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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.*



Come and pray with us!

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time - July 14, 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

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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
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Bill Tanner	Grace Van Epps

Peter Warns

Upcoming Mass Intentions

Week of Sunday, July 14, 8:30AM Masses

Mon.	People of the Parish
Tue.	People of the Parish
Wed.	People of the Parish
Thu.	People of the Parish



(Due to Vacation Bible School, Daily Mass has been moved to 8:30AM this week.)

Saturday, July 20th, 5 PM Mass

Henry Wangenstein, Matt Akuntius, Antonia Cuccia,
Michele Schwarz, Carmela Terranova

Sunday, July 21st, 16th Sun. in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM	People of the Parish
9:30 AM	Michael Corcoran
11:30 AM	Valerie Kratochvil, Elizabeth Longobardi, Joseph Fanuele, Diane Tynebor, Irene Belzile, Agnes Shields

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.

SPEAKING TO THE HEART

by Father Michael

As I write this article there is a coral reef being set up in the atrium. It is part of the scenery for this year's Vacation Bible School. The theme is "Scuba." There will be all kinds of activities and characters with a nautical theme that will help to engage our young campers. This year the focal character is "Sydney Shores" who is in search of meaning in her life. Through her underwater adventures with her new found friends Finnley, Fisher, and Waylon the Whale, she will be led to discover God. I don't think anyone would question this kind of presentation when working with children. There needs to be something engaging that speaks to their young hearts.

The reality is that it is not just young children that need to understand the power of God at work in their lives. In the spiritual journey there is a need for gift and mystery of faith to move from an intellectual idea in the head to something that is experienced in the depth of our hearts. We need to encounter God in a way in which we know God is real.

I had this awareness from an early age. I remember going to Mass with my mother and sitting there feeling very bored, in particular during the homily. I remember thinking there is something wrong when the scripture readings are not brought to life with meaning and passion. It was around the seventh grade that I first starting thinking, *I think I could do a better job.* That's when I first became aware that I might be called to priesthood.

I was never a great student, and the academic demands of college and the seminary never came easy for me. At times I became frustrated with all this stuff I had to learn. I knew it was necessary information that I needed to know as a priest. At times my head felt overloaded, and my heart felt empty. But then there were times when the gap was bridged and, oh my heavens, what a rich experience that was. In particular, I had a class in Christology that taught about Jesus being fully God and fully man. I will always be grateful to Sr. Mary Maher who allowed the power of those statements to explode and take root in my heart. It was energizing and exciting.

I have been blessed to have many retreat and other opportunities that allowed me to know the power of Christ at work in my life. That is my goal and hope in how I live my priesthood. I want to open the depth of scripture so that people hear those words being spoken to them. I want to provide moments where people feel God is with them in their lives. For kids, Sydney Shores might do it, for adults something like "Fight My Battles" may help provide that connection. I pray that Holy Cross is a place where that connection takes place. What a wondrous mystery it is to know God is truly with us.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Weekly Calendar

- Sunday, July 14th** 9:30 Mass
 • BAPTISM GATHERING Wor. Ar., FJ Rm.
 • VBS SETUP After 11:30 Mass All Areas
- Monday, July 15-Friday, July 19** 10 AM - 1 PM
 • VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL All Areas
- Sunday, July 21st** 11:30 Mass
 • TRICIA'S "THANK YOU MASS" Worship Area
 • LI DUCKS PICNIC/GAME 3:35pm Ducks Stadium

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, July 20th/21st



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| 5:00 PM | Fr. Michael |
| 8:00 AM | Fr. Michael |
| 9:30 AM | Fr. Frank/Dcn. Joe |
| 11:30 AM | Fr. Frank/Dcn. Joe |

Scripture Readings for July 21, 2024



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

Special Collection

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



Bakers Needed

Bakers are needed to make baked goods for **Tricia Clarke's "Thank You Mass"** which will be held **July 21st at 11:30 AM**.

Please call Jude Pickel at 631-265-2200 x116 if you can bake. Thank you!

Help Wanted: Religious Education Volunteers

Religious Education is looking for a Catechist to teach a Special Needs class of two. Materials and training will be provided.

