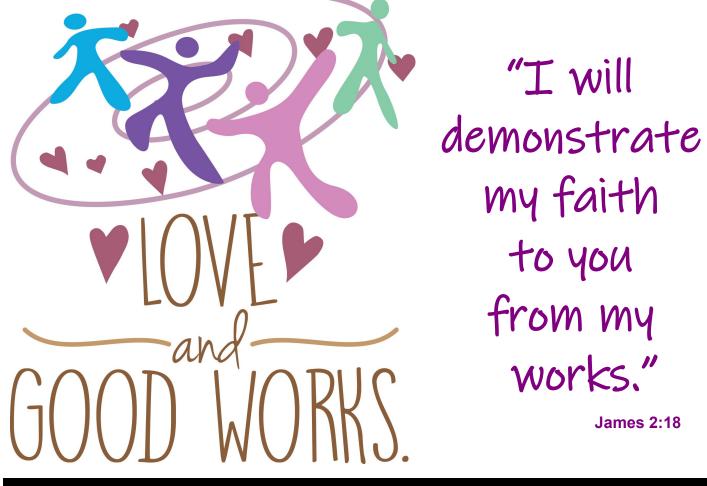
The Parish of the Holy Cross

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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.



Come and pray with us!

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 12, 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!

631.265.2200 + Fax: 631.265.2229 + Email: parish@holycrossrc.org Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 4 PM (closed 12:15 - 1 PM)

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Michael F. Holzmann Pastor, ext.115

> Mrs. Judith Pickel Pastoral Associate, ext.116

Mrs. Tricia Clarke, ext.112 Director of Religious Ed. Mrs. Barbara DeStefano Business Manager, ext.110 Mrs. Kelley Mowat, ext.113 Coordinator of Parish Outreach

Mr. Brian Reich Director of Music Ministry Ms. Alexandra Roecklein Youth Minister

Pastoral Associate, ext.120

Mrs. Michele Hahn

Deacon Joseph Maffeo

Pastoral Minister, ext. 124

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Mrs. Barbara Shipman P/T Asst. to the Pastor

Mr. Roberto Maza Custodian

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Mrs. Mary Inghilterra Weekend Sacristan

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 September 12th, 9AM Mass

Mon.Francisco & Angelina SaavedraTue.People of the ParishWed.Denise LamarqueThu.Pat Del Prete Jr.

Saturday, September 18th, 5PM Mass

Nancy Gallagher, Robert Kieley, Maryann Follo, Isabella Smith, Mary & Dave Martinez, Gloria Posimato

Sunday, Sept. 19th, 25th Sun. in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. O. DeSanto
- **9:30 AM** People of the Parish
- 11:30 AM Maria Ligabo, George Harmel, Salvatore Pavia, Anthony Leva Jr., Giuseppe Carnevale

Scripture Readings for September 19, 2021

- + Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 + James 3:16-4:3
 - + Mark 9:30-37

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A NEW YEAR HAS BEGUN

by Father Michael

Although our calendars still stay 2021, in many ways the beginning of the academic year feels like the beginning of a new year for many people. The fiscal year for the church operates on an academic year calendar, so our new budget kicked in on September 1. Even if you don't have children or aren't involved in education, this can be a time for renewed focus and energy on whatever is happening in our lives. We pray for our children as they head back to school in the midst of turbulent times.

I was never a great student, so I never particularly enjoyed the "Back to School" fanfare when I was growing up. To this day, I still have a sense of dread when the summer ends. Although I like autumn, and there is an excitement as parish programs and other activities come back to life, I still lament that the long and sunny days of summer are gone.

It was my hope to be able to offer a small overnight trip to somewhere fun in September or October. However, in spite of best efforts, it could not be planned. It is frustrating because the primary reason is the lack of adequate staff in so many places. The group representative for one hotel was out of the office for two weeks, and there was no one else who could take the reservation. It is virtually impossible to find a restaurant that can accommodate a bus. Many owners report they do not have the kitchen help or wait staff for large bookings. Hopefully, these labor issues will subside as we move forward, but for the moment I am unable to plan any trips for the autumn.

Needless to say, our parish is not named after a saint as many parishes are. The closest thing we have is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross which is always celebrated on September 14. This year the day falls in the middle of the week. However, next weekend we will have a special celebration for the parish. (See the notice in this bulletin about the blessing of crosses.) The Diocese had recommended that parishes have some kind of "Welcome Back" celebration recognizing that more and more people are returning to Mass. While we are not having any grand celebrations, we do want to affirm this community and the life and faith we share. With the help of the Knights of Columbus we are trying to pull together a little barbeque for after the 11:30 Mass next Sunday. We may be able to offer a little lunch snack out in the courtyard. Pray for sunshine.

Check out our new website **www.holycrossrc.org** and subscribe on the homepage to our parish email list. You will never receive spam from the parish, only important notifications!

PARISH NEWS

<u>Celebrants for Next Weekend's</u> <u>Masses, September 18th/19th</u>



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

The **Bread and Wine** for the week September 12th - 18th have been donated in loving memory of **Pat Del Prete** by his wife, son and family.



