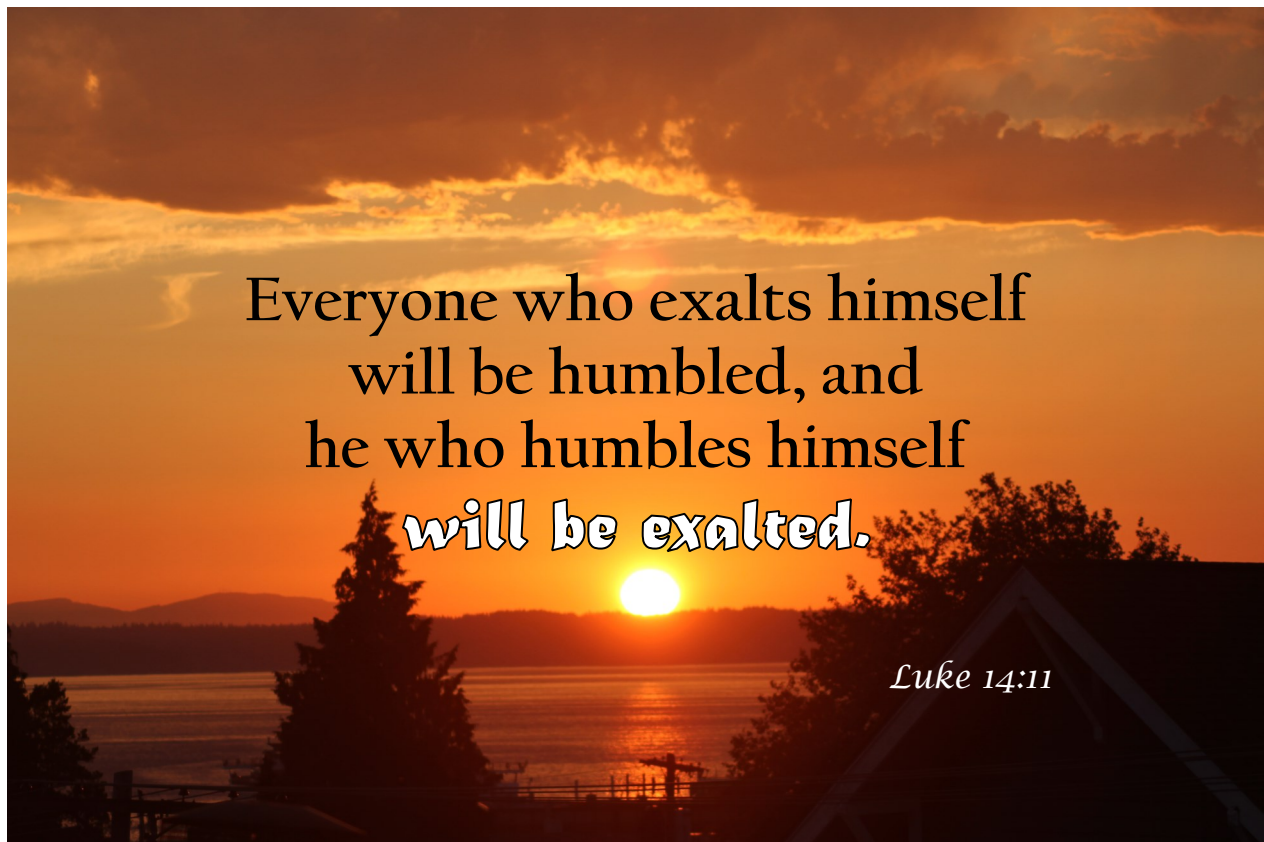


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Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM; Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM
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We celebrate Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM; Wednesday after 9:00 AM Mass

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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
Jo Barry	Kathy Barry
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Ann Callari	Pattie Daly-Matonti
Manuela Diaz	Ann Egan
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Sienna Fricke	Robert Gann
Debbie Jablinowski	Diane Jones
Maureen Jost	Kristen Kennedy
Roberta Lamb	Dora Libretti
Gerald Losquadro	Charlotte Lynch
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Olivia Melia	Freddie Meyers
Loretto Narducci	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

Week of August 28th, 2022, 9AM Mass

Mon. Arthur Scott Phillips
Tue. Robert Tavis
Wed. Neal & Concetta Romano
Thu. Patricia Grandsire

Saturday, September 3rd, 5 PM Mass

Carmela & Michael Terranova, Emily Rose Stelling,
Michael Lamade, Raymond Tuhey Jr.

