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Let All Who Enter Be Welcomed as Christ!

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.



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 27, 2025



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Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM;

Saturday 5:00 PM;

Sunday 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

The 9:00 Weekday Mass & Sunday 11:30 Mass
are livestreamed on Facebook.

We celebrate Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM;

Wednesday after 9:00 AM Mass

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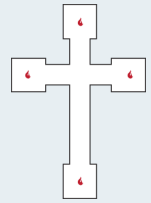


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THE TWISTING ROADS OF LIFE

Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael



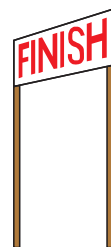
Allow me to vent about two driving related issues. First, I had a beautiful week in Washington at the preaching seminar I attended. But yikes, the drive to and from was miserable, almost seven hours each way. I departed on a Sunday morning after the 8:00 Mass, and getting out of New York was not too bad. But, from the Delaware Memorial Bridge to Baltimore, the driving was at a snail's pace. The return trip was better in Maryland, but then the traffic was brutal once I got off the Verrazano Bridge. Next time, I'm taking the train. For those of you who have a lengthy daily commute in the car, God bless you. That kind of thing can whittle away at your spirit.

My second gripe is with the E-ZPass people. Back in June, I went to Atlantic City as I sometimes do. Between the bridges and the Garden State Parkway, there must be a dozen tolls on the roundtrip. I received notices for not paying at three different toll booths. (No, this is not one of those scam texts that have become common place; it's the real thing. They included pictures of my car driving through the E-ZPass lane.) I had my pass mounted on the windshield for the entire trip. Nine tolls registered properly, three did not. There is a \$50 fine for each offense. There is a convoluted appeal process that I am attempting to negotiate. But trying to talk to someone is impossible. It would be easier for me to get a private audience with Pope Leo than it would to get someone to talk to on the phone. I'm hoping the process works and this will quickly pass.

I hope the days of summer are passing at a leisurely pace for you. I'm enjoying this season. As I was not sure about my staying or being transferred from the parish until late spring, I did not make any plans for any extended vacations. I will be taking a few days around Labor Day, but other than that I'm enjoying my time here. I am trying to make the best of the nice weather when it comes along. I enjoy working around the house. I've had a few barbeques and am trying to make the most of the opportunities of the season. On these pleasant days, the staff and I enjoy our lunch together at the picnic table outside the back of the office.

If ever you stop by during the week and you hear me making unusual sounds in the Worship Area, chances are I am not going haywire. Rather, I am practicing some of the voice and breathing exercises I learned at the seminar. We take for granted our ability to speak. But when we are made aware of the many nuances that comprise a spoken word, there is a complexity to it. The capacity of the lungs, the position of the jaw, and the movement of the tongue can all impact the way a spoken word is heard. I don't know if you will notice any significant differences in the way I preach. But having a deeper awareness of all the subtleties of speaking does give greater possibility to the way in which something is spoken. I wish I had some of this training earlier in my formation. But sometimes it takes the passing of years to truly appreciate the wonder and intricacies of our own lives.

Have a great week.



ON THE CALENDAR

JULY 2025						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



AUGUST 2

5:00 PM

FR. MICHAEL

AUGUST 3

8:00 AM

FR. MICHAEL

9:30 AM

FR. MICHAEL

11:30 AM

FR. MICHAEL



SCRIPTURE READINGS for AUGUST 3

+ Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

+ Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

+ Luke 12:13-21

Sunday, July 27th **BAPTISMS**
1:00PM, Worship Area

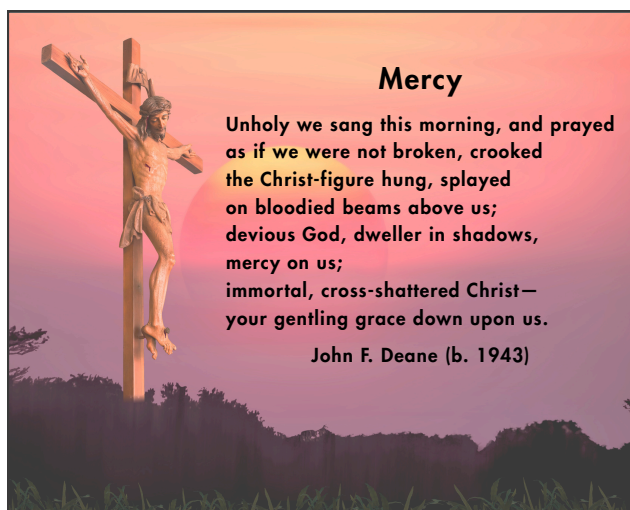
Monday, July 28th **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MTG.**
7:00PM, Fr. Joe Room

