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.



Take and eat, this is my body...

Take and drínk, thís is my blood ...

Come and pray with us!

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ-June 6, 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

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

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Mrs. Jane Wirth Parish Secretary, ext.122

Mrs. Barbara Shipman P/T Asst. to the Pastor

Mr. Roberto Maza Mr. Vincent Matula Custodians

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Dr. Vincent Mazurek

Music Minister

Mrs. Mary Pannone, ext.111 **Religious Education Secretary** (mpannone@holycrossrc.org)

Mrs. Mary Inghilterra Weekend Sacristan

Remembering Our Sick

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

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

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 6, 9AM Mass

Mon. Henri-Robert Lamarque Tue. Louis Nicholas D'Auria Wed. Alessandra Perciballi (living) Thu. Denise Lamarque

Saturday, June 12th, 5PM Mass

Giovanni Fini, Anthony Michael Arzillo, Robert Bennett, John Kiernan, Peter W. Fountaine

Sunday, June 13th, 11th Sunday-Ordinary Time

- People of the Parish 8:00 AM
- Luis E. Forero, William Babington, 9:30 AM Kathleen Grebinger, Timothy Tucci, Dominick Breene, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick
- 11:30 AM Paul Kane



- + 2 Corinthians 5:6-10
- + Mark 4:26-34

WOVEN

by Father Michael

Last week we hung a new tapestry of the Baptism of the Lord over our baptismal font. I don't understand the skill or technology that goes into creating a tapestry, but I do know the image and the material become one. If you try to alter the picture, the fabric itself is ruined. The picture is woven into the very fiber of the tapestry. Friday was the thirty-third anniversary of my ordination to priesthood. Allow me to use that image of "woven" as the foundation for a few thoughts on the occasion of my anniversary.

Over the past few weeks several parishioners have expressed words of gratitude to me for some aspect of my ministry. One occasion was in response to my homily given at a funeral. Another was for what has taken place over the past 15 months. A third was an expression of gratitude for fostering a joyful (and often fun) spirit at Holy Cross. These words came from people with whom I have different relationships: one I knew well, another was a familiar face, and the third was someone I had never met before.

On a human level, it's nice to receive affirmation. But these kind words did more than just inflate my ego. They reminded me of a profound mystery and gift that is at work in priesthood. God's Word and the Sacraments of the Church are keys that can open the hearts of people. They often allow access to very deep and personal places within the soul. To be the one entrusted with these keys is a very humbling and awefilled position.

Part of the human psyche is the need to be relevant. We all long to make a difference, even if it is just in the life of one other person. I have been blessed in so many ways in this life. I take great satisfaction that I have been able to lead many people on fun adventures to different places around our country and beyond; I like being a tour guide. But to know that I am part of the journey deep into the soul of another goes beyond profound. To be a spiritual tour guide, is a gift beyond measure.

I suspect the tapestry over our font was manufactured rather quickly with some kind of computer driven machinery. My understanding is that a hand-made tapestry takes a very long time to create. That is the more accurate image to use in the relationships we share with one another and with God. I am deeply grateful for the eight years of ministry I have shared with you here at Holy Cross, and I look forward to the years ahead. Thank you for allowing me into your lives. And I am grateful you have become part of mine. It is a profound gift to share faith with one another and realize how much we become part of each other's lives.

We welcome Fr. Jim McNamara this weekend as he celebrates the 11:30 Mass with us!

PARISH NEWS

Pray for Our Military

SPC(E-4) David Basler Cpl Richard J. DeKanchuk, USMC SA Anthony J. DeNicola FC2 Lane Dyar AS Brandon Ferrara SSG Daniel Frost MIDN Jonathan A. Goohs Jr., USNA WO Christopher Kaminsky Sgt Michael J. Knipper, USMC SSGT Ryan Mauldin PFC Ryan McCoy, USMC Lt Ryan Montvydas IT1 Jason Mulderig 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 2021. Please let us know at any time during 2021 if their service is finished, their title has changed, or you would like continued prayers through 2022. May God bless all who serve our nation. Pray for Peace!



