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Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 26, 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 BAPTISM

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

WE CELEBRATE RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:45 P.M.—4:30 P.M.

or call Father Michael for an appointment.

WE CELEBRATE WEDDINGS

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

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Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses



June 1st/2nd

5:00 PM	Fr. Frank Eisele
8:00 AM	Fr. Frank
9:30 AM	Msgr. Jim Vlaun
11:30 AM	Fr. Frank

Remembering Our Sick

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

Patricia Becker	Frances Craig
Veronica Follo	Ray Yager

Scripture Readings for June 2, 2019



+ Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60
+ Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20
+ John 17:20-26

Mass Intentions Schedule



Week of May 26th, 9AM Mass

Mon. Ann Clayton Sherwood
Tue. Agnes Salemi
Wed. Richard H. Cornelius

Ascension Vigil Mass, Wed., May 29th, 7 PM

Sister Maura Costello (living)

Ascension Mass, Thursday, May 30th, 9 AM

Catherine West

Saturday, June 1st, 5 PM Mass

Louis Follo, Juan Sebastian Cardenas, Omar Plata,
Anne Mattera, Victor Chersevani, John McCulloch

Sunday, June 2nd, Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Gaetana DiMondo
9:30 AM Claire Gaughran, Natalie Assalone,
Thomas Martino, Maria Russo,
Mildred Kelly Peck
11:30 AM People of the Parish

A Six-Day Weekend?

by Father Michael

Because of the absence of any significant snow this winter, schools find themselves with unused snow days. They are now using them to extend this holiday weekend. Depending on the district, there are some teachers and students who have had the weekend extended up to six days; that's a pretty good deal.

Over the past two weeks all the employees here at Holy Cross have participated in a webinar on sexual harassment. This on-line program is required by New York State to be completed by all employees. Every business is handling this requirement through different channels. I'm sure many of you also have taken, or will be taking, this required workshop through your workplace. Much of what was presented was common sense stuff, but it is still important to be reminded of ways in which we should interact with one another to avoid potential problems.

As I write this column, we are in the midst of sprucing up the chapel with a fresh coat of paint and a few other small items. Everything should be completed by this weekend. The cost to the parish was minimal. We will be starting another project within the next week or two. We will be installing a set of automatic doors that will lead into the atrium. Having a button to push makes entering and exiting the building much easier for anyone using a wheelchair, walker, or just someone who may struggle with opening a door.

I'm sorry to report that it was a bad winter for my fish pond at the house. There are two small units that blow bubbles. They are supposed to run non-stop. In addition to adding oxygen to the water, they prevent the pond from freezing during the winter. Unfortunately, there was an electrical issue during the winter, and those devices stopped working. I tried breaking ice, but it was a losing battle during some of the deep freezes we had. I know that at least two of the fish died at that time. But, now that spring has come and I have cleaned up the pond, there are only two fish that remain from about a dozen. I'm not sure what happened to the others, perhaps some animal or large birds went on a fishing expedition when I wasn't looking. I feel bad for the little guys.

I don't know if you will have a six-day weekend or not, but for many of us Monday is a holiday. While we may enjoy a day off from work, it is important to not lose sight of the reason for the holiday. We remember all those men and women who gave their lives in service to our nation. World politics remain a complicated and fragile reality. Let us continue to pray for the wise leaders who can address the issues at hand but avoid conflict and violence. Pray for peace. May God bless our nation and all people.

**There will be a Memorial Mass for Father Harold Buckley at St. Dominic's Church
93 Anstice Street, Oyster Bay, NY 11771 on Wednesday, June 5, 2019, at 11:00 AM.**

PARISH NEWS



The Parish Office is closed on Monday, May 27th, for Memorial Day.

There will be a 9:00 Mass Monday morning.



The Ascension of the Lord
Masses are:

Wednesday, 5/29 @ 7PM
&
Thursday, 5/30 @ 9AM

The Parish Office is closed on Thursday for the Holy Day.

Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered after the 9:30 AM Mass on Sunday, June 9th.

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.

Holy Hour for Peace

Our Holy Hour for the month of June will be held on Saturday, June 8th, from 3:45 to 4:45 PM in the Worship Area.

Please come and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament praying for God's gift of peace to touch our wounded world.



Bakers Needed!

Bakers are needed to make baked goods for our Pentecost celebration which will take place after the 11:30 Mass on Sunday, June 9th. If you are interested in baking, please contact Nick and Diane Lombardo at 631-698-5930. Thank you!

FAREWELL WISHES!

Ms. Kathleen Reid has been the Director of Religious Education at Holy Cross since 2017. She recently decided that it is time to retire. Kathleen has dedicated over forty-one years of her life to Religious Education. She has served in several parishes as Director of Religious Education for children as well as coordinated faith formation programs for adults. It has been a privilege that we were part of her lifelong service to the Church. We thank her for her contribution here at Holy Cross and wish her the best as she moves forward. Join us as we celebrate Kathleen's service to Holy Cross!



