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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!

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 14, 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
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Bobby Alderdice
Jo Barry

Kathy Barry
Dan Bryan

Barbara Bombace
Ann Callari

Manuela Diaz

Ann Egan

Jim Emerson

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Mary Polik-Gunther

Carina Ranieri

David Reichbach

Liam Richards

Elaine Ruane

Joseph Santamaria

Barbara Sherry

Celeste Sichenze

Kyle Sweeney

Peter Warns

Danny Youngworth

Mass Intentions Schedule

Assumption of the BVM, Mon., Aug. 15th

9 AM Matthew Sullivan (living)

5 PM Bob DeFilippis



Week of August 14th, 2022, 9AM Mass

Tue. Vera E. Overton

Wed. Jack McCauley

Thu. Maureen Flynn

Saturday, August 20th, 5 PM Mass

Mauro Silva, Teresa Burton, Lynda Lauro, John Kolk, Bob Lawless

Sunday, August 21st, 21st Sun. in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Clara Lorentz

9:30 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM Nicholas Lombardo, Giacomo Federico, Lee Haner, Patricia Becker, Armand Bernagozzi

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.

HOPING FOR A SUPERFECTA

by Father Michael

I have never been to a racetrack. I have never bet on a horse race. But I understand that a superfecta is picking the horses that will finish in first, second, third, and fourth places. Not only do you have to pick the right horses, you have to pick the right order in which they cross the finish line. I imagine this is a difficult task to pull off, but if it happens you are rewarded abundantly.

The superfecta I am talking about has nothing to do with horses, but rather birds. There are a number of birds that I enjoy watching around my house. The most common ones are sparrows, robins, blue jays and cardinals. Although I see them individually, or maybe a pair of them, my hope is to see all four birds in one place at one time. There have been a few occasions when there was a trifecta, but I am holding out to see a superfecta. The more we can appreciate the miraculous show that Mother Nature continuously displays, the more we are reminded of God's blessings.

As good Catholics we are all familiar with the phrase "incarnation." It is a term that is most probably used around Christmas. That is the time when we celebrate that God took on human flesh and came among us in the form of a newborn baby. There is great truth to all of that. But there is also a school of thought that the birth of Jesus is not the only incarnation. It is just one form, although profound and unique. It can be said that the very first story of the scriptures, the story of creation from Genesis is the first incarnation. Admittedly, its meaning is changed a bit in terms of literally taking on flesh. But indeed each and every aspect of creation is a revelation of God's profound presence, from the formation of the skies to the tiniest creatures. That is not just true in the first creation at the beginning of time, but remains true in all of creation that surrounds us. The presence of God surrounds us in countless ways.

Will I ever see a superfecta of birds at my house? Who knows, and it really doesn't matter. However, keeping my eyes open and seeking out those little flying creatures is itself a "win." Too often the mystery and wonders of God's presence can be lost in our busyness. We pray that we may always be open to see that gift of God's presence in both the grand and spectacular as well as in the small and gentle. Look around and see the many ways in which God's grace is revealed.

Monday is the Feast of the Assumption. Because it falls on a Monday there is no obligation to attend Mass, but the holy day is still celebrated. Masses will be at 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 14th 11:30 AM Mass
 • DRESS A GIRL BLESSING Worship Area
 • BAPTISMS 1PM Worship Area

Monday, August 15th 9 AM & 5 PM
 • ASSUMPTION OF BVM MASSES Worship Area

Tuesday, August 16th 10 AM
 • IN STITCHES Fr. Joe Room

Wednesday, August 17th 7 PM
 • LITURGY TEAM Fr. Joe Room

Thursday, August 18th 7 PM
 • FALL FESTIVAL MEETING Fr. Joe Room

Sunday, August 21st 11:30 AM Mass
 • SHIPMANS' GOODBYE BLESSING Worship Area

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, August 20th/21st



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

Scripture Readings for August 21, 2022



+ Isaiah 66:18-21
 + Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
 + Luke 13:22-30



Banns of Marriage
Second Time
 Jaclyn Mahon & Jack Gannon

Masses for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary are as follows:.



