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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!**

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 4, 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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## Remembering Our Sick

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

Bob Alderdice	Theresa Arzillo
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Ann Callari	Pattie Daly-Matonti
Manuela Diaz	Ann Egan
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Debbie Jablinowski	Diane Jones
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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 September 4th, 2022, 9AM Mass

**Mon.** Kevin Grasing Jr.  
**Tue.** Denise Diane D'Angelo  
**Wed.** Doreen Schaefer (living)  
**Thu.** Emilie Schultz



### Saturday, September 10th, 5 PM Mass

Roger Dillon, Phil Pulitano, Sheehan Wilcox, Steven Goellner, Vincent Pereira

### Sunday, Sept. 11th, 24th Sun. in Ordinary Time

**8:00 AM** Clara Lorentz  
**9:30 AM** People of the Parish  
**11:30 AM** Mary Shipman, Vincenzo Baratta, Nick Lombardo, Richard Donello, Michael Cutrone

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.

# THE SPIRIT IS IN THE AIR

*by Father Michael*

We usually associate the Holy Spirit with our celebration of Pentecost which takes place in May. The tradition at Holy Cross is to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in the autumn. This year it will take place on September 14, which is also the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, our feast day. This week we celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation with our young people as the final step of preparation for the Sacrament. There will be exactly one hundred young people receiving Confirmation. We pray that this will indeed be a holy and grace filled moment in their lives.

You may have noticed we have an addition to our Worship Area, a baby grand piano. For years our Music Director, Brian, has been looking for one. There are websites where people offer to donate used pianos. On several occasions he looked at a few, but they were always in poor condition. This one is in fine shape. It came from a family in Commack. They were moving and were hoping to find a good home for it. Our only expense was having it moved, but we'll have to buy a heavy-duty dolly to be able to move it. It also needs to be tuned. For about \$1,200 we have a beautiful addition to our church. We look forward to hearing it in the weeks to come. I am certain it will enhance our prayer and worship.

This is also the time of year when our children and young people head back to school. For some, they began this past week. By Tuesday of this coming week, everyone will be back in the classroom. I'm always surprised and happy to hear how many kids don't mind heading back to school. For many, there is a great anticipation and excitement over sports programs and other extracurricular activities. Being together with friends also takes away some of the sting of summer being over. When I was young, I was never excited about going back. I was not the best student, so I knew this was the beginning of a new wave of academic hurdles. Not being an athlete, a soccer program was not much of an incentive for me either. But life progressed and I faced the challenges. Happily, this year it looks like many of the pre-pandemic routines are able to return. For both educators and students, these past few years were not easy with the many obstacles that had to be negotiated. Best wishes for a blessed, fruitful and energetic school year.

Although summer is quickly fading, September often offers some beautiful weather. Enjoy and continue to embrace the Spirit as it touches all of our lives. Whether it be sacramentally or in the everyday blessing of life, God offers his strength and his peace to all.

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

# PARISH NEWS

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Saturday, September 3rd</b>	<b>3:45 - 4:45 PM</b>
• HOLY HOUR	Worship Area
<b>Sunday, September 4th</b>	<b>After 9:30 Mass</b>
• ANOINTING OF THE SICK	Worship Area
<b>Monday, September 5th</b>	<b>9 AM</b>
• MORNING MASS	Worship Area
<i>(The Parish Office is closed for Labor Day.)</i>	
<b>Tuesday, September 6th</b>	<b>7 PM</b>
• SAIL AWAY PARTY	Atrium
<b>Wednesday, September 7th</b>	<b>7 PM</b>
• LIT. MIN. PRAYER/SPEAKER	Worship Area
<b>Thursday, September 8th</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
• SCRIPTURE STUDY	Fr. Joe Room
• BEREAVEMENT 1:30-3:30PM	Fr. Joe Room
• FALL FESTIVAL MTG. 7PM	Fr. Joe Room
<b>Sunday, September 11th</b>	<b>1 PM</b>
• BAPTISMS	Worship Area

*The Bread and Wine for the week September 4-10 have been donated in loving memory of*  
**Adele Fasano**  
*by the Branciforte family.*



**The Parish Office is closed on Monday, September 5th, for Labor Day. There is a 9:00 Mass Monday morning.**

## Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, September 10th/11th



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

## Scripture Readings for September 11, 2022



+ Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14  
 + 1 Timothy 1:12-17  
 + Luke 15:1-32

## Our Consolation Ministry Needs Your Help!

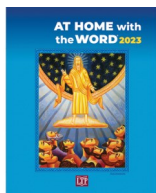
*Blessed are those who mourn.*

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.



# PARISH NEWS



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**.

## Special Collection

Next 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](http://futurecatholicleaders.igivecatholictogether.org).

## A FAREWELL BLESSING FOR THE SHIPMANS!

On Sunday, August 21st, at the 11:30 Mass, Father Michael gave a special blessing to Steve and Barbara Shipman who moved to South Carolina to be closer to their family. We will be forever grateful for their presence in our lives.