Sunday, Sept. 4th, 23rd Sun. in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Catherine Berdon, Fatima Jimenez, Janet Talay, Adele Fasano, Vincent Pereira
11:30 AM Charlotte Ann Schof



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.

SACRED MOMENTS

by Father Michael

The past few weeks we have had an unusually high number of funerals, and so I have been dealing with many grieving families. In many instances the person who died had lived a full life. In other circumstances the person died at a young age or unexpectedly. Burying a loved one is a defining task of life. Families want to get it “right” when they are burying their husband or wife, mother or father, grandparent, sibling, or even a child. They want to experience actions and rituals that are meaningful, respectful, and celebrate the spirit of the one who died. In moments like this, many turn to the Church.

We will always do our best to extend the compassion and kindness of Christ, but a foundation of faith can make such a difference at a time like this. I don’t want to sound judgmental, but it comes across whether or not someone is coming from a faith perspective. Faith becomes a solid point of reference. There can be great comfort in knowing that a loved one is sharing in the Paschal mystery of Christ. That mystery of dying and rising cannot realistically be taught at the time of death. It needs to be something that is already part of a person’s life. They can now tap into that belief in the Risen Christ which becomes a font of hope and strength.

One of the many privileges of priesthood is being able to journey with people at important moments like this. Several times this week I was touched in seeing the outpouring of love families showed for their loved one. One beautiful moment in the funeral ritual is placing the pall (large white cloth) over the casket at the beginning of Mass. There are times when you can tell the family is doing this with great love and kindness, knowing they are dressing their loved one for the last time. There were moments in this past week that the faith of family members became an inspiration for me. The best of the human spirit can shine forth when it is woven into the gift of faith. Never take for granted the power of Christ Jesus. It can bring about hope and life even in the midst of death. How blessed we are to share in such a gift.

On a completely different note, by this weekend we should have completed a few repairs and maintenance issues with our parking lot. It was time for it to be sealed and restriped. We also made a wide curb cut near the circle to make it easier for wheelchairs, walkers, and funeral processions to access the courtyard. The cost of these improvements was about \$15,000. Because so many continue to contribute to the RAMR fund (Renovation and Major Repairs), we had the funds to do this work without dipping into our operational account or seeking additional donations. Thank you for your generous support.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered after the 9:30 Mass on September 4th.

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 28th	After 9:30 Mass
• BAPTISM GATHERING	Fr. Joe Room
• BAPTISMS	1PM Worship Area
Monday, August 29th	7 PM
• LEV. 9 RECONCILIATION	Worship Area
Tuesday, August 30th	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
• LEV. 7 CATECHIST TRNG.	7PM Atrium
Wednesday, August 31st	7 PM
• LEV. 9 RECONCILIATION	Worship Area
Thursday, September 1st	1:30 PM
• LEV. 7 CATECHIST TRNG.	Atrium
Saturday, September 3rd	9 AM – 10:30 AM
• MEN'S PRAYER GROUP	Chapel
• HOLY HOUR	3:45-4:45PM Worship Area
Sunday, September 4th	After 9:30 Mass
• ANOINTING OF THE SICK	Worship Area

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, September 3rd/4th



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

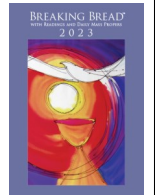
Scripture Readings for September 4, 2022



+ *Wisdom 9:13-18*
 + *Philemon 9-10, 12-17*
 + *Luke 14:25-33*



If you would like to purchase an *At Home with the Word* book for 2023 please sign up in the hallway by the Parish Office.



Also, if you are interested, there is a sign up sheet to order a 2023 **Missalette**.

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.

