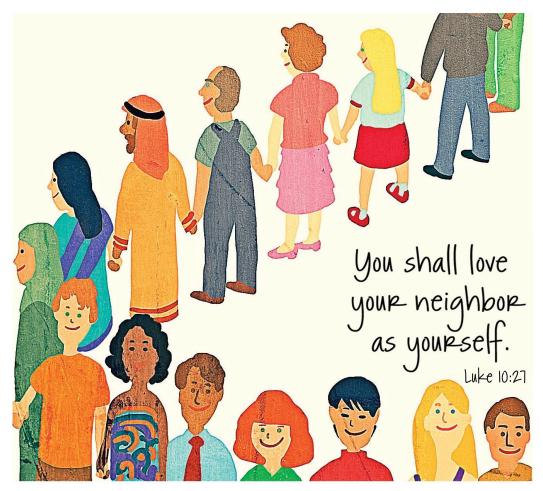
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Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM; Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM The 9:00 Weekday Mass & Sunday 11:30 Mass are livestreamed on Facebook.

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 Theresa Arzillo Kathy Barry

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Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of July 10th, 2022, 9AM Mass

Mon. Patricia Becker Tue. Julia Yarincik

Wed. Howard Essenfeld

Thu. James Pickel

Saturday, July 16th, 5 PM Mass

Ed & Pauline Rahilly, Kate Strockbine, Jorge Meade, Mary Jane Swiencki

Sunday, July 17th, 16th Sun. in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM Michael S. Bazik Jr., Nick Lombardo, Gloria Posimato, Joseph Montanino,

Rosemarie Kinsella

11:30 AM Charles Haner

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.

BLUE JAYS & FATHER'S DAY

by Father Michael

I know, Father's Day was the third Sunday of June. In spite of that, it seemed an appropriate title. During my years here at Holy Cross I have shared with you the journey I made with my mom through the last years of her life. We were always close. She was the one who awakened in me my love for travel, as she too was always keen for an adventure. During the later years of her life, more and more time was spent going to doctors' appointments and helping her do things she used to do for herself. In some ways, there was an abundance of work, but it truly was a labor of love for me. I believed that this was the work God called me to do during those years of my life. I know my mom was grateful for what I did, but it really was a blessing and privilege for me.

July 11 will be the 56th anniversary of my father's death. He died unexpectedly of a heart attack when he was 46 years old. I had just turned 5 at the time of his passing. I have a few memories of my father, but as strange as it sounds, I was not aware of his absence as I grew up. For me, normal family life was my mom and my three older siblings. I have certainly heard my siblings tell happy stories of him. My father was not a lawyer, but he was the business manager of a law firm. (I sure wish I had inherited more of his organizational skills.) As time has evolved, I have come to learn about him and have a good sense of who he was.

One of the more unusual stories I heard about him was his quest to conquer a flock of blue jays. We grew up in New Hyde Park, and somewhere near our front lawn was a nest of aggressive blue jays. There were reports that they would often swoop down upon us when we walked through or played in the front yard. Apparently, one day my father hit his breaking point with the birds. He sat on the front steps with a thick rubber band and tried firing pennies and paperclips at the birds in defense of his family. I don't think that strategy was terribly successful, and apparently my mother had to talk him into surrendering his rampart.

I have heard it said that when you see a cardinal (the bird, not the Church leader), it is a reminder of your mom being present. There is a nest of cardinals somewhere near my house and I regularly see them sitting on branches. It is a happy reminder for me. But, lately I have also been seeing a number of blue jays just sitting in the trees. I can't help but wonder if in some way it is a reminder of the presence of my father. I take great joy in imagining mom and dad together in heaven. Simple things can be catalysts for us to reflect upon mysteries of our lives. We are grateful for all those insights that remind us of love, life, and the presence of God.

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 10th 1 PM

• BAPTISMS Worship Area

Tuesday, July 12th

• IN STITCHES

Fr. Joe Room

• VBS STAFF MEETING 6PM Atrium

Wednesday, July 13th 11:30AM-2:30PM

• SENIORS Atrium
• FUN-RAISING MEETING 7PM Fr. Joe Room

Sunday, July 17th After 11:30 Mass

• VBS SETUP All Areas

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, July 16th/17th



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

Scripture Readings for July 17th, 2022



- + Genesis 18:1-10 + Colossians 1:24-28
- + Luke 10:38-42

Our Consolation Ministry Needs Your Help!

Blessed are those who mourn.

The Ministry of Consolation assists parish families at a time of loss. Planning a meaningful and appropriate funeral for a grieving family can be a daunting task. The Consolation Minister guides a family through the steps of planning the readings and music for the funeral Mass. The minister is also present at the funeral to assist with some of the logistics.

The Ministry of Consolation is in need of additional ministers to assist with this work. If you feel you have the gift to work with families at this difficult time, please call the Parish Office — we would like to speak to you about this important work.

