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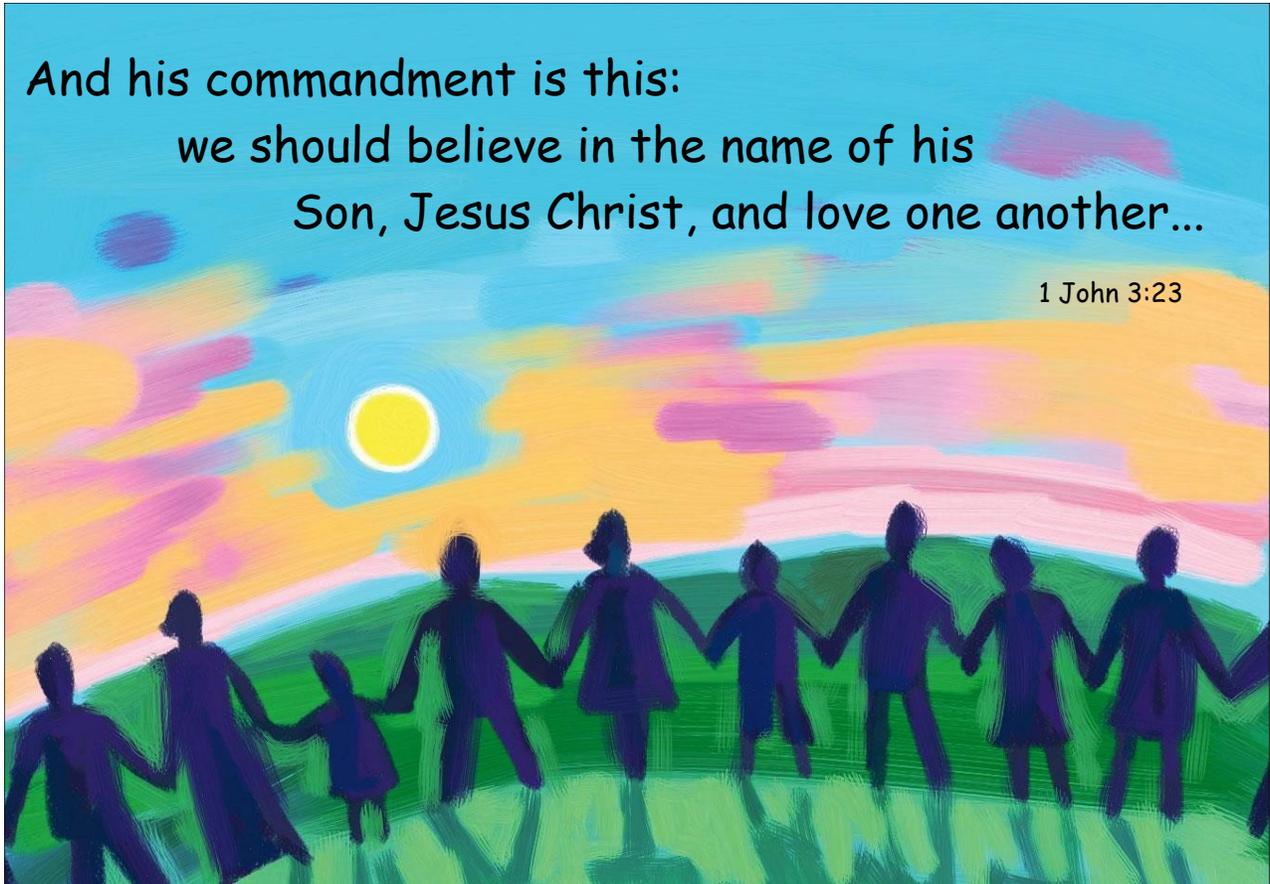
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## LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!

**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.*

And his commandment is this:  
we should believe in the name of his  
Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another...

1 John 3:23



## Come and pray with us!

### Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 2, 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 live streamed on Facebook.)

