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# LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!



"Worthy is the Lamb,
who was slain,
to receive power and...
honor and glory and praise!"
Revelation 5:12

# Come and pray with us!

# Third Sunday of Easter - May 5, 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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### **Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses**



## **May 11th/12th**

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

# **Mass Intentions Schedule**



#### Week of May 5th, 9AM Mass

**Mon.** Philip P. Castellano II

Tue. Henri-Robert Lamarque

Wed. Steven Cono & Bertha Tepedino

**Thu.** Muriel Ryan

## **Remembering Our Sick**

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You...

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

Marie Eagers Thomas Kecki Maryann League Margaret O'Keefe

If you would like to have the name of your loved one listed for 4 weeks in our prayers for the sick, please contact the Parish Office at 631-265-2200.

## Saturday, May 11th, 5 PM Mass

People of the Parish & All Mother's Day Mass Remembrances

### Sunday, May 12th, Fourth Sunday of Easter

All Mother's Day Mass Remembrances

## Scripture Readings for May 12, 2019



- + Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52
- + Revelation 7:9. 14-17
- + John 10:27-30

# **Hoping for May Flowers**

by Father Michael

We certainly had an abundance of April showers; now all we need to do is wait for the May flowers to follow. It would also be nice if we had a little more warmth and sunshine, but it will happen soon enough I suppose. The signs of spring always bring a wave of new life with them.

I did not yet have the opportunity to express my gratitude to all those who made our Holy Week and Easter celebrations as beautiful as they were. There is an abundance of planning and prep work that goes into these busy days. I am grateful for all those who served, decorated and offered a helping hand to bring our holiest days to life. As much as we acknowledge our efforts in putting these days together, it is truly the gift of the Spirit that brings life to the celebrations. Sometimes the Spirit works in cooperation with our good efforts. And, sometimes the Spirit fills in the gaps where we may have forgotten a detail or two. It is all good, and we are blessed to have moments like these in our journey of faith.

The one part of our Easter celebration that needs attention in the future is the 1:00PM Mass. Palm Sunday and Easter draw especially large numbers of people. We need an additional Mass to handle all the worshipers. Previously, we created a special Mass schedule that was different than our regular schedule. As much as we publicized the Mass times, many folks would show up at the usual times which caused frustration and confusion. This year we tried something different by simply adding a Mass. I was concerned that 1:00PM was too late, but we had well over 200 people attend. The difficulty was we did not have the ministers to serve. A handful of faithful regulars ran around and tried to cover all the bases. Unfortunately, I think we gave the impression that we were ill-prepared for the Mass. We want to put our best foot forward on these special days. Moving forward we will need to be sure we have adequate coverage for the Mass. This will take some coordination and organization even before we announce our Mass schedule.

I am happy to report I have uncovered the top of my desk. In the days leading up to Holy Week, I look at the work on my desk and say, "I'll work on that after Easter." Unfortunately, the pile grows to an alarming height, and it takes some time to whittle away at it once Easter has passed. But, the good news is I now have a clean desk.

Please remember to pray for the children and families in Level 2 of our Religious Education program. They are celebrating First Holy Communion this weekend and next. It is always inspiring and fun to share the Sacrament with the children and their families.

# PARISH NEWS

# **Pray for Our Military**

PFC Anna Brady
Cpl. Richard J. DeKanchuk, USMC
SA Anthony J. DeNicola
FC2 Lane Dyar
Sgt. Daniel Frost
MIDN Jonathan A. Goohs Jr., USNA
WO Christopher Kaminsky
Cpl. Michael Knipper, USMC
SSGT Ryan Mauldin
Lt. Ryan Montvydas
IT2 Jason Mulderig
LCpl. 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 2019. Please let us know at any time during 2019 if their service is finished, their title has changed, or you would like continued prayers through 2020.

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

## **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.

## 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.

## **Banns of Marriage - Second Time**



Jessica Pereira & Louis Saggio



Holy Cross welcomes these children Baptized in April

Nathaniel Stephen Delgado Carter Joseph Hart John Patrick O'Connor Riley Lynn Rivera

## **Anointing of the Sick**

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.

On the first Sunday of each month, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is offered after the 9:30 AM Mass. This Sunday, May 5th, the Anointing will be offered.



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

# Matthew Moon Raymond Borsella

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

# **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.

# **PARISH OUTREACH**

# **Outreach Community Vegetable Garden**

The members of the Outreach Community Vegetable Garden Committee would like to extend a sincere thank you to the following Boy Scouts from Troop 349 who assisted us in the **Spring Garden Clean-Up** on April 14, 2019: Tom E, Luke A, Justin W, Rocco S, Andrew P, Donovan D, Brendan T, Alex G, Mark L, John G, Matt

G, and adults Anne and Patrick W, Dave R, and John G.

Zack Wynne chose this project for his Life Scout Project. We are very grateful for all their help. We could not have completed the clean-up without them!





# **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

ROAR CLIFE is Wild & God is good

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



*J*uly 8 − 12, 2019

Please print clearly/ one per child

Child's Name:	Age	e: Da	te of birth:		
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Home phone:					
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# YOUTH MINISTRY

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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.

At last Sunday's Youth Night, we had our Retreat Recap. We talked about the lessons we learned over Retreat weekend and enjoyed watching our slideshow. Here are some pictures from our Retreat!



And, here are our upcoming events. Take a look!

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- Sunday, May 5th We will meet for a fun Youth Night from 6 to 8PM in the Atrium. Join us!
- 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!

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.

# **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 <a href="mailto:pothc@optonline.net">pothc@optonline.net</a> .							
	My Suggestion for a Sunday Prayer Intention						
Prayer Intention:	"For	."					
(If you wish you m	ay include your name):	•					

# CASH CALENDAR



# PARISH OF THE HOLY CROSS CASH CALENDAR ~ MAY 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> \$50	<b>2</b> \$50	<b>3</b> \$50	<b>4</b> \$50
	6	7	8	9	10	11
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# **MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

Saturday, May 4th 10AM & 1PM
• 1ST HOLY COMMUNIONS Wor.Ar., Atr.
• HOLY HOUR 3:45-4:45PM Worship Area

Sunday, May 5th
After 9:30 Mass

• ANOINTING OF THE SICK
• BAPTISMS
1PM Worship Area

• WOUTH NIGHT

• YOUTH NIGHT 6-8PM Atrium

Tuesday, May 7th 10 AM

• IN STITCHES Fr. Joe Room

• 1ST COMM. REHEARSAL 5-6 & 6:30-7:30PM Wor. Ar.

Wednesday, May 8th 7 PM

• CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP Fr. Joe Room

Thursday, May 9th 10 AM

• SCRIPTURE STUDY Fr. Joe Room

• MOMS' GROUP 1:30PM Sacristy

• ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS 7PM Conference Rm.

Saturday, May 11th 10AM & 1PM
• 1ST HOLY COMMUNIONS Wor.Ar., Atr.

# **COMMUNITY NEWS**



# **CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL UPDATE**

The Catholic Ministries Appeal assists our Church in bringing hope and encouragement to those in need in our Long Island community. We at Holy Cross share in this evangelization mission of our diocese through Catholic Charities; campus, hospital and prison ministries; vocation ministry; Outreach programs; and ministries to young people and young adults.

Here is an update on the status of the Appeal here at Holy Cross:

 Goal
 Pledges
 Over (Under)
 # of Donors
 % of Goal

 \$71,600.00
 \$37,455.00
 (\$34,145.00)
 142
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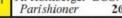
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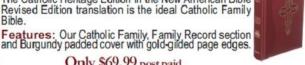
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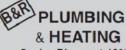


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