Tuesday, July 29th **IN STITCHES**
10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room

Saturday, August 2nd **HOLY HOUR**
3:45PM - 4:45PM, Worship Area

Sunday, August 3rd **BAPTISM GATHERING**
9:30AM Mass, Worship Area, Fr. Joe Room

Sunday, August 3rd **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**
After 9:30AM Mass, Worship Area



Mercy

Unholy we sang this morning, and prayed
as if we were not broken, crooked
the Christ-figure hung, splayed
on bloodied beams above us;
devious God, dweller in shadows,
mercy on us;
immortal, cross-shattered Christ—
your gentling grace down upon us.

John F. Deane (b. 1943)



Practice of Hope

(Excerpt from "At Home with the Word 2025")

As with Abraham, the prayer of the Christian is one of hope on behalf of God's people. Because of hope, at Mass we stand in the shadow of the crucifix and the table of the Lord and say, "Let us pray with confidence to the Father."

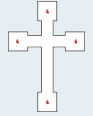
Read John F. Deane's poem, "Mercy."

Pray the Lord's Prayer every night this week, for mercy and healing of a broken world.

Catholic Charities gives hope to many underserved people. Research ways to support your local Catholic Charities chapter.

Visit our website at www.holycrossrc.org
to find out more about the different ministries
we have to offer, how you can be involved, and
when they meet.

WE PRAY...CELEBRATE...REMEMBER



Upcoming Mass Intentions

Week of Sunday, July 27

9:00AM Masses:

Mon. Andrew Tocci (living)
Tues. Louis & Cindy Follo (living)
Wed. Vanessa Lopez (living)
Thur. Paula Malloy (living)

Saturday, August 2, 5PM Mass

Charles & Lorraine Otto, Thomas Brophy,
 Barbara Guinta, Mary Condra, Leslie Kelly

Sunday, August 3, Masses

8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30AM Peter Buscemi, Dominick Pizzurro,
 Francisco Veloso, Joseph Rivellese,
 Maria Quartararo-Young
11:30AM Joseph Brindisi

*Please pray for those in our parish
 who are sick, their families and caregivers*

Bob Alderdice	Jo-Ann Loh
Theresa Arzillo	Mary Lopez
Alejandro Astegiano	Gerald Losquadro
Jo Barry	Viola Malek
Kathy Barry	Jeanne Marie Malley
Cole Brennan	Steve Matonti
Veronica Buscemi	Olivia Melia
Judy Carlson	Loretto Narducci
Mary Champagne	Andrea Nocito
William Ciccarelli	Darin Pitkanen
Kimberly Crawford-Arbocus	Patricia Pitkanen
Grayson Danielski	Colleen Prinz
Anthony DeGennaro	Carina Ranieri
Manuela Diaz	Rob Remhild
Ann Egan	Liam Richards
Vincent Esposito	Amy Rivers
Ralph Farino	Lynn Rodger
Yolanda Fattarusso	Sean Romeo
Sienna Fricke	Elaine Ruane
Linda Giordano	Casey Schultz
James Greene	Kathy Schwin
Linda Heinrichs	John Serri
Ralph Hughes	Celeste Sichenze
Ryan Huscher	Sue Southard
Debbie Jablinowski	Bill Tanner
Kristen Kennedy	Calvin Tatone
Caroline Lazar	Grace Van Epps
Carol Leahy	Peter Warns
Victor Lewandowski	Emma Zeidman



Banns of Marriage



Priscilla Torres & Dioni Perez
 Angela Pagano & Eric Link



*We thank
 the men and women
 who serve in our military
 for their service.*



HOLY HOUR Saturday, August 2nd

**3:45pm - 4:45pm
 in the Worship Area**



Sunday, August 3rd,
 will be the next date that
 the Anointing of the Sick
 will be offered after
 the 9:30 AM Mass



*Have regard to your servant's prayer and his
 plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the
 prayer that your servant prays to you.*

2 Chronicles 6:19



PARISH OUTREACH

Reminder for Seniors

It is helpful to have the following posted on your refrigerator in case of an emergency.

