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Come and pray with us!

The Epiphany of the Lord - January 7, 2018

WE CELEBRATE EUCHARIST

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 A.M. (Chapel)

Saturday: 5:00 P.M.

Sunday: 8:00 A.M. + 9:30 A.M. + 11:30 A.M.

WE CELEBRATE RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:45 P.M.—4:30 P.M.

or call Father Michael for an appointment.

WE CELEBRATE BAPTISM

Baptisms are generally celebrated twice each month at 1 P.M. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

WE CELEBRATE WEDDINGS

Couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date.

We are here for you!

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 Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (closed 12:15-1:00 PM)

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Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses



January 13th/14th

5:00 PM Fr. Michael
 8:00 AM Fr. Michael
 9:30 AM Fr. Frank Eisele
 11:30 AM Fr. Frank

Mass Intentions Schedule



Week of January 7th, 9AM Mass

Mon. M. Carmen Schillaci
Tue. Eileen Dean
Wed. Thomas Madden
Thu. Neal & Concetta Romano

Saturday, January 13th, 5 PM Mass

Joseph P. Perrella, Aubrey Rose Keena, John P. Sibley Jr., Andre'a Vizzini

Sunday, Jan. 14th, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Philomena Giordano
9:30 AM Phyllis J. Lowery, Al Hayner, Helen Nastasi, Linda Marino, Eileen Dean
11:30 AM People of the Parish

Remembering Our Sick

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You...

Please pray for the sick of our parish, their families and caregivers:

Denise Lamarque

If you would like to have the name of your loved one listed in our prayers for the sick, please contact the Parish Office at 631-265-2200 or email to pothc@optonline.net.

Scripture Readings for January 14, 2018



+ 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19
 + 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20
 + John 1:35-42

The Jingle Bells are Fading

by Father Michael

I still have my (real) tree up, and it is certainly time for it to be retired. The branches are drooping and ornaments are dropping. Time to break out the boxes and start packing up.

This year the Christmas schedule was particularly busy as Christmas fell on a Monday. That meant Christmas Eve was on Sunday with the regular Sunday morning Masses followed by the Christmas Eve Masses later in the afternoon and night. The Baptism of the Lord is usually the final Sunday celebration in the Christmas season. However, this year it gets bumped to Monday (tomorrow). This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany.

As busy as it was, it got a bit more complicated for me. As many of you heard, I awoke early on Christmas Eve morning with a terrible bout of vertigo. I ended up in the emergency room at St. Catherine's for about 6 hours. Happily it passed quickly enough, and I have not had a reoccurrence. I understand that for some people it is a persistent or reoccurring problem. I can't imagine dealing with that level of dizziness on a regular basis. I am most grateful to Fr. Frank who jumped in to cover my absence. He ended up saying five of the six Masses on December 24th. His feet were smoking by the end of the day. I am also grateful to my priest friends who were arranging Mass coverage if I was not well for Christmas day. I feel blessed it was a minor crisis that resolved itself quickly.

Thank you for an extremely abundant Christmas collection. We received one very large gift which boosted our overall total. But even if we put that aside, we were up about 15% from last year's totals. As I write this column we have not yet hit the grand total button for the final time, but it looks like it will be near \$43,000, which is almost \$10,000 more than last year! I am most grateful for all who have responded so generously, both for the parking lot as well as the Christmas collection. It is only with the support of so many that we are able to continue our work and ministry. Many thanks.

Holy Cross is pleased that we will be offering a spirituality program called Alpha. The weekly meeting begins with a shared meal. The evening continues with reflections on how each of us can deepen our relationship with the Lord Jesus. It was our hope to begin the program in January. But, it is now going to work better for this opportunity to be offered in the spring. Watch for details.

Please keep my Mom, Catherine, in your prayers. It was a tough December for her. She fell at home at the beginning of the month which led to a nine-day hospital stay followed by three weeks of rehab. On January 2nd we were able to get her home under Hospice care. It will take some time to get her into a new routine with an aide, but it is important for her to be at home.

Holy Cross' 30th Anniversary is January 21st!

Please pick up a pamphlet from the Atrium to find out all the 30th Anniversary activities offered this year! If you would like to help with any of these special events, please contact the Parish Office.

And, join us for hospitality after the 11:30 Mass on January 21st!



PARISH NEWS



Pray for Our Military

LCpl. Richard J. DeKanchuk, USMC
Sgt. Daniel Frost
MIDN Jonathan Goohs Jr, USNA
IT2 Jason Mulderig

We thank the men and women who serve in our military for their service. We will continue to pray for them through 2018. Please let us know at anytime during 2018 if their service is finished, their title has changed, or you would like continued prayers through 2019.

May God bless all who serve our nation. Pray for Peace!



Holy Cross welcomes these children baptized in December!

Nolan Robert Calefato
Dylan Andrew Emanuele
Madeline Jean Graziano
Camila Sophia Laureano
Gianeliz Enid Laureano
Kaden James Pearl
Gavin Craig Ruane
McKenna Lynn Schinzel
Henry Neil Thapa
Evelyn Kate Wolfe

Bakers Needed!

Bakers are needed to make baked goods for Holy Cross' **30th Anniversary** celebration on January 21st. If you are interested in baking, please contact Nick and Diane Lombardo at **631-698-5930**. Thank you!



Youth Group

If you made your Confirmation, then come on down with a friend and check out the wonderful opportunities the Youth Group has for you! The Holy Cross Youth Group is the perfect opportunity for you to continue to grow in your faith and build relationships with others in the parish. **The Youth Group would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! Let the 2018 year be filled with endless love, support and wonderful experiences with family and friends! :-)** Here are our upcoming youth events! Take a look:

- **Sunday, 1/7 - Youth Night 6-8PM in the Atrium! Come join us!**
- **Sunday, 1/14 - No Youth Day/Night Event-Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend!**



So, if you are thinking about coming to the Church to see what we are all about, do it! You will not regret it. Come with a friend or family member, and join us as we continue to grow in the endless love of Christ. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sal Finocchiaro, Coordinator of Youth Ministries, at heyouthgroup15@gmail.com or call the Parish Office!

WINTER CARNIVAL



*The Parish of the
Holy Cross*



*is hosting a **WINTER CARNIVAL**
for all level 1 and 2 students and their families!*

Date: *Friday, January 19th*

Time: *6pm-9pm*

Place: *Parish of the Holy Cross Atrium*

*Come join us for games, crafts, refreshments,
prizes and fun!*

Please RSVP by January 12th

631-265-2200 x11 or x12 or hcreled@optonline.net

We look forward to seeing you there!

*Please note: This is not a drop off event.
Child must be accompanied by an Adult.*



CASH CALENDAR



January 2018 ~ Parish of Holy Cross ~
Cash Calendar

**January 21st is
Holy Cross'
30th Anniversary!**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
\$500	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
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\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$10 PER CHANCE	31 CHANCES TO WIN	\$50 PER DAY \$500 January 21

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