

# Parish of the Holy Cross

*Let All Who Enter Be Welcomed as Christ!*

## **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.



## **The Epiphany of the Lord - January 4, 2026**



## **Come and Pray with Us!**

### **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 livestreamed on Facebook.

### **We celebrate Reconciliation**

Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM;  
Wednesday after 9:00 AM Mass



# WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**  
**MONDAY - THURSDAY**  
**9 AM - 4 PM**  
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**Parish Office**  
**FRIDAY HOURS**  
**9 AM - 12 NOON**

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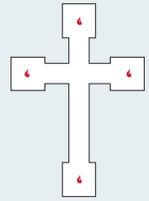
**OUTREACH OFFICE HOURS:**  
**Monday, Tuesday & Thursday**  
**10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**  
**Evening Hours by Appointment Only**



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for more information on how we can serve you.



## THE STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GRACE



*Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael*

The Christmas Season continues. Today we celebrate the Epiphany. We recall that part of the story where we believe three wise men journeyed to find the child Jesus. Coming into his presence, they were prompted to offer precious gifts. Today gives pause to reflect upon gifts we have received. Don't focus so much on the trinkets and goodies that were under the tree, but rather the gifts God has given. Although, some of what you received may indeed be precious gifts that reflect the love of someone in your life.

Today's second reading is from St. Paul to the Ephesians. In this passage he refers to the "stewardship of God's grace." Paul understands well the miracle and transformation that has taken place in his life. This was not brought about by anything he did, rather it was God breaking into his life in a dramatic way.

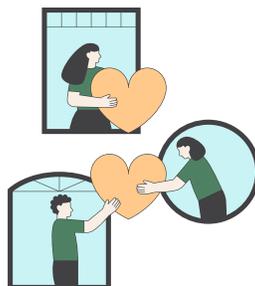
Stewardship is a perspective that embraces two distinct components. The first element is receiving a gift with gratitude. In that reception of the gift, there is the awareness that the gift ultimately comes from God. Paul experiences God's grace, and he cherishes it because it now defines his life. If God had not intervened in his life, he would have likely continued in a very selfish and destructive way. The second critical element to stewardship is that after you recognize the heavenly origin of a gift, it needs to be given away or shared with others. That is how Paul describes God's grace. It was freely offered to him and now he shares it for "your benefit." The impact of that gift is increased when it is shared with others.

There are people who get lots of things and opportunities in this life. There are people who understand well their abilities in what they are good at doing. But this does not mean that every person embraces a spirit of stewardship. Some people are self-centered; they use what they have been given for their own advantage and benefit. A true gift cannot be kept for oneself; it must be shared.

On this Epiphany, we reflect upon what is received this Christmas. In what way has Christ's promise of peace touched our hearts? How will we live our lives in a different way? The story of the wise men offers some guidance in the path we may be called to walk. Following a star is not the same as a GPS, there will always be an element of uncertainty and mystery in following God's invitation. They offered gifts of great value. The price tag on what we offer God is not the critical factor. But it is impossible to have a meaningful relationship with God when all we offer are the scraps from our life. God needs to be a priority in our lives. Lastly, once they met Jesus, they were prompted to go back home taking a different route. God calls us to change. We need to be willing to walk a different path when we understand what we have been called to.

The Stewardship of God's grace was not limited only to Paul. All of us have been offered the same gift. May we embrace and share what the gift of Jesus brings us.

May the grace of God be at work in the hearts of many. There are many in our world who are hungering to know the compassion, hope and love that comes from God. We are called to be the bearers of those precious gifts.



2026		JANUARY					
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	

# ON THE CALENDAR

## CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



**JANUARY 10**

5:00 PM  
FR. MICHAEL

**JANUARY 11**

8:00 AM  
FR. MICHAEL

9:30 AM  
FR. MICHAEL

11:30 AM  
FR. MICHAEL



**SCRIPTURE READINGS**  
for JANUARY 11

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

**Saturday, January 3rd** ..... HOLY HOUR  
3:45PM - 4:45PM, Worship Area

**Sunday, January 4th** ..... ANOINTING OF THE SICK  
After 9:30AM Mass, Worship Area

**Sunday, January 4th** ..... CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD  
11:30AM Mass, Fr. Joe Room

**Monday, January 5th** ..... SPECIAL NEEDS  
4:00PM - 6:00PM, Worship Area, Atrium

**Tuesday, January 6th** ..... IN STITCHES  
10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room

**Tuesday, January 6th** ..... PRAYER SERVICE MTG.  
7:00PM, Fr. Joe Room

**Tuesday, January 6th** ..... PRE-CANA MTG.  
7:00PM, Atrium

**Wednesday, January 7th** ..... DRESS A GIRL  
9:30AM - 12:00PM, Fr. Joe Room, Atrium

**Thursday, January 8th** ..... OCIA  
7:00PM, Fr. Joe Room

**Thursday, January 8th** ..... LEVEL 2 MOVIE NIGHT  
7:00PM, Worship Area, Atrium

**Sunday, January 11th** ..... BAPTISM GATHERING  
9:30AM, Worship Area, Fr. Joe Room

**Sunday, January 11th** ..... BAPTISM CELEBRATION  
11:30AM, Worship Area



*"They prostrated themselves and did Him homage."  
-Matthew 2:11*

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to find out more about the different ministries we have to offer,  
how you can be involved, and when they meet.

