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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!

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 8/15/21

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:

Ada Agugliaro	Celeste Babi
Kathy Barry	Patricia Becker
Barbara Bombace	Ann Callari
Manuela Diaz	Ann Egan
Jim Emerson	Sienna Fricke
Jeanne Gallo	Bob Grieco
Debbie Jablinowski	Diane Jones
Gerald Losquadro	Charlotte Lynch
Michael Maroney	Olivia Melia
Liam Richards	Joseph Santamaria
Barbara Sherry	David Velkas
Doreen Velkas	Judy Viskupic

Peter Warns

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.

Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of August 15th, 9AM Mass

Mon. Jake & Max Hafker (both living)
Tue. Carolina Frantellizzi
Wed. Maureen O'Malley (living)
Thu. John Fini (living)



Saturday, August 21st, 5PM Mass

Robert A. Sosko, Jane O'Donnell, Polina Leitgeb, Dorothy Evans, Margaret Peterson

Sunday, August 22nd, 21st Sun. in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Daniel A. Nolan
9:30 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Frank DeMarco, Greg Sill, Elsie Lane, Philip Graziose, Biagio Chirafisi

Scripture Readings for August 22, 2021



+ *Joshua 24:1-2, 15-17, 18*
+ *Ephesians 5:21-32*
+ *John 6:60-69*

THE IDES OF AUGUST

by Father Michael

Because of vacation schedules and bulletin deadlines, this article was written a few weeks ago.

In March of 2020, when the pandemic was dramatically unfolding, the Diocese suspended the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. During the midst of the crisis, it was a wise decision to make. The obligation is now reinstated this weekend. We certainly hope everyone returns to our Sunday celebrations. But there are some folks whose circumstances make that impossible to do at this time. It is important that individuals make wise and prudent decisions based on the circumstances of their lives. (We will continue to livestream our daily Mass and 11:30 Sunday Mass.)

Thank you to Justin Weisberg who completed his Eagle Scout project a few weeks ago. He installed railings along the walkway closest to our handicapped parking. This is a useful addition as folks will have something to hold onto for greater security as they walk. This will be particularly useful in the winter months when things may get slippery.

You would think the work of the Church involves planning baptisms and blessing rosary beads, which it does. But there is a wide array of issues that comes along that we need to address. The most recent issue to come across our desks that we need to comply with is from New York State. It is called the HERO Act. (Don't ask me why it is called that.) Every business and workplace has to develop a written plan to address any future airborne infectious disease outbreaks. The paperwork involved is complicated, but it is a relatively simple plan. We need to outline things like social distancing, mask usage, basic health questions answered by employees on a daily basis, etc. Essentially, it is everything we did to get through the COVID crisis. Once we have that written plan we will file it appropriately, tuck it away on a shelf and, hopefully, never have to use it again.

Thank you to all who supported our Back-to-School program. The supplies and gift cards will be distributed to our families this week. The monetary donations to this program were amazing. Gestures like this are greatly appreciated by the recipients.

Our Community Garden is in full bloom. It was a tough season for the pepper crop, but cucumbers, zucchini, green beans, and tomatoes are doing well. We are grateful to our handful of "green thumbs" who continue to care for the garden.

We now head into the final stretch of summer vacation. It's not too late to get a few of those things on your list accomplished. Enjoy.

PARISH NEWS

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, August 21st/22nd



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

Meetings this Week

Tuesday, August 17th **10 AM**
 • IN STITCHES **Fr. Joe Room**
 • BAPTISM TEAM MTG. **7PM Fr. Joe Room**

Sunday, August 22nd **1 PM**
 • BAPTISMS **Worship Area**

Banns of Marriage Second Time

Alejandra Botero & Andres Libreros

Third Time

Christina Torres & Thomas Reuter



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If your business could use some exposure, consider advertising in the bulletin. Each weekend, numerous people attend Mass at Holy Cross, most of whom live and shop in Nesconset and the surrounding areas. Also, our bulletin is on our new website **holycrossrc.org** and reaches thousands of area families with information about your business.

If you are interested, please call The Church Bulletin Inc. at **631-249-4994**.

