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LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!



On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens. "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."
Mark 1:10-11

Come and pray with us!

The Baptism of the Lord - January 10, 2021

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.*

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 live streamed on Facebook.)

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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:

Jo Barry	Kathy Barry
Claire Becker	Patricia Becker
Ann Callari	Manuela Diaz
Ann Egan	Jim Emerson
Sienna Fricke	Phil Graziose
Bob Grieco	Debbie Jablinowski
Gerald Losquadro	Chuck Madden
Olivia Melia	Joseph Santamaria
Barbara Sherry	Marlene Starr
David Velkas	Doreen Velkas
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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 x122 or email to pothc@optonline.net .

Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of January 10th, 9AM Mass

Mon. Denise Lamarque
Tue. Jamie & Maribel Drey (living)
Wed. Gerald Losquadro (living)
Thu. Daniel Drey (living)

Saturday, January 16th, 5 PM Mass

William Henry, Robert Lawler, Susan Martino

Sunday, Jan. 17th, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Ellen Brady, Mr. & Mrs. O. DeSanto, Dan Coiro
9:30 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Mary Masso



Scripture Readings for January 17, 2021



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

GOODBYE TO CHRISTMAS

by Father Michael

Although stores are probably putting out their Easter stuff already, here in the Church we continue to celebrate Christmas through today, which is the Baptism of the Lord. Traditionally, on this day at Holy Cross we have a special Mass in which we invite all the families who had a baptism within the last year to come back for a special blessing. Unfortunately, that tradition has been sidelined this year because of the Covid crisis. The good news, however, is that since June we have been able to go back to celebrating Baptism. We schedule up to four families at a time, with each family being able to bring 25 guests. Since we reopened, 51 babies have been baptized. We look forward to the baptism anniversary Mass returning next year.

I am deeply grateful to all those who gave so generously for Christmas. As I announced last weekend, our grand total was only slightly behind what it has been previous years. The collections themselves on Christmas Day were modest. But the number of donations mailed in was significant. We received a few checks from corporations. Some businesses have a donation matching program with its employees. We are appreciative to all those who have named Holy Cross as a recipient in these programs. However, many times the check we receive does not identify the employee, so we are unable to thank the person individually.

The distribution of vaccines continues. There have been questions raised about the morality of these vaccines. The problem is that in researching and developing (and sometimes producing) the vaccine, fetal tissue is used in the process. This tissue is often procured from abortions. Moral theologians and the Bishops have carefully examined this complicated question. The short answer is that Catholics may freely receive the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines without any significant moral implication. If you wish to read the formal statement which describes in detail how this decision was reached, I invite you to look at the website for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, www.usccb.org. You can find the summary document which is titled "Moral Considerations Regarding the New Covid-19 Vaccines."

It looks like we may be facing a few tough weeks ahead. Please be cautious and make prudent decisions in your gatherings. If you are not feeling well, please stay home. As a reminder, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been suspended since last spring and will not likely change until we are well out of this crisis. In other words, God understands if you feel it is best to remain at home.

Christmas is now behind us. We have about five weeks to get ready for the beginning of Lent. Onward we go.

Here is the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' link to considerations regarding the new Covid-19 vaccine: [Moral Considerations Regarding the New COVID-19 Vaccines | USCCB](#)

PARISH NEWS

Special Collections

This weekend will be our collection for our **Renovations and Major Repairs** fund. Thank you for your continued support of this collection!

Next weekend, we will be collecting for our **Regional School Support**. We thank you in advance for your support of this important collection!



Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses

January 16th/17th

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

The Bread and Wine for the week January 10th-16th have been donated in loving memory of Joseph Pellechi Jr. by the Whitehead family.



Youth Ministry

Hello everyone! Are you in high school? Do you want to make new friends as you play fun games? Do you want to build more of an understanding about yourself and your faith? If you answered "Yes!" to any one of those questions, then you **MUST** check out the **Holy Cross Youth Group**. You will be glad you did! 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. **Our next meeting will be on January 10th from 6 to 8PM!**



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, or if you are thinking about joining us and you would like more information, then please do not hesitate to contact Allie Roecklein, Coordinator of Youth Ministries, at hcyouthgroup15@gmail.com or call the parish office. Thank you!

A statement of your contributions to Holy Cross for the year 2020 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 it off in a basket in the atrium.

Name _____

Address _____

**Thank you for
your support!**

OUR 2020 BAPTISMS!

Baptism

On this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord,
we celebrate the newest members
of our parish family, baptized in 2020.
May they continue to grow in wisdom and grace,
supported by their parents
and the entire Parish of the Holy Cross.



