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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.*

GOD CHOSE TO MAKE KNOWN THE
RICHES OF THE GLORY OF THIS
MYSTERY AMONG THE GENTILES; IT IS

Christ
in you,
the hope
for glory.



COLOSSIANS 1:27

Come and pray with us!

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 17, 2022

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
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Manuela Diaz

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Celeste Sichenze
Peter Warns

Danny Youngworth

Mass Intentions Schedule

Please note: Due to Vacation Bible School, the weekday Masses are at 8 AM this week.



Week of July 17th, 2022, 8AM Mass

Mon. Valerie King (living)

Tue. Henry Wangenstein

Wed. Matthew Akuntius

Thu. Joseph Borgess

Saturday, July 23rd, 5 PM Mass

Alan Hahn, Katie Griffin, Ellen Harris, Dr. Joseph Terranova, Joan Marcellino

Sunday, July 24th, 17th Sun. in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM Michael Corcoran

11:30 AM Nick Lombardo, Dr. John Ruisi, Vincent Pereira, Charles Haner, Manuel Capella, Joseph Cupaiolo

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.

JUMPING JULY

by Fr. Michael

Normally, the summer months bring slower life and activity. While that is still partially true, there is an abundance of events that are taking place these days. I just finished a bit of a marriage marathon. I think I had nine weddings between April and last weekend. While that is not a staggering number, it is the most weddings Holy Cross has seen during that span of time in many years.

Happily, next week our Vacation Bible School (VBS) once again comes to life. 2019 was the last time we were able to offer it. We look forward to welcoming about 60 campers and almost as many young people who assist in running the program. There are so many helping hands in a program like this. We are grateful for those who give of their time and talent to assist. On a practical level, there are a few things to note about parish life while VBS is taking place. Morning Mass will take place during the days of VBS. However, Mass will be at 8:00 AM and will be held in the Chapel. For security reasons, all the doors to the building will be locked once the children arrive. If you come to the office during the morning you may need to wait outside until you can be escorted to the office. The Worship Area will not be open from 9:00 AM—1:00 PM as there are children's activities taking place. Thank you for your understanding.

One of the administrative duties that needs to be addressed at this time is finalizing our budget. In our Diocese, the fiscal year follows the academic calendar. The old budget expires at the end of August, and September 1 begins a new fiscal year. We have been so blessed in the past few years in that we were able to create a balanced budget with minimal effort. This year is going to be a challenge. As everyone is experiencing, the cost of everything is climbing quickly, and unfortunately our collections have begun to decline. This year will take great effort to come up with a prudent and reasonable budget. We will keep sharpening the pencils and wearing out the erasers as we try to balance the numbers.

During the early evening, if I don't have appointments, I love to spend time outside doing yardwork. My favorite activity is pushing back overgrowth and trimming branches on trees and shrubs. My yard is an endless amusement park of activity. I respect Mother Nature and that she wants all living things to grow and flourish. I only take her on when the growth starts taking over walkways and starts pushing up against buildings. I think she understands.

This is the final week to sign up for the Freedom Tower and 9/11 museum trip on August 18. We need at least 10 more to sign up in order for the trip to run.

Have a great week and enjoy this happy season.

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 17th After 11:30 Mass
• VBS SETUP All Areas

Monday, July 18-Friday, July 22 10AM-1PM
• VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL All Areas

Sunday, July 24th After 9:30 Mass
• BAPTISM GATHERING Fr. Joe Room

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, July 23rd/24th



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

Scripture Readings for July 24th, 2022



+ Genesis 18:20-32
+ Colossians 2:12-14
+ Luke 11:1-13

Special Collection

Next weekend, at the offertory, we will also be collecting for our **Regional School Support**. Thank you for your support of this collection!

Our Consolation Ministry Needs Your Help!

Blessed are those who mourn.

