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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!

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 22, 2021

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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Pastoral Minister, ext. 124

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Pastoral Associate, ext.120

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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 22nd, 9AM Mass

Mon. Al Giardiello
Tue. Minnie Polistena
Wed. Victor Lamarque
Thu. Donald Stevenson

Saturday, August 28th, 5PM Mass

Emilio Perciballi, Anthony Fasano, Kate Strockbine, Paul Hartmann, Kathleen Griffin

Sunday, Aug. 29th, 22nd Sun. in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Tammy Sayres, Mr. & Mrs. O. DeSanto, Nicholas Matonti, Marlene Starr, Rev. Edward J. Kealey
9:30 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Ralph Fandetta



Scripture Readings for August 29, 2021



+ Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
+ James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
+ Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

STILL FRIENDLY AFTER ALL THESE YEARS

by Father Michael

On two occasions in the past week, parishioners spoke to me about how they were drawn to this parish by a welcoming and friendly spirit. One woman came to find Holy Cross almost 25 years ago. Another family moved to the area just a few months ago. In both instances, these folks were “shopping around” for a parish. Not to say that other parishes are mean-spirited or rude, but many people report there is a consistent experience of a positive energy and sense of welcome when folks come here.

It is not as though we have a formal “Welcome Wagon.” For some, the architecture and design of our Worship Area communicates that this church looks different than other churches which may contribute to their feeling that this is a special place. But somehow woven into the fabric of who we are and what we do is a sense of welcome. Be it an usher at the door or a friendly person they choose to sit next to, that message is communicated. This kind of widespread experience does not come about from one person; rather it is nurtured by many. It is something to be proud of. We strive to allow this to be a place where people can continue to grow in their relationship with the Lord in a joyful and life-giving environment.

We are undertaking a necessary project at the parish house. On the long driveway up to my house there is a retaining wall. It doesn't get taller than about 3 feet, but it is 200 feet long. I believe it is more than 30 years old. When I first arrived at the parish it was straight as an arrow. I do my best to keep the greenery and growth around it in check, but through the years it started to bow out in various places. At this point it looks like a string of Pringle potato chips lined up with lots of curves and waves. It needs to be replaced. It is a labor-intensive project as well as needing 14 pallets of retaining blocks. It is not cheap: about \$15,000. But this is one of those items, where preventive maintenance is cheaper than an unexpected and costly collapse. Happily our Renovations and Major Repairs account is in good shape, so we can easily absorb the cost. Thank you to all who continue to contribute to this account which keeps us from getting wet when a rainy day comes along.

Life in the parish slowly but steadily continues to return to full strength. We are mindful there are some corners of parish life where additional help is needed which we will need to address as we move forward. Ministers of Consolation, Fundraising Committee, help with wedding rehearsals, and Altar Servers are some of those areas. Look for additional information regarding these areas of life in the parish, and perhaps you may be able to lend a helping hand.

There are still a few weeks of summer to enjoy. Have fun.

*Don't forget to check out our new website: www.holycrossrc.org
It's filled with all kinds of great information!*

HOLY CROSS TRAVEL CLUB

“Trinkets and Jackpots”

September 8 & 9, 2021



- Take the Port Jefferson Ferry to and from Connecticut
- Cruise the Thimble Islands
- Lunch stop at Mohican Sun Casino (Approximately a 2-hour visit)
- Dinner and Overnight Accommodations at the Public House in Sturbridge, Massachusetts
- Visit the Brimfield, Mass. Antique Fair (approximately 2.5 hours of shopping time). Three times a year this small town becomes an antique bonanza with hundreds of dealers from across the country. If you are looking for a spinning wheel, this is the place to go.
- Visit Old Sturbridge Village

Trip Includes:

- ✓ Transportation and Sightseeing provided by Hampton Jitney. All admissions.
- ✓ Roundtrip Port Jefferson Ferry
- ✓ Overnight Accommodations
- ✓ 1 Dinner, 1 Breakfast, 1 Lunch

The Details:

- *Hurry, there is not a lot of time to pull this trip together!*
- Cost: \$350 per person based on Double Occupancy. Single Rate: \$414
- Make Check payable to Hampton Jitney or come to Parish Office and fill out a Credit Card Authorization form. All payments will be held until Wednesday, August 25, to determine if we have enough people to run the trip.
- Once payment is processed, funds are Non-Refundable.

HURRY !

