

# The Parish of the Holy Cross

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**LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!**

*Happy Mother's Day!*



*“For the Lamb...  
will shepherd them  
and  
lead them to springs of  
life-giving water...”*

Revelation 7:17

**Come and pray with us!**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter - May 12, 2019**

**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.*

**WE CELEBRATE EUCHARIST**

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 A.M. (Chapel)

Saturday: 5:00 P.M.

Sunday: 8:00 A.M. + 9:30 A.M. + 11:30 A.M.

**WE CELEBRATE RECONCILIATION**

Saturday: 3:45 P.M.—4:30 P.M.

or call Father Michael for an appointment.

**WE CELEBRATE BAPTISM**

Baptisms are generally celebrated twice each month at 1 P.M. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

**WE CELEBRATE WEDDINGS**

Couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date.

# We are here for you!

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 Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (closed 12:15-1:00 PM)

## PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Michael F. Holzmann  
 Pastor

Ms. Kathleen Reid  
 Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Mary Anne Mc Culloch  
 Coordinator of Parish Outreach

Mrs. Judith Pickel  
 Pastoral Associate

Deacon Ralph Rivera  
 Pastoral Minister

Mrs. Tricia Clarke  
 Business Manager

Mr. Brian Reich  
 Director of Music Ministry

Ms. Alexandra Roecklein  
 Youth Minister

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Mrs. Jane Wirth  
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 Music Minister

Mrs. Mary Pannone  
 Religious Education Secretary  
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 P/T Asst. to the Pastor

Mr. Roberto Maza  
 Mr. Vincent Matula  
 Custodians

Mrs. Mary Inghilterra  
 Weekend Sacristan

### Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses



#### May 18th/19th

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

### Mass Intentions Schedule



#### Week of May 12th, 9AM Mass

**Mon.** Mary Giuliano  
**Tue.** Anthony DeVito Jr.  
**Wed.** Karen Occhiogrosso  
**Thu.** Dorothy Garske

#### Saturday, May 18th, 5 PM Mass

John J. Daly, Ann Amore, Catherine West,  
 Frank Retzel, Richard Nolan, Thomas J. Kelly Jr.

#### Sunday, May 19th, Fifth Sunday of Easter

**8:00 AM** Ralph DeMayo  
**9:30 AM** Pauline O'Neill, Gaetana DiMondo,  
 Gina DiCanio, Anna Scholz,  
 Virginia Conlin  
**11:30 AM** People of the Parish

### Remembering Our Sick

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

<b>Frances Craig</b>	<b>Marie Eagers</b>
<b>Thomas Kecki</b>	<b>Maryann League</b>

### Banns of Marriage - Third Time



*Jessica Pereira & Louis Saggio*

### *Scripture Readings for May 19, 2019*

+ Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27  
 + Revelation 21:1-5  
 + John 13:31-35

# Happy Mother's Day

*by Father Michael*

May this be a blessed day for all of you who are Moms. May it be a day to rejoice in this calling God has shared with you. Remember to reach out to your own Mom, and in some way offer gratitude for the gift of life and all she has given you. I will make a visit to the cemetery to visit my Mom. I find visiting her grave to be a peaceful time. Although, I must say I was surprised when I went last year, of all the activity that takes place on Mother's Day. The cemetery was certainly full of visitors. There were people who were having picnics around some of the graves, and there was even one group who were singing songs. I have to say my visits are more low-key than that; I usually just stay a few minutes and say a few prayers.

There has been a small project in the back of my mind for years that I have wanted to get done. It has finally made it to the top of the list, and we are ready to proceed. We will be sprucing up our chapel. Currently, there is a variety of colors in that room: forest green carpeting, sky blue walls, burgundy seating, and a black floor. We will be painting and making a few other minor improvements. The work is slated to take place the week of May 20th. During that week, the daily Mass will take place in the Worship Area.

It has been a while since I have reported any animal activity around my house. That is because there really has not been much to report aside from a few squirrels and rabbits. Back in the winter, there was an unfortunate incident when one of the deer that lives in the woods was hit by a car on Nichols Rd. He was one of three, but since then I have not seen any deer. Unexpectedly, one morning this week I looked out the window and saw four foxes playing in my driveway. They were all about the same size. They all seemed to be full grown. I always thought that foxes have short legs, but these guys had long legs. I went to get my phone to take a picture of them, but by the time I got back, they were heading off into the woods.

