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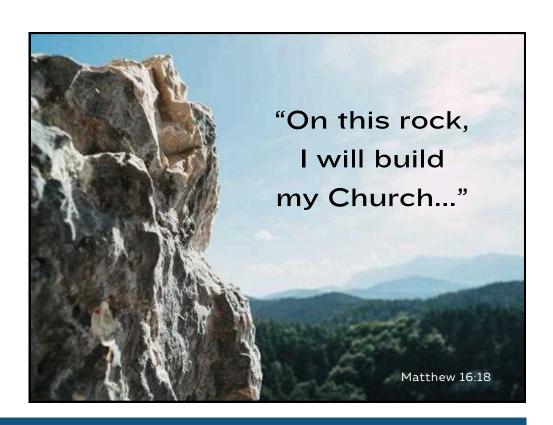
Holy Cross



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.



Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles - June 29, 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



WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

PASTORAL TEAM

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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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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.



WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT



Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael

This past week we had our annual year-end evaluation and planning meeting with the Pastoral Team and Staff. We did not come to any dramatic decisions, but we did come up with a few ideas that we are pursuing. The two ideas we discussed are related. We would like to spend some time and energy helping parishioners to recognize the distinct gifts that each person has. Some gifts are abundantly evident, others are more subtle. Different ministries require different abilities and have different roles. Some people may be good at administration/organization, others excel in creativity, still others are best suited for helping/carrying out needed tasks. There are several different programs that assist parishes and its members to identify the strengths of each person. Having this information can be helpful to both the parish and the individual. Ideally, we want people involved in ministry that they are most suited for. We don't have a definitive plan at this time but are moving forward doing our research as to how we might best implement this.

Related to this is creating a "theme" for the year. Since Advent, we have been using Pope Francis' theme of Pilgrims of Hope. Beginning in the fall, we would like to do something that affirms the giftedness of each person and fosters a sense of belonging in the community. We are looking for a song that might be used to reinforce the theme. It will take some time to develop both of these ideas, but we hope that they will enhance the spirit and life of who we are and what we are capable of offering.

This weekend we hear a financial report by the Chair of the Finance Committee, Tom Muscarello. For the first time in many years, we will have an operating deficit for the fiscal year that ends on August 31. We are not in a perilous position. I am confident that with some effort we will be able to balance our account. Overall, all our contributions are holding steady; it is the expenses that are slowly rising. I'm sure this is the same reality that many families are experiencing. Income is the same, but costs have gone up. We are grateful to everyone who generously supports us. If it is possible for you to make a modest increase in your offering, that would go a long way in bridging the financial gap we are facing. Thank you for your consideration.

For years now we have offered the option for direct deposits to be made in lieu of writing checks or giving us cash. The transfer is made directly from your bank account to ours. You can determine the frequency and amount of your donation. It can be discontinued at any time. There is a great benefit to us in these electronic donations. If there is inclement weather on the weekend, we do not take a financial hit. As I recently announced, several dozen donations from 2023 that were mailed in were lost in transit by the post office. If you would like more information about electronic giving or would like to sign up, please contact Karina, our Business Manager in the Parish Office, and she will assist you with that.

Please pray for peaceful resolutions to all the conflicts in the Middle East. There is no simple answer. We pray for the Spirit to guide us through these challenging times.

Enjoy summer!



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ON THE CALENDAR

Sunday, June 29th 1:00PM, Worship Area	BAPTISMS
Tuesday, July 1st 10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room	IN STITCHES
Friday, July 4th	In Observance of Independence Day
Saturday, July 5th3:45PM - 4:45PM, Worship Area	HOLY HOUR
Saturday, July 5th 5:00PM Mass, Atrium	BLOOD DRIVE SIGN-UPS
Sunday, July 6thAll Masses, Atrium	BLOOD DRIVE SIGN-UPS
Sunday, July 6th	ANOINTING OF THE SICK

CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



JULY 5 5:00 PM FR. MICHAEL

JULY 6 8:00 AM FR. MICHAEL

9:30 AM FR. MICHAEL

11:30 AM FR. MICHAEL



SCRIPTURE READINGS for JULY 6

+ Isaiah 66:10-14c

+ Galatians 6:14-18

+ Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

God Bless America



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.

