

July 2019

Thoughts in Print - from Pastor Sue

I must admit that when I came on board as your Pastor 3 1/2 years ago I wasn't all that keen on inheriting a newly launched Capital Campaign. That feeling had absolutely nothing to do with the wonderful folks who were doing all the planning and organizing and making it happen. It was really more about purpose and timing! Timing because you were all still going through yet another pastoral transition, and purpose because the projects were well selected based on the needs of the "physical plant" but lacked a layer of direct connection to ministry priorities.

Now that the Capital Campaign has come to an end, I have nothing to say but THANK YOU! to all of you who love this place called Holy Cross and inherently understand that nothing good and Godly happens without the commitment of time, talent, and treasure of those of you who are not simply members of this place, but are first and foremost disciples of our living Lord and Savior Jesus, seeking to continue the good work begun in this place almost 60 years ago! Thanks to your GENEROSITY, we were able to complete the following:

- Sanctuary Repairs and Refurbishment
- Sidewalk Replacement and Repair
- Roof Repair
- Technology Upgrades

All of these projects have allowed for the improvement of aesthetics, safety and accessibility, enhanced diversity and creativity in worship, and maintained and improved the building and grounds. While some of these items may not seem all that interesting at first blush, they are essential to continuing and growing our mission and ministry. So once again THANK YOU to those of you who pledged, and faithfully fulfilled your commitments and helped us to raise just under \$56,500! May God bless all of us who call Holy Cross our church home and encourage us to continue to generously support the ministry into our next half a century!

In His Service - Pastor Sue

PS - Congratulations to our Bishop Tracie Bartholomew who was reelected to a second term at the NJ Synod Assembly earlier this month. And Blessings to Scott Schantzenbach on his retirement after long and faithful service as an Assistant to the Bishop and our Synod Stewardship Specialist. He will be greatly missed. More about the Synod Assembly in our next issue!

Devotional Moments - Dwelling in the Word (shared at the NJ Synod Assembly)

Try this... Pick a passage from scripture... Try last week's text from Roman's for example:

Romans 5:1-5 - "1 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."

Read it through several times, including reading it out loud... Then ponder the following:

What catches your attention in this passage?

What questions does the passage create for you?

What do you think God might be saying to you through this passage?

You can even do this with a friend or family member... Happy pondering!



*We welcome the newly
baptized.*

*Graham August Hulme,
son of Chelsea and Timothy Hulme
on April 27th*

*Nash Nicholas Fisher,
son of Jacquelyn DeSa' and Kevin Fisher
on April 28th*

*Melanie Correa
daughter of Dymond Pintor
and Leucel Correa
on May 11th*

*We rejoice with you in the life
of baptism. Together we will
give thanks and praise to God and
proclaim the good news
to all the world.*



Summer
Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday
9:00 am—1:00 pm
Closed Fridays



Please Note

The church
office will be
CLOSED
on Thursday, July 4th
and Friday, July 5th.



Faith and Family Night at the Lakewood Blueclaws

Thursday August 8 / 7:05 first pitch

\$15 ticket includes: reserved seat, hot dog, soda, ice
cream, and boardwalk style game

\$10 ticket includes: reserved seat only

Ticket orders and cash payment due to Ali Giberson by
June 23. Tickets will be handed out after July 8.

Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hall.

Questions - Call Ali at 848-333-3098.



Dear Families,

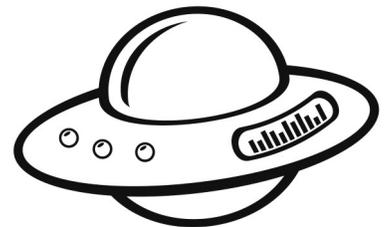
At "To Mars and Beyond" VBS, your students will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they explore where God's power can take them. They will become Voyagers and discover how to serve God and understand God's mission to love them unconditionally.

We'll begin with a high-energy Opening Assembly with music, fun activities, and the bible story for the day. Our Vector Verse (Bible verse) theme for the week is: Ephesians 3:20 - "Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us!"