Special Collection

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



HOLY CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



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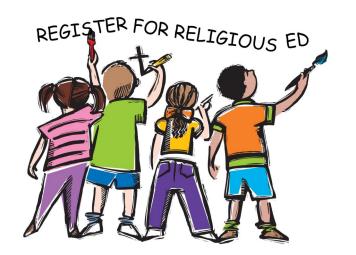
GIVE **BLOOD.** SAVE LIVES.

SAVE THE DATE!!

Holy Cross Blood Drive Wednesday, Sept. 21st,2022 2:30—8:30 pm

You need 56 days between blood donations. The last date to donate at another drive or location and be eligible to donate at our Blood Drive is July 26th. Thank you!!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Registration for the 2022/2023

Religious Education program opened on June 1st.

Check your emails in order to access our online form, or go to

www.holycrossrc.org

to access our printable form.

Sign up early and

secure your spot!

Catechists: people who keep the memory of God alive. They keep it alive in themselves and are able to revive it in others.

Have YOU been called?

Religious Education is looking for Catechists for Levels 2 through 7. Please contact us if you are interested in helping the children of the Parish!

Holy Cross Travel Club presents:

9/II MEMORIAL & MUSEUM



Join us for a day in downtown Manhattan. The motorcoach will take us to the 9/11 Memorial Museum for a guided tour followed by time to explore the museum and grounds on our own. We will also visit One World Observatory. Lunch will be on your own, with ample time to explore the area and possibly visit Brookfield Place which is located across from the World Trade Center, across West Street. Brookfield Place is home to shops and different eateries.

New lower price to be determined based on # of sign-ups. Minimum price ~ \$162 pp. Maximum price ~ \$183 pp.

- An approximate itinerary for Thursday, August 18th, is below:
- 8:30 AM Depart from Parish of the Holy Cross
- ◆ 60 Minute 9/11 Memorial Museum guided tour
 - 1-1/2 hours to explore the museum and Memorial grounds
 - One World Observatory
 - Lunch on your own, time to explore Brookfield Place or other options
 - Departure from downtown NYC

6:30 PM Approximate arrival at Parish of the Holy Cross

Hold onto your checks! We'll advise you of the final price based on # of people going.





9/II MEMORIAL & MUSEUM



AUGUST 18TH, 2022

Married Couples need only to complete one form.
DATE:
<u>Name:</u>
Address:
<u>Phone:</u> (H)(C)
E-mail:
Emergency Contact:
Emergency Contact Phone:

Cost:

Hold onto your checks. When the final price has been determined, we'll advise you of the amount. In the meantime, please let us know if you're interested in going.

Minimum price to be \$162 pp; Maximum price to be \$183 pp.

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LITURGY BYTES

What's New from the Pope?



On June 29th, Pope Francis issued an Apostolic letter entitled *Desiderio desideravi*, from Jesus' words, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you."

The letter is a call to greater formation in liturgy. The Pope acknowledged that there is a lot of material for study of the liturgy, but this knowledge needs to spread beyond academic environment and be made accessible so that everyone (the faithful) might grow in knowledge of the theological sense of the liturgy.

The 23-page document offers some of the Holy Father's reflections on the Eucharist and the meaning of worship. If you are eager to read his reflections, google the name mentioned above to add it to your summer reading!

The Pope suggests that at the heart of the lack of liturgical formation is the modern inability to understand symbols. He asks the question "How do we recover the capacity to use and understand the symbols of the liturgy?" Continuing, he says that we must not lose hope because this dimension is in us and despite the evils we contend with in the world today, goodness, the unity of the body and soul can reemerge.

As we have learned the power of the gestures of the liturgy from our grandparents, parents, priests, teachers, and catechists, we need to recall how this formed us and look towards what that meant and felt like for us (think about how we learned to make the sign of the cross). Do we need to be like children again? Maybe! The work lies with the Holy Spirit and how we embrace and receive these gestures. We cannot be robbed of such richness. Let us try to be re-initiated into symbolic language once again.

Enjoy the summer weather, stay safe, healthy, and blessed! ~ Michele Hall



Free health screenings

Mobile Outreach Bus



The Community Outreach team is pleased to offer free health screenings in your community by a Catholic Health registered nurse.



Parish of the Holy Cross 95 Nichols Rd Nesconset , NY 11767 Wednesday July 27,2022 10 am- 2 pm

Services for adults (18 and older):

- · Brief cardiac history
- Blood pressure screening
- · BMI screening
- Simple blood test for cholesterol and glucose
- · Health education
- · Referrals as needed
- Resources for those without insurance

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Press a Girl Around the World



Our "Cut-Ups" will meet Thursday, July 28th, from 1PM-3PM in the atrium. We will continue cutting out dresses for the little ones in need. Please RSVP to Outreach at 631-265-2200 (limited space available). No skill required. All are welcome!