www.holycrossrc.org (631) 265-2200

After 9:30 Mass, Worship Area

WE PRAY...CELEBRATE...REMEMBER



Upcoming Mass Intentions

Week of Sunday, June 29 9:00AM Masses:

Mon. James Noon Tues. Mary Werner Wed. Richard L'Esperance Thur. Liam Sorenson

Saturday, July 5, 5PM Mass

Thomas Harris, Peter Gallo, Marie Gallo, Vincent Gallo, Baby Rose Gallo

Sunday, July 6, Masses

8:00 AM People of the Parish **9:30AM** Angelina Pellitteri, Helen Connolly,
Manuel Coelho, Thomas Regan **11:30AM** Debbie Hahn



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.



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 Jo-Ann Loh

Mary Lopez Gerald Losquadro Viola Malek Jeanne Marie Mallev Steve Matonti Olivia Melia Loretto Narducci Andrea Nocito Darin Pitkanen Patricia Pitkanen Colleen Prinz Carina Ranieri Rob Remhild Liam Richards Lvnn Rodaer Sean Romeo Elaine Ruane Jacqueline Santamaria Louise Scagnelli Casey Schultz Kathy Schwinn John Serri Celeste Sichenze Sue Southard 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.



The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

2 TIMOTHY 4:18





STANDING, SITTING, KNEELING...



LITURGY BYTES by Michele Hall



Has anyone ever said that attending Mass is like a workout at the gym? I can tell you my kids, in their younger years, have said something like that. Today, let us look at the reason behind our various postures at Mass. In the Mass there are three postures: standing, kneeling, and sitting. Each of these is to help us fully participate in the Mass. How do these postures assist us?

At Mass there is a good deal of kneeling and bending the knee. When we enter the pew, we should genuflect before we move into our seat. Some people kneel in prayer when they first enter Church before Mass actually begins. During the Eucharistic prayer, we kneel in adoration as Jesus is made present before us. After receiving Communion, we kneel in prayer to give thanks. Another way to look at kneeling is to realize as we kneel we are emptying ourselves. Therefore, you could say that kneeling is an act of humility, an act of honest love with a desire to be with the person before us.

On the opposite end, we have the posture of standing. It is interesting to know that in the early days of the Church, kneeling was not allowed during the season of Easter. This was not because Christians imagined that they were equal to God. Rather, to stand was to recognize how our Baptism changed who we are. We are creatures who can stand upright before God because of what Jesus had done for us. We can stand with hope because of Jesus. So, when we stand, we let our bodies announce to the world that we are redeemed.

You might think sitting is similar to a "time out." After all, we are very familiar with it! We sit as spectators for so many activities in our lives. So, at Mass we could be tempted to think that my part is done and so I sit. Let others do their thing. However, we need to sit realizing we need to be active during these moments as we listen to God's Word in Scripture and when the gifts are presented. Our eyes may be closed or not as we contemplate receiving and delighting in what we hear and see. Together, let us kneel in humble wonder, stand with confident hope, and sit in expectant desire for union with God.

Have a peaceful and prayerful week ahead!



Practice of Faith

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

As role models, Saints Peter and Paul both have their weak points. One denied and abandoned Jesus at the hour of his deepest need; one spent the first half of his life persecuting Christians. Yet despite their weaknesses both were chosen and sent. At various times in their mission, "the Lord stood by" them and gave them power. Their weakness makes them suited to encourage and empower us.

Weak as we are, with faith all of us may be evangelizers and defenders of the Church. Read the story of the life of St. Paul. Pray for the courage to evangelize in a secular world.

Most of us don't live in circumstances where we are called to be martyred or imprisoned for our faith, but all can welcome people. Invite someone to a Bible study or parish event.

Offer to pray for somone who struggles with their faith.



Parish of the Holy Cross 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.
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at 631-428-4117.



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Meet minimum weight requirements

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THANK YOU FOR CARING!



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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - JULY 5/6, JULY 12/13, JULY 16

• to help parishioners sign up to donate blood, before and after Mass, on the following weekends, July 5/6 & July 12/13.

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.



PARISH OUTREACH



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

The collection will be next weekend, July 5th & 6th.