# WE PRAY...CELEBRATE...REMEMBER



## Upcoming Mass Intentions

### Week of Sunday, January 4

#### 9:00AM Masses:

**Mon.** Brady family (living)

**Tues.** Barbara & Bill Burger (living)

**Wed.** Pattie Daly-Matonti (living)

**Thur.** Ydette Joseph

#### Saturday, January 10, 5PM Mass

Andrew Joseph Costello Sr., Debbie Hahn,  
Georgia Grant, Angelo Taranto

#### Sunday, January 11, Masses

##### Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

**8:00AM** Anne Geisel, Arthur R. Hanchen,  
Mr. & Mrs. O. DeSanto, Steve Matonti

**9:30AM** Linda Marino

**11:30AM** People of the Parish

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

Bob Alderdice  
Alejandro Astegiano  
Jo Barry  
Kathy Barry  
Alison Bilski  
Cole Brennan  
Laurie Bronzino  
Veronica Buscemi  
Judy Carlson  
Mary Champagne  
Peter Chirafisi  
William Ciccarella  
Stephen Crawford  
Kimberly Crawford-Arbocus  
Grayson Danielski  
Anthony DeGennaro  
Manuela Diaz  
Peter DiMauro  
Ann Egan  
Lisa Eger  
Vincent Esposito  
Ralph Farino  
Yolanda Fattarusso  
Sienna Fricke  
Linda Giordano  
James Greene  
Linda Heinrichs  
Ralph Hughes  
Ryan Huscher  
Debbie Jablinowski  
Kristen Kennedy  
Caroline Lazar  
Carol Leahy  
Victor Lewandowski  
Mary Lopez  
Gerald Losquadro  
Jeanne Marie Malley  
Janet Mangano  
Olivia Melia  
Geraldine Muscarnere  
Loretto Narducci  
Andrea Nocito  
Darin Pitkanen  
Patricia Pitkanen  
Colleen Prinz  
Carina Ranieri  
Bernardine Reichbach  
Mary Ann Reilly  
Rob Remhild  
Christine Ridulfo  
Lynn Rodger  
Sean Romeo  
Elaine Ruane  
Jacqueline Santamaria  
Casey Schultz  
Kathy Schwinn  
John Serri  
Celeste Sichenze  
Todd Skala  
Sue Southard  
Bill Tanner  
Calvin Tatone  
Grace Van Epps  
Peter Warns

*Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.  
James 5:14-15*



**Sunday, January 4th,  
will be the next date that  
the Anointing of the Sick  
will be offered after  
the 9:30 AM Mass**



*We thank the men and women  
who serve in our  
military for their service.*

**We continue to pray  
through 2026 for ...**

SSGT David Basler  
Cpl Richard J. DeKanchuk, USMC  
FC2 Lane Dyar  
AS Brandon Ferrara  
MIDN Jonathan A. Goohs Jr., USNA  
WO Christopher Kaminsky  
Sgt Michael J. Knipper, USMC  
Dr./Cmdr. Eric J. Koch, USNA  
SSGT Ryan Mauldin  
PFC Ryan McCoy, USMC  
Lt Ryan Montvydas

*Please let us know if their service is finished  
or their title has changed.  
May God bless all who serve our nation.  
**Pray for peace!***

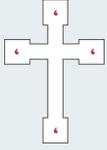
**If you would like to have the name of your  
loved one listed in our prayers for the sick,  
please call 631-265-2200 x122.**



*We remember and pray for the following  
Holy Cross parishioners who passed away recently:*

**Mary A. Tyrrell  
Stephen Matonti**

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



# CHRISTMAS IS NOT OVER YET

LITURGY BYTES *by Michele Hall*



The shopping, the wrapping and the visiting may be over for you now that we are into the new year of 2026. However, as far as the Church goes, it is still Christmas. Just look around the Church - the trees, the nativity scene, the flowers, wreaths, and banners still welcome us each day. Simply put, Christmas is a "season" in the Church's calendar that lasts for a few weeks, even after December 25<sup>th</sup>!

The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The Christmas season is one of the shortest on the Church's calendar, but it is also unique. Within it is the 8-day celebration of the Lord's Nativity (known as the Christmas octave), as well as other feasts pertaining to Jesus becoming one of us as Our Lord and Savior. There are several saints' feast days celebrated that contain special significance to the season. Here are a few: December 26<sup>th</sup> - St. Stephen - first martyr; Holy Innocents - December 28<sup>th</sup> - Herod's order to kill boys under the age of 2 in the Bethlehem area, trying to hold onto his power as King; Feast of the Holy Family - falls on the first Sunday after Christmas (except when Christmas falls on a Sunday, then it is celebrated on December 30<sup>th</sup>); January 1<sup>st</sup> - holyday - Mary the Mother of God; and the one most of us are familiar with - the feast of the Epiphany (Little Christmas) when the Magi visited the baby Jesus and brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. This feast was always on January 6<sup>th</sup>, but the Church transferred it to the Sunday between January 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> in the United States.

