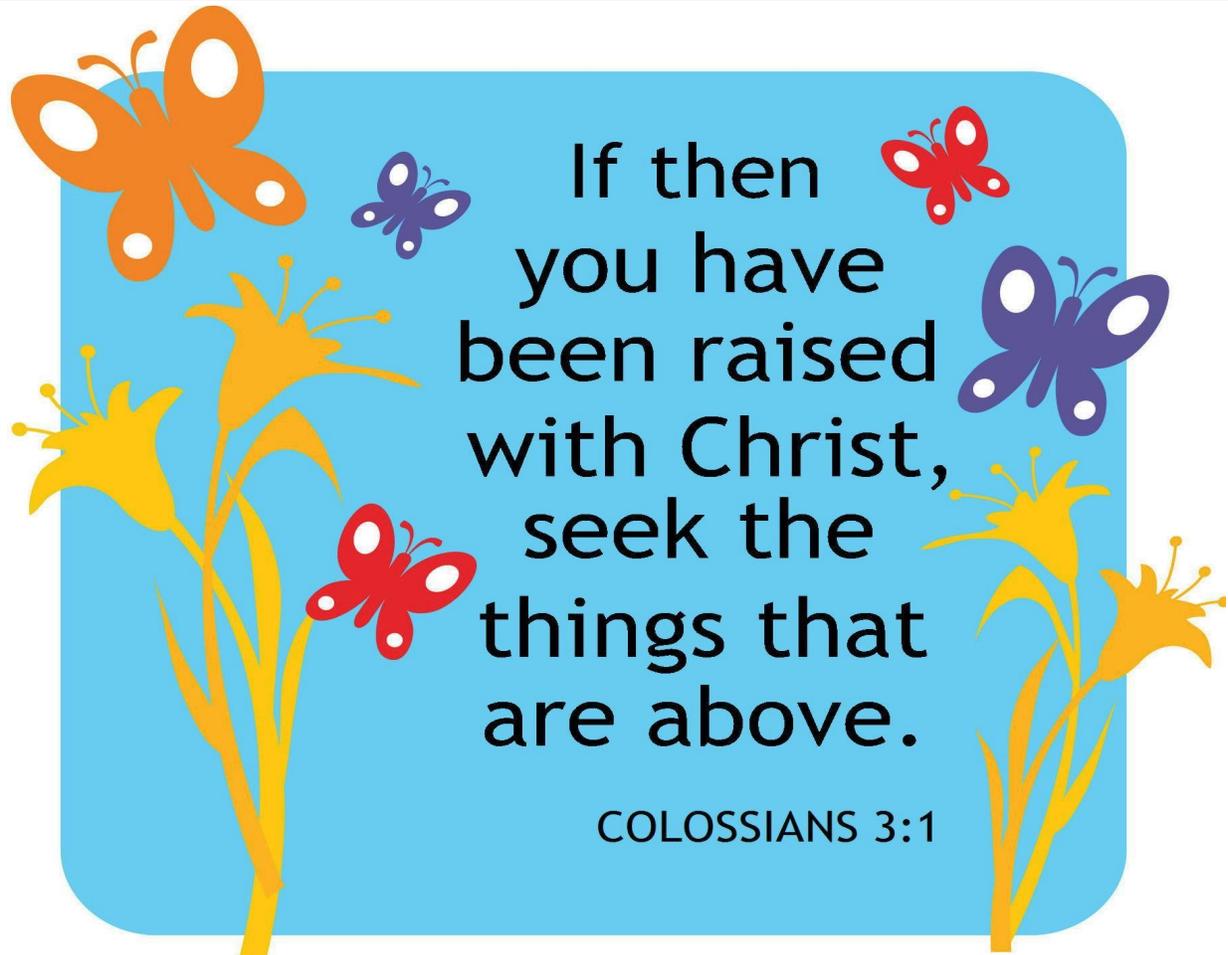


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Monday—Thursday: 9:00 A.M. (Chapel)

Saturday: 5:00 P.M.

Sunday: 8:00 A.M. + 9:30 A.M. + 11:30 A.M.

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Saturday: 3:45 P.M.—4:30 P.M.

or call Father Michael for an appointment.

