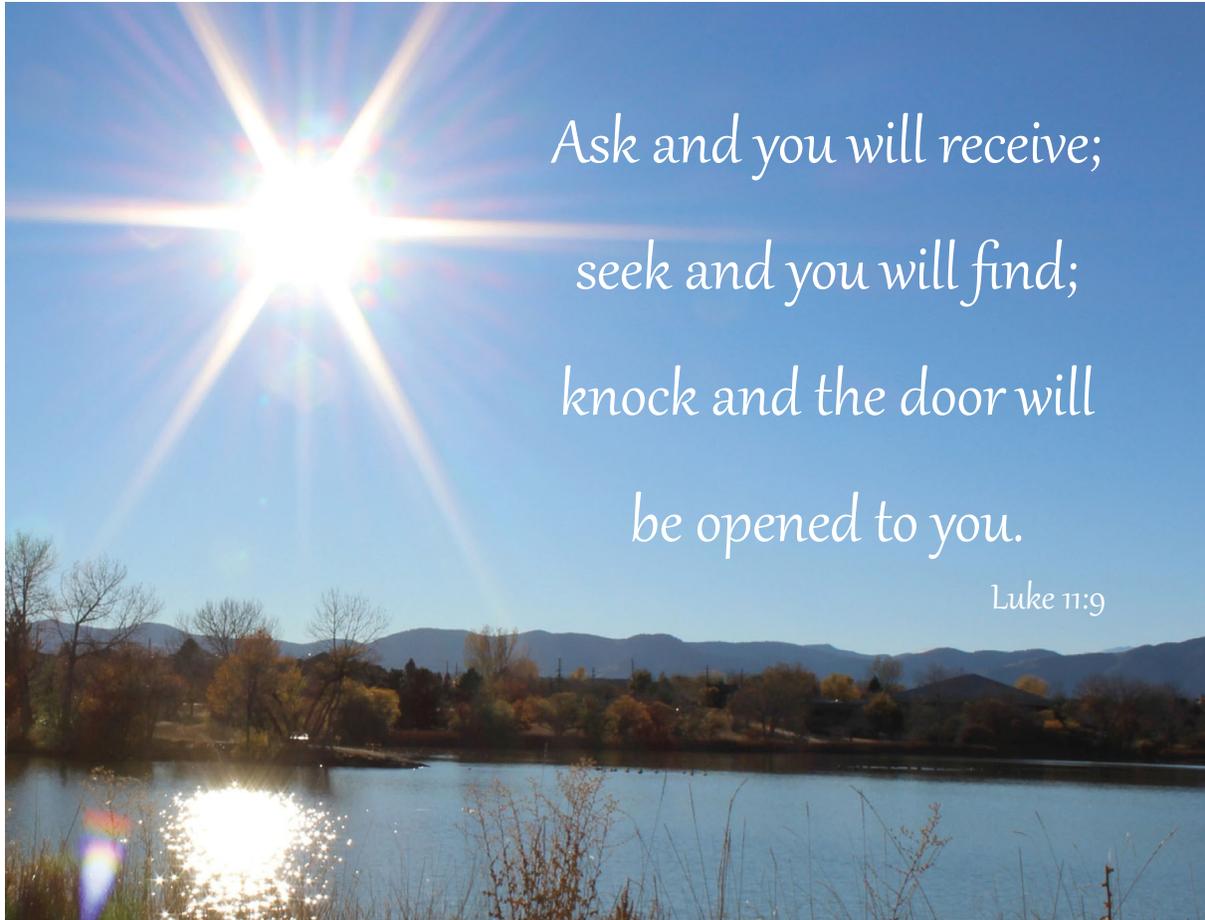


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seek and you will find;
knock and the door will
be opened to you.

Luke 11:9

Come and pray with us!

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 24, 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

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Remembering Our Sick

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

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Kathy Barry
Ann Callari
Ann Egan
Ralph Farino
Robert Gann
Diane Jones
Kristen Kennedy
Dora Libretti
Charlotte Lynch
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Connie Polik
David Reichbach
Elaine Ruane
Barbara Sherry
Kyle Sweeney
Danny Youngworth

Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of July 24th, 2022, 9AM Mass

Mon. Cindy Armstrong
Tue. John Hadity (living)
Wed. Dane Domonkos (living)
Thu. John Vierling Jr.

Saturday, July 30th, 5 PM Mass

Jacqueline Schwarz-Tanner, Joan Culkin, Rose Cassidy, Paddy Flanagan, Rafael E. Fernandez

Sunday, July 31st, 18th Sun. in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Christopher Cotter, Nick Lombardo, Clara Lorentz, Camille Sonesen, Joseph Materese
11:30 AM Joe Libretti, Chris Schmid



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.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

by Father Michael

I grew up with “church” being part of my routine. I attended Catholic school. My family was at Mass every Sunday. I was an altar boy. I am grateful for all those pieces that became part of the foundation of my life. I may not have always understood what was going on, but I did know there was something important, holy, and unique to what we did in church. As time moved forward, I came to appreciate the difference between participating in the “stuff” of church and having an experience of God touching the heart.

One of my first “experiences” of God was when I was a freshman in high school. I went to St. Pius X in Uniondale, which at the time was a high school seminary. We went on a weekend retreat to the Passionist Retreat House on Shelter Island. On the first night we were brought into the chapel, and part of the opening prayer was listening to Diana Ross’ “Do you know where you are going to?” There was something profound and exciting as I felt the presence of God truly stirring in my heart. I can recall that experience with great detail and fondness to this very day. As my journey continued, there were other moments of God speaking and guiding me along the way. I hope you can recall early memories of your awareness of God at work in your life.

