The Parish of the Holy Cross 95 Nichols Road + Nesconset, NY 11767 + 631.265.2200 + www.pothc.org + www.facebook.com/pothcnesconset **ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!** Ask and you will receive; Seek and you will find; Knock and the door will be opened to you. Luke 11:9

Come and pray with us!

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time- July 28, 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!

631.265.2200 + Fax 631.265.2229 + pothc@optonline.net Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (closed 12:15-1:00 PM)

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Mrs. Mary Anne Mc Culloch Coordinator of Parish Outreach Deacon Ralph Rivera Pastoral Minister

Mrs. Michele Hahn Pastoral Associate

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Religious Education Secretary

Mrs. Mary Inghilterra Weekend Sacristan

Mrs. Mary Pannone

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses

August 3rd/4th

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

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:

Doreen Hau Peter Marsala Marlene Starr

• If you would like to have the name of your loved 8 one listed in our prayers for the sick for 4 weeks, please contact the Parish Office at 631-265-2200 or email to pothc@optonline.net.

Mass Intentions Schedule

- Week of July 28th, 9AM Mass Mon. David Brown Tue. James Drey (living) Wed. **Christopher Cotter**
- Thu. Bridgette Volpi (living)

Saturday, August 3rd, 5 PM Mass

Claire Higgins, Nicholas Dirose, Maryann Conte League, Patricia Nidds, Roger Schinella

Sunday, August 4th, 18th Sun. in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 AM Al Hornberger
- 9:30 AM People of the Parish
- **11:30 AM** Jim Winberry, Jimmy Winberry, Michael J. Scagluso, Olivia Russo, Lucia Vitale Traino

Scripture Readings for August 4, 2019



- + Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23
- + Colossians 3:1-5. 9-11
- + Luke 12:13-21

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Winding up July

by Father Michael

Allow me to express a word of gratitude to four of our altar servers: Aiden Felice, Michael Makowski, Nick Muellers, and Jose Pena. They have been altar servers since early on in grade school, and now they are getting ready to head off to college. I'm sure many of you have watched them as they grew. Some of you may remember when they first started serving and looked a bit nervous. Now, they have become veterans and often are the teachers for the younger kids coming along. I appreciate their years of service to the parish and wish them well as they head off to begin this new exciting chapter of their lives. When I was growing up I, too, was an altar server. But, I think I retired my alb when I began high school.

One of the candlesticks that stands on either side of our altar had a bit of a mishap. The steel rod that connects the candle to the base snapped off. It can certainly be repaired, but it requires someone who has a metal lathe who can rethread the metal bar. It may take a couple of weeks to get it fixed. Until then, we will use the candlesticks that are normally in the daily Mass chapel.

Even more tragic than a broken candlestick is that the washing machine at the parish house broke. I'm hoping it is a quick fix so I can get back to washing, fluffing, and folding as soon as possible.

We are getting closer to installing a set of automatic doors to lead into the atrium. Last week Deacon Ralph installed a small concrete pad that will support the outdoor pushbutton. This improvement will assist those who use walkers or wheelchairs as well as those who may find it difficult to open a heavy door. The units were ordered several weeks ago, and we have been promised they should arrive any day now. Part of this project will also be to reduce the "lip" which is on the threshold. It may not seem like a major obstacle, but when rolling a casket into the church it is large enough to cause an abrupt stop. The same thing happens with walkers and wheelchairs. It is our hope that when all of this is done, it will improve accessibility to our church.

Next weekend, we will have a visitor here at Holy Cross. We welcome Sr. Yannick Saieh who will speak on behalf of the missions throughout the world. This is the one time during the year when we pass the basket a second time at the offertory. We appreciate your generous support for this important work of the Church.

Thank you to all who supported our annual blood drive. This is a unique gift that literally offers life to another. Understandably, not everyone is able to do this, but for those who can donate it is a most benevolent gift.

Keep checking your summer to-do list. There is still lots of time to get in those chores as well as have some fun. Keep cool.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

Coming in October: Two opportunities for adult parishioners!

Awakening Faith and Journey with Jesus

These six-week programs of Catholic renewal are built around a simple format: hospitality, input, and small group discussion. The process of conversation and sharing around key topics of faith, in a friendly, nonthreatening, and confidential environment, provides a unique path toward spiritual enrichment and growth.

Each program consists of six 90 minute sessions which include prayer, Scripture, information on a topic, small group sharing, and Q & A.

Coffee, tea, and cake are provided.

Awakening Faith will be held twice a month on **Wednesday afternoons**, Oct. 9, 23, Nov. 13, 27, Dec. 11, and 18, 1:15 – 2:45 PM.

