

# The Parish of the Holy Cross

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## LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!



*“I ask that  
supplications,  
prayers,  
petitions,  
and  
thanksgivings*

*be offered for everyone...  
that we may lead  
a quiet and tranquil life...”*

1 Timothy 2:1-2

## Come and pray with us!

### 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 22, 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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Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (closed 12:15-1:00 PM)

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## Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses



### September 28th/29th

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

## Mass Intentions Schedule



### Week of September 22, 9AM Mass

<b>Mon.</b>	Ethel O'Shea
<b>Tue.</b>	Elly Miller
<b>Wed.</b>	Victor Lamarque
<b>Thu.</b>	(8AM) Anthony Brady

### Saturday, September 28th, 5 PM Mass

Toni Krisa, Theresa Davis, Alfredo Matos, Eileen Shine, Thomas Volovar, Janis C. Chieca

### Sunday, Sept. 29th, 26th Sun. in Ordinary Time

<b>8:00 AM</b>	Mr. & Mrs. O. DeSanto
<b>9:30 AM</b>	People of the Parish
<b>11:30 AM</b>	Victor Diaz, Judith Dluginski, Geraldine Vunk, James Mazzo, Salvatore Occhipinti, Alfie Gabriele

## 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:

<b>Patricia Becker</b>	<b>George V. Daly</b>
<b>Veronica Follo</b>	<b>Phil Grazieo</b>
<b>Doreen Hau</b>	<b>Joseph Santamaria</b>
<b>Marlene Starr</b>	<b>Lisa Tauger</b>

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](mailto:pothc@optonline.net).

## Scripture Readings for September 29, 2019



- + Amos 6:1, 4-7
- + 1 Timothy 6:11-16
- + Luke 16:19-31

# Farewell to Summer

*by Father Michael*

Sunday is the last full day of summer; autumn officially arrives on Monday. I hope it was a good one for you.

I will not be here for the 11:30 Mass today. I will be putting on my “Dean’s hat.” One of the functions of the Dean is to witness the installation of a new pastor. I will be at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Centereach. Fr. Joseph Alenchery is being installed as the new pastor. This will be my first time functioning in this capacity; I hope I get it right. As you may recall, it is a simple ceremony that takes place within the context of Mass. There are formal introductions to leaders within the parish such as trustees, Parish Staff and Pastoral Council members. The new pastor is also required to sign an Oath of Fidelity and a Profession of Faith.

Last week, I stopped in to say “hello” to the collection counters. When I entered the room they were in the midst of opening the Renovations and Major Repairs envelopes. I was surprised at how many there were. When the total button was hit, there was over \$3,000 that came from about 165 families. I am grateful that so many parishioners offer this support in addition to their regular weekly offering to the parish. There is a great spirit of Stewardship at work in gifts being offered to the parish, and those gifts are being used well.

There is an effort made to care for and maintain our facilities. Some of the maintenance done may not be immediately visible. There was a great deal of work which took place this summer. Attention was given to the parish grounds with an abundance of weeding and removal of branches, small trees and shrubs that were beginning to take over our property. Much of the outside of the building and colonnade around the courtyard was bleached and washed. It was a delicate balance of removing dirt without damaging the stucco which is becoming more fragile over time. Even the statue of the Welcoming Christ got a good scrubbing.

Thursday will be a busy day here at Holy Cross. Bishop Henning will be here to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with 158 of our young people. There are three Masses that take place during the day. (Daily Mass will take place at 8AM on Thursday.) Moments like this cannot take place without the combined efforts of many people: parents, catechists, our Religion Education Office, and all those who assist with the celebration of the Masses. I am grateful for all those who help. Please keep our young people in your prayers on this important day of their lives.

# 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.



# WHAT'S NEW?

## Liturgy Bytes



**P**icking up our topic from last week – the Assembly, congregation, people of God, etc., our comments will be more practicable, and I hope helpful!

Participation is more than reciting prayers, responding to the priest or singing the hymns. Participation is way more than that. It involves every person in the Church-- body, soul, mind and heart. We are invited to join in this great act of worship by making certain bodily gestures together.

Consider making a specific commitment to enhance your participation at Sunday Liturgy. A few suggestions that might help are:

1. Make Sunday Mass the centerpiece of your day.
2. If possible, read the Scripture readings during the week so they will be familiar to you. You can also get to Church early and read them prior to Mass beginning.
3. Be more aware of God's presence within the silence during Mass. Try to be attentive during times of silence to listen to God's voice within you.
4. Try to get to know the people sitting around you in the Church.
5. Be mindful to thank and praise God during your prayer moments during the week.
6. At the time of the presentation of the gifts, try to be aware of all you have offered to God this week in the way of your time, talent and treasure.
7. Try to be more reverent during Mass by thinking about what you are doing during each part and of what your actions mean as you make the sign of the cross, kneel, process forward for Communion and genuflect or bow.
8. Make a sincere effort to carry the Mass with you into the world. You can try to respond to the Gospel by being more aware of the needs of others and working harder for justice.

