



# Parish of the Holy Cross

*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.



*Feast of the  
Exaltation  
of the Cross*

**24th Sunday of Ordinary Time - September 15, 2024**



**Come and Pray with Us!**

### **We celebrate Eucharist**

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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# WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

## PASTORAL TEAM

Reverend Michael F. Holzmahnn..... Ext. 115  
**Pastor**

Deacon Joseph Maffeo..... Ext. 124  
**Pastoral Minister**

Mrs. Judith Pickel..... Ext. 116  
**Pastoral Associate**

Mrs. Michele Hall..... Ext. 120  
**Pastoral Associate**

Mrs. Jennifer Miller..... Ext. 112  
**Coordinator of Religious Ed.**

Mrs. Kelley Mowat..... Ext. 113  
**Coordinator of Parish Outreach**

Mr. Brian Reich  
**Director of Music Ministry**

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:  
MONDAY - THURSDAY  
9 AM - 4 PM  
(closed 12:15-1 PM)**

**Parish Office  
FRIDAY HOURS  
9 AM - 12 NOON**

## PASTORAL STAFF

Mrs. Jane Wirth..... Ext. 122  
**Parish Secretary**

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Contact email: ..... mpannone@holycrossrc.org

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**Business Manager**

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**Music Minister/Webmaster**

Mr. Roberto Maza  
**Custodian**

Mrs. Susan Ribeiro  
**Bulletin Editor**

**NEW OUTREACH HOURS:**  
Monday, Tuesday &  
Thursday  
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
**Evening Hours by Appointment Only**

He has delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears,  
and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living.

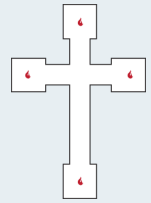
-Psalm 116:8-9

Visit our website at **www.holycrossrc.org**  
for more information on how we can serve you.



# WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

*Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael*



This question is raised in today's gospel by Jesus as he speaks with Peter and the other disciples. It is a question worthy of reflection even today. As simple as it may seem, this is actually a rather complex two-sided question. Whatever answer is given will provide some insight into who Jesus is. But, equally important, the answer reveals aspects of the one who provides the answer. If someone sees forgiveness in Jesus, it is likely in relation to a place of sin or regret in that person's life. If someone sees Jesus as the one who heals, it likely comes from a place of pain or brokenness. What we see in Jesus is a reflection of our own journey and our own hunger.

When I was chaplain in the high school, every year we would choose a spiritual theme for the year. One of the more successful choices we made was this very passage, "Who do you say that I am?" It was an opportunity to teach and give insight into Jesus and the message he spoke. But it was also a wonderful opportunity to raise questions as to how the students saw themselves in relation to Jesus. Sometimes it was as simple as reminding each student that they are unique, they matter to God, and God knows who they are. It is a great gift to be able to work with young people as they discover and learn about who they are themselves.

This same way of looking at how the question is answered can also be applied to who we are as a parish community. From the very beginning of this parish a decision was made to embrace the welcoming and accepting spirit that Jesus demonstrated. That insight into who Jesus was is incorporated into the very design of the building. A statue of Jesus welcoming his children into the building is what you see as you approach the door in our courtyard. Even on the cross, Jesus extends his hand to reach out and offer his comfort and life in the midst of his own suffering. We want to be a welcoming community which reflects that loving and accepting spirit of Jesus. It is worthwhile to ponder the answer we would offer to that question. It will reveal our understanding of Jesus, but it also reveals who we are.

On another note, this week we remembered the tragic events of September 11 that took place twenty-three years ago. All of us remember where we were as we struggled to comprehend the events as they unfolded that day. There was so much suffering and sorrow. Sadly, there will be some events that demand that we simply stand in the shadow of the cross and realize we share in something far greater than any of us can fully embrace. There are still many who carry the emotional scars and even lingering health effects related to that day. We pray for comfort, healing, and the resolve to move forward believing the Lord calls us beyond the power of the cross to know his life.



