



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.



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 4, 2026



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: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM;

Monday: 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Wednesday immediately after 9:00 AM Mass

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WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

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MONDAY - THURSDAY
9 AM - 4 PM
(closed 12:15-1 PM)

Parish Office
FRIDAY HOURS
9 AM - 12 NOON

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



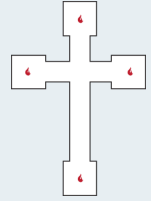
"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus."

-Philippians 4:6-7



DO WE GOTTA GO TO CHURCH?

Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael



I'm sure throughout recent Church history this question has been posed by many a child. Truth be known, there are probably a few adults who have also asked the same question. When I was growing up, I don't remember me or my siblings asking this question, at least when we were young. We knew it was a non-negotiable issue. It was something that our family did, so there was no need to question it. I'm sure many parents have had this question posed to them. Stemming from this is an issue with which many parishes grapple. The number of families that regularly attend Mass is a small fraction of the number of families registered in the Religious Education program. We have over eight hundred children in our program, but we do not have anywhere near eight hundred children at Mass on the average weekend.

Through the years, parishes have tried different programs and initiatives to increase Mass attendance, but few of them have had any real or lasting success. Recently, there is a trend that more and more parishes are moving toward that seems to be gaining some traction. The new focus is to give greater attention to Mass attendance rather than to class attendance. There are fewer class requirements, but more Mass requirements. We are beginning to implement this expectation into our program. The pioneers with this effort here will be the new children coming into the program. Our second graders will have six less classes to attend on their schedule this year. But they need to be at twelve of our weekend Masses between now and May.

The way in which parishes monitor the attendance varies tremendously. Some parishes have chosen the high-tech path. They will have QR codes available at the end of each Mass, and the child or parent needs to scan in to demonstrate their presence. We are taking a much simpler approach. The child will have a Mass Attendance Card that they bring with them to Mass. They will need to write down a few of the details of the Mass such as what story they heard in the Gospel. At the end of Mass, the children will come to me outside and I will sign their cards. I'm going to invite Deacon Joe to share in the fun of doing this. So, if you see a mob of children asking for my autograph, it is not because of my fame or popularity, but rather to sign-off on their Mass attendance. Parishes that have implanted programs like this initially experience some resistance and pushback. But after some time, there seems to be a more positive attitude. There are benefits and blessings that come to a family when this becomes part of their routine.

The reasons to bring children and families to Mass are numerous. My prayer is that this is not seen as a burden or just another task to get done. Rather, I hope the Eucharist will touch the hearts of families. I would like to believe that our weekend liturgies create a positive and uplifting experience. Engaging music, thoughtful homilies, a welcoming environment, and a spirit of community are all aspects that contribute to life that can come from being part of our celebrations. Beyond that, it is a moment to encounter the Lord in the Eucharist.

The hope is that in the coming weeks we will see more families regularly attending Mass. It is a blessing whenever our congregation grows. The Eucharist is a place of life that can truly bring strength, comfort, and a renewed sense of discipleship to our lives. May we all continue to grow with the Lord. Grace builds upon grace.



2026		OCTOBER						
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31		

ON THE CALENDAR

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



OCTOBER 10

5:00 PM

FR. MICHAEL

OCTOBER 11

8:00 AM

FR. MICHAEL

9:30 AM

FR. MICHAEL

11:30 AM

FR. MICHAEL



**SCRIPTURE
READINGS
for OCTOBER 11**

+ Isaiah 25:6-10a

+ Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

+ Matthew 22:1-14

Saturday, October 3rd FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL
10:00AM - 3:00PM, Parish Grounds

Sunday, October 4th BAPTISM GATHERING
9:30AM Mass, Worship Area, Fr. Joe Room

Sunday, October 4th ANOINTING OF THE SICK
After 9:30AM Mass, Worship Area

Sunday, October 4th BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
After 11:30AM Mass, Courtyard

Sunday, October 4th BAPTISMS
1:00PM, Worship Area

Monday, October 5th LEVEL 2 PARENT/STUDENT MTG.
6:00PM, Worship Area, Atrium

Tuesday, October 6th IN STITCHES
10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room