These have been busy weeks for our Religious Education Office. In addition to celebrating First Communions, our Confirmation candidates have been making their retreat. It is an evening of prayer that is held here at the parish. This year we have Mr. Tony Bellizzi leading the retreats. He is a man who has a great charism in working with youth. The time in which he spends with our youth is engaging and inspiring. There is time for some fun and crazy games, but most of the program is dedicated to leading our young men and women into a deep experience of prayer. We are still awaiting notification from the Diocese as to the date when Confirmation will take place in the fall.

# PARISH NEWS

## Outreach Community Vegetable Garden

**Help is needed at our Community Vegetable Garden!** Our vegetable garden provides wholesome vegetables for those seeking assistance from Parish Outreach. We will have a vegetable garden **planting day on Saturday, May 18th, from 8 to 11AM.** If you enjoy gardening or are looking for community service hours for school, join us for planting day! Please bring work gloves, shovels, etc. We need your help!



## Special Collection

Next weekend, May 18th/19th, at the Offertory we will also be collecting for our **Renovations and Major Repairs fund.** Thank you for your support of this important collection!

# CONCERT AT HOLY CROSS!



## Connetquot High School Concert Choir and Alumni Choir Community Concert

Saturday, June 8, 2019  
2:00 PM

The Parish of the  
Holy Cross  
95 Nichols Road  
Nesconset, NY  
Free Admission



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## Welcome to Holy Cross Religious Education

The Religious Education Office is planning ahead to the 2019-2020 Formation Year. We need your help so that we can adequately plan to meet the needs of our parish. If you have a child entering **First Grade in September you need to register**. If you have recently moved to our parish you need to register in the parish. Our program is "home based." Classes do not take place at the Church; rather they are held in the homes of our Catechists. Because of this, there are geographical limits on who we are able to accommodate. Please contact our office for more specific information.

- First time registration needs to be done in person at our office.
- Registration needs to be completed by June 14, 2019.
- Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00-12:00 & 1:00-4:00
- If your child was not baptized at Holy Cross you need to bring a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate.
- For those who are already part of our program, you need to re-register for the upcoming year. **Materials will be sent to your home by the middle of May**, and they may be returned by mail. Please note the deadline of June 14, 2019.

A detailed outline of our program is available on-line or at our office. But, there are a few important details to be noted.

- Children must successfully complete each grade level to proceed to the next.
- The Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation require a minimum of two years of preparation.

Most importantly, we need to work together. Faithful attendance at classes and parent workshops is essential. As comprehensive and informative as our program is, this is only one part of your child's faith formation. The greatest thing you can do to nurture your faith and the faith of your child is to regularly be part of our Sunday Eucharist.



The Catechism of the Church states that parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. We are privileged to work with you in this task. We thank you for your cooperation in allowing us to be part of your lives. We look forward to a fruitful year where everyone, young and old, continues to grow in understanding the gift of our faith.

# REMINDERS

## 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.

## Gluten Free Hosts

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.

## Attention Altar Servers

If you are an Altar Server and need to come off the schedule because you are going away to college, please contact the Parish Office at 631-265-2200 x22.

## Remember "Kevin Bacon"

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



## Holy Cross Seniors

Our Holy Cross Senior Group is always looking for new members to join them for an afternoon of fun and socializing. You are invited to stop in on the **first and third Wednesdays** of the month and meet some new friends. The meeting is held in the atrium of the Church from 11:30am to 2:30pm. **Our next meeting is May 15th.**

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

*July 8 - 12, 2019*

Please mark your calendars for this year's **ROAR! Vacation Bible School** at Holy Cross which will be held from Monday, July 8th, through Friday, July 12th, from 10am to 1pm. Registration forms for campers can be found on the next page of the bulletin or on our web page, [www.pothc.org](http://www.pothc.org). This is for **campers** only, specifically children who are entering grades K through 5 in the fall of 2019. Please fill out the form and mail in your registration or stop by the Religious Education office to register.



