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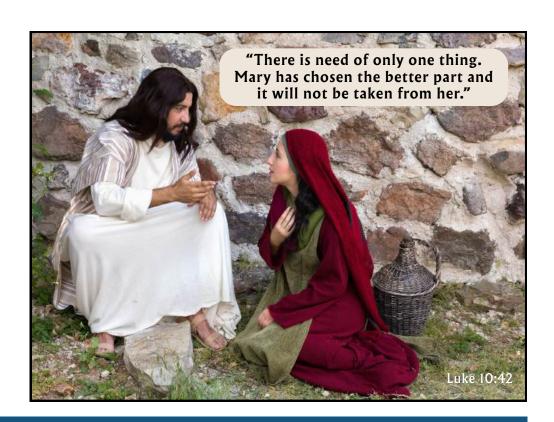
Holy Cross



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.



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 20, 2025



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

> > Parish Office FRIDAY HOURS 9 AM - 12 NOON

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Evening Hours by Appointment Only

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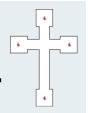
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REMEMBERING MY FATHER



Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael

Last Friday was the 59th anniversary of my father's death. It's always an odd day for me as I remember the day of his death, but I really don't remember him. I was barely five years old when he died suddenly of a heart attack. I have a few happy memories of him. I remember being at the World's Fair with him. I remember him taking 8mm silent movies of us with blinding flood lights which was the cutting-edge technology of the time. I know of him mostly through the stories my mother and siblings told of him. There is a sense of grief and loss, but also an air of unknowing as to who he was. I know he was a good man, and I am grateful for the ways in which he was able to influence my life.

My father served in the army during World War II. He was stationed in London. I know that part of his assignment was involved in classified work in trying to decode intelligence messages. He received some awards for his work, but he did not tell many stories of exactly what he did.

After his time in military service, he met my mother. They lived in Rego Park, Hollis, and eventually New Hyde Park where I grew up. He was not a lawyer, but he was the Office Manager of a large law firm in Manhattan. I'm sure there are many things I do now of which he would be proud. But I definitely did not inherit his organizational skills. I imagine there are times he would roll his eyes if he could see the pile of rubble on my desk and my attempts to sort through it. But he would be pleased that sooner or later I get it done.

I remember my mother telling the story of an occasion of becoming so angry when he died leaving her to raise four children by herself. But that one moment of anger awakened in her a deep determination to do what she needed to do to raise her family. And she did a remarkable job. I'm sure there were many times she prayed to him for strength and guidance. His prayer card was her bookmark that she used all the time. Celine Dion sings, "love can touch us one time, but last for a lifetime." I think that was true of their relationship. She never remarried. One of the comforting thoughts at the time of my mother's death was that they were united again.

This article was written two weeks ago. I had to get it finished before leaving for my preaching workshop in Washington. Originally, I was going to briefly mention his anniversary in last week's bulletin, as that was closer to the actual date. But suddenly the thoughts started flowing, I kept writing, and it became an article unto itself. It prompted me to look at old pictures. We have very few photos of him as he was always the photographer taking pictures of us. Reflective time like this sometimes raises unanswered questions and even a bit of sadness. But there has been something very comforting and affirming in spending this time thinking about him. Thank you for allowing me to share.



JULY					2025	
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20	21	22	23	24	25	20
27	28	29	30	31		

ON THE CALENDAR

Sunday, July 20th 1:00PM, Worship Area	BAPTISMS
Tuesday, July 22nd 10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room	IN STITCHES
Sunday, July 27th 1:00PM, Worship Area	BAPTISMS

CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



JULY 26 5:00 PM FR. FRANK / DCN. JOE

JULY 27 8:00 AM FR. FRANK / DCN. JOE

> 9:30 AM FR. MICHAEL 11:30 AM FR. MICHAEL



SCRIPTURE READINGS for JULY 27

+ Genesis 18:20-32

+ Colossians 2:12-14

+ Luke 11:1-13

Fr. Jim McNamara will celebrate the 11:30 Mass on July 20. Welcome back Fr. Jim!





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



Practice of Faith

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

When confronted with the living God, Abraham and his daughter in faith, Mary, react in the same way, with a response that is itself living, flexible, and openhearted. In the Gospel, Jesus is explicit in saying that this is what he needs from his disciples, not busyness over good works or anxiety about externals. The supposed rebuke of Martha can be a difficult passage, but ultimately it speaks to the fact that relationship with God is an intimacy that goes beyond formalities.

Find and read the poem, "Let Your God Love You," by Edwina Gately. Pray that you are not too distracted by externals to recognize and welcome God.

Consider whether being a minister of care is a calling for you. If so, ask your parish for training so that you may bring Communion to shut-ins and the sick.

Sit with an older member of the parish and listen to their faith story.

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 20 9:00AM Masses:

Mon. Roberta Lamb Tues. Juan Astegiano Wed. Alan Hahn Thur. Brenda Williams

Saturday, July 26, 5PM Mass

Lorraine Otto, Paul Zeims, Winifred Joyce, Mary Frances Keating, James Peter Flynn

Sunday, July 27, Masses

8:00 AM People of the Parish9:30AM Peter Buscemi11:30AM Debbie Hahn, Carole Fish, Vito DiPietro, Jennie Farco, Thomas Booras

The **Bread and Wine** for the week have been donated in loving memory of **Roberta Lamb** by the McGrann family.