At our last couple of meetings, our Cut-Ups assembled over 100 dress kits for Stitch-Ups to take home and create dresses for young girls. Thank you to all who have donated material. You have made all this possible with your generosity. At this time, we need larger pieces of fabric for the body of the dress. We are looking for 1½ yards of fabric which make one small dress, 2 yards which make one medium dress, or 3 yards which make two medium dresses. All remnants are used to make the pockets and bindings for the dresses. Thank you in advance for your generosity! Total number of dresses completed as of July 3, 2022 is 169!



Stitch-Ups: (those who sew the dresses found in our dress kits) Our "Stitch-Ups" are welcome to pick up completed dress kits by calling the Outreach Office at 631-265-2200. Everything you need to complete a dress is included in a kit, including instructions. Any questions—we are just a phone call away! Thank you!

Holy Cross Blood Drive

Our Holy Cross Blood Drive will take place on Wednesday, September 21st, from 2:30 PM to 8:30 PM. We are in need of volunteers the weekends before and the day of the drive to help make it a huge success. Please call the Outreach office at 631-265-2200 if you are interested in volunteering. Any time you can give would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

A Message from Parish Outreach

If you know of a house, an apartment, or a room to rent in the Nesconset/ Ronkonkoma area, please contact Outreach at 631-265-2200 ext. 113. Thank you!

Online Support Groups



Helping you cope with the challenges of COVID

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Wednesday

Healing through Loss 7-8pm

Many have been impacted by loss due to the pandemic; gain support and connect with others as you navigate grief in all of its forms.

Thursday

Wellness Workshops 6:30-7:30pm

All things wellness; join us for yoga, nutrition, art and so much more!

2nd Saturday of Each Month

Coping through the Arts *10-11am*

Get the family together to destress, strengthen your bond and have fun through creativity and the arts.

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Scan the QR code to access our live group calendar

Call our helpline for information & support

516-510-0282

Monday-Friday 8am-8pm & Saturday 8am-4pm





PARISH NEWS

Catholic Ministries Appeal

Here is an update on the status of the Appeal here at Holy Cross:

Goal \$76,700.00

Pledges \$40,334.00 Over (Under) (\$36,366.00)

of Donors

% of Goal 52.59%

When payments reach 100% of our goal, we receive a rebate of 20% or \$15,340. Please help your community and your parish by supporting the CMA!

Low-Gluten Hosts

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

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.

Remember "Kevin Bacon"

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



Seniors

Our Holy Cross Senior Group is always 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. **Our next meeting is July 13th.** We hope to see you there!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Maria Regina

Life-giving Care Center
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Maria Regina Residence, at 1725 Brentwood Road, Brentwood, is a 188-bed Skilled Nursing Facility currently under the care of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

They are seeking compassionate, dedicated men and women who are willing to volunteer their time and talent in various service areas (usually for one or two mornings or afternoons/week). Current priority needs include transporting residents in their wheelchairs within the building, serving as visitors or Eucharistic Ministers, helping in the gift shop and more. Is the Holy Spirit calling YOU?

For more information, please contact Sister Mary Sheppard, CSJ, and leave contact information at 631-299-3288. Prayerfully and thankfully, they look forward to hearing from you and will respond on the next scheduled office day.

Catholic Ministries Appeal

Every year through the support and commitment of individuals and organizations, the Catholic Ministries Appeal is able to serve more than 600,000 people on Long Island. The CMA enables the Church to continue to form our youth and adults in the faith, promote the dignity of life, provide quality education to our young people, feed the hungry, and foster vocations to the priesthood.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE WAYS MY GIFT MAY BE USED?

- \$25 may help pay the gas for a Meals-On-Wheels van to deliver food for a day.
- \$50 may help pay for teaching materials for a volunteer Catechist.
- \$100 may help care for a newborn in the Catholic Charities Regina Maternity Case Management Program.
- \$250 may help subsidize housing for a developmentally disabled adult.
- \$1,000 may help support the formation of our Seminarians.

WHY SHOULD I GIVE TO THE APPEAL?

As Pope Francis has said, "Holiness doesn't mean doing extraordinary things but doing ordinary things with love and faith." A simple donation to the Catholic Ministries Appeal supports extraordinary programs of formation and pastoral care to people in need.

Every gift counts and makes a difference in the lives of others! THANK YOU!! Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal Parish __Parish of the Holy Cross-176 ______ Pledge: \$______ Name ______ Down payment: \$______ City, State, Zip: _______ Phone: ______ Signature: _______ Date: _______

TAKE A CHANCE!

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 present the "Summer Cash Sizzle." This is a similar idea, however it is offered on a quarterly basis.

- \$10 per ticket
- Tickets are available for purchase through June, July and August.
- Drawing will be held August 31st.

Because we anticipate smaller participation, there is 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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