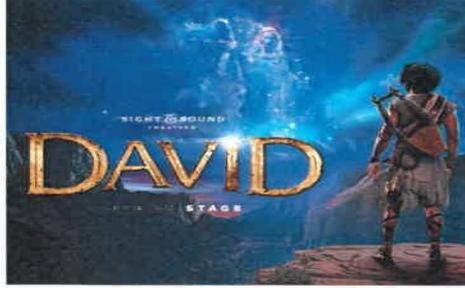
The Ministry of Consolation assists parish families at a time of loss. Planning a meaningful and appropriate funeral for a grieving family can be a daunting task. The Consolation Minister guides a family through the steps of planning the readings and music for the funeral Mass. The minister is also present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

DUCKS' GAME—TICKET UPDATE

Tickets purchased will be distributed to you upon entry to the picnic area when we gather for Holy Cross Day at Ducks' Stadium on Sunday, July 24th.
Gates open for picnic at 3:35 PM.

HOLY CROSS TRAVEL CLUB



Lancaster & Longwood Gardens

2 Days ~ 1 Night
November 17th & 18th, 2022

Our trip includes:

- 1 Night Lodging at the Lancaster Inn
 - Including Breakfast
- Dinner @ Hershey Farm Restaurant
- “DAVID” at the Sight & Sound Theatre
- Kitchen Kettle Village
- Longwood Gardens
 - A Longwood Christmas
 - Including a lunch voucher
- Round trip transportation from Holy Cross

\$259.00 per person ~ \$348.00 single occupancy

\$25 deposit is due by Thursday, August 11th, 2022

Please make checks payable to “**White Star Tours**”

Balance is due into the office by Tuesday, September 27th, 2022

Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Rooming with: _____



Holy Cross Travel Club presents:

9/11 MEMORIAL & MUSEUM



Last Chance!

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.



9/11 MEMORIAL & MUSEUM



AUGUST 18TH, 2022

Last Chance!

Married Couples need only to complete one form.

DATE: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (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.



LITURGY BYTES

July Saints



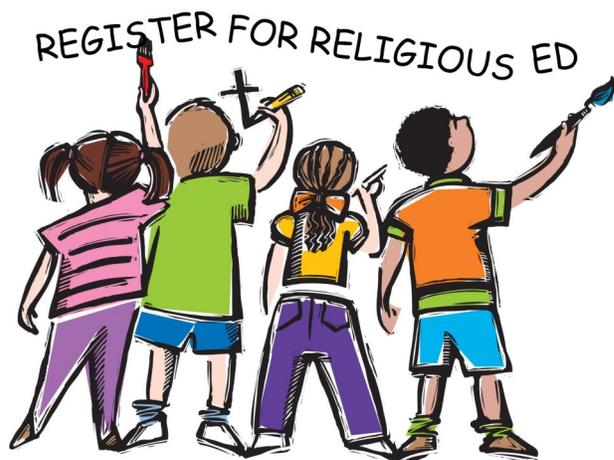
As we began the month of July, I noticed there are quite a few of the “popular” saints with feast days that take place this month. For the next few weeks, we shall review the lives of some of these heroes and heroines of the Church.

First, on July 14th we celebrate the feast of **St. Kateri Tekakwitha**. She was also known as the “Lily of the Mohawks.” Kateri was the first native American to be recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church. She was born in 1656 in the village of Ossernenon. She contracted smallpox as a young child and because of the scars, often wore a blanket hiding her face. Her entire family died from this disease, so she was raised by her uncle who was the chief of the Mohawk clan. Kateri was known as a skilled worker and was diligent and patient. However, she refused to marry, and eventually the family accepted that she had no interest in marrying. At the age of 19, she converted to Catholicism, taking a vow of chastity. Again, this decision was unpopular with her adoptive parents and neighbors. They started rumors about her being a witch, so she moved to a Christian community south of Montreal. She often prayed for the conversion of her fellow Mohawks. The Jesuits that served in her community reported that she fasted and even tainted food to make it less desirable. She was sickly, and five years after becoming Catholic she passed away on April 17, 1680 at the age of 24. Her name Kateri, is the Mohawk form of Catherine, which she took from St. Catherine of Siena. She was canonized a saint by Pope Benedict XVI on October 21, 2012. She is the patroness of ecology and the environment, Native Americans, and people in exile.