Tuesday, October 6th LEVEL 1 PARENT/STUDENT MTG.
6:00PM, Worship Area, Atrium

Wednesday, October 7th DRESS A GIRL
9:30AM-12 NOON, Atrium

Wednesday, October 7th LEVELS 3 & 4 PARENT/STUDENT MTG.
1:30PM OR 6:00PM, Worship Area, Atrium

Wednesday, October 7th AUDITIONS FOR HOLY CROSS TRIO
7:00PM, Worship Area

Thursday, October 8th JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATES
1:30PM, Fr. Joe Room

Thursday, October 8th LEVELS 5 & 6 PARENT/STUDENT MTG.
1:30PM OR 7:00PM, Worship Area, Atrium

Saturday, October 10th CATECHIST MEETING
9:00AM, Atrium *This is a reschedule from September 26th*

Saturday, October 10th RELIGIOUS ED. KICKOFF MASS
5:00PM, Worship Area

Saturday, October 10th YCC HOSPITALITY
After 5:00PM Mass, Atrium

Sunday, October 11th RELIGIOUS ED. KICKOFF MASS
11:30AM, Worship Area

Sunday, October 11th YCC HOSPITALITY
After 11:30AM Mass, Atrium



**Holy Cross Family
FALL FESTIVAL**

Sat., October 3
10AM - 3PM

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, October 4

9:00AM Masses:

Mon. Damien Pickel
Tues. Joey Meade (living)
Wed. Stan Grom (living)
Thur. Patrick Conlin

Saturday, October 10, 5PM Mass

Nick Maddaloni, Ida Maddaloni,
 Richie Collaro, Carol Antos,
 Catherine P. Ahern

Sunday, October 11, Masses

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM Anthony DeGennaro
9:30AM People of the Parish
11:30AM Celeste E. Babi, Marina & Nello Botti,
 Salvatore Volpe, Anthony DePalma,
 Donna Heren, Marina Paulino



Banns of Marriage

Carla Alvarado & Emilio Benitez
 Colleen Hoyt & Daniel Emerson
 Jocelyn Carlson & Christopher D'Arpa



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

**We continue to pray
 through 2026 for ...**

SSGT David Basler
 Cpl Richard J. DeKanchuk, USMC
 FC2 Lane Dyar
 AS Brandon Ferrara
 MIDN Jonathan A. Goohs Jr., USNA
 WO Christopher Kaminsky
 Sgt Michael J. Knipper, USMC
 Dr./Cmdr. Eric J. Koch, USNA
 SSGT Ryan Mauldin
 PFC Ryan McCoy, USMC
 Lt Ryan Montvydas

*Please let us know if their service is finished
 or their title has changed.
 May God bless all who serve our nation.
 Pray for peace!*

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

Bob Alderdice	Carol Leahy
Andrew Arbocus	Victor Lewandowski
Alejandro Astegiano	Mary Lopez
Kathy Barry	Gerald Losquadro
Alison Bilski	Jeanne Marie Malley
Cole Brennan	Janet Mangano
Norma Capule	Sarah Masi
Judy Carlson	Hank McCormick
Michael Castellano	Loretto Narducci
Mary Champagne	Kevin Neeson
Peter Chirafisi	Andrea Nocito
William Ciccirelli	Darin Pitkanen
Maria Ciminiello	Patricia Pitkanen
Justin Curran	Janine Pixley
Grayson Danielski	Colleen Prinz
Baby Phoenix Dawson	Carina Ranieri
Manuela Diaz	Bernardine Reichbach
Peter DiMauro	Mary Ann Reilly
Claudia DiPalermo	Rob Remhild
Rose Dugan	Marcello Ricciardi
Ann Egan	Lynn Rodger
Lisa Eger	Sean Romeo
Vincent Esposito	Elaine Ruane
Ralph Farino	John Saccenti
Yolanda Fattarusso	Jacqueline Santamaria
Irene Feldman	Casey Schultz
Baby Lorenzo Follo	Kathy Schwinn
Sienna Fricke	John Serri
Linda Giordano	Dennis Shin
James Greene	Joan Shin
Linda Heinrichs	Celeste Sichenze
Ryan Huscher	Elizabeth Skolnick
Debbie Jablinowski	Sue Southard
Kristen Kennedy	Barbara Swingle
Caroline Lazar	Calvin Tatone
	Grace Van Epps
	Wayne Van Epps
	Peter Warns