# ON THE CALENDAR

## CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



**SEPTEMBER 21**

**5:00 PM FR. MICHAEL**

**SEPTEMBER 22**

**8:00 AM FR. MICHAEL**

**9:30 AM**

**FR. FRANK/DCN. JOE**

**11:30 AM**

**FR. FRANK/DCN. JOE**



## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 22

**+ Wisdom 2:12, 17-20**

**+ James 3:16-4:3**

**+ Mark 9:30-37**

**Saturday, September 14th..... PARISH FEAST DAY/BBQ**  
**5:00PM Mass, Worship Area, Courtyard**

**Sunday, September 15th..... BAPTISM GATHERING**  
**9:30AM Mass, Worship Area, Fr. Joe Room**

**Sunday, September 15th ..... HEALTHY SUNDAY**  
**10:00AM - 1:00PM, Parking Lot**

**Tuesday, September 17th ..... IN STITCHES**  
**10:00 AM, Fr. Joe Room**

**Tuesday, September 17th..... DRESS A GIRL**  
**1:00PM - 3:00PM, Atrium**

**Tuesday, September 17th.....MOMS' GROUP**  
**7:00PM, Fr. Joe Room**

**Wednesday, September 18th..... EM & LECTOR MEETING**  
**7:00PM, Worship Area**

**Thursday, September 19th..... SCRIPTURE STUDY**  
**10:00AM, Atrium**

**Thursday, September 19th..... LEVEL 5 & LEVEL 6 PARENT MEETING**  
**1:30PM OR 7:00PM, Atrium, Worship Area**

**Friday, September 20th.....VIRTUS TRAINING**  
**6:00PM - 8:00PM, Atrium**

**Sunday, September 22nd..... BAPTISMS**  
**1:00 PM, Worship Area**

## Practice of Charity (Excerpt from "At Home with the Word 2024")

Today, we struggle with Peter as we ponder where following Jesus might lead us. The passage from the letter of James reminds us that our faith must inspire us to act in a very specific way: our actions must focus on radically following Christ and dedicating ourselves to justice. Jesus openly speaks to his disciples about the suffering he will endure, which reminds us that the cost of discipleship is great. Following God's call to act justly can be scary.

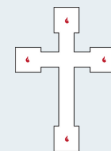
Spend time resting in peace knowing that God opens your ears so you may hear God's call. Ask God to help you pinpoint one action you can take today to open your heart so that you can think as God does.

Who is someone who inspires you to deny yourself and follow Jesus? Reach out to them this week for conversation about what you are hearing God say to you.

Visit our website at **[www.holycrossrc.org](http://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



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

Bob Alderdice  
Theresa Arzillo  
Alejandro Astegiano  
Jo Barry  
Kathy Barry  
Barbara Bombace  
Cole Brennan  
Dan Bryan  
Ann Callari  
Judy Carlson  
Hank Champagne  
Mary Champagne  
William Ciccarelli  
Jason DeLuca  
Manuela Diaz  
Ann Egan  
Vincent Esposito

Ralph Farino  
Yolanda Fattarusso  
Sienna Fricke  
Linda Giordano  
Linda Heinrichs  
Debbie Jablinowski  
Kristen Kennedy  
Roberta Lamb  
Caroline Lazar  
Carol Leahy  
Mary Lopez  
Gerald Losquadro  
Charlotte Lynch  
Viola Malek  
Jeanne Marie Malley  
Olivia Melia

Loretto Narducci  
Darin Pitkanen  
Patricia Pitkanen  
Carina Ranieri  
Rob Remhild  
Liam Richards  
Sean Romeo  
Elaine Ruane  
Casey Schultz  
Kathy Schwinn  
John Serri  
Barbara Sherry  
Celeste Sichenze  
Bill Tanner  
Grace Van Epps  
Peter Warns  
Emma Zeidman

**If you would like to have the name of your  
loved one listed in our prayers for the sick,  
please call 631-265-2200 x122.**

## Upcoming Mass Intentions

### Week of Sunday, September 15, 9AM Masses

**Mon.** Pat DelPrete Jr.  
**Tue.** Catherine & Martin Breuss (living)  
**Wed.** Mirta Astegiano  
**Thu.** Kevin Bailey