Monday, August 15th, at 9 AM & 5 PM

A Farewell Blessing for the Shipmans!

Steve and Barbara Shipman are moving south to be closer to family. Join us as we say goodbye and wish them the very best in this new chapter of their lives!



**Sunday, August 21st,
 at the 11:30 Mass**

We will miss them dearly for they have truly been a blessing to Holy Cross!



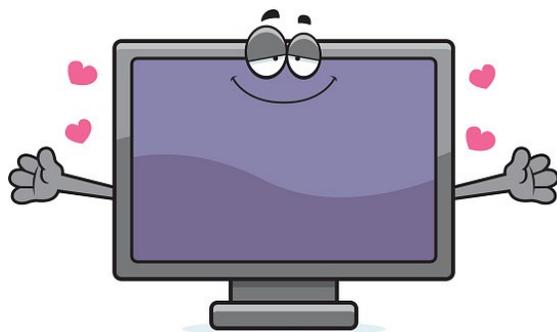
MINISTRY HELP NEEDED!

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.



**CALLING ALL
TECHIES & TECHIE
WANNABES!!**

**HCTV NEEDS
VOLUNTEERS TO RUN THE SLIDES FOR THE
5PM & 11:30AM MASSES!!**

No experience needed, we will train!
If interested, call or text Barbara Shipman at 631-813-9175.

PARISH NEWS

The Bread and Wine for the week August 13th - 20th have been donated in loving memory of Marie, Peter & Vincent Gallo by Angie Gallo.



This weekend, August 13/14, at the offertory we will also be collecting for our **Renovations and Major Repairs** fund. Thank you for your support of this collection!



LITURGY TEAM MEETING REMINDER---
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17TH,
AT 7 PM IN THE FR. JOE ROOM. IF UNABLE TO
ATTEND, PLEASE CONTACT MICHELE HALL.



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

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.

Remember "Kevin Bacon"

Don't forget to feed "Kevin Bacon" your quarters when you come to Mass on Sundays! Your donation benefits Heifer International.



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.

LITURGY BYTES

One More for July



St. Ignatius of Loyola's feast is celebrated on July 31st. He is the founder of the Society of Jesus, also known as the Jesuits. Our present Pope, Francis, is a Jesuit.

Ignatius was born in the year 1491 in Loiola, Spain. At that time the village was spelled Loyola—so, the reason Ignatius was referred to with that spelling. He died in 1556 and was canonized a saint on March 12, 1622, by Pope Gregory XV. He was born into wealth and even after the death of his mother, was still considered a member of local aristocracy. By the time he was 18, he became a soldier. He fought in several battles, earned himself recognition, and eventually commanded his own troops. He was severely injured and almost died from his wounds. One of his legs was amputated, and during his convalescence he read whatever books he could find. Most were on the lives of the saints and Christ which had a profound impact on him and helped him become more devout. He was particularly influenced by a book on the life of Christ which suggested a spiritual exercise that required visualization of oneself in the presence of Christ during various episodes of His life. This book inspired Ignatius' own spiritual exercises that are extremely popular today.

Ignatius desired to be a working servant of the Lord, especially to assist in converting people to Christianity. He realized that he needed an education if he wanted to convert people, and so he returned to Barcelona to learn Latin and other subjects. He earned a master's degree at the age of 44. Even though he wanted to attain a Doctorate, he was turned down because of his age.

The circle of friends and his followers went to Rome and presented themselves to the Pope and offered their service. Pope Paul III received the group and approved them as an official religious order in 1540. Ignatius was asked to be their first leader and called themselves the Society of Jesus. The order soon found their niche in education and established many schools. The order was responsible for stopping the spread of the Protestant reformation. They advocated the use of reason to persuade others and to combat heresy.

Today the order has numerous schools and universities around the globe founded in the name of Ignatius and the traditional Jesuit spirit. How many do you know?