We are also looking for volunteers (retirees, students looking for community service) to help us put together Religious Education folders for all grade levels.

*Could you give of your time to teach children our Faith?
 Do you have a few hours to volunteer in the office?*

- ☐ I would like to teach.
- ☐ I would like to help in the office.



TO THOSE WHO
 BELIEVED IN HIS NAME,
 HE GAVE THE RIGHT TO BECOME
 CHILDREN OF GOD.
 JOHN 1:12

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please drop this in the collection basket/Parish Office or contact Jennifer Miller, Coordinator of Religious Education at 631-265-2200 Ext 112. Thank you!

LITURGY BYTES

The Sanctus

Another part of the Eucharistic Prayer is the “Sanctus” or the “Holy, Holy, Holy.” It is not just a musical interlude but a joining together of the voices of the Church on earth with heaven.



The text consists of two biblical passages linked to one another. The first is from the book of the prophet Isaiah and the second one is from the Gospel of Matthew. In the first text from the Old Testament, it is important to know that God’s name is revealed as holy and sacred. In fact, to say the name of the Lord is to invoke the Lord’s presence. All of what we experienced in the first part of Mass prepares us to be able to call upon the name of the Lord when we sing the “Holy” at Mass. In the second passage from Matthew’s Gospel, we see the familiar acclamation of “Hosanna to the Son of David” as Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem. You may recall hearing this on Palm Sunday at the beginning of the Mass. This song, offered by the crowd, is a greeting to the presence of the King of Israel. So, too, the Church sings this praise as we enter into the Eucharistic Prayer. On the altar the crucified and risen King will become present.

The “Sanctus” is both a song of joy and a song to purify our hearts. It is a song of expectation, of desire, of longing. The Mass is not just our celebration, the gathering of this community here and now. It is always the liturgy of heaven and earth where God’s glory is revealed. As we stand and kneel, we do not simply pray with our minds and the words that come out of our mouths. We pray with our bodies realizing Our Lord is with us!

Have a safe, blessed and joy-filled week ahead! ~Michele Hall

PARISH NEWS

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Did you know that the Holy Cross bulletin is printed for us each week free of charge? Not only that, our parish receives a part of the advertising commission. **So, please frequent the fine establishments that advertise in our bulletin!**

If your business could use some exposure, consider advertising in the bulletin. Each weekend, approximately a thousand people attend Mass at Holy Cross, most of whom live and shop in Nesconset and the surrounding areas. Also, our bulletin is on our website **holycrossrc.org** and reaches thousands of area families with information about your business.

If you are interested in advertising, or would like more information, please call Karina at the Parish Office at 631-265-2200 ext. 110.



Holy Cross 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 11:30AM to 2:30PM. **Our next meeting will be Wednesday, July 24th.** We hope to see you there!

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.



PARISH OUTREACH

Join us for our School Supplies for Success Drive

Starting the weekend of July 27th-28th

****Would you like to help a child succeed this school year?****

Children receiving school supplies will be from our Parish Outreach families.

❖ **There are two ways to help!**

- ❖ Choose a **backpack tag** or a **book tag** from one of the display boards in the Atrium. The **supply list** for the school year is printed on the back of the **book tag**. The **backpack tag** is to purchase **a backpack** for a student.
- ❖ Purchase items listed on the back of the **Book Tag** or the **Backpack Tag** as requested.
- ❖ Pray for the children who will receive the supplies and write a personal note if you wish.
- ❖ **Place items in bag (paper or plastic) and return items** to the Atrium (on designated table) with **tag attached to bag**.

❖ **Don't want to shop?**

- ❖ **Purchase a gift card from Target or Walmart** to supplement a student's school supplies and/or school clothes and drop off in our School House in the Atrium.
- ❖ **Support our effort by making a monetary donation** to help us meet the needs of our families. Checks can be made out to Holy Cross Outreach and put in a plain envelope marked "School Supplies." These donations can be dropped in our School House in the Atrium or in the collection basket.

