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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!

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 11, 2022

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:

Bob Alderdice	Theresa Arzillo
Jo Barry	Kathy Barry
Barbara Bombace	Dan Bryan
Ann Callari	Pattie Daly-Matonti
Manuela Diaz	Ann Egan
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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 September 11th, 2022, 9AM Mass

Mon. Matthew Akuntius & Tom Kearnes
Tue. Vincent Mattera
Wed. (8 AM) People of the Parish
Thu. Pat Del Prete Jr.



Saturday, September 17th, 5 PM Mass

Maria Ligabo, Eric Schwarz, Mary Bates, Chase
Matthew Turano, Edmund Antaki

Sunday, Sept. 18th, 25th Sun. in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Lillian Buckhout
9:30 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM James P. Moran, Vincent Pereira, Fred
Recupero, Mirta Astegiano, Assunta
DiBenedetto

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.

MEMORIES OF PIUS X

by Father Michael

St. Pius X was pope from 1903-1914. He is not the one of whom I have fond memories. Rather, it is Pius X High School in Uniondale that I attended from 1975-1979. (This “back to school” time has made me reminiscent.) St. Pius was one of the diocesan high schools at the time with the specific focus of being a preparatory seminary. I started thinking about priesthood when I was in seventh grade, so I did not attend the school under false pretenses. But my primary reason for wanting to go there was that it was small and it felt safe. My freshmen class had only a hundred students. Several of my high school friends remain friends to this day. And, through the years, I have been able to stay in contact with a few of the teachers I had.

Looking back, Pius played an important role in my formation. In any given year there were eight to ten priests whose permanent assignment was teaching at the high school. Those days of abundant priests have certainly passed. I saw men who seemed to be happy in their lives, and there was something about what they did I found attractive. This is where I first had many prayer experiences as well as retreats.

High School can be a wondrous time on so many levels. Each day brings a new page of self-discovery and self-awareness. It is a time that is also filled with trepidation and uncertainty. Looking back brings a whirlwind of memories and experiences.

Of the sixty-five of us who graduated, three of us went on to diocesan priesthood, and I believe one other fellow eventually joined a religious order. But many of my classmates remained deeply committed men to the Church, involving themselves in various ministries in their respective parishes. It provided a rich and engaging experience of Church that remained with some for the rest of their lives.

St. Pius closed as a school in 1984. The diocese maintained the building, and the second floor rectory became the retired priests’ residence for many years. Mercy Hospital occupied the first floor using it for outpatient services. I think it was in the early 2000s that the building finally closed and remained vacant for many years. There were all sorts of rumors of what might become of the property. I was disheartened to hear that it was going to be torn down and replaced by a Home Depot or a Target. Those rumors never materialized. About a year ago, I was driving by and saw it surrounded by construction fences. The building had been stripped down to the steel and brick walls. However, there was a sign saying it was the future site of the St. Michael’s Home run by the Greek Orthodox Church. I’m happy to know it will remain a religious institution. Many happy memories. I’m so grateful I had the experience of attending there.

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 11th	1 PM
• BAPTISMS	Worship Area
Monday, September 12th	5 PM & 6 PM
• CONFIRMATION REHEARSALS	Worship Area
Tuesday, September 13th	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
Wednesday, September 14th	8 AM
• MORNING MASS	Worship Area
• CONFIRMATIONS 10AM & 1PM	Worship Area
Thursday, September 15th	1:30 or 6 PM
• LEVEL 1 PARENT MEETING	Atr./Wor. Ar.
• LEVEL 2 PARENT MEETING 7PM	Atr./Wor. Ar.

*The Bread and Wine for the week September 11-17 have been donated in loving memory of **Pat Del Prete Jr.** by his wife, Celeste, and son, Peter, and his family.*



Please note, due to Confirmations on Wednesday, September 14th, the morning Mass will be at 8AM.

Banns of Marriage



First Time

Kristina Armenia & James Reed

Second Time

Stephanie Makowski & John Kantor

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, September 17th/18th



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

Scripture Readings for September 18, 2022



- + Amos 8:4-7
- + 1 Timothy 2:1-8
- + Luke 16:1-13

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.

