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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time-August 18, 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.

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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



August 24th/25th

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

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:

George V. Daly Phil Graziose
Doreen Hau Marlene Starr

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 August 18th, 9AM Mass

Mon. Carolina Frantellizzi
Tue. Joel Rivera (living)
Wed. Giardiello family
Thu. Daniel A. Nolan

Saturday, August 24th, 5 PM Mass

James Lechner, Will Pham, Ann Mault, Mary Gill

Sunday, August 25th, 21st Sun. in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish **9:30 AM** Joseph Perconte

11:30 AM Victor Lamarque, Mary Donnellon,

Frank Ranieri, Joan Holmes, Walter

Dermody

Scripture Readings for August 25, 2019



- + Isaiah 66:18-21
- + Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
- + Luke 13:22-30

A Hum-Dinger of a Trip

by Father Michael

(Because of vacation schedules, this column was written on July 22.)

I shared this with some of you on Sunday, July 21. I found myself making an unscheduled trip. There was a family funeral that I needed to celebrate. It was not a close relative; it was the father-in-law of my niece. But, nonetheless, it was important that I be there. The tricky part was that the funeral was in Bismarck, N.D. The flight there should have been 7 hours (one connection). It ended up taking 27 hours. Here are some of the highlights of the trip:

- Circling above Chicago for 1.5 hours
- Being diverted to Cleveland for 6 hours
- Sitting on the tarmac for 1.5 hours with minimal air conditioning
- Waiting for 1.5 hours for an available gate after we landed in Chicago
- Missing a connecting flight by going to the wrong gate (my fault)
- · Connecting flights delayed 2-4 hours
- Having my suitcase arrive 5 hours after I did
- Adding an additional city (Minneapolis) to my itinerary and being transferred to a second airline (Delta)

In all my years of traveling, this was the most complicated trip I ever experienced. I share all of this with you not as a complaint, but rather sharing it as a source of good things coming out of unfortunate circumstances. And, if I may add an unsolicited endorsement - three cheers for United Airlines for ultimately getting me there. (They did not cause the storms that created all these delays.)

I tend not to get frazzled or angry too often. As soon as the first delay occurred, I decided to "work the problem" with good humor and determination. Having the right attitude helps so much.

I cannot tell you how many "guardian angels" I encountered along the way: the gate agent in Cleveland who spent a half hour coming up with a very creative itinerary so that I would make it to Bismarck in time for the funeral; the ticket agent in Minneapolis who was comforting and reassuring after I went to the wrong gate; a security guard who randomly pulled me from a long line of people to be the first to go through a new set of screening gates that were just opening; and, many others besides these.

On the Sunday I returned, I was a bit bleary eyed from the 3-day marathon I just completed the night before. In the course of that morning, multiple people asked for my prayers because of surgeries, cancer treatments, and having lost a loved one. Yes, my trip was nuts. But, I was not dealing with anything life threatening or life changing. Keeping proper perspective can make an enormous difference.

This crazy ordeal made the whole experience of actually being there for the funeral so much richer and more meaningful. (It was meant to be.) Sometimes we think that a blessing will be when things "go right." Sometimes God is more present when things go haywire and it still ends up being OK. I feel so very blessed. Happy Trails . . .

PARISH CLEAN-UP DAY!

Saturday, August 24th, 10am - 2pm

We need your help!

Clean-Up Projects:

- Cut down weeds/overgrowth around Community Vegetable Garden
- Cut down weeds/overgrowth around St. Vincent de Paul clothing bin
- Remove small PVC fence at bottom of driveway at Parish House



Debris to be thrown out:

- Large items by the Community Vegetable Garden (glass panels, old ladder, etc.)
- Concrete debris in woods
- Numerous large items from basement of Parish House (freezer, refrigerator, etc.)
- · Large items by the shed at Parish House

Needed items:

 New, unused roofing shingles are needed to be used in our Outreach Community Vegetable Garden. They will be placed in the rows between the crops to prevent weeds.

Please drop in the collection basket or call the Parish Office if you can help!

I can help on Saturday, August 24th!

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

ATTENTION MINISTRY FOLKS



Diocesan Congress Day -

Sat., 9/14 at St. John the Baptist H.S., West Islip

(Workshops being offered for various parish ministries beyond Religious Ed.)

A day of fellowship, prayer and learning, including lunch, from 8:30AM to 3PM. Check out the workshops at:

www.drvc.-faith.org

Look for the Congress day information, then contact <u>us</u> to register. If you are one of the first ten interested in attending, the parish will pay the registration fee for you. Workshops will cover Scripture, pastoral music, liturgy, annulments, bereavement, parenting, and youth ministry. Please call the Parish Office today.

Who Will...join our Flower Garden Ministry?



To Plant or Not to Plant?

We recently received an estimate for extending our irrigation system to include the area around the signs on Nichols Rd as well as by the entrance driveway. It would be my hope to improve this area by doing seasonal plantings. Having a water supply would be crucial in maintaining any kind of garden. But, in addition to the sprinklers we would need helping hands to plant and maintain these beds. Do you have a green thumb? Would you like to help the parish in this project? If so, please let us know. I do not want to proceed with the expense of sprinklers if it will only lead to a bumper crop of weeds. If we create a happy little "Flower Garden Ministry" (not to be confused with the Community Vegetable Garden Ministry) it will enhance the beauty of our property for us, and all who drive along Nichols Road. *Fr. Michael*

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Please fill in the tear-off belo	w, drop it	t in the collection basi	ket, and someone will contact you:
I/We would like to join the FI	ower Ga	arden Ministry: (plea	se print)
Name(s):		Phone:	*
Email address:			

ATTENTION CATECHISTS!



