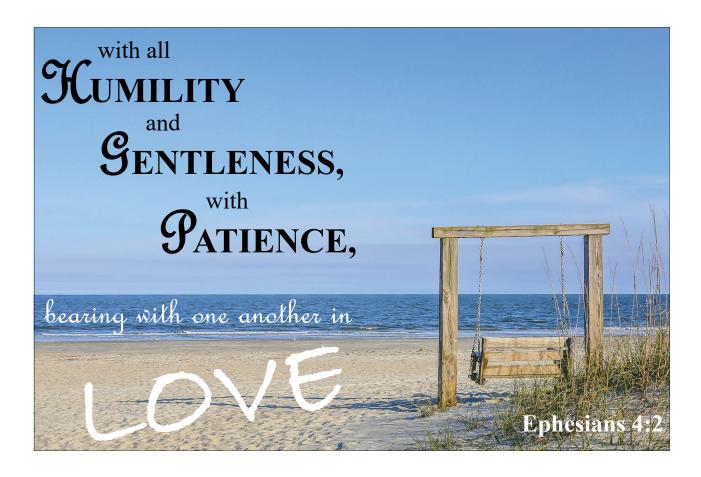
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00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 **Remembering Our Sick**

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

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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.

Peter Warns

Thu. 00

Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of July 25th, 9AM Mass

Mon. Victor Lamarque

Jacqueline Fini (living) Tue. Maureen O'Malley (living) Wed.

Thomas F. Dunn

Saturday, July 31st, 5PM Mass

Christopher Cotter, Lucy Blass, Catherine Adamo, Jose Manuel Arnoso, Michael McGinn

Sunday, August 1st, 18th Sunday-Ordinary Time

People of the Parish 8:00 AM

9:30 AM Thomas Swenson, Lucia Vitale Traino,

Illia Gilmore, Teresa Wenz, Lorraine

Serio

11:30 AM Rose Zizzi

Scripture Readings for August 1, 2021



- + Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
- + Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
- + John 6:24-35

A MISADVENTURE IN THE CATSKILLS

by Father Michael

The writing of this article is sandwiched between my returning from a few days away with some priest friends and my departing with the Travel Club to New Hampshire. I was hard pressed to think of what to write, so I share this silly story that took place last week.

We were staying in a house in the Pawling, New York, area not far from the Catskill Mountains. Although none of us had ever vacationed in the Catskills, we recalled that it was a popular vacation destination for decades. There were dozens of resorts that offered activities, relaxation and even "headliners." We started looking online for information about these old resorts. It was fascinating to look up their history. We recalled a catchy jingle for the Nevele and were able to find that on YouTube.

By the end of the 90s, most of these resorts were closed or were well past their prime. It seems that when many of them closed, the owners just locked the doors and walked away. Hotels towers, dance halls, recreational facilities just sat there fully furnished but neglected and forgotten. Vandals, fires and occasional redevelopment removed some of them from the map, but some are still there.

In particular, the Nevele is essentially untouched. And it seems that access to the grounds is quite easy. So this put an idea in my head to go visit the old resort. (By the way, folklore has it that Charles Slutsky, the founder of the resort, referenced his eleven children in naming the resort. If you spell eleven backwards you get Nevele!) And so on Wednesday morning I put on my adventure hat. I was determined not to be climbing any fences or even entering any of the buildings. I just would have loved to see the old grounds. So off I went on my 60-mile journey.

About halfway there I suddenly had a sour feeling in my stomach, and I started sweating. I stopped in hopes of feeling better, but I didn't. At that point it was clear, my mission had come to an abrupt end. The 30 miles back was a slow and tedious drive as I felt quite queasy. The motion of the car was making me feel worse, so I made several stops to regain composure. At one of the breaks a very nice State Trooper stopped to see if I needed help. I was not feeling great, but I was not having a medical emergency. Eventually, I made it safely back to the house. Whatever it was went away after about five hours of sleep. One of my friends suggested I was struck with the curse of the Nevele.

Sometimes plans for great adventures come together as expected. Other times they go out the window and you deal with what is before you. This was not a defining experience of life, but I'm glad I tried it. God's Spirit is woven into all we do. Be open to the Spirit and the paths it may lead you down. Happy Adventures!

PARISH NEWS

Meetings this Week

Sunday, July 25th 1 PM

• BAPTISMS Worship Area

Tuesday, July 27th 10 AM

• IN STITCHES Fr. Joe Room

Wednesday, *July 28th* 11:30AM-2:30PM

• SENIORS Atrium

• BAPTISM PREP 7:30PM Worship Area

Sunday, August 1st After 9:30 Mass

• ANOINTING OF THE SICK Worship Area

<u>Celebrants for Next Weekend's</u> <u>Masses, July 31/August 1</u>



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

Banns of Marriage-First Time

Giulia Fini & Michael Hadity

Second Time

Amanda Luisi & Francis Abbate



Attention Religious Education Families— Registration is Now Open!

Secure your child's spot in the program by registering now. We currently have a waiting list of families who are anxious to join our program, but we want to place our current students first. Go to www.holycrossrc.org and choose the "forms" page under Religious Education. We will send you the link for our online form or you can print the forms from this site.





The **Bread and Wine** for the week July 25-31 have been donated in loving memory of **Anthony LaVeglia & family**

by Carmela Volpe & Anthony LaVeglia, Jr.

Special Collection

This weekend we will also be collecting for **Regional School Support**. Our children are our greatest natural resource! Thank you for your support of this important collection!

