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**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:

<b>Kathy Barry</b>	<b>Patricia Becker</b>
<b>Barbara Bombace</b>	<b>Ann Callari</b>
<b>Manuela Diaz</b>	<b>Ann Egan</b>
<b>Jim Emerson</b>	<b>Sienna Fricke</b>
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<b>Judy Viskupic</b>	<b>Peter Warns</b>

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 July 11th, 9AM Mass

**Mon.** Denise Lamarque  
**Tue.** Daniel Walker  
**Wed.** James Pickel  
**Thu.** Edward Rahilly

### Saturday, July 17th, 5PM Mass

William Ford, David Ford, Carmela Terranova, Michael Terranova, Lillian LoRusso, Biagio Chirafisi

### Sunday, July 18th, 16th Sunday - Ordinary Time

**8:00 AM** People of the Parish  
**9:30 AM** Katherine Salvato, Adeline DeStefano, Lillian Breene Tucci, Dominick Breene, Yolanda Juresich  
**11:30 AM** James Michael Plocica



### *Scripture Readings for July 18, 2021*



+ *Jeremiah 23:1-6*  
+ *Ephesians 2:13-18*  
+ *Mark 6:30-34*

# REST IN PEACE FR. ED AND “HI-HO”

*by Father Michael*

Allow me to use this week’s article to say a few words about a dear friend who we buried this week, Fr. Edward J. Kealey. I mentioned him at Mass last weekend. He was not a stranger to Holy Cross. When I first arrived at Holy Cross, he came as a weekend helper on several occasions. He would regularly be one of our confessors when our children in the Religious Ed program were celebrating Reconciliation for the first time, or prior to Confirmation. And for those who have traveled with me, he was almost always my faithful roommate and travel companion.

Fr. Ed pursued priesthood after having been a professor of history and archeology at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts. He entered the seminary when I was in my third year of study. While we interacted with each other on various occasions, it was not until we were both assigned to St. Sylvester’s Church in Medford that we became friends. We served together there for twelve years. Five of those years were as associate pastors under the leadership of Fr. Charlie Papa, and seven years we ministered as co-pastors. We had a blast and did a lot of good things along the way. And our friendship endured far after we no longer served with each other.

Fr. Ed had a deep sense of ministry that was exercised in a variety of ways. In addition to his formal assignments, he became the unofficial chaplain to every order of Religious women on Long Island. He regularly said Mass for the Dominicans, Sisters of St. Joseph, Mercy Sisters and the Ursuline Community. When someone was sick or dying, he went to extraordinary lengths to be present and care for that person. I will always be deeply grateful for all the kindness he showed to my mother.

Sometimes his homilies were non-traditional. His educational background gave him a foundation to speak about many topics. He was never afraid to speak his peace. There were occasions where he might have ruffled a few feathers. But everything he did was deeply rooted in the compassion, joy, and love of our Lord.

I don’t know where or how he coined the phrase “Hi-Ho.” But it became his signature greeting. He would proclaim it when he arrived, and again when he left. It’s an expression which connotes a certain liveliness and joy, which was the way in which he lived his life.

This was my first opportunity to preach at the funeral of a priest. It was a humbling task. But it was a privilege and a blessing to be able to offer that as my final gift to him. I’m eternally grateful for the lessons he taught, the good times we shared, and the many lives he changed. Rest in peace, my friend. And, “Hi-Ho.”

# LITURGY BYTES

## St. Clare

St. Clare was born in Assisi on July 16, 1194. She was the oldest daughter of parents of nobility and wealth. As a young girl, she devoted herself to prayer. When she was 18 years old, she heard St. Francis of Assisi preach during a Lenten service. She approached him afterwards and asked him to help her live her life according to the Gospel.



In the year 1212, Clare left her parents' home and went to the chapel of the Porziuncula to meet with Francis. While she was there, her hair was cut off and she was given a plain robe and veil in exchange for her rich and beautiful gown. Under Francis' orders, Clare joined the convent of the Benedictine nuns of San Paulo. When her father found her and tried to force her to come home, she refused. In order to give her greater solitude, Francis sent Clare to another Benedictine monastery farther away from her family. To add to her father's distress, his other daughter, Catarina (Clare's sister), joined her. The two remained there until a separate dwelling was built for them next to the church of San Damiano. Over time other women joined them to be "brides of Christ" and live a simple, austere life in seclusion and poverty. San Damiano became the center of Clare's new order which became known as the Poor Clares. Clare was adamant that her order follow Francis because she was dedicated to him and his way of life. She became known as "another Francis" in some circles. She encouraged and aided the man she saw as a spiritual father figure and took care of him as he grew old. Following Francis' death, Clare continued to promote her order and protect her sisters through various attempted attacks on their convent. Even though her health declined, she never expressed that any pain troubled her. So great was her joy in serving the Lord that she once exclaimed, "They say that we are too poor, but can a heart which possesses the infinite God be truly called poor?"

