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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

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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
Eleanor Daly	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 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 heartbreaking 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
and subscribe on the homepage to our parish email list for important notifications!*

PARISH NEWS

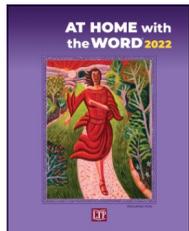
Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, September 4th/5th



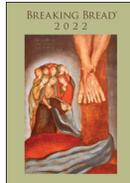
5:00 PM Fr. Michael
 8:00 AM Fr. Michael
 9:30 AM Fr. Frank
 11:30 AM Fr. Frank

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

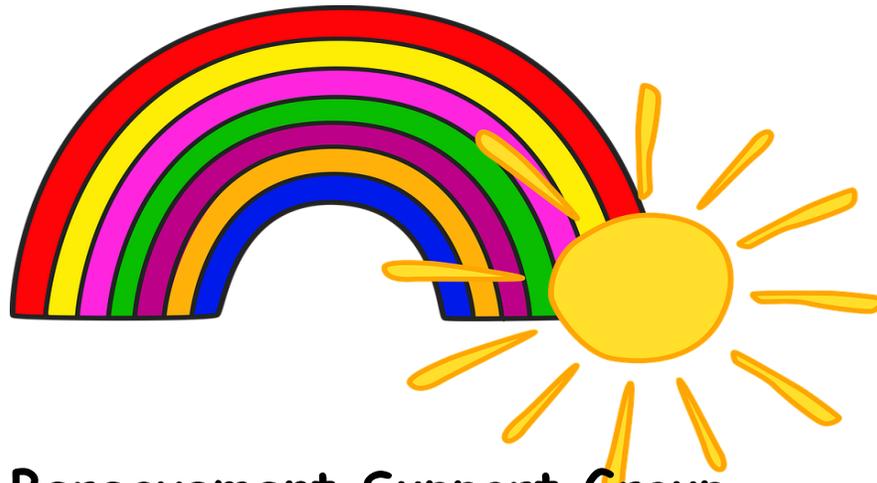
I will be attending the Liturgy Series on September 21, 28 & October 5.

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 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 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

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- » 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](https://www.alz.org/CRF) to register online and explore additional education programs in your area.

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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!

Summer Cash Sizzle

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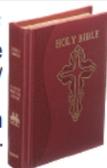
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