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LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!



...suddenly the
heavens were
opened to him and he saw
the Spirit of God
descending like
a dove...

Matthew 3:16

Come and pray with us!

The Baptism of the Lord - January 12, 2020

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 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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 Pastoral Associate

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Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses



January 18th/19th

5:00 PM	Fr. Michael
8:00 AM	Fr. Michael
9:30 AM	Fr. Kenan Peters
11:30 AM	Fr. Michael

Mass Intentions Schedule



Week of January 12th, 9AM Mass

Mon. Kathy & Jo Barry (both living)
Tue. John O'Shea
Wed. Peggy & Bob Grieco (both living)
Thu. Catherine Holzmann

Saturday, January 18th, 5 PM Mass

Ann Keena

Sunday, Jan. 19th, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Dina Thornley, Dawn Yannucci,
 Madeline Catapano
11:30 AM Alfred Maffia

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 Grazirose 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 19, 2020



+ Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
 + 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
 + John 1:29-34

One Last Noel

by Father Michael

I know that Christmas now feels like a distant memory. For most folks, aside from waiting for the credit card statement to arrive, there is little evidence that Christmas was celebrated in our homes only a few weeks ago. But, for the Church the Christmas season extends through today, which is the Baptism of the Lord. No, our music ministry is not mistaken in still playing Christmas music today, but this is the final yuletide melodies we will hear until next Christmas.

Why is it that putting up Christmas decorations is fun and exciting, but taking them down is a drudgery? It takes about the same amount of time, but somehow when there is no anticipation the task takes on a different flavor.

This week at the 11:30 Mass we invite all our families who have celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism at Holy Cross in the past year to receive a special blessing. It is always a happy moment to see the families who have shared in this blessed moment in their lives. It's funny how statistics work; some numbers are in decline, and others are increasing. This year baptisms were up over last year. There were 110 little ones sharing in this moment of grace with us. The gift of faith continues to be passed along.

Several weeks ago in my homily I used a definition that I learned when I was in the seminary. Several folks have asked me to repeat the definition of love that I memorized for one of my morality courses. Here we go: "Love is effectively willing the true good of the other." I remember when I first heard that definition it struck me as being too simple or incomplete; it didn't sound romantic enough and it somehow lacked feeling. But, when you apply it to different situations, it provides a sound foundational starting point in understanding the very complex notion of love. Some food for thought, I hope it helps.

I continue to hear frustrations expressed by some of our parishioners regarding our handicapped parking. I wish there were a simple way to increase the number of spaces we offer, but there is not. Please be respectful of the few spaces we have, particularly those in the circle, and leave them for folks who need them. I am regularly given reports that cars without handicapped placards are parking there and abled bodied folks are using those spots. I am not calling the police for any kind of enforcement, nor am I assigning someone to check doctors' notes, but please allow those spaces to be used by those for whom they were designed. Thank you.

If you need a statement for your taxes regarding your contributions for 2019, please be sure to use the tear-off in this bulletin. We are not automatically sending them out to all parishioners this year.

LITURGY BYTES

The Baptism of the Lord



Don't be surprised if you hear Christmas music still being played at Mass this weekend (January 11/12). Traditionally, the Christmas season ends with this feast - the Baptism of the Lord. This weekend's readings tell us that just as God was well pleased with his own beloved Son, Jesus, God is well pleased to welcome all of US into his family.

Even though Baptism is known as a Sacrament of Initiation and belonging, it also is about being "sent forth" to bear God's love to the world. This weekend is a wonderful reminder for us to reflect on how we are doing that. Another enriching symbol used at Baptisms is the oil that helps us to be strong in our faith. Keep in mind when things are difficult for us, we have been anointed by the Holy Spirit both at our Baptisms and at Confirmation.

So, as we renew the promises made at our Baptisms this weekend, be like St. Peter who concluded that "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality," (Acts 10:34) and God is well pleased with all of us who profess faith in Jesus and strive to do his will.

This weekend, in a special way we welcome the parents and young people who received the Sacrament of Baptism here at Holy Cross this past year. Not only today, but each time we enter our worship area we should bless ourselves at the font remembering our own Baptisms! (It's a great practice to do with our children too!) Have a blessed week.



~~~*Michele Hahn*

# STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS

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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**Thank you for  
your support!**

# 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 17<sup>th</sup>*

*Time: 7pm - 9pm*

*Place: Parish of the Holy Cross Atrium*

*Come join the fun - games, crafts, refreshments, prizes!*

*Please RSVP ... ASAP*

631-265-2200 ext. 111 or 112 or [hcreled@optonline.net](mailto:hcreled@optonline.net)

*We look forward to seeing you there!*

# CATECHIST WORKSHOP

*If you are preparing students for the Sacrament of Reconciliation,  
how well do you understand this beautiful Sacrament?*

Primarily for Level 2 Catechists (others are welcome), please join us on  
two Thursdays: January 23 & 30 at 7 PM  
in the Fr. Joe Room.

Please sign up by emailing *Michele Hahn* at:  
[Mhahnholycross11@gmail.com](mailto:Mhahnholycross11@gmail.com)



# CASH CALENDAR



*Parish of the Holy Cross  
January 2020*

**Happy Anniversary  
Holy Cross!**

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# MEETINGS THIS WEEK

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| <b>Sunday, January 12th</b>    | <b>10 - 11 AM</b>    |
| • REL. ED. FAMILY PROGRAM      | Fr. Joe Room         |
| • BAPTISM CELEBRATION          | 11:30AM Worship Area |
| • YOUTH NIGHT                  | 6-8PM Atrium         |
| <b>Monday, January 13th</b>    | <b>4 - 6 PM</b>      |
| • SPECIAL NEEDS CLASSES        | Atrium               |
| • VBS COMMITTEE MEETING        | 7PM Fr. Joe Room     |
| <b>Tuesday, January 14th</b>   | <b>10 AM</b>         |
| • IN STITCHES                  | Fr. Joe Room         |
| • CATECHIST MEETING            | 7PM Wor. Ar., Atr.   |
| <b>Wednesday, January 15th</b> | <b>7 PM</b>          |
| • KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MTG.     | Fr. Joe Room         |
| <b>Thursday, January 16th</b>  | <b>10 AM</b>         |
| • SCRIPTURE STUDY              | Fr. Joe Room         |
| <b>Friday, January 17th</b>    | <b>7 - 9 PM</b>      |
| • WINTER CARNIVAL              | Atrium               |

# SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

*This weekend, at the offertory, we will also be collecting for our **Renovations and Major Repairs fund.***




*Next weekend we will also be collecting for our **Regional Schools Support.***  
*Thank you for your support of these important collections!*

# CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

*If you brought a special Christmas ornament to decorate the trees in the Children's Memorial Garden, please come pick it up. It will either be in the Garden or in the Parish Office.*



# YOUTH GROUP

*Youth Group*  

**Hi everyone! Our Youth Group will be meeting on Sunday, January 12th, from 6 to 8PM in the atrium. Keep checking the bulletin for updates on our fun and exciting activities.** If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Allie Roecklein, Coordinator of Youth Ministries, at: [hcyouthgroup15@gmail.com](mailto:hcyouthgroup15@gmail.com)

# REMINDERS

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

**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.

# Remember "Kevin Bacon"

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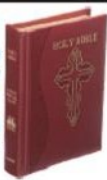
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