chronic health problems like high blood pressure, high cholesterol and depression.
- Get regular health screenings.

## Outreach Food Pantry

Next Saturday and Sunday, **July 6th/7th**, will be our monthly Food Drive for our Parish Outreach Pantry. The following items would be most helpful:

- Coffee
- Instant Potatoes
- Hot Cereal only
- Mayonnaise
- Jelly
- Rice (brown/white)
- Beans (canned/dry)

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 OUTREACH

# BLOOD DRIVE

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**Wednesday, July 10, 2024**

**3:00PM – 7:30PM**

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Click [here](#) to make an appointment or scan the QR code above.

For further information call Kelley Mowat 631-265-2200 x113

*Walk-ins are welcomed if space permits.  
Please remember to eat, drink and bring your donor ID card or ID  
with name and photo.*



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# 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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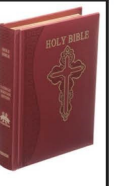


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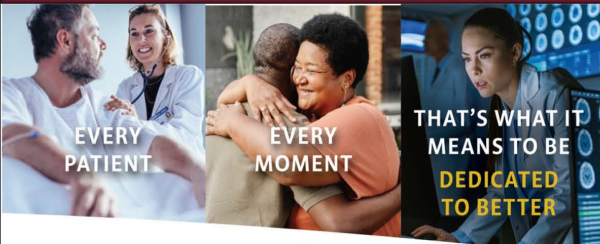
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