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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!

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 3, 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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Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 4 PM (closed 12:15 - 1 PM)

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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
Kathy Barry
Ann Callari
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Ralph Farino
Robert Gann
Diane Jones
Kristen Kennedy
Roberta Lamb
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Liam Richards
Joseph Santamaria
Celeste Sichenze
Chase Turano
Danny Youngworth

Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of July 3rd, 2022, 9AM Mass

Mon. Rosa Fini Sullivan (living)
Tue. Jake Hafker (living)
Wed. Michael Hadity (living)
Thu. Str. Rosaleen Scheller (living)

Saturday, July 9th, 5 PM Mass

Anthony Fasano, Geraldine Rizzo, Vincent Pelliccio, Patrick Tardo, Richard Motschenbacher, Agnes White

Sunday, July 10th, 15th Sun. in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Joseph & Josephine D'Esposito
11:30 AM Vincenzo Baratta, Danielle Kirrane, Catherine Curran, Frank Mancini, Nick Lombardo, Dominick Pizzurro



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.

BLESSED TO BE AT HOME

by Father Michael

I'm writing this on Wednesday morning. Traditionally, this (the last Wednesday of June) is "moving day" for all priests in our Diocese who are changing assignments. Many of you remember Fr. John Sureau. He spent his first six months as a newly ordained priest here in 2012. This year he is moving from being pastor at St. John the Evangelist in Center Moriches to St. Brigid in Westbury. You will remember the extraordinary energy, creativity and pastoral care John brought to his ministry. Although he is flexible and has a great attitude, this is still a difficult move for him. Please keep him in your prayers.

As you know, priests coming and going are part of the fabric of life in our Diocese. While we know it is part of the "deal," it is never easy to make these transitions when they happen. I know it will be hard for me when my day comes, which is probably three years from now. When worry and dread kick in, it creates a lot of negative energy which is not terribly helpful. There is much greater life and joy in rejoicing in the good that is before us. Living in the present moment is much richer than living in the fear of what might be. Jesus said "be not afraid" a whole bunch of times; he knew what was in the hearts of so many.

Moments of gratitude come about in various circumstances. Sometimes it is great celebration or something profound. Other times it is doing something routine or quite ordinary, and we realize even then we are blessed. Most of the time the content of these articles does not come to mind in front of my computer screen. Tuesday evening in the fading minutes of twilight I was trimming a shrub in my yard. I had an overwhelming sense of how fortunate I am. I am in a beautiful place, surrounded by many good and holy people. Being here at home is a great blessing which offers life in abundance.

I was delighted with our Welcome to Summer barbeque last Sunday. In total, about 100 parishioners attended the gathering on the front lawn of my house. It was a picture perfect Sunday afternoon. Please take note of the many pictures in today's bulletin. They are even clearer if you go on our parish website holycrossrc.org. Even though it was a "simple gathering," just hamburgers and hot dogs, an event like this takes abundant planning and work. Shopping, setting up, decorating, grilling, serving, clean-up, and overall organization of the event are essential if it is going to be a success. Thank you to all the helping hands who made it such a wonderful gathering. In particular, I would like to express my gratitude to Kelley Mowat, our Director of Parish Outreach for coordinating the entire undertaking. She did an outstanding job in offering this afternoon of fun and fellowship for our community. Many thanks!

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, July 2nd	3:45 - 4:45 PM
• HOLY HOUR	Worship Area
Sunday, July 3rd	After 9:30 Mass
• ANOINTING OF THE SICK	Worship Area
Monday, July 4th	9 AM
• MORNING MASS	Worship Area
<i>(The Parish Office is closed for Independence Day.)</i>	
Tuesday, July 5th	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
Thursday, July 7th	
• STAFF DAY	
<i>(The Parish Office is closed for Staff Day.)</i>	
Sunday, July 10th	1 PM
• BAPTISMS	Worship Area

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, July 9th/10th



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

Scripture Readings for July 10th, 2022



+ Deuteronomy 30:10-14
 + Colossians 1:15-20
 + Luke 10:25-37



Banns of Marriage

Third Time

Sara Makowski & Salvatore Caldarello
 Allison Lamardo & Michael Mendola



Pray for Our Military

SPC(E-4) David Basler
 Cpl Richard J. DeKanchuk, USMC
 FC2 Lane Dyar
 AS Brandon Ferrara
 MIDN Jonathan A. Goohs Jr., USNA
 WO Christopher Kaminsky
 Sgt Michael J. Knipper, USMC
 SSGT Ryan Mauldin
 PFC Ryan McCoy, USMC
 Lt Ryan Montvydas
 Cpl Michael Palagonia, USMC

We thank the men and women who serve in our military for their service. We will continue to pray for them through 2022.

Please let us know if their service is finished, their title has changed, or you would like continued prayers through 2023. May God bless all who serve our nation. Pray for Peace!



Holy Baptism

*Holy Cross Welcomes
 These Children
 Baptized in June*

Hadley Blake Bihn
Isaiah Michael Fallica
Michael James Gill
Sebastian Islam
Sutton Angelina Keller
Grayson Salvatore Kolln
Sullivan Jane Leonard
Layla Collette Mastrangelo
Adam Joseph Nocerino
Addison Nicolette Smith
Riley Jennifer Stoever

The Parish Office is closed on July 4th for the

Independence Day holiday.

There is a 9 AM Mass on July 4th.



The Parish Office is closed on Thursday, July 7th, for Staff Day.

