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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 of Ordinary Time - July 7, 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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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
Alejandro Astegiano	Jo Barry
Kathy Barry	Barbara Bombace
Cole Brennan	Dan Bryan
Ann Callari	Judy Carlson
William Ciccarelli	Jason DeLuca
Manuela Diaz	Ann Egan
Vincent Esposito	Ralph Farino
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Sean Romeo	Elaine Ruane
Casey Schultz	Kathy Schwinn
Barbara Sherry	Celeste Sichenze
Tracy Southard	Bill Tanner
Grace Van Epps	Peter Warns

Upcoming Mass Intentions

Week of Sunday, July 7, 9AM Masses

Mon. Florence Barrett
Tue. Anthony Fasano, Danielle Kirrane
Wed. Joseph Fanuele
Thu. Erik DiOrio



Saturday, July 13th, 5 PM Mass

Ann Keena, Judy Keena, Elisa Keena, Ray Henry,
Marie Guarino

Sunday, July 14th, 15th Sun. in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Josephine D'Esposito, Joseph
D'Esposito, Dominick Pizzurro, James
Penzavecchia, Ed Boden
11:30 AM James Pickel

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.

PONDERING POISON IVY

by Father Michael

As you may recall, there is a small fish pond at my house. It has been about three years since I have had any fish in the pond. (And, I am not looking to start a new family.) During that time Mother Nature decided she would like to claim back that piece of the yard. All kinds of plants and ivy have surrounded it and are growing furiously. It has become a mega-resort for mosquitoes. One of my projects for the summer is to reclaim the pond. I already drained it, pulled out the leaves and branches, and shoveled out several inches of muck from the bottom. I'm trying to cut back the wave of vegetation that is taking over, but dang there is a lot of poison ivy in there. Why is there poison ivy? If it had monetary value, we would be in grand shape. I'm sure in God's divine wisdom there is some reason for it, but it sure as heck complicates life. I've been careful, and so far I am scratch-free (fingers crossed).

Fr. Richard Rohr is a Franciscan priest who has written abundantly about the spiritual life. He has been a great source in my own spiritual formation, and many of his thoughts are reflected in my preaching. The book that has provided the deepest insight for me is entitled "The Universal Christ." One of his themes centers around incarnation. This is an idea that is often raised during the Christmas season when we proclaim that God took on human flesh and dwelt among us. Jesus is of course the most profound gift of God's presence. Fr. Rohr's premise is that it is not the only experience of revelation. He says it begins with the very story of creation, that God's grace was first revealed in all that he made in the earth and sky. The very awareness of creation can put us in union with God.

The more we can be aware of that ever-going reminder, the more our life is enrooted and grounded in God. Each day we can be reminded of this miracle and gift. The chirping birds begin their song of praise even before the sun is up. As I walked over to the office early in the morning to write this article, the sky was electrified with an array of orange and pink streaks. The night before, I was smiling at the fireflies. How do they work, and where do they hide all winter? I don't recommend you go out hunting down poison ivy in your yard. But I do invite you to allow the summer season to be filled with simple but profound reminders of the presence and grace of God.

Also, on this extended holiday weekend, pray for our nation. We have so many gifts and freedoms, but it feels as though we have gone astray in using well what we have received. May we seek a path to greater unity, and may we pray for wise leaders to govern the people.

Anointing of the Sick will take place after the 9:30 Mass this weekend.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, July 6th	3:45 - 4:45 PM
• HOLY HOUR	Worship Area
Sunday, July 7th	After 9:30 Mass
• ANOINTING OF THE SICK	Worship Area
• BAPTISMS	1PM Worship Area
Tuesday, July 9th	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
Wednesday, July 10th	3 - 7:30 PM
• BLOOD DRIVE	Atr., Fr. Joe Rm.
Sunday, July 14th	9:30 Mass
• BAPTISM GATHERING	Wor. Ar., FJ Rm.
• VBS SETUP	After 11:30 Mass All Areas

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, July 13th/14th



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

Scripture Readings for July 14, 2024



- + Amos 7:12-15
- + Ephesians 1:3-14
- + Mark 6:7-13



Banns of Marriage

Breanna Erato & Anthony Longo

The Bread and Wine for the week July 6th-13th have been donated in loving memory of Vincent, Peter & Marie Gallo by Angie Gallo.



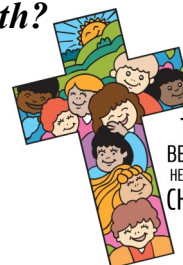
Help Wanted: Religious Education Volunteers

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

Eucharistic Prayer



One of the longest prayers at Mass is known as the Eucharistic Prayer. For most of the prayer, we are kneeling. I thought it important to point out the many sections of this prayer in the hope of assisting us in the beauty of the prayer and our part in it. For the next few weeks, we will examine the various sections with the hope that we may find it easier to pay attention to what is happening at every Mass. I do hope it is a helpful and an enjoyable topic.