**We celebrate Reconciliation**

Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM; Wednesday after 9:00 AM Mass

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## Remembering Our Sick

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

**Kathy Barry**  
**Barbara Bombace**  
**Manuela Diaz**  
**Jim Emerson**  
**Jeanne Gallo**  
**Bob Grieco**  
**Gerald Losquadro**  
**Nick Matonti**  
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**Barbara Sherry**  
**David Velkas**  
**Judy Viskupic**  
**Elaine Wilkinson**

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 May 2nd, 9AM Mass

**Mon.** Mark & Liz Lacob (living)  
**Tue.** George Melynck (living)  
**Wed.** Diane Dawson-Kozicki (living)  
**Thu.** Henri-Robert Lamarque

### Saturday, May 8th, 5PM Mass

All Mother's Day Mass Remembrances

### Sunday, May 9th, Sixth Sunday of Easter

All Mother's Day Mass Remembrances



### *Scripture Readings for May 9, 2021*



+ Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48  
+ 1 John 4:7-10  
+ John 15:9-17

### Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses

5:00 PM Fr. Frank Eisele  
8:00 AM Fr. Frank  
9:30 AM Fr. Michael/Dcn. Ralph  
11:30 AM Fr. Michael/Dcn. Ralph



# GREAT UNCLE MIKEY IS ON THE WAY

*by Father Michael*

As I write this article, I am preparing to leave for Tampa, Florida, to visit my grandniece for the first time. She was born in February of 2020. I think I rescheduled this trip five times over the past year. When everything first started to unfold, I thought I might need to postpone this trip “for a few weeks.” Needless to say, that turned into fourteen months. But I am delighted to be on my way and introduce myself to Everleigh Catherine, the newest member of our family. It will be fun to spend 2 ½ days with her, but by the end of my visit I will be happy to get back on a plane to come home to a quiet house. I’ve seen videos of the little one running around non-stop. I’ll leave the joy of slowing her down to her mom and dad.

Mother Nature had some fine moments this week. The full moon on Monday evening was just brilliant. The warm days that we experienced midweek were just delightful. (Remember last year how unseasonably cool it was all spring when we were in the midst of the most challenging days?) For me, the highlight of the week was early on Tuesday morning. Before the sun actually rose, over a period of 4-5 minutes, the sky turned a vibrant pink. The color was becoming more and more intense when suddenly it turned grey; a rain cloud passed in the way. Sometimes nature reminds us to live in the present moment and enjoy what is before us.

This weekend we resume with what had been a regular part of the parish routine before the pandemic hit: Holy Hour and the Anointing of the Sick. Holy Hour will take place on the first Saturday of the month from 3:45-4:45 PM. The Anointing of the Sick will take place on the first Sunday of the month after the 9:30 AM Mass. Of course, this sacrament is also readily available at other times by making an appointment. And I make house calls for those who are not able to get here.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Youth Ministry plant sale. I hope that the plants you ordered will bring a bit of springtime cheer to your yard. The last weekend to purchase “Spring Cash Fling” tickets will be May 15/16. We are appreciative of all those who took their chance on buying a lucky ticket.

Since Easter the number of familiar faces returning to Mass is increasing. It is so good to have so many gathering for Mass. Although we still have a reduced seating capacity, happily we are able to accommodate everyone. This Easter season we are truly celebrating a newness of life. Thank you to all who continue to support Holy Cross in so many ways.

# PARISH NEWS

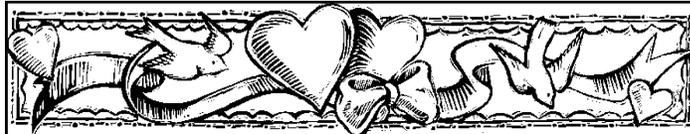
## Pray for Our Military



SPC(E-4) David Basler  
 Cpl Richard J. DeKanchuk, USMC  
 SA Anthony J. DeNicola  
 FC2 Lane Dyar  
 AS Brandon Ferrara  
 SSG Daniel Frost  
 MIDN Jonathan A. Goohs Jr., USNA  
 WO Christopher Kaminsky  
 Sgt Michael J. Knipper, USMC  
 SSGT Ryan Mauldin  
 PFC Ryan McCoy, USMC  
 Lt Ryan Montvydas  
 IT1 Jason Mulderig  
 Cpl Michael Palagonia, USMC

We thank the men and women who serve in our military for their service. We will continue to pray for them through 2021. Please let us know at any time during 2021 if their service is finished, their title has changed, or you would like continued prayers through 2022.