Inquiries regarding this popular, exciting, summer program can be made at 265-2200 ext.19. **\*\*Sign-up registration for helpers and counselors will be held May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.**

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



## The Parish of the Holy Cross VBS Registration Form



July 8 - 12, 2019

Please print clearly/ one per child

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade entering Sept. 2019 \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish if not Holy Cross: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/guardian emergency contact # / cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Father/guardian emergency contact # / cell # \_\_\_\_\_

**Important:** Allergies or other medical conditions: Yes / No (please circle one)  
( if "yes" please fill out "Allergy Action Plan" form at time of registration. )

**\*\*\* Under NO circumstances may outside food be brought in.**

Fees:

\$60.00 for 1 camper

\$100.00 for 2 campers

\$140.00 for 3 or more  
campers

**Please circle your child's t-shirt size:**

**small**

**medium**

**large**

May request one name for a child to be placed with:

\_\_\_\_\_

This is only a request.

Campers may be placed in same crew OR group.

Siblings will be placed together if requested.

**Photography release:** I hereby **give / do not give** permission for my child  
\_\_\_\_\_ to be photographed during the week at VBS.

(must circle one and sign) \_\_\_\_\_



*We Remember our Mothers  
on this Special Day!*



## **MASS REMEMBRANCES IN HONOR OF...**

REGINA FOLLO	LINDA NECROTO	MARYLOU SHEA	HELEN MULLIGAN
LISA FOLLO	DOROTHY PADRONE	DONNA COYNE	ELLIE FOLEY
VERONICA FOLLO	GARCIA LADIES	JOSEPHINE ROSSELLI	MARYANNE DETWEILER
MEI YING ENG	TINA PAOLANTONIO	MARYANN CANALINI	LORI SCHROEDER
KEENA, BURTON & CANGIANO MOMS	SUSANMARY AKHTAR	MARYLOU SMITH	BARBARA SCHOLL
CATHERINE SOTTUNG	ANGELA LANDRO	MARY RYDER	ROBERTA LAMB
EILEEN SOTTUNG	CORA ELLEN MCKINLEY	ANNIE CALLARI	JOAN O'HANLON
JOELLEN HEGMANN	MARIA EANNAcone	ALICIA MENDOZA	MARY REID
WINNIE MULDERIG	MARIANNA IACOVELLI	CATHERINE GARCIA	MALONEY FAMILY MEMBERS
LORI FERRARO REICH	CAROL CERVASIO	ROSE FICHTER	THERESA PELLECHI
ROSEMARIE SCHIAVONE	BARBARA REIDY	GAIL GARCIA	MARY E. KNIPPER
MAUREEN SULLIVAN	MARIANNE YAGER	CECILIA MARTINS	STEPHANIE WHELAN
ALICE WYNNE	ANN YAGER	ROSALINA SIMOES	ROBIN DENICOLA
PATRICIA NESFIELD	ROSE SCHREIBER	MARGARET SCAPARRO	ANGIE GALLO
	ALL PRESENT MOTHERS	ANNE BORRUSO	

