

The Parish of the Holy Cross

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LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!



**WHEN WE WERE
OVERWHELMED
BY SINS,
YOU FORGAVE OUR
TRANSGRESSIONS.**

Psalms 65:3

Come and pray with us!

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 15, 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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 Pastoral Associate

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Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses



September 21st/22nd

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

Mass Intentions Schedule



Week of September 15, 9AM Mass

Mon. Pat DelPrete Jr.
Tue. Donald Maguire
Wed. Joann Galgano
Thu. Francisco & Angelina Saavedra

Saturday, September 21st, 5 PM Mass

Nancy Gallagher, Isabella Burton Smith, Matthew Moon, Ewa Sypytkowska, Peter Winocur

Sunday, Sept. 22nd, 25th Sun. in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Alfredo Matos, Otilia Magalhaes, Helen Tafuri, Robert Curtain, Walter Tafuri, Ruben Vazquez
11:30 AM Jeanette Foy

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:

Patricia Becker	Veronica Follo
Phil Graziose	Doreen Hau
Joseph Santamaria	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 September 22, 2019



+ Amos 8:4-7
 + 1 Timothy 2:1-8
 + Luke 16:1-13

Just a Reminder: Life Can Be Hard

by Father Michael

Last weekend I preached about how the recent Gospel readings have been challenging. They remind us that the call to discipleship often demands discipline, sacrifice and commitment. Related to that theme, there are two powerful Church celebrations that take place at the end of the week. First, Saturday is the Exaltation of the Cross. (This is the informal feast day for our parish.) This is followed by September 15, which this year falls on a Sunday. If it was any other day of the week, we would celebrate our Lady of Sorrows. The Church connects these two days that speak both of the power of the Paschal Mystery and the compassion of our Lady. We are reminded that life can be hard.

We don't have to look very far to identify crosses that are being lived out in so many circumstances. Beyond our own lives, we need to be mindful of the suffering of others. The people of the Bahamas are trying to rebuild their lives after so many of their homes were destroyed by Hurricane Dorian. There continues to be suffering surrounding the complicated issues of immigration that our nation faces. Victims of abuse, even those hurt by the Church, continue to grapple with pain and brokenness within their lives. This past week our nation remembered the terror attacks of 2001. There are countless situations that place individuals in the midst of hardship and suffering. We need to acknowledge that pain. If a particular issue does not hit close to home, there can be a temptation to forget or minimize the suffering that many people endure. But, the truth remains - life can be hard.

Both of these special days serve to remind us of the hardship and suffering that can be part of the human experience, but they are not meant to be days of dread or despair. In each instance, the Church emphasizes the light rather than the darkness of the cross. The emphasis on September 14 is the triumph of the cross. We believe the power of God's love is stronger even than death. We look to the cross as a sign of hope.

Traditionally, on September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows is celebrated. Throughout the Gospels there are stories of suffering such as Jesus' parents fleeing to Egypt, and Mary standing at the foot of the cross. We believe our Blessed Mother is present in those moments of suffering; her heart was pierced by the suffering of her Son. Yet, she is able to bring the compassion and mercy that comes from a mother's heart. She was present to the suffering that surrounded the life of her Son, and she is present to our own brokenness.

Yes, life can be tough. But, as tough as it is, the power and strength of the Risen Christ will always empower us to move forward with courage and faith.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

Are you in fourth grade (or above) and interested in becoming an Altar Server?

Girls and boys interested in serving are invited to come to trainings and find out all that is involved in being an Altar Server. At the end of the 3 training sessions, you will be able to assist at Mass as an Altar Server. Training will be held from 4:30 to 5:30PM on 3 consecutive Wednesday afternoons on the following dates: October 9, 16 & 23. Please call the Parish Office at 631-265-2200 x 122 to register. Thank you!



RCIA

Are you seeking Baptism? Are you a baptized Catholic who never celebrated First Communion and Confirmation? Have you been baptized in another Christian faith and now desire to become Catholic?