Our second July saint is **St. Bonaventure** (original name – Giovanni Di Fidanza). Bonaventure means “O good fortune!” His feast is July 15th. He was from the Lazio region of central Italy, born in 1221. At the age of 22, he entered the Franciscan Order. He was sent to Paris to complete his studies and eventually became a close friend of St. Thomas Aquinas. He received the degree of Doctor along with his friend Thomas Aquinas. At the age of 35 he was chosen General of his Order. He did much for his Order and composed the Life of St. Francis. He was a very learned and respected man who Pope Clement IV nominated to be an Archbishop. Bonaventure begged not to be forced to accept that role. Instead, Gregory X forced a greater role upon him as a Cardinal and Bishop of Albano. He died on July 15, 1274 and was canonized a saint on April 14, 1482.

Have a blessed, safe, healthy week ahead! ~*Michele Hall*

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 BLOOD DRIVE



WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER.
GIVE BLOOD.
SAVE LIVES.

SAVE THE DATE!!

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

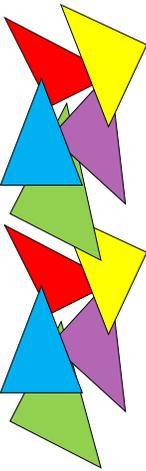
You need 56 days between blood donations. The last date to donate at another drive or location and be eligible to donate at our Blood Drive is July 26th. Thank you!!

PARISH OUTREACH

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 x113** if you are interested in volunteering. Any time you can give would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Dress a Girl Around the World



Cut-Ups: (those who cut the material and assemble our dress kits)
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 x113 (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 x113**. 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!

With your generous support, in the month of June, Outreach provided 119 services for 44 families. These families consist of 16 children, 52 adults and 14 seniors. Thank you for your support.

We are looking for volunteers to help us set up, serve and clean up from **2:30 to 4:30 PM** at our **Cooking out of the Pantry** demonstration on **July 31st**. This is a great opportunity for those in need of service hours. Please call Outreach if you are interested in sharing a Sunday afternoon with us.

PARISH OUTREACH

Cooking out of the Pantry with *Jackie Vecchiarelli*

Our Outreach Pantry is filled with shelf stable, healthy foods that we share with those we serve.

Join us as we explore new and exciting ways to create new dishes using items directly from our Holy Cross Pantry.

Jackie is a Registered Dietitian who will lead us in an inventive and interactive cooking demonstration. This may help answer the daily question —

What are we having for dinner?

After the demonstration, the new recipe will be served. Please make us aware of any allergies that you may have when registering.

When: Sunday, July 31, 2022

Time: 3:00 PM

Where: Parish of the Holy Cross atrium

You must RSVP to attend. Please call Kelley in Outreach at 631-265-2200 x113 by July 25, 2022. All are welcome!

PARISH OUTREACH

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.



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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Wednesday July 27,2022 10 am- 2 pm

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A SINCERE THANK YOU!

Dear Parishioners of Holy Cross,

**Thank
You!**

Thank you for your extremely generous donations to help my project and assist in making it so successful. Your donations have and will continue to help countless children at the Wading River campus of Little Flower Children and Family Services. The intent of Project Hope was to create a hygiene pantry, giving the residents the ability to obtain personal care products discreetly and with dignity. The environment lent itself to a "shopping experience," something many of them have never had. From what I have witnessed so far during my visits to the campus, the residents of all ages are excited and utilizing the donations daily.

You have helped me accomplish the goal of helping children while achieving final requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout. The completion of Project Hope provided me a personal achievement of leaving a positive sustainable impact.

This project has helped form who I am, while providing younger upcoming scouts the ability to restock and maintain the pantry. Thank you for all your help and all your extremely generous donations.

Sincerely,
Michael Fallon

PRAYER FOR HEALING

Prayer for Healing Victims of Abuse

God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just:

You gave your only Son to save us by the blood of his cross. Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them. Hear our cries as we agonize over the harm done to our brothers and sisters. Breathe wisdom into our prayers, soothe restless hearts with hope, steady shaken spirits with faith. Show us the way to justice and wholeness, enlightened by truth and enfolded in your mercy. Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform our brokenness. Grant us courage and wisdom, humility, and grace, so that we may act with justice and find peace in you.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

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!

Summer Cash Sizzle

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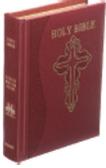
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