<u>Banns of Marriage</u> <u>Third Time</u>

Danielle Williams & Joseph Santospirito Emily Dick & Christopher Altieri

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word 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.

Beginning September 19th, we will be meeting in the Fr. Joe Room two or three Sundays per month during the 11:30 Mass. Children are required to wear masks, and families should arrive early to sign up at the Fr. Joe Room. Limited to first 15 children to sign up.

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**.

<u>Meetings this Week</u>

Sunday, September 12th • BAPTISMS	1 PM Worship Area
Monday, September 13th LEVEL 1 PARENT MEETING 	7 PM Worship Area
Tuesday, September 14th• IN STITCHES• LITURGY TEAM7PM	10 AM Fr. Joe Room Fr. Joe Room
Wednesday, September 15th • LEVEL 7 PARENT MEETING	7 PM Worship Area
Thursday, September 16th • SCRIPTURE STUDY • BEREAVEMENT 1:30-3:30PM	10 AM Atrium Fr. Joe Room
Saturday, September 18th • LEVEL 8 RECONCILIATION	11AM & 1PM Worship Area
Sunday, September 19th • CHILDREN'S LITURGY • TEEN HEALTH NIGHT 7PM	11:30 AM Mass Fr. Joe Room Worship Area



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.

Special Collection

This weekend we will take up the collection for **The Catholic University of America**.

Next weekend will be the collection for the St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility. The retired priests residing at the facility have given their lives to the Church, and your donation ensures that they can receive the accommodation, special care and support they need in their retirement. Thank you for your support!

PARISH NEWS

Altar Servers Needed!

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 3 training sessions, you will be able to assist at Mass as an Altar Server. Training will be held from 4:30 to 5:30PM on 3 consecutive Wednesday afternoons: October 20, 27 and November 3. **Please call the Parish Office to register**.



Holy Cross Seniors



Our Holy Cross Senior Group is looking for new members to join them for an afternoon of fun and socializing. You are

invited to stop in on the **second and fourth Wednesday** of the month and meet some new friends. The meeting is held in the atrium of the church from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM. **Our next meeting is September 22.** Hope to see you there!

Remember "Kevin Bacon"

Don't forget to feed "Kevin Bacon" your quarters when you come to Mass on Sundays! Your donation benefits **Heifer International**.



Hearing Devices

For parishioners who have difficulty hearing, Holy Cross has individual devices which can amplify sound. They are simple to use and work for those who wear hearing aids and those who do not. If you are interested in using one of these devices, please see the Sacristan or an Usher prior to Mass.

<u>Gluten Free Hosts</u>

For parishioners who have Celiac Disease or a gluten sensitivity, Holy Cross has gluten free hosts. If you would like to receive a gluten free host during Communion, please inform the Sacristan prior to Mass.

A Message from the Diocese of Rockville Centre Our Holiness and Mission in the Changing World of Work

New Pastoral Letter from Bishop Barres—A Pastoral Letter Celebrating St. Joseph the Worker on Labor Day. In this pastoral letter, Bishop John Barres examines what St. Joseph teaches us about the true nature of human labor in God's plan for our happiness. The pastoral letter extolls the role of hard work in building families, businesses and our country and gives some thoughts, inspired by St. Joseph's example, on how work forms our character and influences our relationship with God and neighbor. Visit www.drvc.org/ignatianyear to read this new pastoral letter.

A VIEW FROM THE PEW



LITURGY IS WOVEN THROUGH OUR LIVES. IT BRINGS THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY TOGETHER BEFORE THE LORD.

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: <u>MHAHN@HOLYCROSSRC.ORG</u>

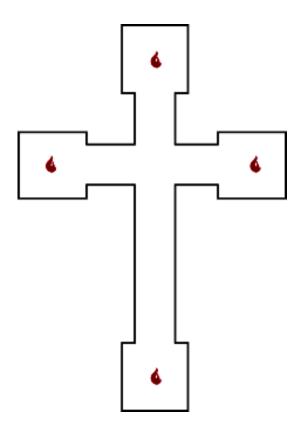
ALL OUR LITURGICAL MINISTERS (EMS, LECTORS & USHERS) ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!

PLEASE RET	URN TO THE PARISH OFFICE	
will be attending the Liturgy Series on September 21, 28 & October 5.		
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SPECIAL BLESSING

Parish of the Holy Cross Celebrates Our Feast Day *Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

on the Weekend of September 18/19



The cross is the central symbol for Christians; without any words or explanation, it identifies what we believe in. For many people specific crosses take on personal meaning. Many parishioners find great comfort in the unique depiction of the Risen Christ on the crucifix that is in our sanctuary. Sometimes a crucifix becomes meaningful as it was used at the funeral of a loved one. Some people grew up with a particular cross that was always in their bedroom. The cross can connect deeply to our own journey.

As part of our celebration of the *Exaltation of the Holy Cross* next weekend, we invite you to bring any cross or crucifix you have at home to Mass. A special blessing for them will be offered as part of Mass.