Holy Cross welcomes these children Baptized in May

Cashton Anthony Davis Shea Noelle Drapala Giada Rose Fazio Caprina Franco Grayson Avery Murrell Thomas Gregory Napoli Liam Brooks Ortiz Stella Anna Paszek Cole Robert Snopkowski Alessio Richard Tarantino Hayden John Valentine Emily Adriana Vasquez Sebastian Rey Viera



Banns of Marriage - Third Time

Nicole Martins & Andre Costa

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses June 12th/13th



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

The **Bread and Wine** for the week June 6th-12th have been donated in loving memory of the deceased members of the Lamarque family.



Holy Hour for Peace

Due to a scheduling conflict, our June Holy Hour will be offered on the second Saturday of the month from 3:45-4:45PM in the Worship Area. Please come and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament praying for God's gift of peace to touch our wounded world.



We pray for the following parishioners whose funerals were celebrated at Holy Cross in May:

Víncenzo Baratta Henry Paul Donnelly Phílip Graziose George Harmel Tammy E. Sayres Ada Schmidt

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

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



Name/Family Name:

Number of people attending:

Dessert

Phone # : _____

NO PRESENTS PLEASE! YOUR PRESENCE IS THE PRESENT.

LITURGY BYTES

Mary, Mother of God



My reflection for today centers on our dear Mother Mary. Way back in the 4th century, St. Ambrose of Milan used a beautiful title for the Blessed Virgin Mary – "MOTHER OF THE CHURCH." A few years ago, Pope Francis added a new feast to the Roman calendar to be celebrated on the Monday after Pentecost: the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church. This year it was celebrated on May 24th.

You might be asking, "What does this title mean?" Simply put, it means that Mary is the Mother of the Church; she is united with her Son. The prayer of the Church is devoted to her, and she is the vision of our future. A very good explanation appears in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (par. 963-975).

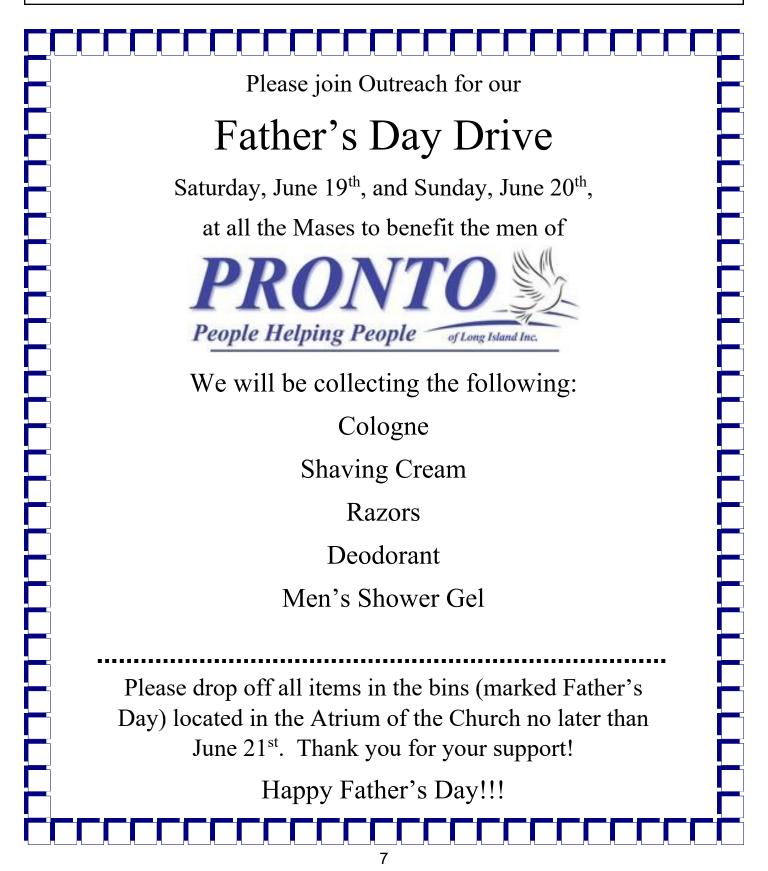
By the grace of God, the Virgin Mary is our model of faith and charity. She is our advocate and helper, pointing us always to her Son. Also, through the life-giving waters of Baptism, we are entered into union with the Son of God and Son of Mary.