PARISH NEWS



We remember and pray
for the following
Holy Cross parishioners who
passed away recently:

Shirley Anderson
Mary Bates
Dorothy DeSantis
Michael J. O'Donnell
Vincent P. Pereira
Fred Polik
Andrew Pugliese

May they rest in peace,
and may their loved ones be consoled.

Anointing of the Sick

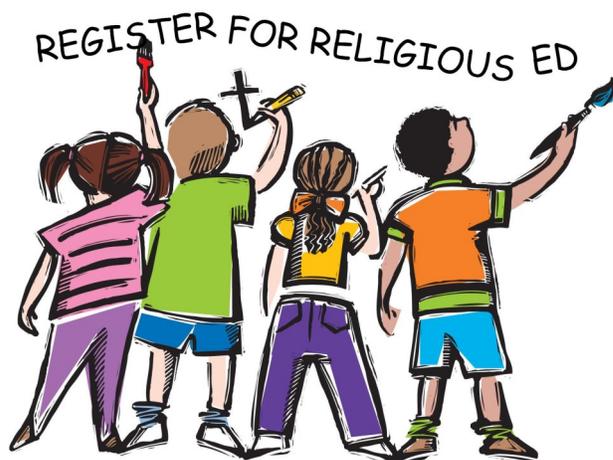
You are strongly encouraged to receive this Sacrament if you are having upcoming surgery, are dealing with a chronic or debilitating illness, are suffering from addiction, mental health issues or frailty.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is offered after the 9:30 AM Mass this **Sunday, July 3rd.**

Special Collection

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

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 Travel Club presents:

9/11 MEMORIAL & MUSEUM



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

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.



WHAT FUN WE HAD!

On Sunday, June 26th, we welcomed in summer with a parish barbeque. Below are some pictures (thanks to Frank Mondo), and you can find more on our parish website!





PARISH OUTREACH

Holy Cross Blood Drive

If you are interested in chairing or co-chairing the Blood Drive, please contact Kelley in Outreach. We would like to continue being a part of the good work that New York Blood Services does here on Long Island. To make that happen we need your help. Please consider being a part of this wonderful ministry.

Thank you!

A Message from Parish Outreach

If you know of a house, an apartment, or a room to rent in the Nesconset/Ronkonkoma area, please contact Outreach at 631-265-2200 ext. 113. Thank you!



Parish Outreach Community Garden

The Outreach Garden Committee would like to thank all the volunteers who assisted in the Outreach garden clean-up and planting on 6/4/22.

We are very excited about the pumpkins, gourds and decorative corn that we planted. Thank you again for all your hard work and support. We appreciate all your help with the garden!

The Outreach Garden Committee



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):

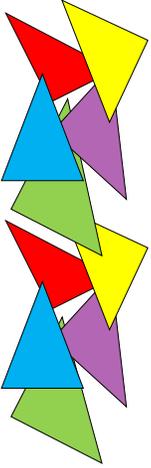
- Brief cardiac history
- Blood pressure screening
- BMI screening
- Simple blood test for cholesterol and glucose
- Health education
- Referrals as needed
- Resources for those without insurance

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Wednesday July 27,2022 10 am- 2 pm

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PARISH OUTREACH

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** (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. 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!

PARISH NEWS

Holy Cross parishioner Brendan Tesone, a Boy Scout from Troup 349, held a clean-up on June 18th. Here are some pictures of his finished project!



COMMUNITY NEWS

Maria Regina
Life-giving Care Center
1725 Brentwood Road, Bldg. 1
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Maria Regina Residence, at 1725 Brentwood Road, Brentwood, is a 188-bed Skilled Nursing Facility currently under the care of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

They are seeking compassionate, dedicated men and women who are willing to volunteer their time and talent in various service areas (usually for one or two mornings or afternoons/week). Current priority needs include transporting residents in their wheelchairs within the building, serving as visitors or Eucharistic Ministers, helping in the gift shop and more. Is the Holy Spirit calling YOU?

For more information, please contact Sister Mary Sheppard, CSJ, and leave contact information at 631-299-3288. Prayerfully and thankfully, they look forward to hearing from you and will respond on the next scheduled office day.

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

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM



"Freedom is a gift and a personal responsibility."
- Pope Francis

**July 4, 1776 -
A Free Nation is Born**

www.cffor.org

The First Great Awakening, a religious revival begun in the 1740s, infused the American colonists with a zeal for independence in religious practice as well as government, thus reinforcing the principle of freedom from religious persecution and for religious freedom, that brought the first settlers to America.

After almost a year of trying to resolve their differences with Britain concerning many grievances, together with taxation without representation (the colonists had no say in the decisions of the English Parliament even though they were English citizens), in May 1776, the 13 colonies sent delegates to the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia. After nearly two months of prayer, discussion and debate, these "Founders" approved the **Declaration of Independence**, drafted by Thomas Jefferson.

"We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."

"Religious thinking, religious questioning and religious faith permeated the Revolution and the Founding," wrote world history author, H. McDougal. "The American cause was profoundly religious for Protestants and Deists alike because both identified America's future with a Providential (God) design."⁽¹⁾

"Samuel Adams was the archetype of the religiously passionate American founder ... an apostle of liberty ... a man of deep religious conviction whose confidence, zeal, and endurance in the struggle for freedom was grounded in belief that an intervening God was on his side," said history professor S. Still.⁽²⁾

(*The Faith of Our Fathers*, by Alf Mapp⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾;
str.org; lehraminstitute.org; hnp.org)

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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Address _____
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