LITURGY BYTES

Praying with Body, Mind & Voice



In the celebration of Mass, we raise our hearts and minds to God. We are creatures of body as well as spirit, so our prayer is not confined to our minds and hearts. It is also expressed by our bodies. When our bodies are engaged in prayer, we pray with our whole person. Believe it or not, using our entire being in prayer helps us to pray with greater attentiveness.

Both postures and gestures have meaning and will enhance our participation in the Mass. Let us take a moment to look more closely at a few of the gestures and postures we engage in at Mass.

Standing – a definite sign of respect and honor. We do this at the beginning and end of Mass, as well as for the Gospel reading. The Bishops in our country also chose the posture of standing for the reception of Holy Communion.

Kneeling – in the early Church, kneeling signified penance. In the Middle Ages, kneeling signified homage and adoration. We certainly know this as we kneel before the presence of Christ in the Tabernacle. Again, our Bishops chose kneeling for the entire Eucharistic Prayer.

Sitting – is the posture for listening and meditation. We sit for the Readings prior to the Gospel and after Communion, as well as the homily. This posture should be attentive rather than one of rest.

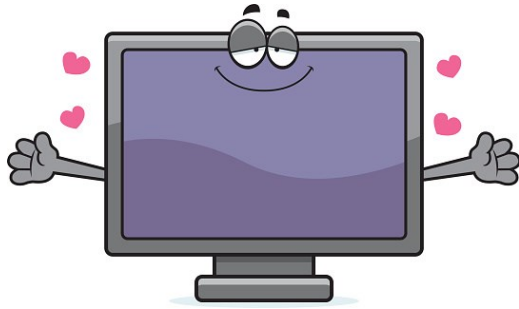
Genuflecting – is done as a sign of adoration. Some people make the sign of the Cross as they bend their knees. Traditionally, as Catholics we should genuflect on entering and leaving the Church when the Tabernacle, with the Blessed Sacrament, is present in the Sanctuary. You will notice the priest genuflecting during the Consecration and right before Communion.

Singing – has both an individual and communal dimension. As we lend our voices to sing prayer responses and hymns, we all are lending our voices in praise and thanksgiving to our God.

The next time at Mass, think about some of the above “things” we do and how important they are to our full and active participation at Mass.

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

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Dress a Girl Around the World

Two weeks ago at Mass, Father Michael blessed all the dresses made in the last year. The first stop on their journey before reaching their final destination was St. Mark's in Shoreham (see letter on left) where they will then be transported to Friar Suppliers, an organization that provides food and other resources to convents and friaries in the Franciscans of Renewal Community.

At the end of their journey, these 202 dresses will be given to girls in need and at risk in the world. Our hope is that each girl who receives one of the dresses will feel the extraordinary amount of love in which it was made.

Thank you to all who helped make the first year of Dress a Girl Around the World a huge success!

Dear Kelley and Friends at Holy Cross,

Thank you so much for the 200 dresses for our little friends in Haiti! Each creation is beautiful and unique—the children will love them!

The "Friar Suppliers" which ships these items to Haiti, also has a very important medical mission which has operated a clinic to handle many of the health issues in that extremely poor country. I have enclosed the latest update. If you would like more information on the "Friar Suppliers" look them up on the internet. There is a great deal of information about this wonderful ministry.