**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.**



*We remember and pray for the following
 Holy Cross parishioners who passed away recently:*

**John Boccuzzo
 Veronica Buscemi
 Caroline Manley**

*May they rest in peace,
 and may their loved ones be consoled.*



PRAYER, ACTION & COMMUNITY



Youth Community Cares

"Serving our youth as our youth serve others"

YCC will be hosting hospitality
the weekend of
October 10th & 11th

**SIGN-UP SLOTS AVAILABLE
FOR YOUTH VOLUNTEERS**

Please register for these events to participate.

To register,
Email Angela at: youthcc@holycrossrc.org
and/or join our Remind group
to receive the SignUpGenius link:
rmd.at/ycchc

Additional information about volunteer opportunities
will be shared through the Remind App.



Those in 6th grade and older
are invited to be part of YCC.

This is a great opportunity to earn
community service hours while getting to know
and serve our church community.

**Join our Remind group
to receive information for YCC events
through the Remind App.**

Sign up for Remind at:

rmd.at/ycchc

You will receive Sign-Up Genius links
with information on how to participate!



Holy Cross Welcomes these Children Baptized in September



Paige Eleanor Apicella
Wyatt Thomas Leary
Evangelina Rose Manesis
Olivia Isabella McLoughlin
Niko Leonard Saldana
Chiara Antonia Sellis
Millie Antoinette Spinella

*God Bless these Children and their Families.
Our Holy Cross family celebrates with you!*



If you are newly engaged
and you are ready to plan your wedding
here at Holy Cross, please contact Jane,
in our parish office, to receive information
to help you prepare for your special day.

Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.

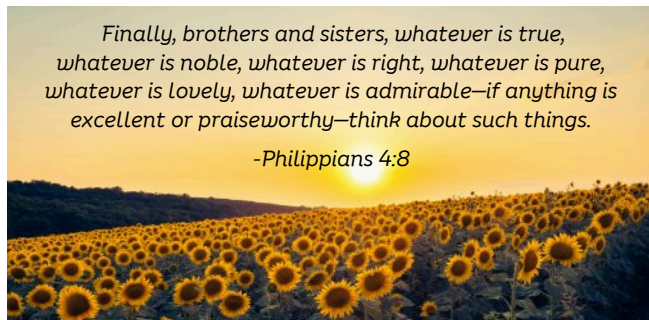
James 5:14-15



**Sunday, October 4th,
will be the next date that
the Anointing of the Sick
will be offered after
the 9:30 AM Mass**

*Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true,
whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is
excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.*

-Philippians 4:8



PARISH OUTREACH



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

The collection will be this weekend October 3rd & 4th.

**Coffee - Peanut Butter - Jelly
Fruit in a Can - Soup - Snacks**

Thank you for checking expiration dates before donating.

Thank you for your continued support!

“Do not wait for leaders; do it alone, person to person.” – Mother Teresa

We will meet on Wednesday, OCTOBER 7th, 9:30AM - 12PM in the Atrium



Every girl should have the chance to receive, own and wear a new dress. Our Dress a Girl ministry helps make this possible. We gather monthly to lovingly create dress kits at our “Cut-Ups” session. These dress kits are then available to take home, where skilled sewists create beautiful dresses. We hope that each dress symbolizes how special and loved each girl is. Our prayers are with them all.

We are looking for sewists and donations of fabric to continue our ministry.

Do you like to sew? If creating a beautiful dress in the comfort of your own home, sharing your talent and making a difference to a young girl sounds like something you may be interested in, then the “Dress a Girl” Ministry is for you!

If your talent lies in sewing, contact the Outreach office to make arrangements to pick up your “take home dress kit.” Instructions and support are available as you create a dress from one of our dress kits.