❖ **Collection for our School Supplies for Success program will take place Monday, August 5th, to Sunday, August 18th.**

- ❖ **Please remember to attach the backpack tag or book tag to your donation and place it on the School Supplies for Success table in the Atrium. Donations may also be brought to the Outreach Office.**

Any questions, please contact the Outreach Office at 631-265-2200.



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PARISH OUTREACH

Free health screenings

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



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- 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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2024

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Dear Friends:

As we continue to celebrate our National Eucharistic Revival, we are bringing true love into the world by sharing and supporting opportunities for the faithful to fall deeper in love with Jesus in the Eucharist and to cast nets of Eucharistic charity to all of Long Island and to the world.

In our Diocese, the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps us to cast these nets. From Elmont to Montauk, because of this Appeal, the Church is present in each community helping those in need.

Our Parish Social Ministry programs assist those in the community with basic necessities like food, clothing or just a helping hand. Catholic Charities assists our fellow Long Islanders with housing, substance abuse issues and maternity management. It supports seminarians through their discernment and formation and ensures that our young people can continue to grow in their knowledge and love of our Catholic faith.

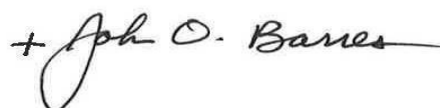
The Catholic Church on Long Island serves the mission of the Church and the common good by assisting so many people spiritually, emotionally, and physically.

At the recent Eucharistic Pilgrimage that brought the Blessed Sacrament in a Monstrance from the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine in lower Manhattan across the Brooklyn Bridge in view of the Statue of Liberty, I was inspired by the many people, a mosaic of many faces and ages, witnessing to the truths of our faith and encouraging those who are inactive in their faith to rekindle their love for the Eucharist and the Mass.

Your gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal are integral to this Eucharistic mission. If you have not done so already, I ask you to please consider making a gift to the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend John O. Barres

Brochures are available on the bulletin table in the atrium.

FROM THE DIOCESE



Focus on Religious Freedom www.cffor.org

From Our Founders: America's Heritage of Freedom of Religion and Conscience

From the earliest colonists through the adoption of America's Constitution and later the Bill of Rights, the issue of religious freedom was paramount in the considerations of the citizens and founders of our nation.

By the time of the American Revolution, America's leaders reflected the colonists' belief in the importance of God, the Bible, worship and the acceptance of all faiths. Throughout the revolution prayer was a constant and vital support. History shows our founders prayed earnestly and saw frequent instances of what they believed to be divine intervention protecting our armies and leaders.

George Washington said, "No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the invisible hand which conducts the affairs of men more than the people of the United States. Every step by which they have advanced to the character of an Independent Nation seems to have been distinguished by some token of providential agency."

Benjamin Franklin at the Constitutional Convention in 1787 said, "In the beginning of the contest with Great Britain we had daily prayer in this room for the divine protection. Our prayers, Sir, were heard and they were graciously answered."

Rev. Samuel Langdon, Founding Father, said, "Preserve your government with the utmost attention and solicitude, for it is the remarkable gift of heaven."

Referring to our Constitution, Samuel Adams said, "The sum of all is, if we would most truly enjoy the gift of heaven, let us become a virtuous people; then we shall both deserve and enjoy it."

Our prayers and action are essential to preserve 1st Amendment freedom of religion and conscience.

From the USCCB: Prayer for Religious Liberty

O GOD OUR CREATOR, from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome—for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us—this great land will always be "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

"[May] you defend these rights, especially your religious freedom, for it has been given to you by God himself." - Pope Francis

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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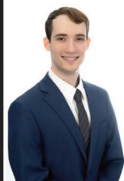
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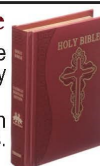
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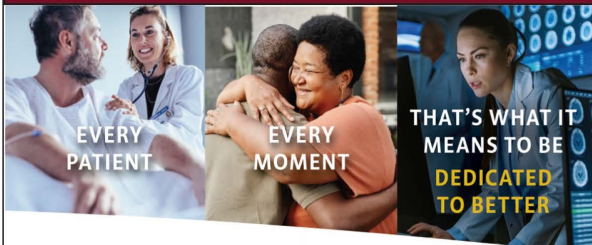
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