A Message from Parish Outreach

Pope Francis has established the fourth Sunday of July as the annual World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. This day honors the important role of grandparents in passing on the faith and reminding us to show them, in a tangible way, that they are loved and remembered. The theme for this year is "I am always with you." This July 25th we are reminded to focus on the closeness of God with the aged, and to celebrate the closeness of intergenerational family ties. Remember to "Cherish a Senior" today and every day!

LITURGY BYTES

Sts. Joachim & Anne (Jesus' Grandparents)

This Monday, July 26th, the Church celebrates Sts. Joachim and Anne, the parents of our Blessed Mother and the grandparents of Jesus. As we reflect on the legacy of Anne and Joachim, let us look at the vital role played by all grandparents in completing



the family unit and nurturing the faith of future generations. As we have seen in today's world, grandparents have taken a vital part in the training of their grandchildren to know about our Catholic faith. After all, Joachim and Anne cultivated in their daughter, Mary, a love for God, preparing her for her role in the life of Jesus.

Pope Francis has remarked about Joachim and Anne in these words: "In their home, Mary came into the world, accompanied by the extraordinary mystery of the Immaculate Conception." It was quite evident that the home Mary grew up in was one of love and faith. Saints Joachim and Anne were part of a long chain of people who had transmitted their faith and love for God, expressed in the warmth and love of family life, down to Mary who received the Son of God and gave him to the world and to us.

I am thinking today about the role of grandparents as a receptacle of wisdom and history for families. The experience of faith and life in general has enriched their judgment, making them invaluable sources of counsel for our younger generations. Very simply, grandparents remember the heritage of the family and share it with those they love. Does this remind you of someone in your life?

As the Church celebrates the gifts of both grandparents and seniors this weekend, let us take a moment to realize the importance of grandparents in family life for passing on the human and religious heritage which is so essential for society.

Perhaps, let us remember how important it is to have intergenerational exchanges and dialogue, especially within the context of the family. Children and the older members of society build the future of all people: children because they lead history forward, seniors because they transmit the experience and wisdom of their lives. This relationship and dialogue between generations is a treasure to be preserved, strengthened and celebrated.

Have a blessed, healthy, and safe week!!~~ Michele Hahn

~~~ ST. ANNE & ST. JOACHIM ~~~
PRAY FOR US!

# **PARISH OUTREACH**

# School Supplies Program 2021

Once again, due to the coronavirus situation and our concern for the safety of all, we will not be collecting school supplies. We will, however, be supplying our Outreach families with backpacks and gift cards to use when shopping for supplies and sneakers for their children.

We hope you can support this effort by donating backpacks, gift cards to 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 mailed directly to Parish Outreach at 95 Nichols Road, Nesconset, NY 11767. Backpacks can be left on or under the same table.

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.





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# **PARISH OUTREACH**

## Outreach Community Vegetable Garden

Our Community Vegetable Garden and its volunteers are thriving. After a cleanup, planting, and now maintenance, our volunteers are still working diligently to share the garden's bounty with those we serve at Outreach. Many thanks for all their hard work and dedication! If interested in being a part of this wonderful ministry, please contact JoEllen at 631-360-1373.





# **NEWS FROM PARISH OUTREACH**

#### Long Island

### alzheimer's $\Omega$ 5 association

# **Caregiver Support** Groups



#### Nassau

#### Albertson

1:30-3 p.m. Every fourth Thursday of the month via Zoom

#### Long Beach/Lake Ronkonkoma

6-7 p.m. Every third Tuesday of the month via Zoom

#### Merrick/Farmingdale

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Every second Monday of the month via Zoom

#### Oceanside/Valley Stream

4-5:30 p.m. Every fourth Tuesday of the month via Zoom

**Sharing your** experiences with others who understand can help everyone who participates. Our support groups are free and open to the public. Contact the Alzheimer's Association to learn how to participate at 800.272.3900.

#### **Specialty Groups**

#### Adult Children

10-11:30 am Every second Thursday of the month via Zoom

#### Millennials

7-8:30 p.m. Every third Wednesday of the month via Zoom

#### **LGBT Caregivers**

3:30-4:30 p.m. Every second Thursday of the month via Zoom

#### Spouses

10-11:30 a.m. Every second Friday of the month via Zoom

#### Spouses of Younger Onset

10:30 a.m. to Noon Every third Friday of the month via Zoom

#### Early Stage

1:30-3 p.m. Every second Thursday of the month via Zoom

#### Middle Stage

Noon to 1:30 p.m. Every first Thursday of the month via Zoom

#### Late Stage

1:30-3 p.m. Every first Tuesday of the month via Zoom

Late Stage Noon to 1:30 p.m. Every third Thursday

#### Suffolk

#### Amityville/Patchogue

6-7:30 p.m. Every third Thursday of the month via Zoom

#### Bohemia

10-11:30 a.m. Last Friday of the month via Zoom

#### East Hampton

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Every second Tuesday of the month via Zoom

#### Greenport

2-3 p.m. Every second Tuesday of the month via Zoom

#### Greenport

2-3 p.m. Every fourth Tuesday of the month via Zoom

#### Manorville

10-11:30 a.m. Every fourth Tuesday of the month via Zoom

#### Port Jefferson

1-2:30 p.m. Every first Wednesday of the month via Zoom

#### Riverhead

Noon to 1:30 p.m. Every third Wednesday of the month via Zoom

#### Ronkonkoma

6-7:30 p.m. Every second Monday of the month via Zoom

#### Smithtown

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every first Monday of the month via Zoom

#### West Islip

6:30-8 p.m. Every first Wednesday of the month via Zoom



These groups are supported in part by a grant from the New York State Department of Health.

# **NEWS FROM PARISH OUTREACH**





NY Project Hope
Coping with COVID

# **July & August**

**Mondays** 

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2-3pm

Wednesdays

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# 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 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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