Journey with Jesus will be held on six consecutive **Wednesday evenings**, **Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**, and **Nov. 6, 7:00- 8:30 PM**.

Space is limited to 30 people for each program, and materials need to be ordered, so please get your registration in soon. No prior experience is needed – just a desire to grow closer to God and to one another.

If you have any questions, please call Jude at ext. 116.

Please check one, tear off, and return to the Parish Office:

I want to participate in <u>Awakening Faith</u>	or <u>Journey with Jesus</u>
Name:	Phone:
Email:	

PARISH NEWS

Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered after the 9:30AM Mass this Sunday, July 28th, instead of the first Sunday of the month in August.

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.

Praying the Rosary

Join us as we pray the Rosary in the Chapel at 10:30AM this Sunday, July 28th.



Holy Hour for Peace

We offer our Holy Hour on the first Saturday of the month from 3:45-4:45PM in the Worship Area. The next one will take place on Saturday, August 3rd. Please come and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament praying for God's gift of peace to touch our wounded world.



Who Will...help tend our garden?

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Holy Cross has a thriving community vegetable garden, but only a few hands to help care for it. Are you a family or an individual willing and able to do a little weeding, a little picking of ripe crops? Could you help out once, for an hour, or a couple of times this summer? We need <u>you</u> !		
Please fill in the tear-off below, drop it in the basket, and someone will contact you:		
I/We would	like to help in the garden: <i>(please print)</i>	
Name(s):	Phone:	
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## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

## Vacation Bible School 2019

Our heartfelt thanks to all who volunteered, donated, participated and gave so much of themselves in making our "ROAR" Vacation Bible School such a huge success!! God Bless !!

#### Station Leaders and Helpers

Joseph Adams Owen Arbocus Jenna Banish Allyson Bernardo Matthew Bernardo Maggie Mae Burk. Barbara Burger Bill Burger Ashlyn Chance Emerson Chance Emerson Chance Ava Conforti Roseann Conforti (Director) Sebastian Corazo Nicholas Dechen Gianna DiLeo

Brandon Doukas Irene Feldman Dorothy Fiedorowicz Christopher Goohs Sean Heller Dana Iovino (Director) Julianna Iovino Gjon Lleshaj Mrika Lleshaj Michael Makowski Christopher Matula Josephine Matula Linda Marino Erin McDonald Diane Moon Tarabeth Moon

#### Crew Leaders and Helpers

Gabrielle Adams Jonathan Adu-Amanfoh Caitlyn Akerberg Riley Arbocus Leana Arcese Eric Lee Bennett Andrea DiLeo Kaitlyn Doukas Julia Grimaldi Matthew Grunhaus

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And a very special Thank You to our custodians, Vincent Matula and Roberto Maza!!!

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

### A Friendly Reminder from Religious Education

Registration for our 2019-2020 Religious Education program is past due. If you would like to register your child in our Religious Education program, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you!



## PARISH OUTREACH

### A Big Thank You To Our VBS Campers

The children who attended Vacation Bible School did a phenomenal job in helping to stock our food pantry. Each day they brought an item to donate to the pantry. As you may be aware, in the summer months our parish pantry often gets very low. Through the efforts of the campers, we are able to make it through July and August. The campers also decorated and made up snack bags for children in the families that are serviced by Parish Outreach. These fun bags always bring a smile to the children receiving them. Great job, kids! Thanks so much!

Mary Anne, Parish Outreach

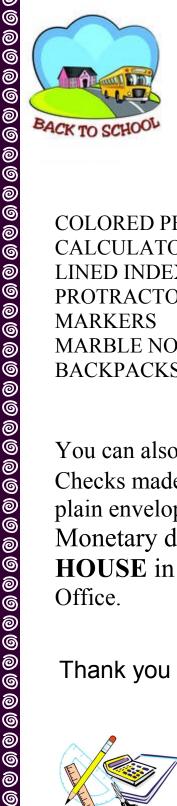
### **Outreach Food Pantry**

Next Saturday and Sunday, **August 3rd/4th**, will be our monthly Food Drive for our Parish Outreach Pantry. Because of the great job our VBS campers did in donating to our pantry, we only need a few items. We could use: *Spaghetti, Canned Vegetables, Jelly, Mayo, Pancake Mix & Syrup, Size 5 Diapers.* Thank you!