Dress a Girl Around the World

This unique organization donates dresses to young, vulnerable girls suffering from extreme poverty around the world. By providing a new dress, you may be changing a young girl's destiny and how she and the world see her. It tells them they are loved by someone and reminds them they are loved by God.

How Can You Help? Two Ways!

We are looking for volunteers who will cut the fabric using the patterns provided. You can do this in the comfort of your own home or with a group. Fabric will be provided.

Are you able to sew and want to share your gift for this project? Outreach is looking for volunteers who are interested in creating these dresses by sewing them in their own homes, using precut fabric.

If you are interested, please call Outreach at 631-265-2200 ext. 113 for further details.



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

Feen 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.

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.

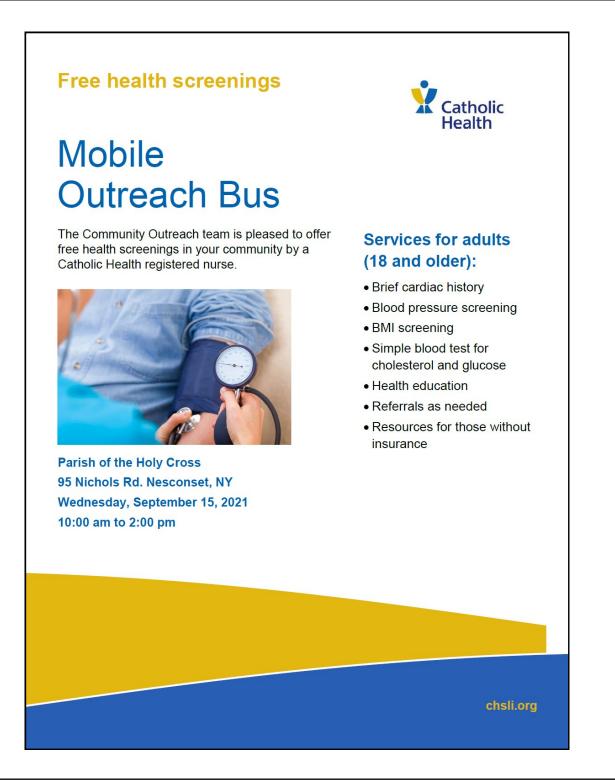
Where: Parish of the Holy Cross 95 Nichols Road Nesconset, NY 11767
When: Sunday, September 26, 2021
Time: 7:00pm to 8:30pm

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

Mark Your Calendars!

Cleanup Day for our Parish Outreach Community Vegetable Garden is scheduled for the morning of September 25th. Volunteers are needed, and community service hours are available for students!



Parish Outreach Statistics for the Month of August# of Families Served: 37Total Persons Served: 79# of Services Provided: 133

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.

The one-hour program covers:

- » 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

In partnership with The Parish of Holy Cross, Nesconset

Visit **alz.org/CRF** to register online and explore additional education programs in your area.

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100% of all the money raised is restricted to support the objectives, programs, and mission that serve more than 600,000 people each year. These programs include services to people in need, affordable housing for senior citizens, people with disabilities and our veterans, respect life initiatives, and formation of our priests, deacons, lay leaders, and young people. Please consider supporting the 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal.					
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When payments reach 100% of our goal, we receive a rebate of 20% or \$14,840. Please help your community and your parish by supporting the CMA!					
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COMMUNITY NEWS

THE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS OF LONG ISLAND **OPEN HOUSES**

You are invited to explore the benefits of a Catholic High School Education Please feel free to visit our schools during the times and dates listed below.

SEPTEMBER 2021

SATURDAY, SEPT. 25	10 A.M 1 P.M.	ST. ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL
SUNDAY, SEPT. 26	2 P.M 4:30 P.M.	ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL
OCTOBER 2021		
SATURDAY, OCT. 2	10 A.M 1 P.M.	KELLENBERG MEMORIAL H.S.
	10 A.M 2 P.M.	CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL
		GROUP TOURS - PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
	11 A.M 2 P.M.	SACRED HEART ACADEMY
SUNDAY, OCT. 3	10 A.M 1 P.M.	OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY
	1 P.M 3:30 P.M.	ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL
SATURDAY, OCT. 16	11 A.M 1:30 P.M.	HOLY TRINITY DIOC. H.S.
SUNDAY, OCT. 17	10 A.M 1 P.M.	ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DIOC. H.S.

HIGH SCHOOL FAIRS

MONDAY, SEPT. 205 P.M. - 7 P.M.ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGETUESDAY, SEPT. 215 P.M. - 7 P.M.MOLLOY COLLEGEPRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED. VISIT WWW.CHSEE.ORG TO REGISTER.

 TEST FOR ADMISSION TO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

 ONLINE FOR 2021-2022

 NOVEMBER 6, 2021

 REGISTER TODAY

 WWW.TACHSINFO.COM

 REGISTRATION DEADLINE

 OCT. 24, 2021

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 introduce the "*Fall Cash Fling.*" This is a similar idea, however it will be offered initially on a quarterly basis.

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

Fall Cash Fling

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