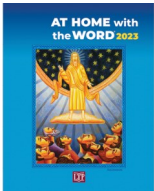
WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Altar Server Training

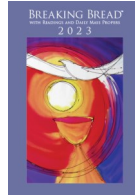
**Are you in fourth grade (or above)
and interested in becoming an
Altar Server?**



Girls and boys interested in serving are invited to come to trainings and find out all that is involved in being an Altar Server. At the end of the three training sessions, you will be able to assist at Mass as an Altar Server. Training will be held from 4:30 to 5:30 PM on three consecutive Tuesday afternoons: October 11, 18 and 25. **Please call the Parish Office to register.**



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**.

Coming to Holy Cross:

“An Encounter with the Community of Jesus”

For all adult parishioners: a six-week course designed to deepen our appreciation of the Church community founded by Jesus Christ.

Join us for Scripture, reflection, a short video, and small group discussion on **Wednesday, October 5, 12, 19, 26, November 2*, 9,**
from **4:00 – 5:00 PM,** or from **7:00 – 8:00 PM.**

(*No evening session on Nov. 2. 7:00 session will be on Nov. 3 instead)
Questions? Call Jude at ext. 116

Please print clearly and return tear-off to Holy Cross by October 3.

I would like to participate in:

“An Encounter with the Community of Jesus” at _____ 4:00PM _____ 7:00PM

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you seeking Baptism? Are you a baptized Catholic who never celebrated First Communion and Confirmation? Have you been baptized in another Christian faith and now desire to become Catholic?

If your answer is "YES" to any of these questions, we want to hear from you. The Church gives us a beautiful process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for those who seek to become fully initiated in the Catholic Church. This year's RCIA will be starting soon. If you're interested and would like additional information, please contact Jude Pickel at 631-265-2200 x116.



ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS!

Attention Holy Cross Volunteers

Virtus Training, **Protecting God's Children for Adults**, will be offered at Holy Cross on:

Tuesday, October 4, 2022, 6:30 – 9:00 PM

As you know, all parish and diocesan employees and volunteers are required by the Diocese to attend a Virtus session. (Those who have already attended Virtus are not required to go again.) If you have not yet taken Virtus training, **please register on-line right away**, as the number of participants is limited to 20. You ***must*** be registered to attend a Virtus session.

To register, go to www.virtus.org and follow the directions. Complete instructions about the requirements for all parish volunteers are given on the following page.

If you have any questions, or need help with the registration, please call Jude at (631)265-2200x116.

For Volunteers in the Diocese of Rockville Centre

A person wishing to volunteer in any parish or organization in the Diocese of Rockville Centre must first complete three requirements:

1. Attend Protecting God's Children (Virtus)
2. Sign the Codes of Conduct
3. Complete a background screening application.

(Background screening is conducted on all volunteers and employees every 5 years.)

Directions to Complete the 3 Requirements:

1. Sign up to attend a Protecting God's Children class: www.Virtus.org
When you log on to the Virtus website, you will create a Virtus account.
 - a. If you have not attended a Virtus class, you are a first-time registrant.
 - b. The first screen will ask the name of your organization - from the drop down list select Rockville Centre-Safe Environment.
 - c. Follow all directions on the next screens.
 - d. One screen will have the **Codes of Conduct**. Please acknowledge the Codes of Conduct.
 - e. Continue with the registration process and select the class you will attend.
 - f. After selecting the class, you will be instructed to complete the background screening application.

2. Background Screening Application:
 - a. Sterling Volunteers is the company providing the background screening.
 - b. Follow all the directions to complete the background screening application. **DO NOT STOP ONCE YOU BEGIN THE APPLICATION!** If you stop-you are locked out of the process due to security procedures.
 - c. You will need to provide your Social Security #; if you do not provide a Social Security # you will be charged a fee.
 - d. After completing the application, hit the 'Submit Button'

Congratulations! You have now:

Registered to attend a Virtus class ~ signed the Codes of Conduct ~
Completed the Background Screening.

PARISH OUTREACH



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Parish of the Holy Cross

Blood Drive

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

2:30 PM - 8:30 PM

95 Nichols Rd, Nesconset

Sign up before or after Mass in
the atrium at the sign-up table!

Your donation will help to **save up to THREE lives**. Our
community hospitals need your help. Please share this
lifesaving gift!

THANK YOU FOR CARING!