If you would like to join us, we meet monthly to create the dress kits. We are so grateful for all those who played a part in our “Dress a Girl” Ministry. This ministry could not exist without the many volunteers who have cut out a dress, sewn a dress or donated fabric. We need fabric to keep creating these beautiful dresses and offering hope. **We are in need of 2-3 yards of a cotton blend fabric.** We invite you to be part of this ministry by donating fabric and helping to support the good work that we are doing. All donations can be brought to the Outreach office.

If you are interested, we ask that you please RSVP to the Outreach Office at 631-265-2200 so we can prepare for all those who will attend. If you have any questions, please contact Kelley in Outreach. Thank you!!!



HOLY CROSS BEREAVEMENT

Circle of Friends

**Wednesday, October 21st,
from 1:30PM to 3:00PM
in the Father Joe Room**

Please join us for our new monthly Bereavement gathering, **“Circle of Friends,”** which ***offers support and connection to those who have suffered a loss of a loved one in the past year(s) and are still struggling.***

This is a less structured meeting where we gather to discuss new life issues that you are experiencing, helping you to navigate new challenges that may arise after the loss of your loved one in a safe and supportive environment.

The group is not therapy but simply a group of people who have experienced loss and who may need extra support at this time. Topics vary but the main focus is the needs and experiences of the group.

Our meeting will be on Wednesday, October 21st, from 1:30pm to 3:00pm in the Father Joe Room.

If you have any questions, please contact Outreach at 631-265-2200. **To attend, please call the Outreach office at 631-265-2200 by October 20th.** Come and share, pray and make new connections!

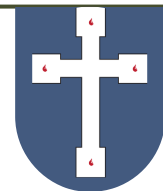


RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Kick off Masses for Religious Education

will be on

Saturday, October 10th, at the 5PM Mass
and Sunday, October 11th, at the 11:30AM Mass



All Religious Education
Children and Catechists
are invited to join us to celebrate the
beginning of the 2026-2027
Religious Education year.
Please join us at one of these
special Mass times.



Thank You

Special thanks to all our volunteer
catechists. We appreciate your
dedication to our youth in sharing
and teaching them about our faith.
Catechists will receive a special
blessing at all the Masses.

Thank You Holy Cross Catechists



Catechist Meeting directed by Beth Rivalsi was held on Thursday, September 24th. The Catechists were able to share their experiences, tips, lesson plans and learn new ideas, prayers and activities.

Catechist Meeting (rescheduled from September 26th) is now Saturday, October 10th, from 9AM to 10:30AM.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



**Religious Education
classes will begin
in October.**

**Special Needs
Rel. Ed. Classes
begin October 19th.**



**Catechist Meeting
(rescheduled from
September 26th)
is now
Saturday, October 10th
from 9AM to 10:30AM.**

Please mark your calendars for the following **Religious Ed. Grade Level Meetings:**

Books and folders will be distributed,
and we will go through the curriculum.

Level 2 Parent / Student Meeting will be held on Monday, October 5th at 6pm

Level 1 Parent / Student Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6th at 6pm

Level 3 & Level 4 Parent / Student Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 7th at 1:30pm and 6pm

Level 5 & Level 6 Parent / Student Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8th at 1:30pm and 7pm

All Meetings will be held in the Worship Area.



LEVEL 3 STUDENTS– DISTRIBUTION OF ROSARY BEADS

Please join us at one of the Masses during the weekend of
October 24th and 25th
to receive your blessed rosary beads.

Please bring your rosary beads to
Rosary Night on Tuesday, October 27th, at either 5pm or 6:30pm
to say a decade of the rosary and join us for a craft.



PRAYER, ACTION & COMMUNITY



This weekend we will also be collecting for Respect Life.

RESPECT LIFE

Sunday, October 4, is Respect Life Sunday,

a day dedicated to reflecting on the sanctity and dignity of all human life. On this day, we are reminded that threats to life and human dignity take many forms in our world. The Diocese works tirelessly to strengthen our commitment to promoting a culture of life through advocacy, education, and parish outreach. Your generosity in the Respect Life envelope collection will support this essential mission. We deeply appreciate your prayers and support.