# LITURGY BYTES

## Godparent Ideas



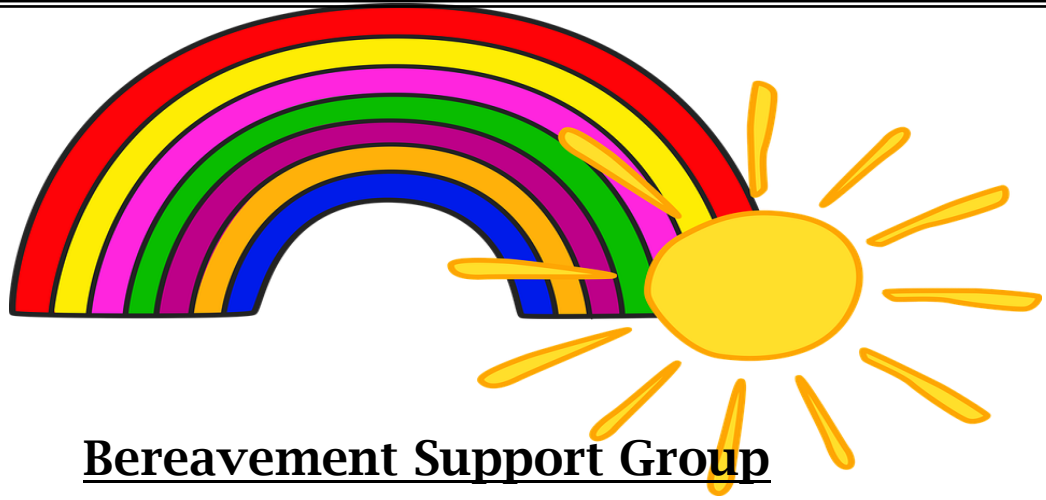
In recent weeks, happily we are receiving many requests for Baptisms! It is such a wonderful experience to welcome babies and their families to our parish community. With that in mind, and the many questions parents must consider when choosing godparents, I thought a few tips for godparents might be an interesting topic to explore.

We all know that there is or was a special pair of adults chosen by our parents to be our spiritual guides. Do you know your godparents? Are they or were they a big part of our lives? When I think about godparents, I fondly remember my own because they had over ten godchildren and treated all of us as if we were their one and only. Many people are unsure about how to be a godparent and even some parents are too. Even though the parents are the primary educators of their children, the godparents are there to assist them. This is the reason why the Church tries to encourage parents to choose wisely. Godparents need to know what it means to live the life of a Catholic, giving their godchild good example, etc. Simply, the Church requires that a godparent be at least 16, baptized, confirmed, and a practicing Catholic. For those who have this title, below are a few tips on how to be a good godparent:

1. **Pray for your godchild** – get in the habit of praying for them each day just like you would your own child or children.
2. **Don't be a stranger** – even though life gets busy at times, try to be present and see your godchild in between the large family gatherings of weddings, etc.
3. **Be a good example** – try your best no matter how difficult life can be to keep the Faith. Show your godchild that God is with you and never gives up on any of us.
4. **The little things mean a lot** – not just the giving of material gifts but the occasional phone call, a hug, going out for ice cream (if you live close by), taking them to a special place (game, shopping, etc.) will show and demonstrate much.
5. **Compliment them on what matters most** – grades are important, but there are other things that your godchild does that is important to point out.
6. Always let them know you are **proud to be their godparent** and mention God in there, too, every so often.

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

# 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 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 3:30 PM. No meeting September 22<sup>nd</sup>. We resume on September 29<sup>th</sup>, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and the last day is October 20<sup>th</sup>.*

*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



WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER.  
**GIVE BLOOD.**  
**SAVE LIVES.**

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## 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!**

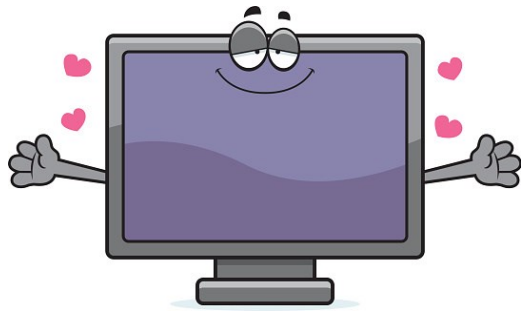
### Eligibility Criteria:

- 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](http://www.nybc.org)

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

# MINISTRY HELP NEEDED!



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**VOLUNTEERS TO RUN THE SLIDES FOR THE  
5PM MASS!!**

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## COMMUNITY NEWS



**LAUDATO SI'**  
Action Platform

*On Care for Our Common Home  
Invitation*

Last week's bulletin gave you a brief introduction to Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si'*. Have you checked out the [website](#) for the *Laudato Si'* Movement? If you have, you may have learned that this encyclical contains six very readable chapters:

- What is Happening to Our Common Home
- The Gospel of Creation
- The Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis
- Integral Ecology
- Lines of Approach and Action
- Ecological Education and Spirituality

We, the Sisters of St. Dominic who have served in your parish are inviting you to partner with us in learning more about our Common Home and the ways we can help to sustain Mother Earth. Click the *Laudato Si'* button on the homepage of the Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville website: [www.sistersofstdominic.org](http://www.sistersofstdominic.org).



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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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