Don't be overwhelmed by the above list of suggestions, pick one or two to begin. Sometimes just being made aware of these pointers is all we need --- those little reminders go a long way!

So, let's come worship the Lord.  
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:

**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!

**Sunday, September 29:** We will meet for a fun Youth Night from 6 to 8PM. Come join us!

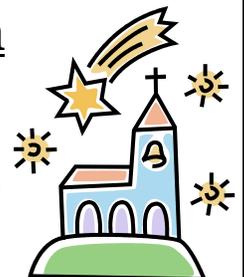
So, if you are thinking about coming to the church to see what we are all about, do it! You will not regret it. Come with a friend or family member, and join us as we continue to grow in the endless love of Christ.

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](mailto:hcyouthgroup15@gmail.com) or call the parish office. Thank you!

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## 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!



# 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!

## PARISH NEWS

### Praying the Rosary

Join us as we pray the Rosary in the Chapel at 10:30AM on the last Sunday of each month! We will pray for our friends and loved ones who have fallen away from the Church. Join us on our next date which is September 29th!



### Special Collection

This 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 this important collection!*

### Pope Pius XII Award

On Sunday, September 15, at St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre, the Pope Pius XII medal was awarded to two scouts from our parish.

Pictured here are Fr. Michael, Patrick Grasing, Tim Nagosky and Kim Loh Bodor.

Congratulations to Patrick and Tim on their accomplishment!



# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

# 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 [pothc@optonline.net](mailto:pothc@optonline.net) .

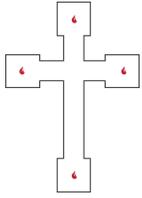
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### My Suggestion for a Sunday Prayer Intention

Prayer Intention: “For \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.”

(If you wish you may include your name): \_\_\_\_\_

# 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
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Cash Calendar, SEPTEMBER, 2019

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# MEETINGS THIS WEEK

<b>Saturday, September 21st</b>	<b>10 AM - 3 PM</b>
• FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL	Outside/Atrium
<b>Sunday, September 22nd</b>	<b>1 PM</b>
• BAPTISMS	Worship Area
• YOUTH NIGHT	6-8PM Atrium
<b>Tuesday, September 24th</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
• CHOIR	7:15PM Worship Area
<b>Thursday, September 26th</b>	<b>8 AM</b>
• MORNING MASS	Chapel
• CONFIRMATIONS	10AM,1PM,4PM Worship Area
<b>Sunday, September 29th</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
• PRAY THE ROSARY	Chapel

# COMMUNITY NEWS

**Ronkonkoma Cenacle**  
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**Sunday, September 29, 2019**  
**2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Retreat Center,**  
**1:30 p.m. arrivals and refreshments**  
**CENTERING PRAYER AFTERNOON**  
 DVD by Thomas Keating O.C.S.O.,  
 Centering Prayer, and discussion. You do not  
 need to have any experience, simply the  
 desire to rest in God’s presence. *“Be still and  
 know that I AM God”* (Psalm 46:10).  
**Presenter: Sr. Margaret Rohde, r.c.**  
**Suggested Offering: \$15, payable at  
 registration**

**Thursdays - October 10, 17, 31 and November 7, 2019**

**1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Retreat Center, 1:00 p.m. arrivals and refreshments**

**VISIONS FOR AGING – Spirituality Workshop for Seniors**

This workshop will help us to glance at our personal wisdom journey of lived experience, as it is reflected in the parables and seasons of life. It is to focus on aging with hope and faith, gracefully, contemplatively and prayerfully. Workbook is included, as there will be required weekly reading, prayerful reflective questions, spiritual sharing and conversation. Required attendance at all dates.

**Presenter: Carmela Bergman, Cenacle Staff Associate**

**Suggested Offering: \$95 – payable at registration includes workbook and all 4 sessions**

**Thursday, October 24, 2019**

**10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Retreat Center, 10:00 a.m. arrivals and refreshments**

**LIFE’S CALLING YOU – COME, FOLLOW CHRIST- Morning for Seniors**

**THE AMAZING GRACE OF AUTUMN – Let Go and Let God**

**Presenter: Carmela Bergman, Cenacle Staff Associate**

**Suggested Offering: \$30 – Lunch included**

**\$20 deposit required to hold your reservation**

## **St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School**

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School, West Islip is happy to announce it is hosting its first ever Homecoming 5K race on Sunday, October 13th. Those interested in participating may sign up at <http://srctimingservices.rsupartner.com/>. There is also a link that can be accessed on the school website’s home page. Event begins at 8:30AM. Pre-registration is \$25. Day of registration is \$30. Participants 12 & under pre-registration and same day registration is \$20. Awards to be given to top finishers.





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