If your answer is "YES" to any of these questions, we want to hear from you. The Church gives us a beautiful process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for those who seek to become fully initiated in the Catholic Church. This year's RCIA will be starting soon. If you're interested and would like additional information, please contact Jude Pickel at 631-265-2200 x116.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Due to an overwhelming response, registration for **Journey with Jesus** is now full. There are, however, a few openings for **Awakening Faith**, which will begin on Wednesday, October 9, at 1:15 PM. Interested parishioners, please contact Jude Pickel at ext. 116.

WHAT'S NEW?

Liturgy Bytes



Thought for the Week: Congregation, Assembly, the People of God, the Body of Christ – wear it well!

I am sure you can guess what this week's "byte" is about from the thought for the week. It is about US – you and me! Do you believe we are all those terms mentioned above? They sound important, don't they? They all play an important role in the celebration of the Mass. I hope to reflect a little on our role as part of the congregation today.

By virtue of our Baptism, we are joined to the divine action of the Mass, which incorporates us into the risen Christ. This action, which lies at the center of the whole Christian life is not initiated by us but by God acting in and through the Church as the body of the risen Christ. It becomes our action only to the extent that we give ourselves to this mystery of redemptive worship.

THE LITURGY IS DESIGNED TO BRING ABOUT IN ALL THOSE WHO MAKE UP THE WORSHIPPING ASSEMBLY (us) A PARTICIPATION OF THE FAITHFUL BOTH IN BODY AND MIND, A PARTICIPATION BURNING WITH FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY. To the extent that we are able to participate in this way, the work of redemption becomes personally effective for each of us. By such participation, we make the actions and prayers of the liturgy our own; we enter more fully into our personal communion with Christ's redeeming act and perfect worship.

Keep in mind, that in the celebration of Mass, the faithful are a holy people, a chosen people, a royal priesthood! Through our deep sense of reverence for God and our charity to our sisters and brothers who share in the celebration, we give thanks, offer Jesus through and together with the priest. Through this we become ONE BODY.

The CCC tells us that there are certain parts of the Mass that are to be done by the whole assembly (us), in order to express the corporate nature of this act. Through these actions, the entire congregation of the faithful joins itself to Christ in acknowledging the great things that God has done and in offering the sacrifice.

So our prayers, our reverence joined with those around us are needed for the celebration of Mass each Lord's Day. Embrace this experience with your whole heart, your whole soul and with your whole mind, so to make Mass the centerpiece of your day. Look for part 2 about our role in the Mass next week!

Have a blessed week.~~*Michele Hahn*

YOUTH MINISTRY

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 above, then you **MUST** check out the **Holy Cross Youth Group!** You will be glad you did! 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. Here are our upcoming youth events! Take a look:

September 14 - 15: Youth Group Plant Sale after all the Masses! See below for additional information.

Sunday, September 22: The Youth Group will be hosting a YG Kickoff Event from 6 to 8PM! All new 9th graders who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this September are invited to attend our Kickoff! Hope to see you there!

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 you would like more information, then please do not hesitate to contact Allie Roecklein, Coordinator of Youth Ministries, at hcyouthgroup15@gmail.com or call the parish office. Thank you!

Youth Group Fall Plant Sale!



What? The Youth Group will be selling Mums, Mum baskets, Mum planters, Montauk daisies, and our famous Fall Gardens!

When? This weekend, September 14-15, after all the Masses!

Where? The Atrium

Why? Come buy a beautiful plant to kick off the colorful fall season. Come and support the Holy Cross Youth Group in all upcoming events and our Fall Retreat!

Together leading our Youth closer to Christ!

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.

A free will offering would be appreciated. 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. **FIRST COME – FIRST SERVE!!**



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 drop in the collection basket or return to the Religious Ed. Office. Thank you!

Family Name _____

No. of Adults _____ No. of Children _____



Parish of the Holy Cross

95 Nichols Rd., Nesconset, NY

Family Fall Festival

COME JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FAMILY FUN

Saturday, Sept. 21st, from 10am to 3pm

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TRAINING EXHIBIT**

****** VENDORS WANTED! ******

Please contact the RE office for Vendor application 631-265-2200

All proceeds to benefit Religious Education Level 7's

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island



FALL FESTIVAL FUN!