A VIEW FROM THE PEW



HOW COME WE DO NOT SAY
“*AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT*” ANYMORE AT MASS? CONSIDER
JOINING US TO GET YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

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 _____



PARISH OUTREACH

*Are you feeling stressed out or anxious?
Are you experiencing depression or constantly overthinking?
Is returning to school causing you concern?*

You are not alone.



You are invited to join us for a

Teen Mental Health Awareness Night

Featuring Tony Bellizzi and Cindy Garcia

Tony Bellizzi is a spiritual animator directing annually over 500 retreat, workshop, youth ministry, and prison ministry events. He is also an activist, founder, and director of the Hope for the Children Foundation.

Cindy Garcia is a licensed therapist who has worked with Tony in helping teens and young adults.

**Where: Parish of the Holy Cross
95 Nichols Road
Nesconset, NY 11767**

When: Sunday, September 19, 2021

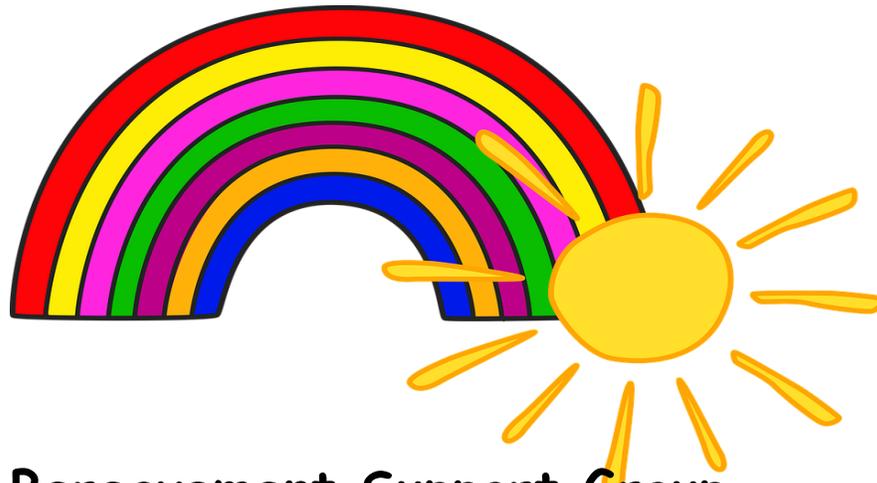
Time: 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Join us for a mental health “checkup” with Tony and Cindy as we explore these feelings and learn strategies to cope and move forward. This is a safe place to listen, share and get a mental health “check-up.” Refreshments will be served.

Any questions, please call the Outreach Office at **631-265-2200 ext. 113**

Teens Only Please

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

PARISH NEWS

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, August 28th/29th



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

Banns of Marriage Third Time

Alejandra Botero & Andres Libreros



Meetings this Week

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

Tuesday, August 24th **10 AM**
 • IN STITCHES **Fr. Joe Room**

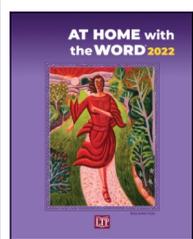
Wednesday, August 25th **11:30AM-2:30PM**
 • SENIORS **Atrium**

Parish Outreach

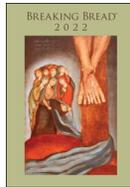
We would like to express our deep appreciation to all those who donated blood at our annual Blood Drive on August 12th. Thank you for your willingness to share the gift of life! We collected 84 units which will help save the lives of so many people.

A special thank you to our chairperson, Barbara Shipman, who worked tirelessly to make this drive a success. Thank you, Barbara!

Summer is a time when blood shortages are severe. At this time, New York Blood Services has declared a Blood Emergency. Every donation counts. If you were unable to attend and would like to schedule an appointment to donate, visit www.nybc.org or call 1-800-933-2566. The Holy Cross Group is #10019. Give the gift of life. Thank you!



If you would like to purchase an **At Home with the Word** book for 2022, or a **Breaking Bread** Missalette for next year, please sign up in the hallway by the Parish Office.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word is coming back this fall, starting on September 12th. Children's Liturgy allows children in grades K-4 to hear God's Word in language they can understand and gives them the opportunity to ask and answer questions. We will be meeting in the Fr. Joe Room two or three Sundays per month during the 11:30 Mass. We are looking for additional adult leaders (18 years and older) and helpers (5th grade and above). Training and community service hours are available. Time commitment will

be dependent on the number of leaders and helpers we have. If you are interested in joining this ministry or have any questions, please contact Karyn at **631-648-3594**.



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

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!

Summer Cash Sizzle

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