



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.

For as often as you
**Eat this Bread
and Drink this Cup,**
you proclaim the death
of the Lord until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ June 22, 2025



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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Pastor

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Pastoral Minister

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Pastoral Associate

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

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

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

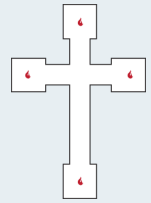


Visit our website at **www.holycrossrc.org**
for more information on how we can serve you.



NOT THE FINAL EDITION

Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael



Several months ago I envisioned this being my final weekend at Holy Cross. Moving day would have been on Wednesday. Normally, a pastor is given two six-year terms in a parish. I am now completing my twelfth year here. Back in December I wrote to Bishop Barres stating that I am happy here and would be delighted if I could remain as pastor. As I have already shared with you, I received word in April that he granted my request for one year. He said next spring we would talk again and figure out what happens beyond that. I am deeply grateful for his consent. I look forward to another year of joyful ministry here at Holy Cross.

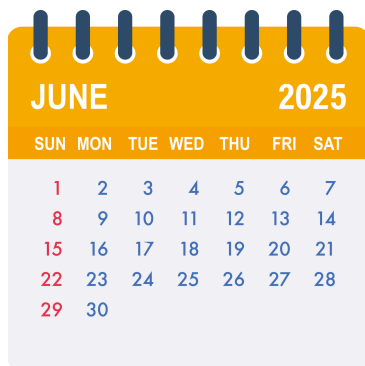
People will sometimes question the reasoning behind moving priests around. The nature of the work of the first disciples was missionary: they would move from place to place. Every priest has his own gifts and his own limitations. Sometimes there is wisdom in allowing a priest to use his abilities in different places. A parish community can grow and be energized when a new pastor arrives. Years ago it was common for the same pastor to be in a parish for decades. The beauty of that is truly growing with the people in the parish. There is no definitively right or wrong way to look at it; there are merits as well as disadvantages to each approach. On a personal note, the thought of moving on is a challenging one. It was easier to do earlier on in my priesthood, but we trust in the graciousness of God to lead us where we need to be.

Last Saturday evening I attended the Dinner Dance sponsored by our Knights of Columbus. It was held at St. James Church in Setauket and was in conjunction with the Knights of that parish. It was a fine evening. The meal was quite good. The music was pleasurable—not painfully loud. There was some dancing for those who were so inclined. There was a musical presentation by the group that plays at the Youth Mass at St. James that was inspirational. There were about seventy Holy Cross parishioners who attended. There were raffle baskets and door prizes. It looked like folks were having nice conversations with those at their table. It was a great night of fun and fellowship. Thank you to our Knights for organizing the evening. I hope this is the first of many opportunities to gather together.

This week we will be having our year-end evaluation and planning meeting. It is helpful to look at what has worked well and what needs attention. We look forward to planning the many aspects of parish life for the next year. As we conclude the year of "Pilgrims of Hope," I pray we will find another theme that will help keep us spiritually focused for the year. I am grateful to all who work and minister here at the parish who enable us to carry on our work.

Next weekend at all the Masses we will have a presentation by the Chair of our Finance Committee. It has been a while since we have addressed some of the practical dynamics of parish life. I look forward to sharing this news with you. Financially, we have been through a lot the last few years. We will look at how we stand. We are a blessed parish in so many ways because of the good and generous people who are part of the parish.





ON THE CALENDAR

CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



JUNE 28

**5:00 PM
FR. MICHAEL**

JUNE 29

**8:00 AM
FR. MICHAEL**

**9:30 AM
FR. FRANK/DCN. JOE**

**11:30 AM
FR. FRANK/DCN. JOE**



**SCRIPTURE
READINGS
for JUNE 29**

+ Acts 12:1-11
+ 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18
+ Matthew 16:13-19

Saturday, June 21st **GARDEN PLANTING**
8:00AM, Vegetable Garden

Sunday, June 22nd **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION**
2:00PM - 4:00PM, Wor. Ar., Courtyard

Monday, June 23rd **STAFF PLANNING DAY**
10:00AM - 4:00PM, Off Site

Monday, June 23rd **PARISH OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON**

Tuesday, June 24th **IN STITCHES**
10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room

Wednesday, June 25th **VIRTUS**
6:00PM, Atrium

Thursday, June 26th **SCRIPTURE STUDY**
10:00AM, Atrium

Sunday, June 29th **BAPTISMS**
1:00PM, Worship Area

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
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.