### Saturday, September 21, 5 PM Mass

Nancy Gallagher, Mauro Silva,  
Maryann Follo, Isabella Burton Smith,  
Arthur & Lillian Buckhout

### Sunday, September 22, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:00 AM** Joseph Cloonan  
**9:30 AM** Norman & Velia Leistman,  
John Eannacone, Herbert Eannacone,  
Joseph Fanuele, Ruben Vazquez Pintor  
**11:30 AM** People of the Parish



The **Bread and Wine** for the week  
of Sept. 15-21 have been  
donated in loving memory of  
**Vincent Mattera**  
by the Emerson Family

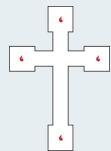


### Banns of Marriage

Marisa DeHaven & Anthony Tamburro  
Christine Gonzalez & Christopher Clinco  
Kaitlyn Groves & Kevin O'Hara

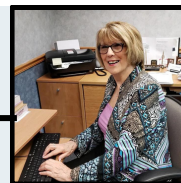


*We thank  
the men and women  
who serve in our military  
for their service.*

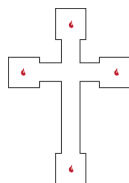


## LITURGY BYTES

by Michele Hall



### *The Parish Feast Day*



Every year on September 14th, our parish celebrates its feast day along with the Church. It is called the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This is the name chosen by the early parishioners of our parish. Although it is not our actual anniversary, we do remember it in a special way each year. I thought it might be of interest to learn about the origin of this feast, especially this weekend.

Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

#### **Parish of the Holy Cross GRANDPARENTS' GROUP forming**

*Grandparents*



*fill the world  
with Love*

#### **ATTN: GRANDFATHERS & GRANDMOTHERS**

Come join us to celebrate those very special people in our lives - our grandchildren. Many of us are involved in their lives, helping out their parents by picking them up from school, taking them to their weekly activities and even bringing the Good News of our faith into their lives. Whether near or far away, they certainly do light up our lives!

If you would like to join with other grandparents to pray for our grandchildren, support what each other is doing and seek ways we can lead and guide them, please join us on

**Wednesday, September 25th, at 2PM in the Chapel.**

**RSVP by email to Michele Hall at: [mhall@holycrossrc.org](mailto:mhall@holycrossrc.org)**

PARISH OF THE HOLY CROSS

95 Nichols Road, Nesconset

# Holy Cross Family FALL FESTIVAL

October 5 | 10AM - 3PM

Pumpkin Picking 11AM to 2PM

Sand Art 10AM to 2:30PM

Face Painting 10AM to 2:30PM

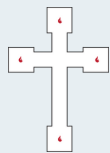
Games for Kids

Nesconset Fire Department  
visits from 11AM - 2PM

TASTE TESTING CONTEST 2PM

*Come Join the Fun!*





# FUN FALL FUNDRAISERS

## BASKET RAFFLE

A wide variety  
of themed baskets will  
be displayed, and tickets sold  
after all the Masses on the  
weekends of:

**Sept. 21-22 & Sept. 28-29**

Tickets are  
**3 for \$5 or 7 for \$10**

Lucky winners will be drawn at our  
**FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL**  
on Saturday, October 5th, at 3PM

Winners do not have to be present to win.

Be part of our  
**BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR!**

## BASKET RAFFLE FUNDRAISER 2024

*Last day to donate completed baskets  
or individual items for baskets  
is Sunday, September 15th.*

**Want to make a themed basket?  
Here are a few ideas for baskets:**

- Coffee Basket
- Golf Basket
- Baker's Basket
- Rest and Relax - Spa Basket
- Dinner and a Movie Basket
- Kid's Basket

**Suggested items for baskets:  
New Items only please**

- Gift certificates -  
(for products and/or services)
- Scratch-off tickets
- Wine/Liquor
- Event tickets -  
(play, movies, baseball game)
- Hand crafted items -  
(quilts, jewelry)

**All completed baskets and all individual donated items  
brought on the weekend of September 14th & 15th,  
can be dropped off in the atrium before each Mass.**

If you have any questions and/or would like to be  
on the Basket Raffle Committee,  
please call Mary Ann Viscusi at 631-686-5280  
or Linda Denninger at 631-265-7111

*Thank you for your continued support!*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

The winner does not need to be present.