Snacks - Boxed Potatoes - Mac and Cheese
Coffee - Soup in a Can - Toilet Paper
Canned Vegetables (corn, peas, string beans, mixed vegetables)

Thank you for checking expiration dates before donating.

Thank you for your continued support!



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!

"Good works are links that form a chain of love." - Mother Teresa



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.



BLESSING BAGSDonation Request

With the lazy, hazy days of summer right around the corner - 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.

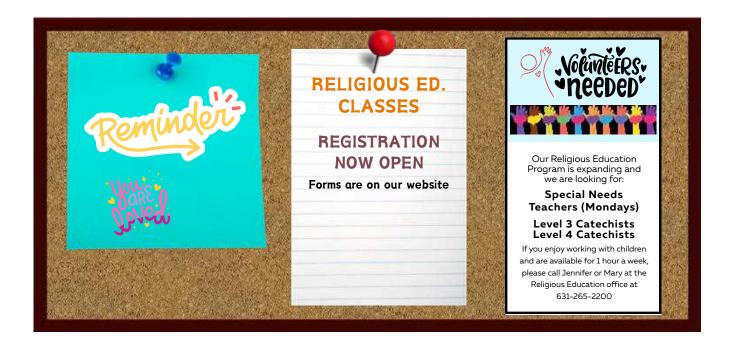
Have extra coins to spare? Remember "Kevin Bacon"

Don't forget to feed "Kevin Bacon" your quarters when you come to Mass on Sundays!

Your donation benefits Heifer International.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION





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!

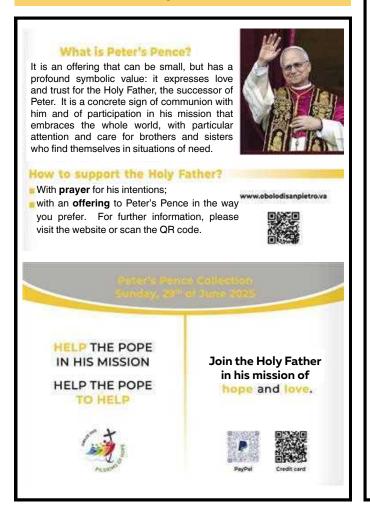
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Religious Education Registration Forms are found on the R/E Forms Page of our website.



PRAYER & ACTION

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



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.

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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



June is the month of the Sacred Heart Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for Love and Mercy

Lord Jesus,

You gave your life for us.

Your Sacred Heart is ablaze with love.

Your hand extends towards me, and towards all, offering love, mercy, and healing. Sacred Heart of Jesus may your love transform me.

Burn away my hesitation that I may become your love and radiate your mercy.

Amen.

This prayer is from the reflection, We Become What We Receive, by Jill Rauh.

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On "Sundae," June 22^{nd} , Parish of the Holy Cross extended its gratitude towards the numerous volunteers that give their time and talent to our various ministries.

It was a "sweet" time! We are a blessed community! Thank you to all our volunteers!



Check out our website with a list of ministries in which you can get involved!

PARISH COMMUNITY





Holy Hour Saturday, July 5th

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

Please come and spend some time with the Lord in personal prayer as you pray before the Blessed Sacrament during the Parish Holy Hour.

In the morning, Lord,
you hear my voice;
in the morning I lay my
requests before you
and wait expectantly.
Psalm 5:3





Blessed Sacrament Council of the Parish of the Holy Cross and Mother Theresa Council of St. James/Setauket



Veterans Benefit Flag Day Dance



































PARISH COMMUNITY





Youth Community Cares

"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!



Sunday, July 6th, will be the next date that the Anointing of the Sick will be offered after the 9:30 AM Mass





Join us for conversation and laughs as we work on new or unfinished knitting, crocheting, quilting, needlepoint, crafts or sewing projects.

Tuesday, July 1st, 10AM, Fr. Joe Room



St. John the Baptist Class of 1975

will be holding their

50th Class Reunion September 19-20, 2025

If you are a member or know someone from the Class of 1975, please email Bob Koch at bobbsa57@gmail.com or call him at 516/416-2216 for more information

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.



Low-Gluten Hosts

For parishioners who have Celiac Disease or a gluten sensitivity,
Holy Cross has low-gluten hosts. If you would like to receive a low-gluten host
during Communion, please inform the Sacristan prior to Mass.





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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