Attention Religious Education Families— Registration is Now Open!

Secure your child's spot in the program by registering now. **Deadline is August 15th.** 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.



Don't forget to check out our new website:

www.holycrossrc.org

It's filled with all kinds of great information!

PARISH OUTREACH

School Supplies Program 2021

BACK TO SCHOOL

This weekend is the **last weekend** to donate toward this year's school supply program. This program ensures that our children start the school year well supplied.

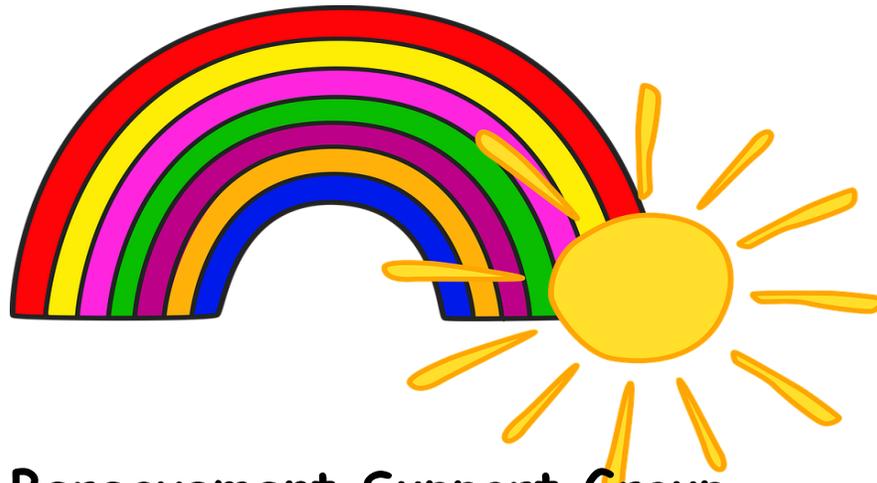
Please remember to **MARK THE MONEY AMOUNT** on all **GIFT CARDS**. Cash donations, gift cards and backpacks can be dropped at our **SCHOOLHOUSE** in the atrium or brought directly to the Outreach Office.

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



*Now may the Lord show steadfast love and faithfulness to you.
And I will do good to you because you have done this thing. 2 Samuel 2:6*

PARISH OUTREACH



Bereavement Support Group

Everyone handles grief a bit differently. Grief is like taking the color out of your world.

This Bereavement Group will consist of those handling the passing of a spouse, either a **wife** or **husband**.

We will meet for six consecutive Thursdays from 1:30 to 3:30 PM beginning **September 9th** and ending **October 14th**. All are welcome.

If interested, please register as soon as possible by calling Holy Cross Outreach at **631-265-2200 ext. 113**, leave your name and number, and you will be contacted by the Facilitator of the group.

Perhaps through the sharing, listening, and companionship with others who are also encountering grief, you may be able to put that rainbow back in your life.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you." Matt:11:28

A VIEW FROM THE PEW



**WOULD YOU LIKE TO DIG DEEPER INTO THE BEAUTY
OF OUR LITURGY & MAYBE GET YOUR QUESTIONS
ANSWERED TOO?**

JOIN US FOR A SHORT SERIES ON 3 TUESDAYS:

**SEPTEMBER 21, 28 AND OCTOBER 5
AT 7 PM IN THE CHAPEL**

**TO HELP WITH HANDOUTS ETC., PLEASE REGISTER IN
ADVANCE BY COMPLETING THE FORM BELOW OR
EMAILING: MHAHN@HOLYCROSSRC.ORG**

**ALL OUR LITURGICAL MINISTERS (EMS, LECTORS &
USHERS) ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!**

PLEASE RETURN TO THE PARISH OFFICE

I will be attending the Liturgy Series on September 21, 28 & October 5.