## **MASS REMEMBRANCES IN MEMORY OF...**

ANN KEENA	ANN E. ZIMMERMANN	ANN T. SLATTERY	JOAN O'CLAIR
LUCY FOLLO	SUE MELILLO	MAE MCCUTCHEN	KATHERINE SCHNEIDER
NANCY GALLAGHER	FLORENCE MARTURANO	IOLE MANZO	DOROTHY SCHNEIDER
JUDY KEENA	NANCY POLISTENA	ANNA BRUNO	IRENE SIMS
ISABELLA BURTON	ANN ESTOCK	MARY DONNELLAN	DOROTHY ZELTMANN
MARIE GUARINO	BARBARA MARTIN	LILLIAN SMITH	THERESA CAROFANO
GWYNETH MORRIS	CATHERINE GARRETT	THERESA CARACCILO	ANTONIA MINERVA
NELL CANGIANO	DEE SALES TESSARI	ADA CANALINI	DORA DE SESKUS
KEENA, FOLLO, BURTON & CANGIANO MOTHERS	JOHN TESSARI	MARIE KOERICK	NADIA MAKOWICZ
CATHERINE FORBELL	ANGIE FUMAI	VINCENZA CASTRONOVO	BRIGIDA INGOGLIA
AGNES CAIN	EMMA FUMAI	THERESA PRUDENTI	LENA STRACCIO
FLO CANGELERI	ANN BRENNAN	RUTH ALDERDICE	MARY SCIMECA
EILEEN DUMINUCO	AGNES BRACKETT	JULIA PRIMERANO	CATHERINE HENRY
ELEANOR KERNER	MARY MANLEY	ANNA SFORZA	HELEN MCCULLOCH
HEDWIG AKALSKI	CAROLINA FRATELLIZZI	JEANETTE PAIGE	DOROTHY POSA
GRACE PERSICH	JOSEPHINE GALLO	ROSE MUSCARNERE	EILEEN CLARKE
PATRICIA LAWLOR	PATRICIA MENNELLA	ANNA CERVONE	DOROTHY KOHLER
CARMELA TERRANOVA	MADLINE CROWLEY	PETRA UGALDE	MARGE BOCCIO
NETTIE PASQUA	SARAH (MOTHER)	ETHEL BENNETT	MARIE MORRIS
JOSEPHINE SCHUHRIEMEN	JEAN BASILE	LUCY V. MAROTTA	PAULINE KRUK
IRENE "HONEY" KUCZWAJ	TERESA NAVARRA	COLOGERA MAROTTA	MARGARET STROCKBINE
LORRAINE BRODERICK	ADALAIDE DENOBREGA	STASIA EGAN	ANNE MORAN
HARRINGTON	CAMILLE TORTI	HELENA CORCORAN	MRS. Y DESANTO
	FRANCES SICARI	LOUISE HARTNAGLE	MRS. M GARGIULO

# MASS REMEMBRANCES IN MEMORY OF...

ELLEN CORRIGAN  
BRIDGET MAZZUCCO  
JOSEPHINE VITALE  
CATHERINE CORROY  
FRANCES MONACO  
THOMASSINA COLLURA  
THERESA BIGOTTI  
MARY CARROLL  
BESSIE LAPORTA  
LINDA PUGLISI  
HELEN O'HARA  
NANCY JONES  
MARION BURGER  
EVELYN RAGNO  
MARY ITALIANO  
BERTHA PERRINO  
GLORIA DANDREA  
GAETANA GROBLUSKI  
MADELINE ZANFINI  
ANNA GIBBONS  
ETHIE BRIDGETTS  
JOHANNA ZEHRER  
ROSE PACIELLO  
MARY M. BISSELL  
STELLA KONCHALSKI  
CATHERINE NEARY  
CATHERINE MORENO  
MARY O'CONNOR  
ANNA MARIA FILIBERTO  
LINA GRISANZIO  
MILDRED BERGER  
ADELINE EITH  
THERESA SCHNURR  
ANNA BURSKY  
MILDRED MALLINS  
LILLIAN BECKER  
MILLIE RIENZI  
MADELINE KEENAN  
NORA MANNION  
MARY CONOLLY  
IRENE (HONEY) KUCZWAJ  
VIRGINIA (GINNY)  
MAKOWSKI  
LORETTA LOMBARDO  
DORATHY SWENSON  
JOSEPHINE DIROSA  
CALOGERA DIROSA  
ANNA MULA

TERESITA MANALASTAS  
JOAN METZNER  
MARGARET A. WALKER  
ROSE CADOLINO  
HELEN SACCO  
MARY A. DILLON  
MARGARET STEVENSON  
OLGA KUETHMANN  
KAREN KELLY  
DOROTHY CONWAY  
ELIZABETH CONWAY  
IRENE VASILUTH  
HILDE FERRANDINO  
ROSE MARINELLI  
MILDRED GIUSEFFI  
MARION BUDREO  
ANN LECHNER  
CATHERINE O'GRADY  
JEAN INGHILTERRA  
CARMEN RODRIGUEZ  
CHRISTINE FUSEK  
HELEN WOHLFARTH  
LAURA RAMMELKAMP  
SARA CONNOR  
MARGARET COCO  
EMILY BUSE  
MARY CARNEY HOLT  
JOHANNA CONFORTI  
CLARE GILLEN  
MAUREEN MCCARTHY  
MARY REECE  
REBECCA NESFIELD  
CAROLE REECE  
CAROLYN BECCARELLI  
MURPHY LADIES  
HELEN PAOLANTONIO  
MARY TESSEYMAN  
JOAN COCORAN  
DOROTHY MOTTO  
BEATRICE HOLST  
LINDA MARINO  
ROSE ARBITELLA  
ANNA CERVONE  
ALFREDITA CERVASIO  
ISABEL REIDY  
MARY LOMBARDO  
JEAN BRUNO  
BOBBIE ANN BARATTA

