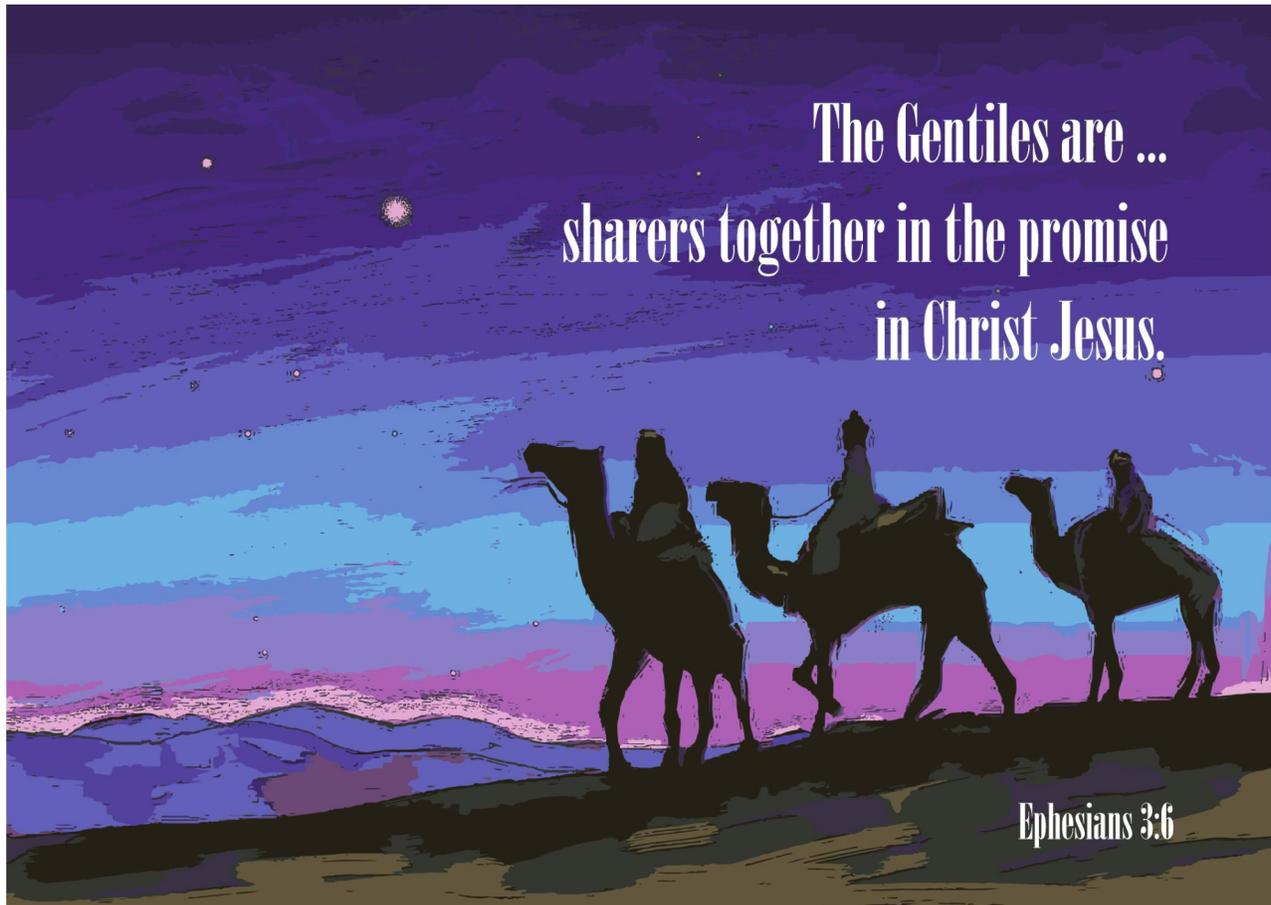


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or call Father Michael for an appointment.

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Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses



January 11th/12th

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

Mass Intentions Schedule



Week of January 5th, 9AM Mass

Mon. Henri-Robert Lamarque
Tue. Msgr. George P. Thompson
Wed. Angelica Palacio, Liliana Donlon, Rony Tobon, Miryam Ballesteros, Astrid Lopez (all living)
Thu. Bob DeFilippis

Saturday, January 11th, 5 PM Mass

Linda Marino

Sunday, January 12th, Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM Aubrey Rose Keena & John P. Sibley Jr.
9:30 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Denise Lamarque, Jeannie Angelone, Victor Chersevani, Victor M. Chersevani, Stephen Pino

Remembering Our Sick

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

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

George V. Daly **Manuela Diaz**
Phil Graziose **Bob Grieco**
Marlene Starr

If you would like to have the name of your loved one listed in our prayers for the sick for 4 weeks, please contact the Parish Office at 631-265-2200 or email to pothc@optonline.net .

Scripture Readings for January 12, 2020



+ Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
 + Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38
 + Matthew 3:13-17

The Next Day

by Father Michael

I'm writing this article on the morning of December 26. Once again, special holiday deadlines for the bulletin prompt me to write my reflection earlier than usual. In lieu of any "breaking news" to report, allow me to share with you a few random thoughts regarding my celebration of Christmas.