June 9, 2019
at the 11:30 Mass

PARISH OUTREACH

Blood Drive - Tuesday, July 23rd, 2019

Our annual Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, July 23rd. **Just an early reminder that a 56 day interval is necessary between donations. To participate in the Holy Cross Blood Drive this year, your last day to give blood in other drives must be before May 28th.** More information to follow in the weeks to come. Thank you!

Outreach Community Vegetable Garden Volunteers Needed!

There are various jobs that need attending to in our community garden. We are looking for people who can volunteer some of their time. The vegetable garden provides produce for those households served by our Parish Outreach who don't have access to fresh vegetables.



We need volunteers to keep the garden thriving. We are looking for volunteers of all ages. If you need community service hours for school or you enjoy gardening, we invite you to become one of our gardeners! For more information, please contact JoEllen at **631-360-1373**.

Outreach Food Pantry

Next Saturday and Sunday, **June 1st/2nd**, will be our monthly Food Drive for our Parish Outreach Pantry. The following items would be most helpful:

- Pasta Sauce
- Spaghetti
- Juice Boxes
- Powdered Drinks
- Tuna
- Canned Fruit
- Paper Towels
- Brown-Handle Bags



We're in desperate need of brown-handle bags from Trader Joe's or Whole Foods. They work best for us! And, please don't forget to check expiration dates! It will greatly assist the volunteers who stack the pantry with your donated goods. Thank you!

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 have been sent to your home in 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.



CONCERT AT HOLY CROSS!

Join us for refreshments from 1:00 to 2:00 PM. The Concert starts at 2:00 PM!



Connetquot High School Concert Choir and Alumni Choir Community Concert

Saturday, June 8, 2019
2:00 PM

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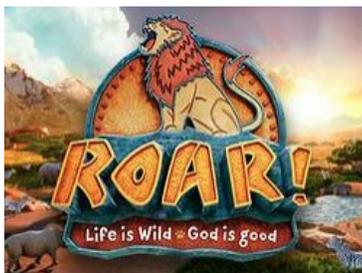
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 8 - 12, 2019

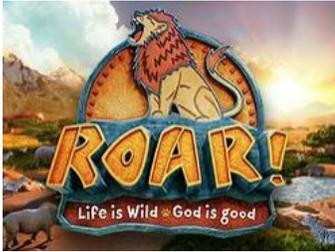
Please mark your calendars for this year's **ROAR! Vacation Bible School** at Holy Cross which will be held from Monday, July 8th, through Friday, July 12th, from 10am to 1pm. Registration forms for campers can be found on the next page of the bulletin or on our web page, www.pothc.org. This is for **campers** 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.



Please visit our donation board in the atrium, and consider helping us with the needed supplies for VBS week! The donated items should be returned by Sunday, June 30th. Thank you for helping us with our needed supplies!

Inquiries regarding this popular, exciting, summer program can be made at 265-2200 ext.19.

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



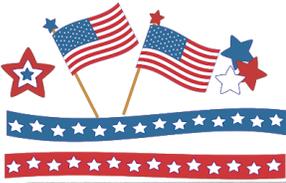
May request one name for a child to be placed with:

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) _____

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	

\$10 Per Chance ~ 31 Chances to Win ~ \$50 PER DAY ~ \$500 on MAY 27, MEMORIAL DAY

Cash Calendar, MAY 2019

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MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 26th • PRAY THE ROSARY	10:30 AM Chapel
Monday, May 27th • MASS (The Parish Office is closed for the Memorial Day holiday.)	9 AM Worship Area
Tuesday, May 28th • IN STITCHES	10 AM Fr. Joe Room
Wednesday, May 29th • ASCENSION VIGIL MASS	7 PM Worship Area
Thursday, May 30th • ASCENSION OF THE LORD MASS (The Parish Office is closed for the Holy Day.)	9 AM Worship Area
Sunday, June 2nd • BAPTISMS • YOUTH NIGHT	1 PM Worship Area 6-8PM Atrium

Praying the Rosary

Join us as we pray the Rosary in the Chapel at 10:30AM on the last Sunday of each month. The next date is today, May 26th!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Eucharistic Retreat Day

Sunday, June 2nd: 8 AM - 5 PM

**The Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
440 West Neck Road, Huntington**

The day includes: Hot Breakfast, Lunch, Spiritual Meditations, Holy Mass, Confession, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. To register go to:

<https://forms.gle/FozcbXoQhYCD7L6Q7> or call Alison Ferrara at 631-896-0870. Please state your name, email address, home address, parish and phone number. Advance registration is required. Fee is \$35 cash or check made out to the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception and will be collected at the door.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Hello everyone! Are you in high school? Did you make 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! Here are our upcoming events:

- **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!**
- **Saturday, June 8 - We will attend the 5PM Youth Mass with the Core Band and then celebrate graduations at our Youth Night from 6 to 8PM.**

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 or call the parish office.





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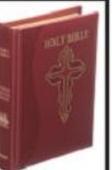
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