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

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August 10th/11th

5:00 PM	Fr. Mickey Bancroft
8:00 AM	Fr. Kenan Peters
9:30 AM	Fr. Kenan
11:30 AM	Fr. Joseph Schlafer

Mass Intentions Schedule



Week of August 4th, 9AM Mass

Mon. Maria Conte
Tue. Thomas Brophy Schwarz
Wed. Henri-Robert Lamarque
Thu. Kevin Nolan

Saturday, August 10th, 5 PM Mass

Margaret Pancotto, Florence Montogo, Dorothy Evans, Carmela & Michael Terranova, Mary Gil

Sunday, August 11th, 19th Sun. in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. O. DeSanto
9:30 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Gaetana DiMondo, Phillip E. Hoos Sr., Josephine Gildersleeve, Leonard Laudadio, Joan DiCicco

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 Marlene Starr

If you would like to have the name of your loved 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.

Scripture Readings for August 11, 2019



+ *Wisdom 18:6-9*
 + *Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19*
 + *Luke 12:32-48*

Mother Nature has Something to Say; Listen to Her

by Father Michael

Because of vacation schedules for me and the Office Staff, I found myself up against a deadline (July 22) for three bulletin articles. I wrote the first two for mid-August in a timely way, but now I am down to the final few hours for this one.

I sat down outside the parish house at my patio table to write. I had a blank piece of paper and a blank mind - no ideas. In the course of my sitting, a dramatic little show unfolded before my eyes. Sunny, blue skies suddenly turned dark and threatening. A nice summer calm gave way to gusty winds. Through the trees I heard a distinct sound; a wall of rain slowly moved itself across my yard. Booming thunder and dramatic lightening flashes completed the scene. Mother Nature had just unfurled a dose of her fury. But, as quickly as it came, it passed. It left behind cool fresh air and a sense of a new beginning.

Why are there moments when we need to deal with unexpected and severe conditions? Wouldn't it be easier if the weather changed slowly and gently? There are times when that happens. And, in general, there is an ebb and flow to our climate. But then, there are these moments when Mother Nature unmistakably and dramatically has something to say. Rather than run and hide, can we look at what is happening and see if there is a message for us in the midst of it all?

Is it possible that God wants to demonstrate that experiences of our lives are mirrored all around us, even in the weather? How many of us long for order and predictability in our lives? If we need to deal with change, we don't want it to be abrupt or unsettling. When we find ourselves in the midst of a moment of chaos in our lives, we quickly conclude we must have done something wrong. We become fearful or worried we don't have what we need to make it through whatever the issue may be. It is in moments like that, if we look around with open eyes, God can teach us through nature. Look at the trees in your yard. Occasionally, one may not make it through a violent storm. But, for the most part, they are designed to withstand countless storms through their lives. There will be times of drought, and extreme cold, and endless rains, yet the trees will continue to grow. If God gives that kind of flexibility and resilience to trees, why would He not give that same spirit to His children?

Am I tapping into something profound here that reveals universal truth? Who knows? I do believe God's presence and truth is revealed in many ways for those who seek to find it. But, for the moment, this unexpected cloud burst provided the inspiration I needed to write my final article. I'll take it. 😊

Happy Summer!

PARISH NEWS



Pray for Our Military

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Cpl. Richard J. DeKanchuk, USMC
SA Anthony J. DeNicola
FC2 Lane Dyar
SSG Daniel Frost
MIDN Jonathan A. Goohs Jr., USNA
WO Christopher Kaminsky
Cpl. Michael Knipper, USMC
SSGT Ryan Mauldin
Lt. Ryan Montvydas
IT1 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!



*Holy Cross
welcomes
these children
Baptized in July*

**Penelope Ann Bartram
Caleigh Bedell
Carly Bedell
Harper Lee Brett
Adrien Joshua Castro
Aliya Marie Castro
Bethany Rae Caulfield
Grayson Edward Clark
Penelope Vail Graziano
Kennedy Grace Kern
Kerrin Margaret Kern
Lorenzo Anthony Oddo
Alexander Joseph Orlando**

Next weekend, August 10/11, at the Offertory we will also be collecting for our **Renovations and Major Repairs** fund. Thank you for your support!

OUTREACH COLLECTS SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Our final collection of **NEW** school supplies for students in grades **K thru HS** will take place **next weekend**.

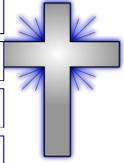
Our Wish List includes:

1. **Basic School Supplies**
2. **BACKPACKS for all ages**
3. **Cash or a Check made out to Holy Cross Outreach and designated for "SCHOOL SUPPLIES."**



Monetary donations may be dropped in our "SCHOOL HOUSE" in the Atrium or brought directly to the Outreach Office.

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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.

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I want to participate in ___ **Awakening Faith** or ___ **Journey with Jesus**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

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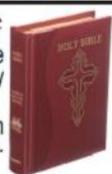
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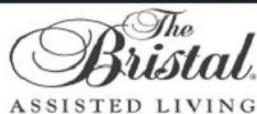
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