GRACE MARRAZZO  
ALL PAST MOTHERS  
MARGARET KASCSAK  
VIRGINIA KUTCHA  
MARY VERDI  
JANE DALY  
ELIZABETH STELLJES  
MALONEY FAMILY  
MEMBERS  
JOAN DIBERNARDO  
ANNA LIPNICKI  
TERESA LAMB  
LAURA MCQUADE  
JOAN EDWARDS  
ISABEL KISLACK  
BLANCA FORERO  
ROSE CARDONE  
ROSE GICOLA  
ANGELINA FRANGOSIE  
IDA KOTARSKI  
RITA CASTELLOZZI  
JUNE HEALY  
EILEEN DEWEEVER  
SARAH LAMARTINA  
FRIEDA DUNN  
LUCY BERGEN  
ANGELA TAYLOR  
JANIS C CHIECA  
ELEANORA TROVATO  
MILDRED WILKINSON  
MARTHA VETTER  
DOROTHY RIVERS  
ANNE MERLO  
FLORENCE SASSANO  
JOSEPHINE SASSANO  
CATHERINE ALLEN  
ALICE JOST  
ANNE MATTERA  
EMMA EMERSON  
VIRGINIA CHASINOV  
LUCY LESCINSKI  
ROSE GRACE ARZILLO  
RITA RENCK  
ETTA FORD  
JULIA MALEK  
GERTRUDE COGLIANO  
ANTOINETTA STUMBO  
ROSE VIGILANTE

HELEN GIBALDI  
JOSEPHINE ABBRIANO  
JULIA MORSELLI  
GRACE MARRAZZO  
MARGARET SULLIVAN  
MARIE PUPPA  
MARGARET LEPTICH  
THERESA MEDARO  
LUISA ALVARADO  
ANN SKWAREK  
KATHRYN KRAMER  
ELEANOR COURTNEY  
HELEN KAMINSKY  
ELIZABETH LOVAS  
MARGARET KAMMER  
JANE SHANNON  
GERTRUDE KELLY  
DOROTHY GOEBEL  
IDA COOKE  
KAREN CILIOTTA  
ROSE PETITO  
LENA FANUELE  
ANNA TESTA  
LUCILLE DEVITO  
BERTHA TEPEDINO  
NAN HOEY  
FRANCES GRASS  
MILDRED SERRANTONIO  
DIANE FORTE  
GRACE LEVANDI  
MARIE SCHULTZ  
JOSEPHINE O'SHEA  
ANGELINE WINTERS  
STELLA GUGALA  
EDITH HORNBERGER  
CECILIA CONLON  
MARY ALFIERO  
JEAN STANTON  
MARY WALSH  
ANNA LANDINI  
MARY MAGGIO  
MARIE GALLO  
CECILIA KLUJSZA  
ROSE PANNONE  
MARY DILLON  
ANN GRIFFIN





# CONGRATULATIONS!

*to the following children who celebrated  
First Eucharist in May 2019*

Breana Anderson  
Rose Armentano  
Tyler Austin  
Matthew Ball  
Nicolas Beccarelli  
Jesse Bleyer  
Adriana Boeri  
Raymond Borsella  
Joseph Buonconsiglio  
Vincent Calarco  
Marissa Callea  
Ashley Chmela  
Paolo Clemente  
Eliana Clifford  
Christopher Collazo  
Jayden Colorio  
William Connick  
Robert Connick  
James Connick  
Alexis Craig  
Giovanni Craig  
Yasmin DeJesus  
Dezmond DeLeon  
Angelina Dellaratta  
Gabriella DeSantolo  
Daniella DiMondo  
Hunter DePeri  
Matthew Doherty  
Fiona Dransite  
Daniel Ferrizz  
Owen Fikes  
Lucas Gail  
Logan Gallo  
Inga Gianelli  
Christina Gobes

