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## LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!

**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.*



There is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

Mark 7: 15

## Come and pray with us!

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 29, 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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## Remembering Our Sick

Please pray for those in our parish who are sick, their families and caregivers:

**Ada Agugliaro**  
**Kathy Barry**  
**Barbara Bombace**  
**Eleanor Daly**  
**Ann Egan**  
**Sienna Fricke**  
**Bob Grieco**  
**Diane Jones**  
**Charlotte Lynch**  
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**Doreen Velkas**  
**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 29th, 9AM Mass

**Mon.** Robert Tavis  
**Tue.** Nick Matonti  
**Wed.** Hank Richardson  
**Thu.** Thomas Dunn & Patricia Pravato

### Saturday, September 4th, 5PM Mass

Raymond Hunsucker, Katie Griffin, Rose Conway, Robert Wentzel, Lisa Ansaldi, Adrian Rapczynski

### Sunday, Sept. 5th, 23rd Sun. in Ordinary Time

**8:00 AM** People of the Parish  
**9:30 AM** Joseph Messina  
**11:30 AM** Vincent Ciulla, Vincenzo Baratta, Margaret Peterson, Estelle Sternberg, Maureen Barone

### *Scripture Readings for September 5, 2021*



- + *Isaiah 35:4-7*
- + *James 2:1-5*
- + *Mark 7:31-37*

# CONNECTED

by Father Michael

Sometimes Holy Cross is the gathering place for happy occasions, such as a wedding or a baptism. Sometimes it is the gathering place for occasions of sadness and tragedy. This week was one of those moments. On Tuesday we had a funeral Mass for Harrison Frisenda, who was only seven years old. He died from injuries sustained in a car accident the week before. Needless to say, it was a heartbreakin experience for all.

There were probably about 200 people who attended the Mass. It is remarkable how many lives one person can touch. Our lives are woven together on many levels. We may not always recognize or appreciate the depth in which we become part of each other's lives. Moments like this give pause for us to be mindful of those who are important and how we cannot take relationships for granted.

In times of tragedy, people will turn to the Church in hopes of finding solace and comfort. Indeed, the Church should offer this to those who find themselves seeking peace or the presence of God. I always try to offer words of hope in my preaching. The prayers and rituals of the funeral Mass also provide a framework to address people who are in grief. Through the years I have come to believe that the full impact of what we offer is greatly increased when folks already have a connection and relationship to the Church.

Of course individuals can have a personal spiritual relationship with God wherever they find themselves in life. But having a place, a community, a routine which speaks to these matters of the heart and soul, bring a vital dimension. I encourage folks to allow the sacraments and life of the parish to be part of their lives. I do so not because it is a rule or to make God happy, but rather for the grace that God can bring us here and now. For the Frisenda family, Holy Cross is their spiritual home. As difficult as this time was, they were grieving in a blessed place that already was part of their lives. That sense of connection is abundantly life-giving, particularly when we are facing a cross.

Love that is shared between family and friends is truly a source of life. A happy and vibrant parish community can be a blessing. But if these realities don't lead us to a deeper relationship with God, we are missing something beyond measure. We need to allow the presence of the Lord to touch our hearts wherever we find ourselves in the journey of life. Our God knows us and journeys with us. May we never take for granted the intricacy of our lives. We are part of something much larger than ourselves. The greater awareness we have of those many connections, the richer our lives will be.

Check out our new website [www.holycrossrc.org](http://www.holycrossrc.org)  
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# PARISH NEWS

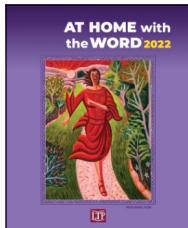
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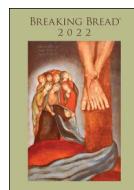
- 5:00 PM Fr. Michael  
8:00 AM Fr. Michael  
9:30 AM Fr. Frank  
11:30 AM Fr. Frank

## Banns of Marriage First Time

Danielle Williams & Joseph Santospirito  
Emily Dick & Christopher Altieri



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**.



## Meetings this Week

Sunday, August 29th	1 PM
• BAPTISMS	Worship Area
Tuesday, August 31st	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
• LITURGY TEAM	7PM Fr. Joe Room
Thursday, September 2nd	10 AM
• SCRIPTURE STUDY	Fr. Joe Room
Saturday, September 4th	3:45 - 4:45 PM
• HOLY HOUR	Worship Area
Sunday, September 5th	After 9:30 Mass
• ANOINTING OF THE SICK	Worship Area

## Holy Hour for Peace

We offer our Holy Hour on the first Saturday of the month from 3:45-4:45 PM in the Worship Area. The next one will take place on Saturday, September 4th. Please come and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament praying for God's gift of peace to touch our wounded world.