**Next
Virtus Session
at Holy Cross:**

**Wednesday,
June 25, 2025**

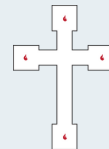
6:00 - 8:30 PM

**Go to Virtus.org
to register**

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

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, June 22

9:00AM Masses:

Mon. Regina Dawson (living)
Tues. John & Josephine O'Shea
Wed. Joseph Cloonan
Thur. Adrienne Reilly

Saturday, June 28, 5PM Mass

Thomas Barrett, Frederick William Prinz,
Nellie Monaghan, Phyllis Calandra,
Philip H. Posa

Sunday, June 29, Masses

8:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. O. DeSanto, Daniel Almeda,
Peter Buscemi, Kenneth Kidd
9:30AM People of the Parish
11:30AM Gary Colucci

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

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



Now may the Lord of peace himself
give you peace at all times in every
way. The Lord be with you all.

2 Thessalonians 3:16

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



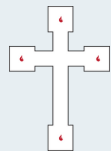
**If you would like to have the name of your
loved one listed in our prayers for the sick,
please call 631-265-2200 x122.**



*Therefore, since we have been justified through faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus
Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith
into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast
in the hope of the glory of God.*

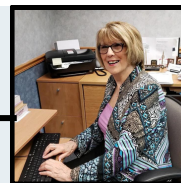
Romans 5:1-2





PROCESSING

LITURGY BYTES *by Michele Hall*



Before we look at processions, let us think about just plain old walking to begin. Have you ever noticed that some people walk gracefully with a certain rhythm, swinging their arms back and forth? Little children really do not walk as they prance about. Older young people often walk but have their eyes focused on their device. We notice when people are walking down our streets, glancing to and fro. We might think, could they be up to something? On the other hand, when a person holds their head up high, we see a certain eloquence when their head is held high and they have a very upright posture. Now, having mentioned a few qualities of walking, what does it mean that we begin Mass with a processional style of walking?

Walking in a procession is not hurried. Heads are held high. There is also a controlled quality to walking. Objects of importance are carried in the procession such as a book and a cross. Even the clothing is unusual, especially for the clergy and servers. Once inside the church for Mass, we sign ourselves with holy water, sit and then pray. The actual start of Mass is the entrance procession or Processional. This ritual walking functions as an invitation to deeper meditation on the meaning of Eucharistic worship. It is a serious time as witnessed by those in the procession. We are not just taking a walk, giving people extra time to get into their seats before Mass commences, rather, we are walking toward the altar of God. Every human life is a procession. Christian worship is serious. The serious quality of our worship is that we are moving toward the God who made the first move toward us and the One who is still moving toward us, meeting us along the way. So next time at Mass, as the procession begins, recognize the serious drama that is unfolding on the altar before us. Get up and greet God and rejoice in the gift of starting anew once again in His presence.

Have a blessed week and enjoy the procession!



Practice of Faith

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

The Gospel reading today uses the same language as the Gospel accounts of the Last Supper. Before feeding the crowds, Jesus takes the bread, looks up to heaven, blesses the bread, breaks it, and then gives it to the disciples.

When we receive Christ's Body and Blood in the Eucharist, as St. Augustine said, we become what we receive. In silence, reflect on what it means to you to be joined to Christ so intimately that you become his Body in the world. There is no better expression of Christian life than the presence of the baptized at the Eucharistic liturgy, two manifestations of Christ's Body in an exchange of gift, sacrifice, and mission.

Read St. Teresa of Avila's reflection "Christ Has No Body Now but Yours." Meditate and pray about your role as Christ's hands, eyes, and feet.

Each day this week, find one action by which you may serve as Christ's body in this world.



SUMMER HIATUS 2025

See you in September!

For the summer months of July and August, Dress a Girl will be on hiatus. We will meet again in September for our kick-off "Cut-Ups" meeting to create the dress kits for the upcoming year.

During July and August, dresses will still be available in the Outreach Office if you would like to sew during this time. If you have participated before or are new to the ministry, we invite you to take a dress kit home and create at your leisure. All are welcome! Support and directions are available.

If you have any questions, please contact the Outreach Office. Have a wonderful summer!



Blood Drive

Parish of the Holy Cross
Wednesday, July 16, 2025
3:00pm – 7:30pm
95 Old Nichols Road, Nesconset
Atrium



Please scan the QR code to make an appointment.
For further information call Marianne Nawrocki- Caruso
at 631-428-4117.

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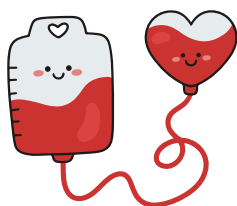
Meet minimum
weight requirements

For full eligibility requirements
and COVID-19 information, visit
nybc.org/eligibility.