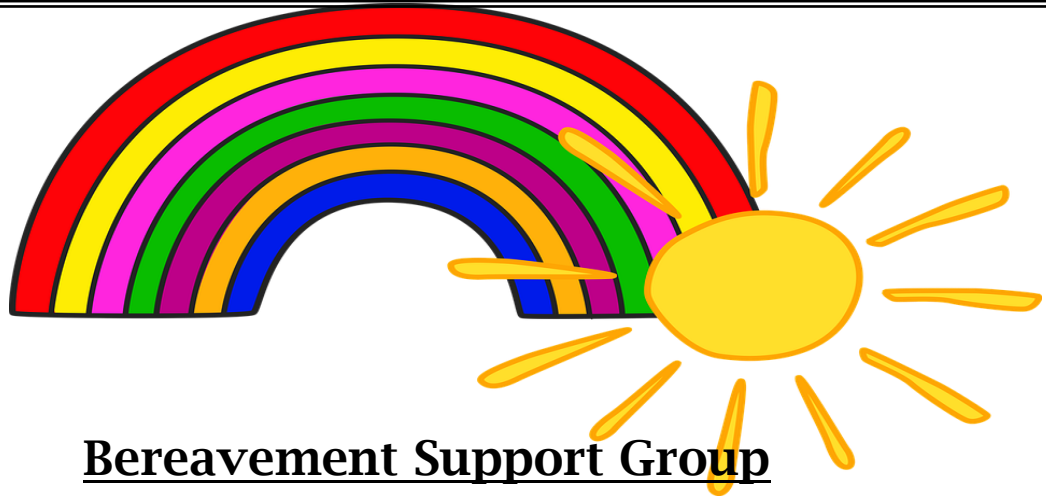
Enclosed are a few pictures of the little ones who receive your dresses. We've also started sewing shorts for the little boys.

Keep up the good work! I'm sure the Good Lord looks down on all your efforts with a smile. If we can be of any help, don't hesitate to call.

In His Love,

Jane Fagan & Volunteers

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



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Wednesday, September 21, 2022

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For questions concerning medical eligibility call 1-800-688-0900 or www.nybc.org

To schedule an appointment or for further information please contact:
Marianne Nawrocki-Carusio at 631-428-4117

PARISH OUTREACH

BACK TO SCHOOL

With your help, our Back-to-School Drive was a huge success! Forty-six students received a backpack and a gift card to purchase school supplies and school clothes. Thank you to all who donated a backpack, a gift card, a check, or cash to make this possible. This could not have been accomplished without your generous support. We are deeply grateful, as are the families we serve. Thank you!

A special thank you to Mary Inghilterra who works so hard year after year to make this program run smoothly. This year was no different. A former teacher, Mary's love of children and care for their needs for a successful school year are evident in all she does for our Back-to-School program. Thank you, Mary, for all you did and continue to do for the children of this community

There have been many hands that have helped along the way. Thank you to MaryAnn Viscusi, Kathy Svercel, Nancy Richardson, Margaret Chirafisi, Janice Mancini, and Donna Akuntius who helped sort backpacks and goody bags (decorated and filled by our VBS participants) for our students.



Thank you to Donna Akuntius, Mary Inghilterra, MaryAnne McCulloch, and Mildred Williams for all their help on distribution day. Your help is appreciated and valued. Thank you to all for sharing your time and helping the school year start in a positive way for 46 students.



We wish every student a safe and healthy school year!

PARISH OUTREACH

Outreach Food Pantry

Next Saturday and Sunday, **September 3rd/4th**, will be our monthly Food Drive for our Parish Outreach Pantry. The following items would be most helpful:

- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Grape Jelly
- Chicken in a Can
- Pancake Mix
- Syrup



Please don't forget to check expiration dates! It will greatly assist the volunteers who stack the pantry with your donated goods.

Thank you!

Holy Hour for Sanctity of all Human Life

Our next Holy Hour for the Sanctity of all Human Life is **September 3rd from 3:45-4:45PM**.
Join us!

COMMUNITY NEWS



On Care for Our Common Home Season of Creation

The **Season of Creation** is an annual event, a time to renew our relationship with the Creator and all creation. During the Season of Creation, **September 1** (World day of Prayer for Creation) – **October 4**, (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) we join our sisters and brothers of the ecumenical family around the world in prayer and action for our common home.

This year the theme is **Listen to the Voice of Creation**. Thousands of Christians will join in prayer, sustainability projects and advocacy. The symbol chosen for this year is the **burning bush**. Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires is a sign of the devastating effects of the climate crisis. The **Burning Bush** is the sign of the fire of the Holy Spirit which unites us as Christians.

We, Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville, along with our Associates and Young Adults, are currently embarking on a Seven Year plan of Action to save our **EARTH** and invite you to join us in our efforts. **Resources:** www.seasonofcreation.org www.laudatosimovement.org



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Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Committee

LAST 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!

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