Stand Up For Life: Respect Life Sunday October 4th, 2026

**Stand Up
For Life:**

**Respect Life
Sunday
October 4th,
2PM-3:30PM**

Do you know about the largest Long Island Pro-Life event that has been held for the past 28 years? **What are you doing for RESPECT LIFE Month?** Gather with others attending the vigil. Your presence can help save a Life!

Stand Up For Life will take place on October 4, 2026, from 2:00pm to 3:30pm. Join us in Huntington at Routes 110 & 25 (near the Walt Whitman Mall) or in Manorville on County Road 111 south of LIE Exit 70S. Rain or shine. Come for all or part of the time. This vigil is part of a nationwide family friendly event, held at hundreds of cities across the USA & Canada. Signs are distributed at the site, you do not have to bring anything, except a friend or the whole family. There is strength in unity. **ALL PRO-LIFE PEOPLE ARE WELCOME.**

Stand Up For Life is sponsored by the **Long Island Coalition for Life.**

For information: (631) 243-1435
or info@ProLifeLI.org



Long Island
Coalition for Life

*A person
is a person,
no matter
how small*



2026 OPEN HOUSE

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Discover how to become a Cougar.



Academics. Athletics. Arts. Faith. Service.

Register Today!

Registration
is required.



SCAN TO REGISTER

VISIT SJB

1170 Montauk Highway
West Islip, NY 11795

ADMISSIONS

631-587-8000 ext. 113
stjohnthebaptistdhs.net/open-house-registration



Dear Holy Cross Family,

Many thanks
for your presence at my
30th celebration,
and for your gifts,
cards, kind words
and warm wishes.

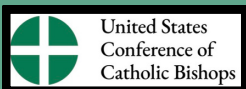
It has been a privilege
and a blessing
to minister here for
the last 30 years,
and I look forward to
continuing on the journey
with you.

**With love and gratitude,
Jude Pickel**



Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

***On the Occasion of the U.S. Bishops Consecrating the United States of America
to the Sacred Heart of Jesus***



O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:

You know the longings of our hearts, and you desire that we enjoy friendship with you.
From your pierced side, you have poured out the wellspring of life, for which we thirst.
Your heart burns with a love for all people to return to a right relationship with you.
We celebrate the abundant gifts you have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths
that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
We make reparation for the offenses against you and against human dignity
that have taken place in this nation.

May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness;
may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed.
May your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to your infinite love.
O Desire of Nations and Center of History, we ask you to bless these United States of America.

Who live and reign with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!
Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!



PRAYER, ACTION & COMMUNITY



ALTO SINGER WANTED



for our

HOLY CROSS TRIO

The Holy Cross Trio is looking for
an alto vocalist to join our music ministry!

Audition Date:
Wednesday, October 7th, at 7PM
in the Worship Area

The Holy Cross Trio is looking for an alto vocalist to join our music ministry!
If you love to sing and would like to become part of our music ministry, we would love to hear you!

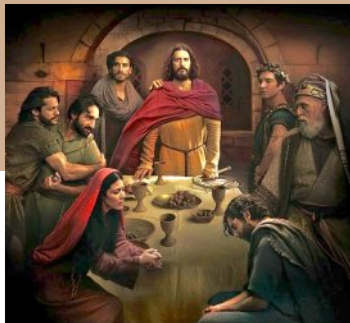


We are seeking a dependable singer who is comfortable singing harmony and is available to sing with us on most Sundays and Holy Days, as well as attend scheduled rehearsals.

This is a volunteer ministry position and a wonderful opportunity to share your gift of music with our Holy Cross parish community.

Please contact Brian, our Music Director,
for additional information or to express your interest.

email: musicholycrossdir@gmail.com



Coming Soon: **The Best of The Chosen's First 5 Seasons**

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.

While we wait for Season 6 to become available, we will re-visit some of the best of Seasons 1 - 5.