- Full name
- List of current medication
- List of any known allergies
- Blood Type
- Name and number of doctor
- Emergency contact information
- Also please have any medical paperwork (DNR) posted or easily accessible.



BLESSING BAGS Donation Request

The lazy, hazy days of summer are here - vacation cannot be too far away. **Outreach is looking for travel size soap, shampoo, conditioner, and hand lotion to create Blessing Bags for the homeless.** Please keep us in mind as you set off on your vacation. All items can be dropped off in the Parish Office. Thank you in advance for your help and have a great vacation.

Outreach Request

Recently, we welcomed a new family to Outreach. They need extra support at this time.

We are hoping you may be able to help.

They are the proud parents of three young children - all in diapers. We are asking for **diaper donations in size 3 and size 5 and baby wipes** to help this family at this time. If you can donate, please bring your donation to the Parish Office or to Mass on Sunday. Thank you in advance for your support.



Outreach is currently in need of the following items for the food pantry.

The collection will be next weekend, **August 2 & 3.**



Pasta Sauce (jar only please)

Cereal - Hot/Cold

Baking items: cake mix, brownie mix, icing, bread mix, cookie mix

Rice - Mayo

Thank you for checking expiration dates before donating.

Thank you for the donations of bags for our pantry. We are not accepting any more at this time. Thank you!

Thank you for your continued support!



Long Island Blue Star Moms NY6

is part of a National Non-Profit 501(c)3 Organization, that has been in existence since World War II. We are the Mothers of your active duty Armed Forces & Veterans.

A Band of Mothers on a MISSION to Serve!

Long Island Blue Star Moms NY6 is working with our Parish Outreach to collect items that will be packaged and sent to deployed Military men and women.

There will be a collection box with a Blue Star in the atrium on weekends in July in which to place your donation.



**Last Weekend to
accept donations
July 26 & 27**

Needed Items

deodorant - razors - sunscreen packets - Band-aids & antibiotic ointment
instant oatmeal / grits - powder drink mixes for 16 oz bottles - popcorn
peanut butter in small cups or 8oz plastic jars - mac N cheese cups
protein powder - protein bars/ snacks - chewing gum - playing cards
washcloths or hand towels - powder - soap - bug repellent
toothpaste (travel size) - toothbrushes

We thank those who are serving in our military, and we thank you for any donation that you can give.



This weekend at the offertory we will also be collecting for our **Regional School Support.**

PARISH OUTREACH



Join us for our



Would you like to help a child succeed this school year?

Children receiving school supplies will be from our Parish Outreach families.

- Choose a **Backpack Tag**, a **Book Tag** or a **Pencil Tag** from one of the display boards in the Atrium. The **supply list** for the school year is printed on the back of the **book tag**. The **backpack tag** is to purchase a **backpack** for a student. The **pencil tag** is to purchase a **Target or Walmart gift card**.
- Purchase items listed on the back of the **Book Tag**, **Pencil Tag** or the **Backpack Tag** as requested.
- Place items in bag (paper or plastic) and return items to the Atrium (on designated table) with tag attached to bag.

Choose the way you want to help!
Starting the weekend of August 2nd & 3rd

Pray for the children who will receive the supplies and write a personal note if you wish.

Don't want to shop for supplies?



Purchase a gift card from **Target or Walmart** to supplement a student's school supplies and/or school clothes and **drop off at our School House in the Atrium**.



Support our effort by making a **monetary donation** to help us meet the needs of our families. Checks can be made out to "**Holy Cross Outreach**" and put in a plain envelope marked "**School Supplies**." These donations can be dropped in our **School House in the Atrium** or in the **collection basket**.



Reminders

Please remember to attach the backpack tag or book tag to your donation and place it on the **School Supplies for Success** table in the Atrium. Donations may also be brought to the Outreach Office.