Eligibility Criteria:

- Bring your Blood Donor Card or ID with signature or photo.
- Eat well (low fat) & drink fluids
- Minimum weight 110 lbs. or more
- No tattoos for past 12 months
- Age 16 - 75 (16 & 17 year olds must have parental permission)

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-Caruso at 631-428-4117

PARISH NEWS

Summer Cash Sizzle



Congratulations to the following Summer Cash Sizzle winners!

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Name</u>
\$25	Sisters of St. Joseph
\$25	Jean & Dave Ryder
\$25	Tim Cotter
\$25	Diane Lombardo
\$25	Wendy Ringhiser
\$25	Brian McMahon
\$25	Jennifer & Charles Miller
\$25	Diane Lombardo
\$25	Evelyn Dastis
\$25	Sisters of St. Joseph
\$25	Amelia Marcucci
\$25	Evelyn Dastis
\$25	Maryellen McCutchen
\$25	Penny Kohler
\$25	Julia Bonacke
\$50	Mary Estock
\$50	Connie Lipnicki
\$50	JoAnn Leptich
\$50	Connie Lipnicki
\$50	Frank Fumai
\$50	Frances Dolan
\$50	AnnMarie Kalisky
\$50	Lillianna Mulderig
\$50	Mrs. Michael McMahon
\$50	Wendy Ringhiser
\$100	Michele Powers
\$100	Doreen Hau
\$250	Jaclyn Cotter

Special Collections

The Catholic University of America-

This weekend, the diocese will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.C. By giving to the collection, you are supporting both future Catholic leaders, religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, Faith-inspired education and the University's various research and training initiatives that support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. The Catholic Project is an initiative that brings together clergy and laity to address the challenges that the Catholic Church faces in the U.S. contributing education, formation, research, events, and media, a master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers. These are a few examples how the University is serving the Church and nation. Please support the collection at: futurecatholicleaders.igivecatholictogether.org

St. Pius X Residence -

Next weekend, at the offertory, we will also be collecting for the retired priests of our Diocese who reside, or are recuperating, at St. Pius X Residence. The facility accommodates our retired priests who require assistance with daily living, while still allowing them to serve as active, fully engaged members of the community. It also is a place for our priests to go on a temporary basis as they recover from illness or other injury. Thank you for your concern and generosity. **Please see next page for personal thank-yous from priests residing at St. Pius X Residence.**

ST. PIUS X RESIDENCE



“We are very happy that more and more of our Priests are taking advantage of this wonderful facility. We thank you for your support, we depend on it, especially now with the increasing costs we are experiencing. We couldn’t do it without you!”

- Rev. Msgr. Thomas Costa,
Vicar for Senior Priests



“Since I arrived at St. Pius X, I have found living here like being at home. I have found much happiness with my fellow priests and in the entire community, and I especially appreciate the support I receive. Thank you for helping to make this home possible.”

- Rev. Msgr. T Peter Ryan

COMMUNITY NEWS



On Care for Our Common Home Laudato Si' Action Platform

On December 12, 2021, we the Dominican Sisters, Associates and Young Adults of Amityville, New York, publicly signed a commitment to respond to Pope Francis’ invitation to participate in a seven-year journey toward sustainability and integral ecology by developing a plan and concrete actions in union with the seven goals of the *Laudato Si’ Action Platform*. In making this commitment, we also follow in the footsteps of St. Albert the Great, a Dominican friar, scholar and scientist whose study, teaching and writing embraced all of creation.

The seven goals of *Laudato Si’* are:

- ◆ Response to the Cry of the Earth
- ◆ Response to the Cry of the Poor
- ◆ Ecological Economics
- ◆ Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles
- ◆ Ecological Education
- ◆ Ecological Spirituality
- ◆ Community Resilience and Empowerment

We were happy to see how much we have done over the past years in caring for the Poor and the Earth. We realize there is much more to do. We hope you will too and join in this effort.

Resources:

<https://www.laudatosiactionplatform.org>

<https://www.sistersofstdominic.org> click on the *Laudato Si’* button on home page



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Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Committee

TAKE A CHANCE!

Fall Cash Fling

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 "Fall Cash Fling." This is a similar idea, however it is offered on a quarterly basis.

- \$10 per ticket
- Tickets are available for purchase through September, October and November.
- Drawing will be held December 1.

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!

Fall Cash Fling

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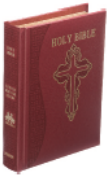
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