Students will expand on their discoveries by making their own art projects at the Craft Station, playing games at the Recreation Station, and enjoying tasty treats at the Snack Station. Along the way, the Voyagers will be able to support our mission project.

All the information you need to register is included in this Newsletter.

Blast Off on this Epic Adventure with Us!



Ever wanted to get a little more involved here at Holy Cross and weren't sure how???? Why not check out our

Fellowship Team?!?!

This amazing group of largely behind the scenes busy beavers make some amazing and fun things happen around here throughout the year. They are the movers and shakers behind all of our major events - and then some - and their primary job is simply to find ways for us to spend "quality time" together as a church family. Some of their activities include:

- Mardi Gras •New member luncheons •VBS - Saturday Picnic
- The Annual Picnic •Oktoberfest •Live Nativity- food concession

The fellowship team also helps make sure that coffee hours happen on Sunday mornings after worship by maintaining a rotating schedule of volunteers. They also make sure our kitchens are stocked with necessary supplies and such.

There is ABSOLUTELY a place for you in this ministry. Contact the Fellowship Team Council Representative, Diane McCabe, or grab (gently of course) one of the folks you see wearing light blue t-shirts at the events. They are all ready and willing to find the perfect place for your talents and energy!

Ministry Spotlight!



Confirmation *On Pentecost Sunday June 9th, we celebrated The Rite of Confirmation with four of our young people: Kari Elizabeth Fernicola, Kayla Rose Gonsalves, Olivia Noelle Morgan, and Wyatt James Salberg. Let us rejoice with these sisters and brother in Christ.*



—CLASS OF— **2019** **Congratulations to our Graduates:** - Brittany Walker and Kerry Rochette from high school, and Patrick Rochette from intermediate school (all grandchildren of Nancy and Larry Akins); Kari Fernicola from TR Intermediate East to TR High School East; Alexis Fernicola from TR High School East (National Honor Society) will attend Montclair State University on the Presidential Scholars Program; Matthew Scannicchio from MATES (Marine Academy of Technology and Environmental Sciences) will attend Georgetown University. God's blessings on your next part of your life journey!



Calling all gardeners!

Do you love to garden? Our Horticulture Club (aka Pam and Mary Ann) is looking for volunteers who can give an hour (or more) a week to help maintain the property around the church. The best part? There are no meetings and no pressure. AND—you'll get a BIG thank you from the Club! If you would like membership into our Club, just give Mary Ann a call at 732/674-8283.



Bottled Water During the hot summer months The HOPE Center distributes much more water to families and their children. We are asking our Holy Cross family to donate bottled water during the month of July. If you are unable to carry heavy bottles, we will do the shopping for you - just drop an envelope in the offering plate with a check made out to Holy Cross. Be sure to label it "The HOPE Center," and we will purchase and deliver water for you. As always we are grateful for your support of The HOPE Center. (You can leave the water in the narthex.)

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"Writing hymns is harder than I thought!
I can't think of anything that rhymes with
'Hallelujah' except 'glad I knew ya'
and 'we'll tattoo ya!'"

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June Events

Sunday, June 23th

Worship and Blanketing, 10:00 am

(Please check the bulletin boards for up-to-date meetings and events.)

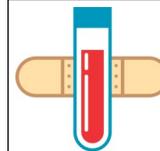
July Events

Mon—Fri, July 8th—12th

Vacation Bible School
9:30 am—Noon

Saturday, July 13th

Vacation Bible School
Closing Program and BBQ
11:00 am



**BLOOD
DRIVE**

Summer Blood Drive

Saturday, July 27th

8:00 am—1:00 pm

Holmin Hall

*Questions or to
volunteer—*

*call Kathy or Eric Corbet
at 732/255-1023*

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Worship Services:

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Sunday, 10:00 am

Summer office hours:

Monday—Thursday, 9:00—1:00

Closed Fridays