The Parish of the Holy Cross would like to invite our Catechists to attend the 2019 Catechetical Congress on Saturday, September 14th. We will cover the cost for the first 10 Catechists who register with our office.

This year's Catechetical Congress promises to be exciting, enjoyable, and rewarding! The worship, keynote address, and many workshops will touch on every aspect of catechetical parish ministry. It will also be an opportunity for renewal, formation, and fellowship.

The Congress will include: Morning Prayer, Workshop 1, Workshop 2, Lunch, Keynote Address, Special Blessing of Catechists & Commissioning, Opportunities for Roundtable Discussions, Visit to Exhibits and Vendors. There are 50 workshops to choose from!

If you are a Holy Cross Catechist, and interested in attending, please contact Tricia, our Religious Education Coordinator, at 631-265-2200 x112.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

<u>Liturgical Ministers for Confirmation</u>

The Religious Education Office is looking for volunteers to serve at Confirmation. The Sacrament of Confirmation is being administered to our Level 9 students on Thursday, September 26th, at 10am, 1pm and 4pm. If anyone is interested in being a Eucharistic Minister or Altar Server, please call the office at 631-265-2200, x111 or 112.

Thank You!

We are in need of Catechists for Level 3. If you are interested in teaching our children, please contact the Religious Education Office. Thank you!

FALL FESTIVAL FUN!



SAVE THE DATE



September 21st, 2019 Fall Festival

Place: Parish of the Holy Cross **Time:** 10:00 am to 3:00 pm



Come join us for a day of Family Fun!

(Since this is a family event, children must be accompanied by an adult.)

If you are planning to attend the Fall Festival, please fill out the tear-off below and drop in the collection basket or return to the Religious Ed. Office. We need an idea of how much food to provide. Thank You!

Calling All Vendors!

If anyone is interested in taking a table to sell their crafts and/or
 merchandise (new items only, please) at our Fall Festival on September
 21st, please stop by the Religious Education Office to fill out a registration form. Price per table is \$50.00.



We will also be having a Holy Cross table, and we would ask that each vendor be willing to donate one of their items to our table.

Anyone else willing to donate, please call the office (631-265-2200 ext. 111 or 112), and let us know what you would like to contribute.

If you plan to attend the Fall Festival on September 21st, please fill out	and dr	op in
the collection basket or return to the Religious Ed. Office. Thank you!		

Family Name	
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No. of Adults _____ No. of Children ____

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, non-threatening, 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:	

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.

	o use the tear-off below to submit your prayer. These can be mailed in the offertory basket. You may also e-mail us your request to net.	
	My Suggestion for a Sunday Prayer Intention	
Prayer Intention:	"For	."
(If you wish you n	nay include your name):	

CASH CALENDAR



PARISH OF THE HOLY CROSS CASH CALENDAR AUGUST 2019

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MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, August 20th
• IN STITCHES

10 AM Fr. Joe Room

Wednesday, August 21st

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11:30AM-2:30PM Atrium

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7PM Worship Area

Saturday, August 24th

10 AM - 2 PM

• PARISH CLEAN-UP DAY

All Areas

Sunday, August 25th
• PRAY THE ROSARY

10:30 AM

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Chapel

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• BAPTISMS

1PM Worship Area

A Friendly Reminder from Religious Education

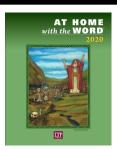
Registration for our 2019-2020 Religious Education program is past due. If you would like to register your child in our Religious Education program, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you!



PARISH NEWS

If you would like to purchase a 2020

At Home with the Word book, please sign up in the hallway by the Parish Office.



Golden Wedding Liturgy

This fall, couples that have been married fifty years or

more will be honored at a liturgy on Sunday, November 3, at Maria Regina RC Church in Seaford. Mass will begin at 2PM. Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski will preside. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at your Parish Office. Space is limited; registration will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

If you have any questions, please call **516-678-5800 ext. 223**.

Holy Cross Supports Long Island Blood Services

Since the inception of our parish, we have been aware of the need for blood on Long Island and have been responsive to that need. Some of you may remember in the early days before we had our own Worship Center, our annual Blood Drives were held in places such as the Knights of Columbus Hall and the New York State Armory building.

In the past several years, we've had two brave and inspirational young men come and share their stories at our Sunday Masses. Krishna lost a leg in a shark attack on vacation and required dozens of units of blood to help save his life. Rafi spoke of being diagnosed with leukemia at age 3 and his ongoing need for blood transfusions.

Situations like theirs happen every day on Long Island. That's why our Parish commitment to an annual blood drive is so important. We thank those who come every year and invite anyone who hasn't given blood yet to consider donating at our next annual drive. And, as always, you can donate at the Blood Services site in Bohemia (the Holy Cross Group # is 10019).



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