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## **PARISH OUTREACH**



### Parish Outreach will be collecting **NEW SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

August 3/4 & 10/11

### **Our Wish List**

**COLORED PENCILS CALCULATORS** LINED INDEX CARDS **PROTRACTORS** MARKERS MARBLE NOTEBOOKS BACKPACKS for all ages

**HI-LITERS** PENS&PENCILS **GLUE STICKS** PENCIL BOXES **SCISSORS** LOOSELEAF PAPER 1" & 2"SOFT POLY BINDERS RULERS SOLID COLOR POCKET FOLDERS **3&5 SUBJECT SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS FLASH DRIVES** 

You can also help by making a monetary donation to Outreach. Checks made out to Holy Cross Outreach should be put in a plain envelope and marked for "School Supplies." Monetary donations may be dropped in our SCHOOL **HOUSE** in the Atrium or brought directly to the Outreach Office.

Thank you for thinking of us when you do your shopping!



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## PARISH OUTREACH

### Thank You So Much!

We would like to express our appreciation to our parishioners who donated blood at our annual Blood Drive on July 23rd. Thanks to your willingness to share the gift of life, we were able to help our fellow Long Islanders in need of blood.

The day went very smoothly thanks to our co-chairs, Barbara Shipman and Barbara Kubicsko, and to the volunteers who worked both before and during the Blood Drive. We so appreciate their willingness to help us each year in planning the drive.

As you may know, summer is a time when blood shortages are severe. If you were unable to give at our drive this year, we encourage you to donate at Long Island Blood Services, 3125 Veterans Highway, Bohemia. The Holy Cross Group # is 10019.



## **A SPECIAL VISITOR**

### Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny



This year we have an opportunity to share in the missionary work of the Church through the visit of Sister Yannick Saieh, SJC. She will be with us the weekend of August 3-4 to speak about the St. Joseph of Cluny Sisters' West Africa missions in Ghana, Gambia and Sierra Leone.

Sister Yannick was born in Haiti where she served for many years. She has vast experience in the missionary works of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny.

Please, mark your calendars and come prepared the weekend of August 3-4 to respond to Sister Yannick's Missionary Cooperative Plan Appeal. Thank you!

For more information, please contact: Tammy Tinkoff Cluny Provincial House 7 Restmere Terrace Middletown, RI 02842 Phone: 401-846-4826 ext. 21

# CASH CALENDAR



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



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## **MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

Saturday, <i>July 27th</i>	5 PM
• SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION	Atrium
Sunday, July 28th	All Masses
• SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION	Atrium
• ANOINTING OF THE SICK 10:30AM	Worship Area
• PRAY THE ROSARY	Chapel
Tuesday, July 30th	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
Saturday, August 3rd	3:45 - 4:45 PM
• HOLY HOUR	Worship Area
• SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION 5PM	Atrium
Sunday, August 4th <ul> <li>SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION</li> <li>BAPTISMS</li> </ul>	All Masses Atrium Worship Area

## SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend, July 27/28, at the Offertory we will also be collecting for our **Regional Schools.** Thank you for your support of this important collection!

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### L.I. State Veterans Home

100 Patriots Rd., Stony Brook, NY 11790

The Long Island State Veterans Home at Stony Brook University is offering a free *Concert Under the Stars & Laser Light Show* on Friday, August 16, 6:30-9:30pm, rain or shine. The concert features the West Point Benny Havens Band. Opening Performer is Tommy Sullivan who is a US Army Veteran, musician from Johnny Maestro and the Brooklyn Bridge band, and a West Point Band Alumni.

This is a free event. Arrive early! Bring blankets, chairs and the whole family. Food is available. Questions, call 631-444-8606 or visit www.LISVH.org

## **RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**



#### The Faith of Our Founders

www.cffor.org

"Religious thinking, religious questioning and religious faith permeated the Revolution and the Founding," wrote world history author, H. McDougal. "The American cause was profoundly religious for Protestants and Deists alike because both identified America's future with a Providential (God) design ..."

"The evangelical tradition (fueled by the preachers of the First Great Awakening) supplied spiritual propulsion to the Patriotic cause that was unsurpassed by any other element of Patriotic ideology," wrote historian T. Kidd.

Most of the nation's 55 Founders were openly religious, believing that "true Religion and good Morals are the only solid foundations of public liberty and happiness." Samuel Adams

"Samuel Adams was the archetype of the religiously passionate American founder ... an apostle of liberty ... a man of deep religious conviction whose confidence, zeal, and endurance in the struggle for freedom were grounded in a belief that an intervening God was on his side," said history professor S. Stoll.

After the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Adams wrote:

"We have this day restored the Sovereign to whom alone men ought to be obedient. He reigns in Heaven, and with a propitious eye beholds his subjects assuming that freedom of thought and dignity of selfdirection which He bestowed on them. From the rising to the setting of the sun, may His kingdom come!"

"And for the support of this Declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor." The final line of the Declaration of Independence



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