She died at the age of 59 on August 11, 1253. The canonization process for Clare began immediately, and two years after her death she was declared a saint by Pope Alexander IV and became known as St. Clare of Assisi. St. Clare was designated as the patron saint of television in 1958 by Pope Pius XII, because when she was very ill and unable to attend Mass, she reportedly was able to see and hear it on the wall in her room.

What an amazing woman of the Church, guided by her soul mate and spiritual friend, St. Francis of Assisi, giving us examples of devoted friendship, sharing their love of Jesus, and giving up everything to truly live the Gospel. There have been many books written about both saints which might make for good summer reading!

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

Here are our Parish Outreach numbers for June 2021: Parish Outreach served 55 people from 26 households and provided 106 services in the month of June. Thank you for your generous support!



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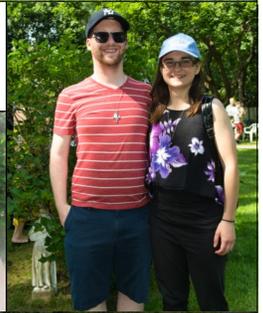
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# FR. MICHAEL'S 60TH BIRTHDAY BASH!



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# BACKGROUND SCREENING UPDATE

## *The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People*

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (The Charter) promulgated by the Bishops of the United States in 2002 outlines specific practices and guidelines providing standards of safety in parishes and dioceses throughout the United States. As directed in The Charter, the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires all employees, clergy, and volunteers to complete three requirements within thirty days of employment or volunteering:

1. Attend **Protecting God's Children Program (Virtus)**
2. Sign the Codes of Conduct
3. Complete a background screen application. The Diocese requires all those who remain in active ministry be rescreened at 5-year intervals. volunteers/employees.

### **A Word on Background Screening of Volunteers:**

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People (OFPCYP) has streamlined the volunteer application process enabling volunteers to complete the three safe environment requirements in one step. Individuals wishing to volunteer in a parish or school:

1. Register to attend a Protecting God's Children class and create a Virtus account on the Virtus website: [www.Virtus.org](http://www.Virtus.org)
2. Electronically acknowledge the Diocesan Code of Conduct - provided during the Virtus registration process.
3. Follow the instructions to complete the Sterling Volunteers background screening application offered during the Virtus registration process.

### **Active Volunteers:**

If you are active in a parish ministry, have already attended Virtus and have been background screened, you may be at—or beyond—the **5yr. rescreening requirement**. If this is the case, you will receive an email from **Sterling Volunteers** asking you to complete the background screening application online. You may access the background screening application by following the prompt in the email or logging into your Virtus account. ***Please be aware—this is not a scam nor has your email been hacked.*** The OFPCYP has been working with your parish to update the Safe Environment records and noted it is time for you to be rescreened. You may also be prompted to electronically re-sign the Code of Conduct when you log into your Virtus account.

### **Edit Your Virtus Account:**

To access your Virtus account [www.Virtus.org](http://www.Virtus.org) you will need your Username and Password. If you need assistance, please contact Virtus: 1-888-847-8870 or [helpdesk@virtus.org](mailto:helpdesk@virtus.org). Once in your account, review your account information—particularly your email address. If your account requires updating, please hit the TOOLBOX tab at the top of the screen. On the left side of your screen, in the green column, click “Update My Account.” You will be able to make the necessary changes. Please remember to hit the SAVE button at the bottom of the screen.

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Thank you to all who continue to serve in a ministry during these extremely challenging days.



# 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

<b>Sunday, July 11th</b> • BAPTISMS	<b>1 PM</b> Worship Area
<b>Tuesday, July 13th</b> • IN STITCHES	<b>10 AM</b> Fr. Joe Room
<b>Wednesday, July 14th</b> • SENIOR GROUP	<b>11:30AM-2:30PM</b> Atrium

# REMINDERS

## Special Collection

This weekend we will also be collecting for our **Renovations and Major Repairs** fund. Thank you for your continued support!

## 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.

## Gluten Free Hosts

For parishioners who have Celiac Disease or a gluten sensitivity, Holy Cross has gluten free hosts. If you would like to receive a gluten free host during Communion, please inform the sacristan 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**.



# PARISH NEWS

## Banns of Marriage Third Time



Caitlin Mazzeo & Matthew Bronk

## Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses July 17th/18th



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

## Holy Cross Seniors

Our Holy Cross Senior Group is back and 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 11:30AM to 2:30PM.



**We will be meeting on July 14th.** Hope to see you there!

*Fun for Seniors*

## *Correction to Financial Highlights from Last Week's Bulletin:*

### Revenues:

*Youth Ministry was up 189.5% over last year this quarter.*

*Don't forget to check out our new website:*

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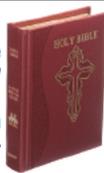
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