Cassandra Marie Edelmann
Ellie Alexandra Miethe
Olivia Blu Rosales
Lucas Ryan Saluzzi
Mark Angelo Governale
Shane Nicholas Dasch
Serafina Clara DeMaio
Roxanne Nicole Marcus
Lukas Jacob Mastrogiacomo
Olivia June Cornell
Jace Carter Darienzo
Katelyn Elizabeth Grigg
Lance Carter Ocasio
Carmine Robert-James Perrone
Jameson Lucas Ragone
Jonathan Steven Ruocco
Tucker Anthony Sitar
Santino Michele Castronovo
Blake Kamryn Granger
Tessa Eve Salvatico
Thomas Lewis Jones
Marilyn Sage Nunez
Hudson Lyn-Anne Perry
Elliott Cole Sarle
Andrew Stephen Cranshaw
Dominic Alexander Cutrone
Nora Leigh Superina
Carson Alexander Zych
Sofia Luz LoGuirato
Maximus Anthony Batista

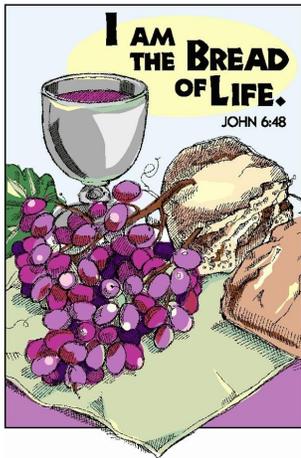
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Arielle Paula Passarelle
Kinsley Alexandra Willig
Sophie Mae Colicino
Benjamin Robert Graf
Travis James Graf
Freya Irene Henn
Sean James Holland
Ava Marie Catalano
Frank Allan Foronjy
Jillian Giulianna O'Connor
Juliette Emilia Orbe
Beckett James Shea
Lucas John Adelmann
Claire Jean Costello
Chase Garrett Johnson
George Nolan Roethgen
Kate Moore Roethgen
Isabella Leigh Napolitano
Angelo Joseph Ranieri
Sofia Grace Ranieri
Layla Sophia Wirth
William John Carey
Sophia Alexis Chiofalo
Sawyer Michael Downing
Chase Thomas Stoever
Ryan Peter Stoever
Nina Isabelle Baudo
Remington William Dunbar
Chase Parker Gempel

Parents' Thanksgiving

*Loving God, we give you thanks for the gift of our child. We ask your blessings on our family.
Confirm a lively sense of your presence with us, and grant us patience and wisdom, that our lives may
show forth the love of Christ, as we bring up our child to love all that is good.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

YOU MAY WANT TO...



Consider a donation of Altar Bread and Wine for a week, especially if your request for a date for a Mass has been taken. Your special occasion or loved one's name will be printed in the bulletin.

Or you may want to make a monetary donation to Holy Cross in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone living. We now have a Book of Memorials and a Book of Honorees. Your donation will be used to purchase needed items for our church. Holy Cross has a practice of not engraving names on benches and other items, but your donation will be recorded in the appropriate book for all posterity.

Our Parish Outreach also accepts donations in memory or honor of someone and has lovely cards that you can send.

For more information, please visit or call the Parish Office at 631-265-2200 x122.

PARISH OUTREACH

Homebound and Hospitalized

Are you, or someone you know in the parish, homebound or anticipating an operation or treatment for cancer? We in Holy Cross are eager to know in a more personal way our parishioners who are homebound or hospitalized. Often, we do not hear of a person's illness or inability to join us for Sunday Mass. Please call 265-2200 x113 or stop by the office to let Parish Outreach know of these parishioners who are so special to us. We really depend on you.



Parish Outreach sends cards, on behalf of our parish, to those who are ill or hospitalized. Our homebound folks receive friendly telephone calls by Outreach volunteers to keep up the connection and to assess ways the parish can be present to these loved parishioners. At Advent and Easter time a volunteer will visit them and bring a gift from the parish community. Eucharistic Ministers are also available to bring communion to the homebound who desire it.

These are some of the ways 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.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 10th	6 - 8 PM
• YOUTH NIGHT	Atrium
Monday, January 11th	4 - 6 PM
• SPECIAL NEEDS CLASSES	Atrium
Tuesday, January 12th	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Atrium

PARISH OUTREACH

CATHOLIC CHARITIES – EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

We are always looking for individuals to join the ministry of Catholic Charities and offer “Care With Dignity...Life With Hope.”

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To apply, transmit resume via email or fax. **Please reference “DSP – parish bulletin” in the subject line of your fax: 516.733.7038 or email: jobs@catholiccharities.cc**

For a full listing of jobs and their descriptions, please go to: www.catholiccharities.cc/careers
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BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS

Good Shepherd Hospice Bereavement Services are opened to anyone in the community, at no charge, who has experienced a loss through death. Upcoming Virtual Bereavement Support Groups, led by a Bereavement Specialist, include:

Loss Due to COVID-19 Bereavement Support Group

1/7/21 - 2/11/21 - 1:00pm-2:30pm
Registration Required - Please email/call: Jennifer Herzog, LMSW
[\(631\) 828-7636](tel:6318287636) / Jennifer.Herzog@CHSLI.org

Spousal/Partner Bereavement Support Group

1/12/21 - 2/16/21 - 12:00pm-1:30pm
Registration Required - Please email/call: Carolyn Lisi-Haas, LCSW-R
[\(631\) 828-7629](tel:6318287629) / Carolyn.Lisi-Haas@CHSLI.org

Adult Loss of Parent or Sibling Bereavement Support Group

1/12/21 - 2/16/21 - 5:00pm-6:30pm
Registration Required - Please email/call: Carolyn Lisi-Haas, LCSW-R
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