Drawing will be held at the  
**Holy Cross Family Fall Festival**  
on October 5th, 2024

Return completed raffle with payment **\$10 each**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

The winner does not need to be present.



Drawing will be held at the  
**Holy Cross Family Fall Festival**  
on October 5th, 2024

Return completed raffle with payment **\$10 each**

Try your luck this fall with the  
**NIFTY 50/50 RAFFLE**  
Tickets are \$10 each.

*Jackpot builds as tickets are sold.*  
Enter as many times as you wish.

### How to enter:

Fill out the tickets to the left  
and return it with payment  
to the parish office by October 4th.

*Additional raffle tickets for purchase can be found  
in the parish office, and will be sold up until the  
drawing on the day of the festival.*

Drawing will be held at the  
**Family Fall Festival on October 5th, 2024.**

The winner does not need to be present.





Enter  
Our

Do you have  
a Favorite Fall Dessert Recipe?

# Family Fall Festival Dessert Contest

Come share your culinary expertise and enter  
your selection in our annual taste testing contest to be held  
**at our Family Fall Festival on October 5th**

The winner will be decided at the Family Fall Festival by a panel of volunteer judges.

To enter, the requirements are as follows:

- All items must be homemade.
- Please prepare enough to serve at least 20 bite size pieces
- Include a printed copy of your recipe to be displayed

**We ask that all recipes be submitted  
by Tuesday, October 1st**

Recipes will be printed and displayed  
the day of the judging  
(in response to any food allergy concerns)

*Come join the fun!*

*Good luck and Good Baking!*

**Interested in submitting a recipe, or being a taste testing judge?**

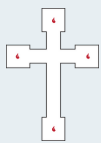
Fill out this form, check the appropriate line and return it to the Parish Office by October 1st.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Yes! I will submit my delicious recipe and culinary creation to be entered in the  
Family Fall Festival Taste Testing Contest.

*I agree to submit my recipe by October 1st to the Outreach Office.*

\_\_\_ Yes! I agree to be one of the judges that will fairly determine the winner of the  
Family Fall Festival Taste Testing Contest.



# PARISH OUTREACH



Catholic  
Health

## Healthy Sundays

Free Flu Shots

Blood Pressure Screenings

Education & Referrals

**Sunday, September 15th**

**10AM - 1PM**

**Parish of the Holy Cross  
95 Old Nichols Road**



We will meet on  
**Tuesday,  
September 17th,  
1-3PM**  
in the Atrium

Every girl should have the chance to receive a new, beautiful dress. We provide this opportunity as we create each dress with love. We hope the dress symbolizes how special and loved they are. Our prayers are with them all.

If you would like to join us, we meet monthly for "Cut Ups" where we cut each dress out and create dress kits for volunteers to sew. If your talent lies in sewing, you are welcome to pick up a dress kit (with instructions) and create a beautiful dress for a girl in need.

*All are welcome to join us and participate!*

Call Kelley at Outreach with any questions.

## Homebound Ministers - We invite you to join this vital ministry!

*Can you see yourself ministering to those who are homebound? Can you see yourself sharing a half an hour a week visiting, praying, and delivering the Eucharist to those who are, at times, forgotten?*

Our Homebound Ministry is growing, and we need your help! A small-time commitment and a loving heart are all that are needed. We invite you to be part of this vital parish ministry that supports and ministers to those who are unable to join us at Sunday Mass. We are asking for your help in serving those we are called to serve. The impact you will make on a person's life is far beyond the time given. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Outreach Office at (631) 265-2200 ext. 113 for more information and any questions you may have. Thank you!