Raymond Gobes  
Elaina Grano de Oro  
Anthony Groe  
Anthony Guidi  
Emma Harned  
Jack Harned  
Madison Hart  
Margaret Heller  
Clare Holland  
Alexis Hupp  
Evangeline Hurst  
Jayden Ingald  
Joseph Jaquillard  
Gianna Kamor  
Brady Kearnes  
Madilyn King  
Anna Koblan  
Delany Kondracki  
Julianna Koppelman  
Brenna Kurka  
Brody LaMura  
Emily Ledda  
Kevin Leicht  
Ryan Leicht  
Brooke Lendin  
Lauren Mahoney  
Adelaide Maloney  
Matthew Marselle  
Sarah Marselle  
Colton Marz  
Luke Mazzaglia  
Caroline McGrade  
Ella Messner  
Adrianna Michel  
Jonathan Mitton

Angelina Nicoletta  
Isabella Nicoletta  
Tyler O'Sullivan  
Nicolo Palermo  
Lucas Pellechi  
Sebastian Platania  
Anthony Portillo  
Lorenzo Pupplo  
Shannon Reilly  
Gianna Richford  
Marilyn Ripandelli  
Liliana Roper  
Ryan Rosmaninho  
Sofia Rosselli  
Addison Sanginario  
Katelyn Savino  
Griffin Savio  
Jonathan Scali  
Morgan Schaff  
Tyler Schaff  
Emily Siciliano  
Jillian Siino  
Madison Simmons  
Mikayla Simmons  
Taylor Simmons  
Jake Stoever  
Emily Strafford  
Emilia Tarazi  
Ella Taylor  
Gavin Vigneaux  
Jack Vinberg  
James Wichtendahl  
Markie Worontzoff

# YOUTH MINISTRY

Hello everyone! Are you in high school? Do you want to make new friends as you play fun games? Do you want to build more of an understanding about yourself and your faith? If you answered "Yes!" to any one of those questions, then you **MUST** check out the **Holy Cross Youth Group!** You will be glad you did!



If you made your Confirmation, then come with a friend and check out the wonderful opportunities the Youth Group has for you! We would love to see you! The Holy Cross Youth Group is the perfect opportunity for you to continue to grow in your faith and build relationships with others in the parish.

Here are our upcoming events. Take a look!

- **Mother's Day Weekend - No Youth Day/Night Event. Happy Mother's Day!**
- **Sunday, May 19 - We will attend the 11:30 Mass with the Core Band, and then we will have a fun day at Avalon Park from 1 to 4PM!**
- **Memorial Day Weekend - No Youth Day/Night Event**
- **Sunday, June 2 - Join us for a fun Youth Night from 6 to 8PM in the atrium!**

So, if you are thinking about coming to the church to see what we are all about, do it! You will not regret it. Come with a friend or family member, and join us as we continue to grow in the endless love of Christ.

If you have any questions or concerns, or if you are thinking about joining us and would like more information, then please do not hesitate to contact Allie Roecklein, our Youth Minister, at [hcyouthgroup15@gmail.com](mailto:hcyouthgroup15@gmail.com) or call the parish office.

# ATTENTION PARISHIONERS!

## Help Write Our Prayer

We are familiar with the part of the Mass when petitions are offered. Today it is referred to as the Universal Prayer, although through the years it has also been called the General Intercessions or The Prayer of the Faithful. The prayers that we currently use come about through a variety of ways. Sometimes we write our own. We also have several on-line resources and books that we use in creating the prayers for each week. Additionally, there is a parishioner who assists in writing them.



We are offering the opportunity for parishioners to suggest needs or intentions that could be prayed for at our weekend Masses. Identify issues within our world, nation, community or Church. This would not be the place to mention individual people or private prayers such as “for my cousin, Daisy.” (Our Petition Book in the atrium is available for these special intentions.) Please suggest any prayers you would like to see included in our worship. Keep the following guidelines in mind:

- Be succinct; the prayer needs to be limited to one or two short sentences.
- Normally prayers begin with “For.” *For our nation, . . .*
- This is not the place for prayers of gratitude. *In Thanksgiving for . . .*
- Prayers should not include any particular agenda or personal opinion.