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

PARISH OUTREACH

School Supplies Program 2022

BACK TO SCHOOL

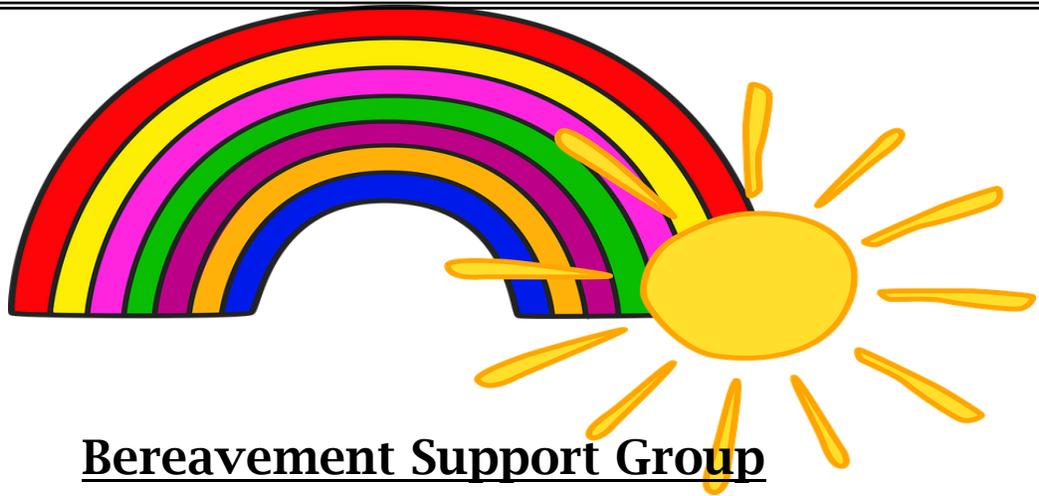
Monday, August 15th, will be the **last day** to donate toward this year's school supply program. This program ensures that our children start the school year well supplied.

Please remember to **MARK THE MONEY AMOUNT** on all **GIFT CARDS**. Cash donations, gift cards and backpacks can be dropped at our **SCHOOLHOUSE** in the atrium or brought directly to the Outreach Office.

Thank you once again for your generous donations to this important program!



PARISH OUTREACH



Bereavement Support Group

Losing a loved one is painful for anyone. How we cope is as unique as our fingerprints. It can be experienced as losing the ability to see the beautiful colors in a rainbow. Our world seems so gray.

Making the time to listen to others dealing with grief enables us to begin to see the colors once again. This also allows us to share our stories and gain from others new ways to move forward.

*This Bereavement Group is for anyone dealing with grief.
All are welcome.*

We will meet for six Thursdays beginning September 8th and 15th from 1:30 to 3:30 PM. No meeting September 22nd. We resume on September 29th, October 6th, 13th, and the last day is October 20th.

If you have any interest in joining, please register as soon as possible by calling Holy Cross Outreach at 631-265-2200 ext. 113.

“Come to me, all who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you.”

Matthew 11:28

PARISH OUTREACH



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 was July 26th.

We are still looking for volunteers for our sign-up table at the 5 PM, 8 AM and 9:30 AM Masses on the weekend of September 17/18. If you are able to volunteer some time, please call the Outreach Office at 631-265-2200 ext. 113. Thank you!

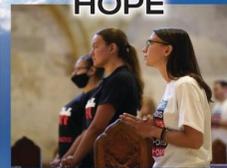
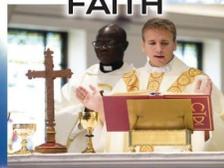
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& LOVE



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– Pope Francis

Here is an update on the status of the Appeal here at Holy Cross:

<u>Goal</u>	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Over (Under)</u>	<u># of Donors</u>	<u>% of Goal</u>
\$76,700.00	\$43,719.00	(\$32,981.00)	184	57%

When payments reach 100% of our goal, we receive a rebate of 20% or \$15,340. Please help your community and your parish by supporting the CMA!

Every gift counts and makes a difference in the lives of others! THANK YOU!!

Make checks payable to: **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

Parish Parish of the Holy Cross-176 Pledge: \$_____

Name _____ Down payment: \$_____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

To donate, you can also visit drvc.org/CMA or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296 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!

Summer Cash Sizzle

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