## Are you or someone you know in the parish, homebound or anticipating an operation or treatment of cancer?

*We are eager to know, in a more personal way, our parishioners who are homebound or hospitalized.*

*Often, we do not hear of a person's illness or inability to join us for Sunday Mass.*

We need your assistance and invite you to help us see those in need and make the connection to our loved parishioners. Please call (631) 265-2200 ext. 113 or stop by Parish Outreach to let us know of these parishioners who are special to us. Thank you!

# WE GROW IN OUR FAITH



## ALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PARENTS AND STUDENTS

### Please see below the Mandatory Meetings for your grade level.

All books, classwork materials and instructional information will be provided at these meetings.  
*We ask that you kindly make every effort to attend these Meetings for your grade level.*

### Level 2 and Level 7 – These are both Parent and Student Mandatory Meetings

and specific information will be provided to you, since this is a sacramental year.  
*We ask that you kindly make every effort for both the Parent and Student to attend.*

**THURSDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 19TH**  
at 1:30pm **OR** 7pm  
**LEVEL 5 & LEVEL 6**  
  
Parent Meeting  
Worship Area

**MONDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 23RD**  
at 7pm  
**LEVEL 2**  
*Parent and  
Student Meeting*  
Worship Area

**TUESDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 24TH**  
at 7pm  
**LEVEL 7**  
*Parent and  
Student Meeting*  
Worship Area

**MONDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 30TH**  
at 1:30pm **OR** 7pm  
**LEVEL 1**  
  
Parent Meeting  
Worship Area

All Catechists, please pick up your materials and rosters on the day of the Parent Meeting for your grade level.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Religious Education office at 631-265-2200 Ext. 111

**Religious Education Kick-off Mass - Saturday, October 5th, at 5pm - Sunday, October 6th, at 11:30am**

## Help Wanted

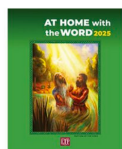
### Catechist still needed to teach one child with Special Needs

*Materials and Training will be provided.*

Please contact Jennifer Miller,  
Coordinator of Religious Education,  
at 631-265-2200, ext 112

Thank you for your help.

If you would like to purchase an  
“At Home with the Word” book for 2025,  
please sign up in the hallway by the parish office.



**OR,**  
if you are interested, there is also  
a sign-up sheet to purchase a  
2025 Missalette.

**Book orders will be placed  
at the end of the month**

## More Mystics at Holy Cross

**Come join us for another look at Catholic Mystics!**

Kathleen Reid leads us on the following dates  
as we learn about the Mystics:

**MONDAY, SEPT. 23, 2-4PM**  
**Thomas Merton - Part 2 - True Self/False Self**

**MONDAY, SEPT. 30, 2-4PM**  
**St. Teresa of Avila**

**MONDAY, OCT. 7, 2-4PM**  
**Jessica Powers a/k/a Sr. Miriam of the Holy Spirit, O.C.D.**

*Meetings will take place in the Fr. Joe Room*

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

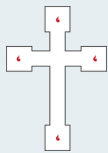
### Mystics Course - Semester 3

Please tear off and place in the collection basket  
or leave at the Parish Office c/o Jane. Thank you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_



# WE GROW IN OUR FAITH



## The Chosen, Season 4

**The Chosen** is a film series portraying the life of Jesus through the eyes of those who met him. Based on the Gospels, this series illustrates the stories of everyday people and the profound impact Jesus had on their lives.

Join us as we view all eight episodes of **Season 4**.

**Wednesdays, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20 from 7:00 - 8:45 PM**

**OR**

**Thursdays, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21 from 1:30 - 3:15 PM**

Each episode is followed by small group discussion.

Participation in **Seasons 1-3** is not required for attendance at **Season 4**.

However, if you haven't seen any of **Seasons 1-3**, it would be helpful to download

**The Chosen** app (for free) to view it and catch up.

Questions? Call Jude at ext. 116

Fill in the tear-off below and return it to the Parish Office **by Sept. 30th**. Please print!