On the parish level, so many parts of Christmas went well this year. The large crowds were energizing. The worship area looked beautiful. The music was uplifting and engaging. I was pleased with my homily (although, by 12:00 on Christmas Day, I was getting a little bleary-eyed). I take great satisfaction in knowing that the people who visit Holy Cross on Christmas Day will have a positive experience. Thank you to all who contributed to make our Christmas celebrations so life giving.

On a personal level as well, Christmas was a beautiful day. I was able to host a nice dinner for a few friends between Masses on Christmas Eve. Between a joyful celebration of the Eucharist and a festive meal with folks you love, those hours on Christmas Eve are the most precious hours of the year for me. Christmas Day was equally joyful. After the last Mass, I was able to put my feet up for a little bit and take a quick nap. Then I got in gear to prepare dinner for my sister and brother-in-law who were coming later in the afternoon. All things being equal, I would have loved to have all my siblings be together, but at this point in time that is unrealistic, as we are scattered between three states. In lieu of that, it was nice to have a peaceful and quiet dinner for three. It was a perfect way to have ended a festive celebration. I'm sure for most of us, bedtime could not have come soon enough as we all collapsed from joyful exhaustion.

I was blessed this year because there were many happy moments and experiences that surrounded my celebration of Christmas. I realize that may not be the same reality for everyone. I recall two years ago when all my siblings gathered with my mother at my home. It was a bittersweet day. We were all so grateful to be able to be together, but we also had to face the likelihood that it was going to be Mom's last Christmas. Joy would not be the right word to describe that day, but there was a certain sense of peace.

Celebrating the birth of Christ among us does not translate into momentary, superficial happiness. Conversely, it can bring a sense of serenity in being reminded that Christ came to be with us not only in the midst of decorations and gifts, but in all the moments of our lives. Pray for all those who hunger for that joy of the Lord. It is not yet out of season for me to continue to offer Christmas blessings, so Merry Christmas!

PARISH NEWS

The Bread and Wine
for the week January 5th - 11th
have been donated in honor of
Lucas Ryan Saluzzi
on his baptism.
Love, Mom & Dad



*Holy Cross welcomes
these children
Baptized in
December*

**Ava Lynn Cagnone
Hudson Ace Cullen
Scarlett Elizabeth Grauer
Olivia Quinn Hall**

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Lt. Ryan Montvydas
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LCpl. Michael Palagonia, USMC

We thank the men and women who serve in our military for their service. We will continue to pray for them through 2020. Please let us know at any time during 2020 if their service is finished, their title has changed, or you would like continued prayers through 2021.

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

Bakers Needed

Bakers are needed to make baked goods for the **Baptism of the Lord** celebration which will take place at the **Sunday, 11:30 Mass on January 12th**. This Mass honors those children who have been baptized in 2019. If interested, please contact Nick and Diane Lombardo at **631-698-5930**.



We pray for the following parishioners whose funerals were celebrated at Holy Cross in December:

*Alfred J. Maffia
Frank Perrino*

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

A statement of your contributions to Holy Cross for the year 2019 will be sent to you upon request. If you would like a copy, please print your name and address on the form below and drop in the collection basket.

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Place: Parish of the Holy Cross Atrium

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We look forward to seeing you there!

PARISH OUTREACH

AN OUTREACH CHRISTMAS THANK YOU!

We were once again blessed with a tremendous response to our Christmas Angel project. Our struggling households were so very grateful for the gift cards for their families. As parents and family members, we can appreciate how good it is to provide for our children's needs. By enabling these moms and dads to do the same accomplishes so much more than just handing them a gift someone else has bought. They can now provide in a way they couldn't before.



This year we helped 60 families with clothing and toys for 230 individuals, including 82 children. We collected enough gift cards to provide each person with approximately \$20 for clothing needs and an additional \$25 per child for their toy requests. Also, each household received a supermarket card to help with their holiday meal. **This means we collected and distributed over \$6700 in store gift cards and about \$1700 in supermarket cards.**

Thank you so much for bringing the Light of Jesus' Birth to those who struggle each and every day. You are truly special ANGELS! Christ is born again every time we choose to give to another, walk with another or empower another.

In addition, the parish also provided gifts to the following agencies:

- 33 Gifts to our friends at Olsen's Rest Home
- 29 Gifts to Mercy Haven
- 145 Toys to Pronto in Brentwood
- 71 Gifts to Talbot House

This is a phenomenal effort that requires many volunteers to accomplish. A very big "THANK YOU" to angel cutters, shoppers, pantry stockers, sorting elves, gift deliverers, wrappers, card writers, those who donated money, gift cards and special donations which helped us and our families so much.

THANK YOU seems an inadequate way to express our appreciation. I wish you and your families a Very Blessed Christmas Season and a Joyous New Year.

Gratefully,

Mary Anne



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We remember and pray for all our loved ones -
those living and those who have gone before us.

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- 9 Relationships
- 16 Leadership
- 23 Sacrifice

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- 8 Commitment
- 15 Traditions
- 22 Coping
- 29 Spirituality

April

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- 26 Community

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- 28 Special Days



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