PARISH OUTREACH



Parish of the Holy Cross Blood Drive



Wednesday, July 16th, 2025, 3:00pm – 7:30pm
95 Old Nichols Rd, Nesconset

Your donation will help to **save up to THREE lives**.
Our community hospitals need your help. Please share this lifesaving gift!

THANK YOU FOR CARING!

Volunteers Needed

- to help parishioners sign up to donate blood, before and after Mass, on the following weekends, July 5 & July 12.

Help fellow parishioners make an appointment to give the gift of life at our Blood Drive sign-up table. If you can make this small-time commitment before and after Mass, it would be greatly appreciated.

- to help on the day of the Blood Drive, July 16th.

Please call Marianne Nawrocki-Caruso at 631-428-4117
if you are interested in volunteering.
Thank you in advance for any help you can offer.



The sign-up table to donate blood will be in the Atrium
on the weekends of July 5th-6th and July 12th-13th
at all the Masses.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Help Wanted: Religious Education Volunteers

2 Special Needs Catechists are needed

Level 3 Catechist

Level 4 Catechist

Materials and Training will be provided

**Office help needed to put
Religious Ed. folders together**

Great opportunity for retirees,
or students looking for community service

Let the little children come to me ...
it is to such as these that the
kingdom of God belongs.

Mark 10:14, NRSV



Yes! I'm interested in being a Religious Education Volunteer!

I would like to: ____ teach ____ help in the office

Please contact me: Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please drop this slip in the collection basket or return it to the Parish Office or
Contact Jennifer Miller, Coordinator of Religious Education, at (631) 265-2200, Ext. 112

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.***

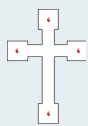
Once we have your email address, we can send you a new registration form.

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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.



COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION

A special thank you to **Barbara Kubicko**,
the President of our Senior Group



for all her hard work and dedication for the past few years. At the end of June, Barbara will be stepping down from the President position. We appreciate all you have done for our Senior community. You have provided an environment of friendship, fellowship and fun every month and we are grateful to you.

We wish Barbara all the best!

If you are interested in being involved with our Senior Group either as a member or stepping into a leadership role, please contact the parish office at 631-265-2200.



Thank You!



We would like to extend our gratitude to **Diane and Chris Williams and Angela Wichtendahl** for their hard work beautifying our courtyard. They weeded, spread mulch, and planted flowers.

Thank you to Howard, Manager at Home Depot in South Setauket, for his assistance in arranging for the donation of mulch from Home Depot. Also, we would like to thank Linda, Customer Service at Lowe's Home Improvement in Stony Brook, for her help in the donation of flowers from Lowe's.

The courtyard looked beautiful for our Confirmations and June weddings.



Next weekend at the offertory we will be collecting for Peter's Pence.

What is Peter's Pence?

It is an offering that can be small, but has a profound symbolic value: it expresses love and trust for the Holy Father, the successor of Peter. It is a concrete sign of communion with him and of participation in his mission that embraces the whole world, with particular attention and care for brothers and sisters who find themselves in situations of need.



How to support the Holy Father?

- With **prayer** for his intentions;
- with an **offering** to Peter's Pence in the way you prefer. For further information, please visit the website or scan the QR code.

www.obolodisanpietro.va



Peter's Pence Collection
Sunday, 29th of June 2025

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IN HIS MISSION**

**HELP THE POPE
TO HELP**



**Join the Holy Father
in his mission of
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NYS Catholic Conference 

Stop Physician-Assisted Suicide in New York

New York is on the brink of legalizing physician-assisted suicide. Bill A136 has already passed the Senate and Assembly. **The only thing standing in its way is Governor Hochul's veto – and she needs to hear from you.**

This bill would allow doctors to prescribe lethal medication with the sole purpose of ending a patient's life. It puts the most vulnerable among us – the elderly, people with disabilities, and those facing emotional or financial despair – at even greater risk. **Suicide is not healthcare.**

We must speak out to protect the dignity of every human life. Assisted suicide is a dangerous and deadly path – one we must not go down.



Take Action!



Contact the Governor's office now to oppose this deadly practice! Visit bit.ly/veto-pas or use the QR code.

The New York State Catholic Conference represents the Bishops of New York State in the public policy matters.

www.nyscatholic.org 518-434-6195 info@nyscatholic.org



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!

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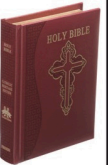
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