I would like to attend **The Chosen** \_\_\_on Wednesday evenings/ \_\_\_on Thursday afternoons.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## LECTIO DIVINA

- Lectio
- Meditatio
- Oratio
- Contemplatio

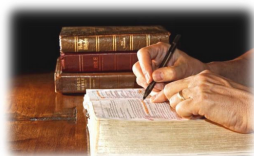


Registration is required in order to receive the ZOOM link to each session. Please contact the Western Vicariate office with your name, parish, email address and phone number. Send your email to: [westernvicariate@wvc.org](mailto:westernvicariate@wvc.org) or call Suzanne at 516-744-6850.



Join Bishop Andrzej  
For Scripture Reflection Series  
on **JESUS and NICODEMUS**  
**Tuesday, October 1, 2024**  
at 7:30 pm - ZOOM webinar.

Bible Study Verse  
**NICODEMUS the PHARISEE**  
Coming to the Light  
**Gospel of John 3. 1-21**  
Life in Spirit



**September 29**  
8:30 - 4pm  
followed by  
Catholic Mass

**marriage encounter®**  
Presents

**Celebrate Marriage**

Come spend the day with the love of your life. This enrichment will renew your dreams, increase your passion and refresh and celebrate the Sacrament of your marriage.

Location:  
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception  
440 W Neck Rd, Lloyd Harbor, NY 11743

**\$100 per couple**  
mail check payable to **WWME**  
497 Clay Pitts Rd  
East Northport, NY 11731  
includes: breakfast and lunch  
Contact: Chuck & Maria Reiss  
(631)486-8607  
[chuck.maria.reiss@wwme.org](mailto:chuck.maria.reiss@wwme.org)

**September 29th, 8:30AM-4:30PM**  
Contact: Chuck & Maria Reiss (631) 486-8607  
[chuck.maria.reiss@wwme.org](mailto:chuck.maria.reiss@wwme.org)



# OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



**Next  
Virtus Session  
at Holy Cross:**

**Friday,  
Sept. 20, 2024**

**6:00 – 8:00 PM**

**Go to Virtus.org  
to register**

**Questions?  
Call Jude at  
(631) 265-2200  
x116**

## For Volunteers in the Diocese of Rockville Centre

*A person wishing to volunteer in any parish or organization in the Diocese of Rockville Centre must first complete three requirements:*

1. Attend Protecting God's Children (Virtus)
2. Sign the Codes of Conduct
3. Complete a Background Screening application.

(Background screening is conducted on all volunteers and employees every 5 years.)

### Directions to Complete the 3 Requirements.

1. Sign up to attend a Protecting God's Children session: [www.Virtus.org](http://www.Virtus.org)  
When you log on to the Virtus website, you will create a Virtus account.
  - a. If you have not already attended Virtus, you are a first-time registrant.
  - b. The first screen will ask the name of your organization - from the drop-down list, select Rockville Centre-Safe Environment.
  - c. Follow all directions on the next screens.
  - d. One screen will have the Codes of Conduct. Please acknowledge the Codes of Conduct.
  - e. Continue with the registration process and select the class you will attend.
  - f. After selecting the class, you will be instructed to complete the Background Screening application.
2. Background Screening Application:
  - a. Sterling Volunteers is the company providing background screening.
  - b. Follow all the directions to complete the background screening application.  
DO NOT STOP ONCE YOU BEGIN THE APPLICATION! If you stop, you are locked out of the process due to security procedures.
  - c. You will need to provide your Social Security number; if you do not provide a Social Security number, you will be charged a fee.
  - d. After completing the application, hit the "Submit" button.



## Moms' Group

**Meeting this Tuesday, September 17th  
at 7PM in the Fr. Joe Room**

*Overwhelmed new mom? Frazzled mom of toddlers?  
Worried mom of teens?  
Empty-nester? Joyful grandma?*

Whatever stage of motherhood you are in, you are welcome to join our multi-generational group of moms! Together we share our common bond - the joys, the pains, the boring stuff, and the milestones of being a mom. Find solace, find friendship, find wisdom, and support for one of life's rewarding, yet challenging, calling that women can experience. We meet every third Tuesday of the month from 7PM - 8PM in the Fr. Joe Room. Light refreshments are served as we gather together. Come as you are, and receive the grace of God.