Please join us for 6 weeks on:

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 21, 28, Nov. 18, Dec. 9, 16, from 7:00 – 8:30 PM

or

Thursday, Oct. 15, 22, 29, Nov. 19, Dec. 10, 17, from 1:30 – 3:00 PM

Newcomers are welcome, but viewing any of Seasons 1 – 5 beforehand on YouTube or the free Chosen app is recommended.

Questions? Call Jude at ext. 116.

Please print and return to Parish Office by October 10. Space is limited.



I would like to attend **The Chosen** ____ on Wednesday evenings / ____ on Thursday afternoons.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 4th

St. Francis of Assisi

was a 13th-century Italian friar and poet who founded the Franciscan Order, known for his radical embrace of poverty, love of animals and nature, and care for the poor and sick. He is a canonized saint of the Catholic Church, whose feast day is celebrated on October 4.

Bring your pets to the courtyard after the 11:30 Mass for a special blessing!



In Stitches

Join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, October 6th, at 10AM in the Fr. Joe Room.

A ministry that gathers for conversation and laughs as we work on new or unfinished knitting, crocheting, quilting, needlepoint, crafts or sewing projects

Contact:
JoEllen May-Wadsworth
(631) 360-1373
EMail: jpmelady@yahoo.com



We grow together in faith.



Please stop by for complimentary refreshments which will be served on the weekend of October 10th & 11th after the 5PM and 11:30AM Masses. We kindly ask that you wait to enjoy these special treats until after Mass, when served in the Atrium by our youth volunteers. Thank you! We look forward to seeing you then!



Practice of Faith

(Excerpt from "At Home with the Word 2026")

The reading from Philippians might be among the hardest to put into practice in our lives: "Have no anxiety at all!" How many of us have struggled with worries and concerns that cloud our judgment and strain our hearts? Sometimes, it's not easy to focus on those true, honorable, just, pure, and lovely things when so much weighs on us. St. Paul reminds us that God loves us enough to sit with us in the human experience and love us through it.

In prayer today, do as St. Paul proposes and bring your anxieties to God.

Who has been a living witness of the "peace of God" in your life? Pray especially for them, and perhaps reach out and tell them of the impact they've had on you.

Consider the litany of things to think about in the letter to the Philippians. Reflect in prayer on some things, experiences, or people who meet those standards.



PRAYER, ACTION & COMMUNITY

LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAINING FALL 2026

The Diocese of Rockville Centre will offer training for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. No walk-ins permitted, all participants must be registered in advance with a letter of approval from their pastor.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Part A - This training is required for **all** those who are beginning as Ministers. This “BASIC” training is required for **all** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. One **must** attend Part A training prior to Part B training.

A **Lector Workshop** is available for both new and experienced lectors.

You may **not** take EMHC Part A and the Lector Workshop on the same day – you may be registered for one or the other – not BOTH on the same day.

DATES & LOCATIONS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAINING

Tuesday, November 10 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm

- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A
- Lector Workshop

Tuesday, Nov. 17 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 9 pm

- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part B

Monday, Nov. 16 - St. Agnes Cathedral/RVC - Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm - 10 pm

- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A
- Lector Workshop

Monday, Nov. 30 - St. Agnes Cathedral/RVC - Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm - 9 pm

- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part B

Saturday, Nov. 21 - Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall

- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A - 9 am – 12 pm
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part B – 1pm – 3 pm
(there will be NO Lector Workshop offered on this date)

A letter from your pastor will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend. Walk-ins, on the day of training, without prior registration, are NOT permitted. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Please do not call the host parishes with questions. For questions, please call Suzanne at 516-744-6850. Thank you for your interest.

PRAYER, ACTION & COMMUNITY



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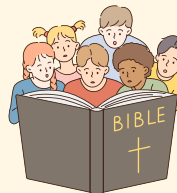
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Low-Gluten Hosts

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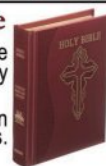
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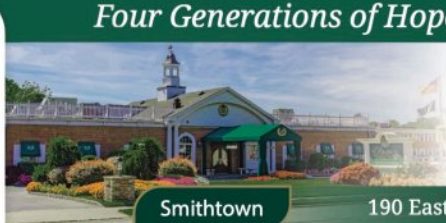
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