INTRODUCTORY DIALOGUE: The Eucharistic Prayer begins with an ancient dialogue of the Church. The priest says, “The Lord be with you,” and we offer in return, “And with your spirit.” The priest then says, “Lift up your hearts.” This, of course, doesn’t mean that we are supposed to lift up our bodily hearts. In the ancient world, the heart was the core of one’s affections, one’s desires, one’s very will. To lift up a heart, as the prayer states, means to give over everything that we have to God. It means to leave behind, for a moment, the troubles of your life and the world, and enter into the grace of heaven. We are asked to give our memories (actually everything about us) entirely over to God. So, we pray, “We lift them up to the Lord.” We say that because we know that God’s vision is that of love. We realize and know that we need an encounter with the healing mercy of heaven which needs to dwell here on earth. The dialogue continues with the priest inviting us to give thanks to the Lord. Our response sounds strange—“It is right and just.” Actually, that response comes from the Roman court. It is more like a pledge than a simple yes: *I promise to lift up my heart, to let it be transformed, so that wherever I go it is full of love for the Lord!*

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

PARISH NEWS

Special Collection

Next 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 "Goodbye 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!

Thank You for Your Generosity!

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631-838-3859

for their generous offer to prepare,
free of charge,
the grounds in the back of the church for our
future patio and garden.



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

Parish of the Holy Cross

Blood Drive

Wednesday, July 10th, 2024

3:00pm to 7:30pm

95 Old Nichols Rd, Nesconset

Last weekend to Sign up before or
after mass at the sign-up table!

Your donation will help to **save up to THREE lives**. Our
community hospitals need your help. Please share this
lifesaving gift!

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Eligibility Criteria:

- Bring you Blood Donor Card or ID with signature or photo.
- Minimum weight 110 lbs. or more.
- Age 16 - 75 (under 17 must have parental permission).
- Age 76 or over needs a doctors note
- Eat well (low fat) & drink fluids
- No tattoos for past 3 months

For questions concerning medical eligibility call 1-800-688-0900 - M-F 9am-5pm
www.nybc.org.

To schedule an appointment or for further information please contact:
Marianne Nawrocki-Caruso - 631-428-4117
Walk-ins 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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9am- 2pm

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PARISH NEWS



Pray for Our Military

SSGT David Basler
Cpl Brian S. Brophy Jr., USMC
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 2024. Please let us know if their service is finished or their title has changed.

May God bless all who serve our nation.
Pray for Peace!

Low-Gluten Hosts

For parishioners who have Celiac Disease or a gluten sensitivity, Holy Cross has low-gluten hosts. If you would like to receive a low-gluten host during Communion, please inform the Sacristan prior to Mass.

Hearing Devices

For parishioners who have difficulty hearing, Holy Cross has individual devices which can amplify sound. They are simple to use and work for those who wear hearing aids and those who do not. If you are interested in using one of these devices, please see the Sacristan or an Usher prior to Mass.



Holy Baptism

*Holy Cross
Welcomes These
Children Baptized in
June*

**Julianna Rae Antola
Maria Monroe Boccabella
Nathan Vincent Brett
Kora Haley Coccorese
Arabella Maressa D'Orazio
Dustin Salvatore Onishea
Daisy Blake Palagonia
Nicholas Robert Perez
Aviana Rose Piccola
Giovanni Jesse Piccola
Matthew Vincent Schiotis
Olivia Michelle Schneck
Daniel Joseph Superina**



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

*William Boucher
Joseph Cloonan
Sophie Corso
Dennis Derleth
James A. McMenemon*

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

Remember "Kevin Bacon"

Don't forget to feed "Kevin Bacon" your quarters when you come to Mass on Sundays!

Your donation benefits
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"You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. That's how prayer works."

- Pope Francis

Our Parish Outreach programs provide essential food programs that nourish families, especially those needed during the summer months.

Summer is a wonderful time for youngsters who long for fun-in-the-sun activities and a break from the school year. Unfortunately for many families, summer can mean months of worry and hunger as kids lose access to healthy meals given at school. Food insecurity is real on Long Island. According to LI Cares, more than 200,000 families, almost 70,000 children, do not have access to sufficient food, or food of an adequate quality, to meet one's basic needs. As parents juggle the ongoing rising costs at the supermarket, gas pumps, housing, utilities and medical co-pays, they turn to the Parish Outreach to find relief.



"Working in Parish Social Ministry has taken my faith outside of the Church. It's an opportunity for me to dig deeper into faith and think of the humble servant. It's a gift for me to work here – it feeds my soul."

- Katie Spellman, Director of Parish Outreach
St. John the Evangelist, Center Moriches

Please make check payable to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

Name: _____ Parish: Parish of the Holy Cross-176

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Telephone number: Home _____ Cell: _____

Signature: _____

To make a donation, you can also visit <https://www.drvc.org/CMA/> or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

THANK YOU

Brochures are available on the bulletin table in the atrium.

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!

Summer Cash Sizzle

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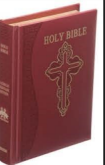
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