Depending on how many requests we receive, we will try to include at least one intention per week. It may be necessary to edit the prayer so that its format is consistent with the other prayers.

Please feel free to use the tear-off below to submit your prayer. These can be mailed back to us or placed in the offertory basket. You may also e-mail us your request to [pothc@optonline.net](mailto:pothc@optonline.net) .

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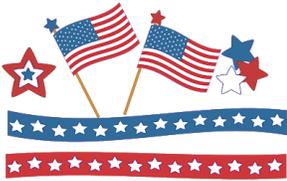
### My Suggestion for a Sunday Prayer Intention

Prayer Intention: “For \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.”

(If you wish you may include your name): \_\_\_\_\_



# CASH CALENDAR



## PARISH OF THE HOLY CROSS CASH CALENDAR ~ MAY 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 \$50	2 \$50	3 \$50	4 \$50
5 \$50	6 \$50	7 \$50	8 \$50	9 \$50	10 \$50	11 \$50
12 \$50	13 \$50	14 \$50	15 \$50	16 \$50	17 \$50	18 \$50
19 \$50	20 \$50	21 \$50	22 \$50	23 \$50	24 \$50	25 \$50
26 \$50	27 \$500	28 \$50	29 \$50	30 \$50	31 \$50	

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# MEETINGS THIS WEEK

<b>Saturday, May 11th</b>	<b>10AM &amp; 1PM</b>
• 1ST HOLY COMMUNIONS	Wor.Ar., Atr.
<b>Monday, May 13th</b>	<b>6 - 9 PM</b>
• CONFIRMATION RETREAT	Wor. Ar., Atr.
<b>Tuesday, May 14th</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
• AWAKENING FAITH	7PM Atr., Chapel
<b>Wednesday, May 15th</b>	<b>11:30AM-2:30PM</b>
• SENIORS	Atrium
• VBS HELPER/COUNSELOR SIGN-UP	6PM Atrium
• BAPTISM PREP	7:30PM Fr. Joe Room
<b>Thursday, May 16th</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
• SCRIPTURE STUDY	Fr. Joe Room
• ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS	7PM Conference Rm.
<b>Saturday, May 18th</b>	<b>8 - 11 AM</b>
• VEGETABLE PLANTING	Community Gdn.
<b>Sunday, May 19th</b>	<b>11:30 AM</b>
• YOUTH MASS W/CORE BAND	Worship Area
• YOUTH DAY EVENT	1-4PM Avalon Park
• BAPTISMS	1PM Worship Area

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Bereavement Support

Good Shepherd Hospice Bereavement Services are opened to anyone in the community, who has experienced a loss through death, at no charge.

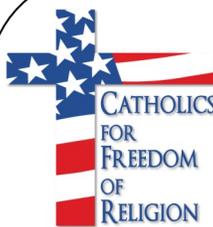
Upcoming Bereavement Support Groups, led by a Bereavement Specialist, include:

### Adult Loss of Parent or Sibling Loss Support

**Group** - June 4 thru July 23 / 6:45PM-8:15PM  
Groups are held at Good Shepherd Hospice Inpatient Center, 200 Belle Terre Road, Port Jefferson NY.

**Registration required** – (631) 828-7628.

# RELIGIOUS FREEDOM



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The *Conscience & Religious Freedom* office within the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) was created last year to **hear complaints from pro-life medical personnel who claimed they're getting fired or retaliated against for their beliefs.** This new office is intended to correct this and to stop what Cardinal Timothy Dolan called the "**increasing and fierce attack on conscience rights**" in medicine.

In its first year, the new HHS division received 348 complaints about religious or moral discrimination, a significant increase over previous years.

Other issues the office considers are: people who oppose vaccines that are derived from fetal tissue from aborted babies, and medical students who object to being trained to do abortions. Conscience protections for those who oppose doctor-assisted suicide are also a growing concern as more states legalize the life-destroying practice.

(lifeneews.com, 4/18/19; townhall.com, 1/24/18; cnsnews.com, 1/24/18; bpnews.net, 3/6/19)

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