May God bless all who serve our nation. Pray for Peace!



## *Banns of Marriage - Second Time*

Gabriella Vasapolli & James Hershberger



*The Bread and Wine for the week May 2nd-8th have been donated in loving memory of **Julio Garced & Lydia Narvaez** by Madeline Garcia & the Porcell family.*

## *Mother's Day Mass Remembrances*

*Envelopes may be placed in the collection basket. Names of loved ones will appear in the Mother's Day bulletin.*



We pray for the following parishioners whose funerals were celebrated at Holy Cross in April:

*Charles Olivares  
 John Schroeder*

May they rest in peace,  
 and may their loved ones be consoled.



*Holy Cross welcomes  
 these children  
 Baptized in April*

Mason John Abbate  
 Samantha Rose Baiocco  
 Madeline Hope Biasotti  
 Riley Jordan Biasotti  
 Chase Wilder Heiser  
 Connor Michael Klein  
 Jake Vincent Mastro  
 Veline Michel  
 Samuel Kirk Packer-Hopke  
 Matthew Pablo Trujillo  
 Charles John Vallone

## Special Collections

This weekend we will also be collecting for our **Catholic Elementary Schools**. This collection provides scholarships and program funding for the needs of students and schools.

Next weekend we will also be collecting for our **Renovations and Major Repairs** fund. Thank you for your support of these important collections!

# HOLY CROSS TRAVEL CLUB

## *A Taste of New Hampshire* July 18 – 21, 2021

### Highlights of the Journey:

- ❖ Port Jefferson ferry to Connecticut
- ❖ Franconia Notch State Park
- ❖ Boat ride at Squam Lake Natural Science Center
- ❖ Dinner Cruise on Lake Winnepesaukee
- ❖ Optional hike in the White Mountains
- ❖ Travel the Kancamagus Highway
- ❖ Several shopping stops along the way
- ❖ Lavish lunch and tour at the classic Mt. Washington Hotel
- ❖ The Flume/Scenic Gorge walkway (Pending Covid Restrictions)
- ❖ Picture stop at the New Hampshire State House
- ❖ McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center and Planetarium



For more detailed info regarding this itinerary, please see the “infomercial” posted on our Facebook page.

### Trip Includes:

- Transportation and Touring by Hampton Jitney
- 3 Nights at Indian Head Resort in Lincoln, NH
- 3 Breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners
- All admissions and sightseeing

### Cost:

- \$1,120 per person based on Double Occupancy ~ \$1,340 Single Occupancy  
COST IS NOT YET FINALIZED. (It will likely be lower than the above prices.) Exact price will be available on Monday, May 3, when reservation form may be picked up in the Parish Office.
- \$250 Non-Refundable. After June 14, all monies become Non-Refundable. (You may wish to consider buying trip cancellation insurance.)
- The trip needs at least 25 people to run. If we have more than 32, the price will be reduced by \$40.
- Stop by the Parish Office to pick up a detailed itinerary, credit card authorization form, and reservation form.

*Some more fine print:* All aspects of the tour were confirmed at the time of planning this trip. However, should there be any change in restrictions or other factors, the itinerary may need to be altered. Covid restrictions are being updated (and in many instances, relaxed) on an on-going basis in each State. However, in booking this trip participants should be prepared to wear a face mask for all group activities, including riding on the motorcoach.

# LITURGY BYTES



Do you feel like you are just going through the motions when we kneel, sit, and stand at Mass? Are we really present both externally and internally? The movement of our bodies actually deepens the experience of worship. God relates to us through our bodies. Think of the Incarnation – God assumed a human nature in the person of Jesus. He chose mere matter as the means of our salvation. This principle extends beyond the person of Christ, particularly in the Sacraments Jesus instituted. It is easy to understand this when we think about the Eucharist, which is really the supreme example.