Collection for our School Supplies for Success Program will take place Monday, 8/4 - Sunday, 8/17

Any questions, please contact the Outreach Office at (631) 265-2200

Thank you for your support!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Reminder
You are loved

SAVE THE DATE
Blessing of Backpacks at all Masses
on
Saturday, August 30th
and
Sunday, August 31st

Volunteers needed
Our Religious Education Program is expanding and we are looking for:
Special Needs Teachers (Mondays)
Level 3 Catechists
Level 4 Catechists
If you enjoy working with children and are available for 1 hour a week, please call Jennifer or Mary at the Religious Education office at 631-265-2200

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR 2025-2026

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

The Religious Education Office is planning ahead for the 2025 - 2026 Formation Year. Families who are currently enrolled in our program will receive Re-Registration form through their email. All children who plan on continuing in our program must be re-registered each year. Children need to successfully complete their current Religious Education level before they can move to the next level.

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We are currently accepting new registrations. If you are new to the Parish, please call the main office at 631-265-2200 x111. Once we have your email address, we can send you a new registration form.

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The Religious Education department at Holy Cross will begin the current session October 2025. All catechists will be trained during the summer once we have the program in place. We are dedicated to bringing the same service to our young parishioners that we have had in the past. Textbooks will be distributed only after your child is registered. Please register even if you are not paying at this time to secure a spot for your child in a class. SPACE IS LIMITED!

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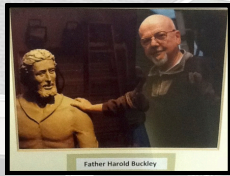
Religious Education Registration Forms are found on the R/E Forms Page of our website.

Calling All Founding Parishioners!

2025 marks the 30th Anniversary

**of the opening of our
Worship Space and Parish Offices**

The first Mass in the new church was celebrated at the Easter Vigil of 1995



Mark Your Calendar!

We will honor all the Founding Parishioners on the weekend of

**September 13 & 14, 2025
The Exaltation of the Cross**

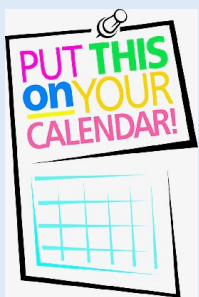


**We are looking to create a display and/or video
to commemorate this anniversary.**

If anyone has pictures of the “early days”
(Mass at the Cleary School, construction of the church, etc.)
we would love to borrow them.

Please label them with your name and phone number
and bring them to the Parish Office.

Thank you for your help!



Save the Date!

Weekend of September 6 and 7

Grandparents' Weekend at Holy Cross

As we continue to be Pilgrims of Hope in this Holy Year, we are reminded of the signs of HOPE in our families.....Grandparents!

**Bring your grandchildren to Mass or
Grandchildren, bring your Grandparents with
you to Mass**

*Pray together, receive Jesus together and
Celebrate our Faith!*



Holy Cross Parish celebrates Grandparents' Weekend

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 6/7

Gather up those special people we call grandchildren and come to Mass together that weekend, or grandchildren, invite your grandparents to Mass here at Holy Cross.

A special blessing will be given at all the Masses.

Hospitality will be offered after the 11.30 Mass.

In the meantime, **we are inviting grandparents to write in two sentences or less what being a grandparent means to them.**

Write on the slip below and drop it in the box outside the parish office.

Please submit by August 25th.

Naturally, we all might want to write more than two sentences,
but try to sum up those feelings as best you can.

On the weekend of September 6/7, your submissions will appear in the bulletin.

**Together, let us celebrate the honor of being a grandparent
and our grandchildren (both adult and children) who we hold in our hearts.**

What Being a Grandparent Means to Me

Submitted by:_____

Please Print Clearly



For many years the Cash Calendar was a part of the Holy Cross routine, and this fundraiser provided some additional financial support to the parish.

At this time, it is unlikely that we have enough parishioners attending Mass on a weekly basis to support a monthly drawing, so we will continue as we have done for the past few years with our quarterly drawing.

- \$10 per ticket
- Tickets are available for purchase through June, July and August
- Drawing will be held **AUGUST 28TH**

This is the pay scale which will be offered:

- 1 Prize @ \$250
- 2 Prizes @ \$100
- 10 Prizes @ \$50
- 15 Prizes @ \$25

This formula was based upon selling 250 tickets @ \$10 each.
If more than 250 tickets are sold, the number of prizes will be increased.

Please cut out and use the tickets below.

You may return your entries by placing them in an envelope and depositing it in the basket on weekends, or returning them to the Parish Office.

Thank you for your support!



Summer Cash Sizzle

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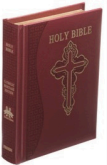
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