Children's Raffle

We will be having a Children's Raffle at our Family Fall Festival. Anyone willing to donate a new item (toys, books, games, gift cards, etc.), can drop it off at the Religious Ed Office. Items should cost no more than \$15.00. Thank you, as always, for your generosity!!

Bakers Needed!



Bakers are needed to make baked goods for the **Fall Festival** which will take place on Saturday, September 21st, from 10am to 3pm. Store bought baked goods will also be appreciated. If you are interested in donating baked goods, please contact Nick and Diane Lombardo at **631-698-5930**. Thank you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Thank you!

A Friendly Reminder from Religious Education

We are now in the process of setting up classes for our 2019-2020 Religious Education Program.

It is **important** that we have a **registration form for each child** so that they are guaranteed placement in their previous class.

If you haven't registered yet, please do so **ASAP**. Thank you!



LITURGICAL MINISTERS



Attention: Altar Servers, Lectors, Ushers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Let us know if you would like to continue in your ministry for the 2019-2020 Liturgical Year and, also, if you would like to serve on Holy Days. Your dedication to the ministry is most appreciated by the Parish. Please complete the form below and place in the Sunday collection basket or return to the Parish Office on or before October 20th. Also, please let us know if you are a "snow bird" and need to be taken off the schedule for a period of time. **If at any other time during the year you need to stop your service, please contact the Parish Office.**

RECOMMITMENT

I wish to continue in my ministry for the 2019-2020 year.

YES _____ NO _____ I understand I may return to my ministry at any time once I have informed the Parish Office.

I am an: **Altar Server, Lector, Usher, Extraordinary Minister**

Preferred Masses _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Please ✓ if you are an EM and you would like to bring the Eucharist to the homebound.

&

Are you available to minister on Holy Days?

(Solemnity of Mary, Ascension Thursday, Assumption, Immaculate Conception)

YES _____ NO _____

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This weekend at the offertory we will also be collecting for our **Renovations and Major Repairs** fund.

Next weekend we will also be collecting for **St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility**. The facility accommodates our retired priests who require assistance with daily living, while still allowing them to serve as active, fully engaged members of the community. It also is a place for our priests to go on a temporary basis as they recover from illness or injury.

Thank you for your support of these important collections!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

God has entrusted your spouse to your care. Show that you are trustworthy in that care by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Nov. 8-10, 2019 in Huntington, NY and Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 2020 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmenyli.org/>.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter



The Office of FAITH FORMATION
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

September 2019 through March 2020
Register Online WWW.DRVC-FAITH.ORG

Divorce & Beyond Support Group

Notre Dame, New Hyde Park

Wednesdays, September 18, 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, November 6, 13, and 20, 2019
From 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Training Of Volunteers in The Ministry To The Sick Part B EM Training

St. James Church, Setauket

Saturdays, September 21 and 28, 2019
from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

And

St. Charles Hospital, Port Jefferson

Saturday, October 5, 2019
from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Marriage the Primordial Sacrament

Our Lady of Lourdes, West Islip

Saturday, September 21, 2019
from 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

Ministry of Consolation Course Offering Level I

Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Hicksville

Thursday, September 26, October 3, 17, and 24, 2019
from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Bereavement Facilitator Training Level II

Our Lady of Victory, Floral Park

Mondays, September 30, October 7, 21, and 28, 2019
from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Parish, East Islip

Saturdays, September 28 and October 5, 2019
from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

St. Rosalie Parish, Hampton Bays

Saturdays, October 19 and 26, 2019
from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

RCIA Level II / RICA NIVEL II

St. Boniface, Elmont

Saturday, October 5 and 12, 2019
Sábados 5 y 12 de octubre de 2019
9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

RCIA Level I

Thursdays, October 17, 24, 31, and November 14, 2019

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

OR

St Martin of Tours, Bethpage

7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Catechist Training Level II

St. James, Setauket

Tuesdays, March 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2020
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Bereavement Conference

St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh

Saturday, March 21, 2020
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For more information, workshops, or to register online,
please visit drvc-faith.org/event/

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

Open House Schedule

September 2019

Saturday, Sept. 21 - 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Our Lady of Mercy Academy

Saturday, Sept. 28 - 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Sacred Heart Academy