The Mother of God is not adored. Adoration belongs to God alone. However, she is greatly respected and venerated. We tend to seek her protection for all of our needs. There are a great many devotions to the Blessed Mother, as well as many liturgical feasts throughout the year. Each of these feasts draws us into the mystery of Mary which in turn brings us immediately to the mystery of Christ and the Gospel. For us still here on our earthly pilgrimage, Mary is a sign for us of the certain hope and comfort of heaven. For this week, let us ask how often do we seek Mary's assistance in our lives.

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

PARISH OUTREACH

For the month of May, Outreach assisted 38 people from 25 households within our parish boundaries. We provided 72 services/referrals for the month. Thank you for your continuous support of Outreach which allows us to serve those in need in our community.



A MESSAGE FROM PARISH OUTREACH



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Training: Provided on the job

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To apply: wsboces.org/team



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PARISH OUTREACH

Homebound and Hospitalized

Are you, or someone you know in the parish, homebound or anticipating an operation or treatment for cancer? We in Holy Cross are eager to know in a more personal way our parishioners who are homebound or hospitalized. Often, we do not hear of a person's illness or inability to join us for Sunday Mass. Please call 265-2200 x113 or stop by the office to let Parish Outreach know of these parishioners who are so special to us. We really depend on you.

Parish Outreach sends cards, on behalf of our parish, to those who are ill or hospitalized. Our homebound folks receive friendly telephone calls by Outreach volunteers to keep up the connection and to assess ways the parish can be present to these loved parishioners. At Advent and Easter time a volunteer will visit them and bring a gift from the parish community. Eucharistic Ministers are also available to bring communion to the homebound who desire it.

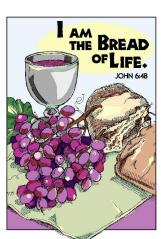
These are some of the ways Holy Cross reaches out to the homebound and hospitalized. Please help us by contacting Parish Outreach or a member of the Pastoral Team if you know of anyone we can serve in their time of need.

YOU MAY WANT TO....

Consider a donation of Altar Bread and Wine for a week, especially if your request for a date for a Mass has been taken. Your special occasion or loved one's name will be printed in the bulletin.

Or you may want to make a monetary donation to Holy Cross in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone living. We now have a Book of Memorials and a Book of Honorees. Your donation will be used to purchase needed items for our church. Holy Cross has a practice of not engraving names on benches and other items, but your donation will be recorded in the appropriate book for all posterity.

Our Parish Outreach also accepts donations in memory or honor of someone and has lovely cards that you can send.



For more information, please visit or call the Parish Office at 631-265-2200 x122.



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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

| Saturday, June 5th • PRE-CANA | | 9 AM - 5 PM Wor. Ar./Atr. |
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| Sunday, <i>June 6th</i> • ANOINTING OF THE SICK • YOUTH NIGHT | 6-8PM | After 9:30 Mass Worship Area Atrium |
| Monday, June 7th • CONFIRMATION INTERVIEWS | | 6 - 8 PM Wor. Ar./Atr. |
| Tuesday, <i>June 8th</i> • IN STITCHES • ALTAR SERVER TRAINING 4:30 • CONFIRMATION INTERVIEWS | | |
| Wednesday, June 9th • SENIORS | | 11:30AM-2:30PM Atrium |
| Thursday, June 10th • BOOK CLUB | | 7 PM Atrium |
| Saturday, June 12th • HOLY HOUR | | 3:45 - 4:45 PM Worship Area |
| Sunday, June 13th • BAPTISMS • YOUTH NIGHT | 6-8PM | 1 PM Worship Area Atrium |

YOUTH MINISTRY



Our Youth Ministry year is winding down. We will have a Youth Night on Sunday, June 6th, 6-8 PM, and our last meeting for this year will be 6-8 PM on Sunday, June 13th.

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 or call the parish office.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Next 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.

BEREAVEMENT GROUPS

(as per Good Shepherd Hospice)

For loss of a Spouse/Partner via Zoom, June 3rd - July 22nd, Thursdays, 12:30 to 2 PM

For adult loss of Parent/Sibling via Zoom, June 3rd - July 22nd, Thursdays, 7 to 8:30 PM

To register call Maribeth McKeever at 631-828-7628

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be held after the 9:30 Mass this Sunday, June 6th.





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