Another familiar sacramental principle is on full display for us through icons, statues, and other sacred artwork. Vestments signify the minister's sacred duties. Candles symbolize the light of Christ. Voices and instruments lead congregations in prayer. At Mass all of the assembly bless themselves, genuflect, kneel, bow, etc. Let us not forget what is used in the celebration of the Sacraments: water, oil, bread, and wine.

Last, but not least, there is ritual! All of us have rituals, even if they are not religious ones. We may have specific routines when we wake up and also before we go to bed. We probably have habits of doing things at work too. It is natural, then, that we should expect there to be rituals in our spiritual lives as well.

In conclusion, attending Mass brings people together as one big family, especially through the Eucharist. The liturgy is the corporate worship of the Church bringing together Christ's disciples into one body. Today, in our world of many challenges of diversity and even division, the Church brings all people together united as the Body of Christ. Go forth this week and live this life of grace which we have been given!

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

# ANOINTING OF THE SICK

In the past, people received the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick only when they were gravely ill. However, the Church believes that the Anointing of the Sick should be experienced while we are still able to be aware of God's peaceful presence within us.

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.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will again be offered after the 9:30 AM Mass on the first Sunday of each month. **The Sacrament will be offered on May 2nd.**



# HOLY CROSS BOOK CLUB

- ◆ Are you struggling through a time of change?
- ◆ Are you wondering where God is in the midst of these unsettled times?
- ◆ Are you looking for some encouraging and inspiring words?

If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, come and join Holy Cross Book Club as we read and discuss **The Other Side of Chaos** by Margaret Silf.

Through readings from Scripture and personal anecdotes, we will discover a "spirituality of transition" that will help us handle life's inevitable challenges with confidence in ourselves and in God.

Book Club will meet on **Thursday evenings, May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 17, 24, from 7:00 – 8:00 PM in the atrium.**

Due to pandemic restrictions, we are limited to 15 participants (in person). If anyone would like to participate virtually via Zoom, please indicate that. (The book is available from Amazon.)

***Please fill in and return to the Parish Office by May 16:***

I would like to participate in Book Club \_\_\_\_\_ in person \_\_\_\_\_ via Zoom

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



# YOUTH MINISTRY

Hello everyone! Are you in high school? Have you received the Sacrament of Confirmation? Do you want to make new friends as you play fun games and 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**. Here are our upcoming events:

**Sunday, May 2:** Join us for a fun Youth Night 6-8PM!

**Sunday, May 16:** Another fun Youth Night 6-8PM. Come join us!

If you have any questions or concerns, or if you are thinking about joining us and you would like more information, then please do not hesitate to contact Allie Roecklein, Coordinator of Youth Ministries, at [youthgroup@holycrossrc.org](mailto:youthgroup@holycrossrc.org) or call the parish office.



*Please don't forget to pick up your pre-ordered plants this weekend!*

# PARISH OUTREACH

## Community Vegetable Garden

After a long year of self-distancing and sheltering in place, there has never been a better time or a bigger need for the benefits of nature. Did you know that having some contact with nature can reduce stress and can improve your over all mood?



**Our Community Vegetable Garden** provides a wonderful opportunity to access some of these mental health benefits after a long hard year. Mark your calendars and please join us on **Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, at 8am** to help **clean up** and **prepare for our upcoming gardening season**. Come back the following week on **Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 8 am** for more fun as **we plant our vegetable garden!**

*We are looking for volunteers of all ages, from students to retirees. All are welcome! For more information, please call JoEllen at 631-360-1373.*

# PARISH OUTREACH

Please join Outreach for our  
**Mother's Day Drive**  
on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>,  
at all Masses  
to benefit the women of



**We will be collecting the following:**

**Shampoo    Body Lotion**  
**Makeup    Makeup Bags**  
**Small Makeup Mirror**  
**Perfume/Body Spray    Candles**  
**Women's Personal Hygiene Items**

Please drop off all items in the bins (marked Mother's Day Drive) located in the Atrium of the Church  
no later than May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your support!

**Happy Mother's Day!**

# WHAT'S NEW?

## Spring 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 "Spring 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 March, April, and May.
- Drawing will be held in May.

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!***

### Spring Cash Fling

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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Town \_\_\_\_\_  
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