Sunday, Sept. 29 - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. - St. Anthony's High School

October 2019

Saturday, Oct. 5 - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Kellenberg Memorial High School

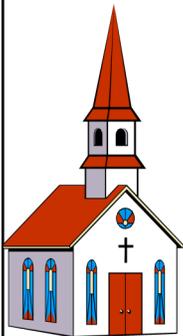
Saturday, Oct. 5 - 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Chaminade High School

Sunday, Oct. 6 - 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - St. Dominic High School

Saturday, Oct. 19 - 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Holy Trinity High School

Sunday, Oct. 20 - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. - St. John the Baptist High School

Sunday, Oct. 20 - 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - St. Mary's High School



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL UPDATE

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

<u>Goal</u>	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Over (Under)</u>	<u># of Donors</u>	<u>% of Goal</u>
\$71,600.00	49,595.00	(\$22,005.00)	210	69.3%

When payments reach 100% of our goal, we receive a rebate of 20% or \$14,320. Please help your community and your parish by supporting the CMA!

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS!

Starfish Coffee House

Explore the scenic 3.7 mile loop of the Walt Whitman portion of the Greenbelt Trail!

A 20s and 30s Young Adult Community

FALL HIKE

Date: September 29

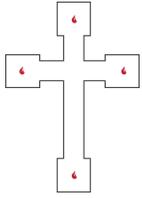
Time: 8 am Mass

9 am Carpool to hike

Pray, make new friends and hike to Jayne's Hill, the highest point on LI!

**Location: Rectory basement
St. Francis R.C.C
in Greenlawn**

CASH CALENDAR



Parish of the Holy Cross September 2019

September 14th is the
Exaltation of the
Holy Cross!

	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 \$500
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 \$50	28 \$50
29 \$50	30 \$50	\$10 PER CHANCE ~ 30 CHANCES TO WIN ~ \$10 PER DAY \$500 ON SEPTEMBER 14 ~ EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS				

Cash Calendar, SEPTEMBER, 2019

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MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Saturday, September 14th		3 PM
• LEVEL 8 RECONCILIATION		Worship Area
• YOUTH GROUP PLANT SALE	5PM	Atrium
Sunday, September 15th		All Masses
• YOUTH GROUP PLANT SALE		Atrium
Monday, September 16th		7 PM
• TRUSTEE MEETING		Sacristy
• K OF C MEETING		Fr. Joe Room
Tuesday, September 17th		10 AM
• IN STITCHES		Fr. Joe Room
• CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL	7PM	Worship Area
• CHOIR	7:15PM	Fr. Joe Room
Wednesday, September 18th		11:30AM-2:30PM
• SENIORS		Atrium
• CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL	7PM	Worship Area
• BAPTISM PREP	7:30PM	Fr. Joe Room
Thursday, September 19th		10 AM
• SCRIPTURE STUDY		Fr. Joe Room
• CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL	7PM	Worship Area
Saturday, September 21st		10 AM - 3 PM
• FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL		Outside/Atrium
Sunday, September 22nd		1 PM
• BAPTISMS		Worship Area
• YOUTH NIGHT	6-8PM	Atrium

Scripture Study

Join us for Scripture Study on Thursday, September 19th, at 10AM in the Father Joe Room!



Holy Cross Seniors

Our Holy Cross Senior Group is always looking for new members to join them for an afternoon of fun and socializing. You are invited to stop in on the **first and third Wednesday** of the month and meet some new



friends. The meeting is held in the atrium of the church from 11:30am to 2:30pm. **Our next meeting is September 18th.** We hope to see you there!

PRAYER FOR HEALING

Prayer for Healing Victims of Abuse

God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just:

You gave your only Son to save us by the blood of his cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear our cries as we agonize over the harm done to our brothers and sisters. Breathe wisdom into our prayers, soothe restless hearts with hope, steady shaken spirits with faith. Show us the way to justice and wholeness, enlightened by truth and enfolded in your mercy.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform our brokenness. Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace, so that we may act with justice and find peace in you.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

St. Anthony of Padua Church, Rocky Point, is holding a Prayer Service for Father Bill Breslawski on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 4PM. All are welcome to join them for prayer.



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