## Anointing of the Sick

You are strongly encouraged to receive this Sacrament if you are having upcoming surgery, are dealing with a chronic or debilitating illness, are suffering from addiction, mental health issues or frailty.

On the first Sunday of each month, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is offered after the 9:30 AM Mass. **Sunday, September 5th is the next date the Anointing will be offered.**

# 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*

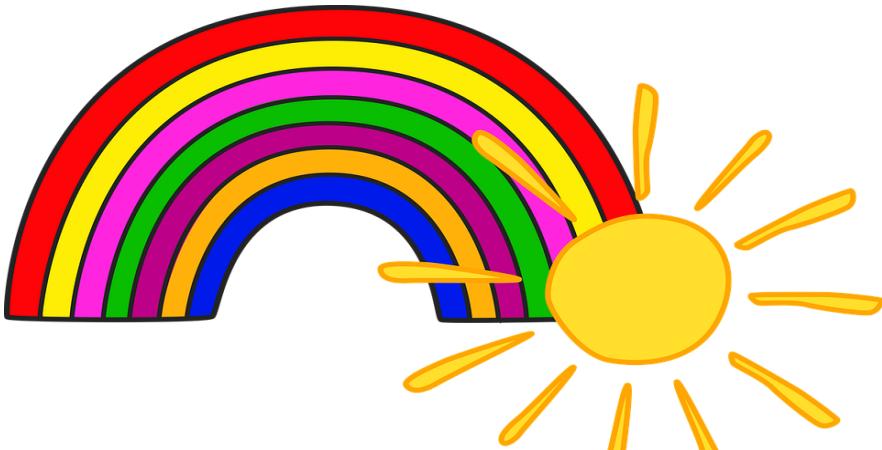
I will be attending the Liturgy Series on September 21, 28 & October 5.



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

# PARISH OUTREACH



## 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 9<sup>th</sup>** and ending **October 14<sup>th</sup>**. 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 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.

**Teens Only Please**

For reservations, please call the Outreach Office at **631-265-2200 ext. 113.**

# **PARISH OUTREACH**

*As we transition into a new school year and navigate our way through the never-ending changes of life, we are reminded that you cannot pour from an empty cup.*

Let us help you “**fill up your cup**” with a

## **Parent Mental Health Check Up and Check In**



**with Special Guest Speakers**

**Tony Bellizzi**, Youth Minister, Inspirational Speaker and Activist &  
**Cindy Garcia**, New York State Licensed Therapist

Join Tony and Cindy as they share strategies to cope, feel empowered and move forward. This is a safe place to share and listen. All are welcome.

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

**When:** Sunday, September 26, 2021

**Time:** 7:00pm to 8:30pm

For reservations, please call Parish Outreach at **631-265-2200 ext. 113**.

# PARISH OUTREACH

## 10 WARNING SIGNS OF ALZHEIMER'S

An education program presented by the Alzheimer's Association®



Alzheimer's and other dementias cause changes in memory, thinking and behavior that interfere with daily life. Join us to learn about 10 common warning signs and what to watch for in yourself and others.

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- » Typical age-related changes.
- » Common warning signs of Alzheimer's.
- » How to approach someone about memory concerns.
- » Early detection, the benefits of a diagnosis and the diagnostic process.
- » Alzheimer's Association resources.

**September 22 | 2 p.m. | Via Zoom**

**To register call the 24/7 Helpline at  
800.272.3900 or Kelley Mowat at  
631-265-2200 Ext. 113**

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Visit [alz.org/CRF](http://alz.org/CRF) to register online and explore additional education programs in your area.

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# 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.



Parish of the Holy Cross  
95 Nichols Rd. Nesconset, NY  
Wednesday, September 15, 2021  
10:00 am to 2:00 pm



### 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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## Outreach School Supplies Program



Thank you to all who gave so generously to our School Supplies Program this year. With your support, we were able to provide 41 students from 20 families gift certificates to purchase school supplies and sneakers. Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated by all the families we serve. Thank you!

## Outreach Food Pantry

Next Saturday and Sunday, **September 4th/5th**, will be our monthly Food Drive for our Parish Outreach Pantry. The following items would be most helpful:

- Snacks
- Mayo
- Tuna
- Fruit in a Can
- Bar Soap

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



# 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 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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### **Summer Cash Sizzle**

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Town \_\_\_\_\_  
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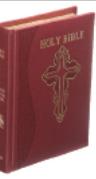
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