Banns of Marriage

Jennifer Christensen & Stephen Pfeifer Angela Pagano & Eric Link Carly Nofer & Frank Gargiulo



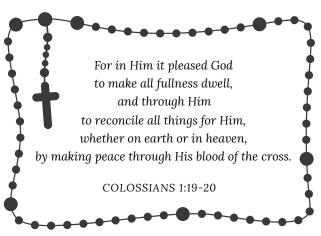
We thank the men and women who serve in our military for their service.

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

Bob Alderdice Theresa Arzillo Alejandro Astegiano Jo Barry Kathy Barry Cole Brennan Veronica Buscemi Judy Carlson Mary Champagne William Ciccarelli Kimberly Crawford-Arbocus Grayson Danielski Anthony DeGennaro Manuela Diaz Ann Egan Vincent Esposito Ralph Farino Yolanda Fattarusso Sienna Fricke Linda Giordano James Greene Linda Heinrichs Ralph Hughes Ryan Huscher Debbie Jablinowski Kristen Kennedy Caroline Lazar Carol Leahy Victor Lewandowski

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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.



PARISH OUTREACH



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

Holy Cross reaches out to the homebound and hospitalized. Please help us by contacting Parish Outreach or a member of the Pastoral Team if you know of anyone we can serve in their time of need.

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.







BLESSING BAGS Donation Request

The lazy, hazy days of summer are here, and 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.

"PRAYER IN ACTION IS LOVE, LOVE IN ACTION IS SERVICE." — MOTHER TERESA

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.



PARISH OUTREACH





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.



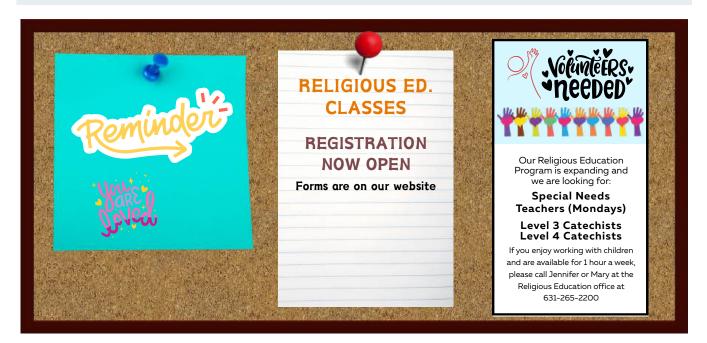
Please remember to <u>attach the backpack tag or book tag to your donation</u> and place it on the School Supplies for Success table in the Atrium. Donations may also be brought to the Outreach Office.

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



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.

PRAYER, ACTION & COMMUNITY





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
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Can You Help?

Donations are being requested...

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.

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



Needed Items:



deodorant razors sunscreen packets Bandaids & antibiotic ointment bug repellent instant oatmeal / grits powder drink mixes for 16 oz bottles popcorn peanut butter in small cups or 80z plastic jars protein powder mac N cheese cups washcloths or hand towels powder protein bars/ snacks chewing gum soap

toothpaste - travel size

toothbrushes playing cards



"Serving our youth as our youth serve others"

CAN YOU HELP?

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

to help supervise YCC sponsored events

We are happy to announce that we will continue to host Hospitality After Mass starting again in the fall.

We are proud of our youth volunteers, and now we would like to plan some larger events for them. In order to plan such events, we need additional adult volunteers to help out. It is a commitment of 2 - 3 hours per event.

We ask that you are 18 years or older.

If you are interested in helping with hospitality or larger events,

please contact Angela at: youthcc@holycrossrc.org

or leave your name and phone number in the Parish Office.

Thank you for your help!

Those in **6**th **grade and older** are invited to be part of YCC. Great opportunity to earn community service hours while getting to know and serve our church community.

Join our Remind group to get 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!



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Were you married in the Parish of the Holy Cross within the last year?

If so, and you would like to share the announcement with our church community, please email a photo, along with the names of the bride and groom, "the new Mr. & Mrs." and the date of your wedding to the bulletin editor at: susanr@holycrossrc.org. It will be published in a future bulletin to share your happy news!

Please email any questions to Susan.

Congratulations to all our Newlyweds!

5 STEPS SAFE ADULTS CAN TAKE TO PROTECT YOUTH ONLINE Maintain open and ongoing communication about social media and online interactions Monitor technology use (trust but verify) Set and enforce boundaries for utilization of social media and tech Educate yourself on the latest trends and potential VIRTUS Inform children and youth they Excellence can always tell you if someone Builds



makes them feel scared,

uncomfortable or unsafe online

Hearing Devices

For parishioners who have difficulty hearing, Holy Cross has individual devices which can amplify sound. They are simple to use and work for those who wear hearing aids and those who do not. If you are interested in using one of these devices, please see the Sacristan or an Usher prior to Mass.





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Did you know that the Holy Cross bulletin is printed for us each week free of charge?

Not only that, our parish receives a part of the advertising commission. So, please frequent the fine establishments that advertise in our bulletin!

If your business could use some exposure, consider advertising in the bulletin. Each weekend, approximately a thousand people attend Mass at Holy Cross, most of whom live and shop in Nesconset and the surrounding areas. Also, our bulletin is on our website **holycrossrc.org** and reaches thousands of area families with information about your business.

If you are interested in advertising, or would like more information, please call Karina in the parish office at 631-265-2200 ext. 110.

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 <u>or</u> 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			

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We are offering the opportunity to sign up for automated giving if you have not already done so.

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²⁻ For any questions contact Karina D'Angelo by phone or email at business@holycrossrc.org



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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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