Name _____ **Phone#** _____

Email _____

BACKGROUND SCREENING UPDATE

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (The Charter) promulgated by the Bishops of the United States in 2002 outlines specific practices and guidelines providing standards of safety in parishes and dioceses throughout the United States. As directed in The Charter, the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires all employees, clergy, and volunteers to complete three requirements within thirty days of employment or volunteering:

1. Attend **Protecting God's Children Program (Virtus)**
2. Sign the Codes of Conduct
3. Complete a background screen application. The Diocese requires all those who remain in active ministry be rescreened at 5-year intervals. volunteers/employees.

A Word on Background Screening of Volunteers:

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People (OFPCYP) has streamlined the volunteer application process enabling volunteers to complete the three safe environment requirements in one step. Individuals wishing to volunteer in a parish or school:

1. Register to attend a Protecting God's Children class and create a Virtus account on the Virtus website: www.Virtus.org
2. Electronically acknowledge the Diocesan Code of Conduct - provided during the Virtus registration process.
3. Follow the instructions to complete the Sterling Volunteers background screening application offered during the Virtus registration process.

Active Volunteers:

If you are active in a parish ministry, have already attended Virtus and have been background screened, you may be at—or beyond—the **5yr. rescreening requirement**. If this is the case, you will receive an email from **Sterling Volunteers** asking you to complete the background screening application online. You may access the background screening application by following the prompt in the email or logging into your Virtus account. **Please be aware—this is not a scam nor has your email been hacked.** The OFPCYP has been working with your parish to update the Safe Environment records and noted it is time for you to be rescreened. You may also be prompted to electronically re-sign the Code of Conduct when you log into your Virtus account.

Edit Your Virtus Account:

To access your Virtus account www.Virtus.org you will need your Username and Password. If you need assistance, please contact Virtus: 1-888-847-8870 or helpdesk@virtus.org. Once in your account, review your account information—particularly your email address. If your account requires updating, please hit the TOOLBOX tab at the top of the screen. On the left side of your screen, in the green column, click "Update My Account." You will be able to make the necessary changes. Please remember to hit the SAVE button at the bottom of the screen.

Questions or concerns: mmcmahon@drvc.org; amendoza-cantos@drvc.org; jwinter@drvc.org; pditomasso@drvc.org

PARISH OUTREACH

Homebound and Hospitalized

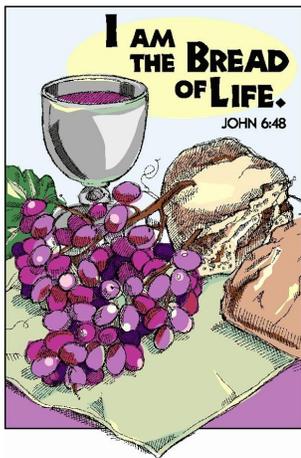
Are you, or someone you know in the parish, homebound or anticipating an operation or treatment for cancer? We in Holy Cross are eager to know in a more personal way our parishioners who are homebound or hospitalized. Often, we do not hear of a person's illness or inability to join us for Sunday Mass. Please call 265-2200 x113 or stop by the office to let Parish Outreach know of these parishioners who are so special to us. We really depend on you.



Parish Outreach sends cards, on behalf of our parish, to those who are ill or hospitalized. Our homebound folks receive friendly telephone calls by Outreach volunteers to keep up the connection and to assess ways the parish can be present to these loved parishioners. At Advent and Easter time a volunteer will visit them and bring a gift from the parish community. Eucharistic Ministers are also available to bring communion to the homebound who desire it.

These are some of the ways Holy Cross reaches out to the homebound and hospitalized. Please help us by contacting Parish Outreach or a member of the Pastoral Team if you know of anyone we can serve in their time of need.

YOU MAY WANT TO...



Consider a donation of **Altar Bread and Wine** for a week, especially if your request for a date for a Mass has been taken. Your special occasion or loved one's name will be printed in the bulletin.

Or, you may want to make a monetary donation to Holy Cross in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone living. We now have a **Book of Memorials and a Book of Honorees**. Your donation will be used to purchase needed items for our church. Holy Cross has a practice of not engraving names on benches and other items, but your donation will be recorded in the appropriate book for all posterity.

Our **Parish Outreach** also accepts donations in memory or honor of someone and has lovely cards that you can send.

For more information, please visit or call the Parish Office at 631-265-2200 x122.

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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