I take seriously the charge I have as being pastor of a parish. There are responsibilities of celebrating the sacraments as well as the other duties of running a parish. I pray that in the opportunities that are offered and the environment that is created there are moments when people here can truly experience the presence of God. I pray that this can be a place where people encounter the Risen Lord. A community of faith is a vital component in our knowing the power of God.

This week we once again brought back Vacation Bible School. The last time this would have taken place was in 2019. Holy Cross is transformed during this 5-day marathon. Every corner of the building is decorated. Activity stations are set up everywhere you look. For this week Holy Cross takes on a different look and a different energy. I know it’s hard for a young child to have a profound experience of God. But I do hope that the experience allows them to understand church in a fun and energizing way. Opportunities like VBS welcome families in a different way. We hope that moments like this create a space that allows the mystery of God to unfold. This was one step in what may be a wondrous journey of faith. The mystery of God continues to be revealed. Through the holy, sacred, and even the fun, we come to know our Lord. The journey continues for all of us, young and old. May we come to know as an old friend the one who truly brings us life.

SUMMER LITURGY TEAM MEETING ---
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17TH, AT 7 PM IN THE FR. JOE ROOM



PARISH NEWS

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 24th	After 9:30 Mass
• BAPTISM GATHERING	Fr. Joe Room
Tuesday, July 26th	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
Wednesday, July 27th	10 AM-2 PM
• HEALTH BUS	Parking Lot
• SENIORS	11:30AM-2:30PM Atrium
Thursday, July 28th	1-3 PM
• DRESS A GIRL	Atrium
Sunday, July 31st	1 PM
• BAPTISMS	Worship Area
• COOKING OUT OF THE PANTRY	3PM Atrium

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, July 30th/31st



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

Scripture Readings for July 31st, 2022



- + Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23
- + Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
- + Luke 12:13-21

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.

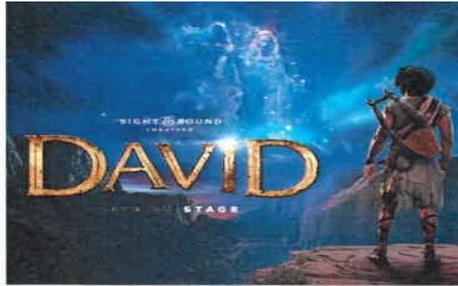
DUCKS' GAME—TICKET UPDATE

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.

Special Collection

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

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

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LITURGY BYTES

July Saints



This week, let us look at the life of Mary Magdalene, another July saint. Mary of Magdala, as she was known, is one of the greatest saints of the Bible and a legendary example of God's mercy and grace. The precise dates of her birth and death are unknown, but what we do know is she was present during Christ's public ministry, death, and resurrection. She is mentioned almost a dozen times in the Gospels. Mary Magdalene also had a reputation for being an immoral person. However, it is important to know that this idea is not supported in the Scriptures. The Gospels do agree that she was a sinful person. Jesus even cast seven demons out of her when he met her. However, after this she became a follower and brought several women associated with her to meet and follow Our Lord.

Another debate that has surfaced is - ***Could Mary Magdalene be the unnamed woman who washed the feet of Jesus with her hair as we read in John's Gospel?***

The scholars are skeptical about this, I might add. Despite the disputes about her background, she changed after meeting Jesus, and this gives us the example of how no one is beyond the saving grace of God. She was believed to be part of the entourage who travelled with Jesus and his disciples. It is most likely she watched the crucifixion from a distance, but she was present when he rose from the dead. She visited his tomb to anoint the body and found the stone rolled away with Jesus sitting in the place where his body had been laid. She is actually the first witness to His resurrection. After Christ ascended to heaven, she remained among the early Christians but was punished and exiled because of her faith. She landed somewhere in southern France and remained there until her death. Her feast day is July 22nd. She is the patroness of converts, repentant sinners, women, and contemplative life.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS ED



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!

PARISH OUTREACH

Free health screenings

Parish of the Holy Cross

Wednesday, July 27, 2022 10 am- 2 pm

Mobile Outreach Bus



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

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



PARISH OUTREACH

School Supplies Program 2022

Once again, we will be collecting backpacks and gift cards for our Outreach families. The gift cards will enable our Outreach families to shop for supplies and sneakers for their children.

We hope you can support this effort by donating backpacks, gift cards to Walmart, Kohl's or Target, or by making a monetary donation to help us meet this need. Please **write the amount of the gift card** on the face of each card. Checks made out to **Holy Cross Outreach** can be put in a plain envelope and marked for **"School Supplies."** All donations may be dropped into our **schoolhouse** in the Atrium or placed in our weekly collection basket. Backpacks can be placed in the box marked **"Backpacks."**

We will be collecting donations the weekends of July 30/31, August 6/7 and August 13/14.

Thank you for the many ways you continue to reach out to those struggling to make ends meet in this very difficult time.



We encourage any members of the community who are in need of help with school supplies to call Parish Outreach at 631-265-2200 ext. 113.



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

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.



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

Our **Holy Cross Blood Drive** will take place on Wednesday, September 21st, from 2:30 PM to 8:30 PM. You need 56 days between blood donations, so the last date to donate at another drive or location and be eligible to donate at our Blood Drive is July 26th.

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!



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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