**COMMUNITY SERVICE  
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HOSPITALITY**

If you are a middle school or high school student looking for community service hours,

please email Angela & Susan at:

[youthcc@holycrossrc.org](mailto:youthcc@holycrossrc.org)

for more information.

Upcoming Community Service Events:

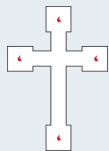
Youth members of our parish will be providing refreshments after Mass on the following weekends:

**September 28/29, October 26/27,  
November 23/24 and December 14  
5PM, 9:30AM, and 11:30AM Masses**

*Please register for this event to participate.*

To register, send an email to Angela & Susan at [youthcc@holycrossrc.org](mailto:youthcc@holycrossrc.org) and/or join our Remind group to receive a SignUpGenius link.

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## **St. Pius X Residence for Retired Priests**

This week's special collection at the offertory is for St. Pius X Residence for Retired Priests. As our elderly priests enter this stage of their lives, they often experience ongoing challenges that require added care and attention, and because of you, the St. Pius X Residence is there for them. Even in retirement, our priests continue to make a profound impact on the spiritual and personal lives of Catholics of all ages. When they are able, they celebrate Mass in area parishes, visit the sick and homebound, and bring God's Word to those in prison. Thank you for your support!



## **Congratulations to our SUMMER CASH SIZZLE WINNERS!**

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Diane Lombardo  
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Chaz Modica  
Jerry Mulderig  
Ed Modzel  
Gerald Pisapia  
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Tom & Sophie Kecki  
Sisters of St. Joseph

### **\$50 winners**

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Mary Estock  
Wendy Ringhiser  
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Connie Lipnicki  
Joseph Lescinski  
Caroline Schreiber

### **\$100 winners**

Mary Estock  
Joel Valerio

### **\$250 winner**

Mrs. Frank Fumai



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

*Thank you for your continued support!*

# Anniversary Prayer for 9/11

Holy God,  
Creator of all people and all nations,  
It is with sorrow and apprehension we remember the tragic events  
That occurred on this day.

We lift to You in prayer all those who died  
In the Twin Towers, at the Pentagon, and on United Airlines Flight 93  
In Shankesville, Pennsylvania.

We entrust them to Your loving care.  
Console their families, friends, and all who mourn this loss  
In the hope that all who trust in You find peace and rest in Your Kingdom.

We pray for those who courageously responded to provide aid and comfort to the afflicted.  
May their painful memories of that day  
Be healed and transformed into strength and positive resolution.

We also pray for ourselves as we seek Your strength and guidance.  
We live in the aftermath of this tragedy and under the shadow of future acts of aggression;  
We stand in need of Your assistance.

Enable us, Dear God, to put an end to fear:  
By resolving to live lives that are based on respect for one another;  
By resolving to abide in a peaceful manner  
and never settle disagreements in our lives in a violent way;  
By resolving not to fall into the trap of blaming entire ethnic groups, races, or religions  
in response to acts of hostility;  
By resolving that justice, not revenge, prevail in our world.

Let us resolve that in the face of hatred, we will show love;  
That in times of despair, we will be voices of hope  
And creators of new dreams;  
That in times of darkness, we will be sources of light.

Let us resolve that we never regard forgiveness as weakness,  
But rather as a source of strength in our lives and in our world.

And, let us honor the memory of nearly 3,000 individuals who died on September 11, 2001  
By resolving, with Your help Almighty God,  
To truly live this way so You may be glorified and Your love made known to others through us.

Amen.

- Bro. Darrell Burns, S.J.





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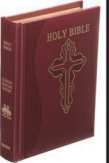
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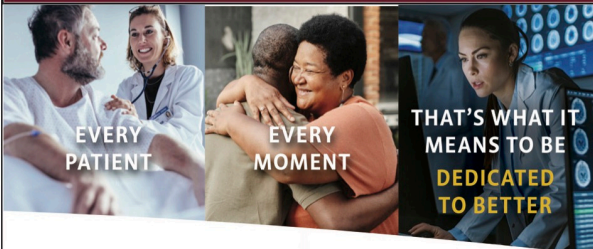
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