The Christmas season concludes with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord which always falls on the Sunday after the Epiphany, or when the Epiphany falls on January 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> the feast of the Baptism of the Lord is then celebrated on a Monday. This commemorates the day on which Christ formally accepts his mission as the redeemer and is baptized in the River Jordan by John the Baptist. Parishes usually invite the families who had babies baptized in the past year back for a blessing and special recognition. So even though the Christmas season is a short one, there are plenty of important days of celebration.

*Have a blessed, joyful, and healthy week ahead!*

## GRANDPARENTS' PRAYER GROUP

*Wednesday, January 21st  
at 1:30PM in the Chapel*



Join us with other grandparents to pray for our grandchildren, support what each other is doing and seek ways we can lead and guide them...

*New members always welcome!*

# PARISH OUTREACH



**We will meet on Wednesday, January 7th , 9:30AM - 12PM in the Atrium**



Every girl should have the chance to receive, own and wear a new dress. Our Dress a Girl ministry helps make this possible. We gather monthly to lovingly create dress kits at our "Cut-Ups" session. These dress kits are then available to take home, where skilled sewists create beautiful dresses. We hope that each dress symbolizes how special and loved each girl is. Our prayers are with them all.

**We are looking for sewists and donations of fabric to continue our ministry.**

**Do you like to sew?** If creating a beautiful dress in the comfort of your own home, sharing your talent and making a difference to a young girl sounds like something you may be interested in, then the "Dress a Girl" Ministry is for you!

If your talent lies in sewing, contact the Outreach office to make arrangements to pick up your "take home dress kit." Instructions and support are available as you create a dress from one of our dress kits.

**If you would like to join us, we meet monthly to create the dress kits.** We are so grateful for all those who played a part in our "Dress a Girl" Ministry. This ministry could not exist without the many volunteers who have cut out a dress, sewn a dress or donated fabric. We need fabric to keep creating these beautiful dresses and offering hope. **We are in need of 2-3 yards of a cotton blend fabric.** We invite you to be part of this ministry by donating fabric and helping to support the good work that we are doing. All donations can be brought to the Outreach office.

**If you are interested, we ask that you please RSVP to the Outreach Office at 631- 265-2200 so we can prepare for all those who will attend. If you have any questions, please contact Kelley in Outreach. Thank you!!!**



**Please do not drop off unwanted household items without contacting our Outreach office first.**

**Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.**

## **A Message from our Outreach Office...**

As the new year begins and we look to replace, reuse, and recycle household items that are no longer being used at home, we kindly ask that you do not bring your donation up to church without contacting the Outreach office first. Unless Outreach asks for a specific donation, we do not have the space to store items, and your generous donation would be best put to use by bringing it directly to local organizations that collect them. Please contact the Outreach office if you have any questions about your donation. Thank you for your giving spirit!

*The Outreach pantry is still at capacity except for the following items. We are not in need of any other item except the items listed. We appreciate your continuous generosity and support of our pantry throughout the year.*

**The collection will be this weekend  
January 3rd & 4th.**



**Mayo  
Coffee  
Toilet paper  
Paper towels  
Ketchup  
Mustard**

*Thank you for checking expiration dates before donating.  
Thank you for the donations of bags for our pantry.  
We are not accepting any more at this time. Thank you!*

*Thank you for your continued support!*



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



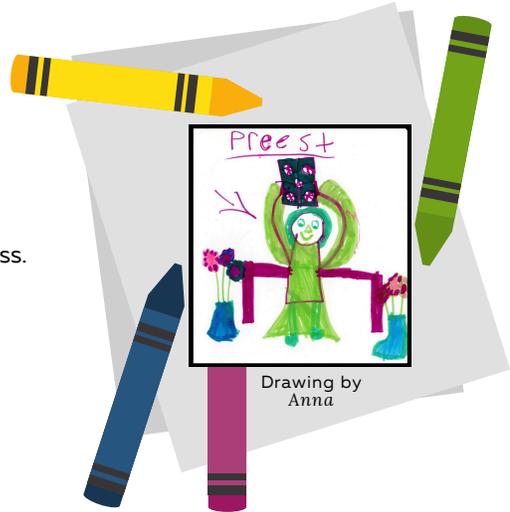
## **Draw what you see at Mass this weekend January 3rd & 4th.**

Please come to Mass  
on either Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the 5PM Mass or  
on Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, at the 8AM, 9:30AM, or the 11:30AM Mass.

Before Mass starts, please pick up a crayon and a piece of  
paper from the assigned baskets in the atrium.

During Mass, draw what you see in church  
and then after Mass, please place your picture  
in the basket labeled "Completed" out in the atrium.

You may put your first name on the picture.



Drawing by  
Anna

All pictures will be displayed for everyone to see the following weekend at all Masses on January 10th & 11th.

## **LEVEL 1 - CHURCH TOUR - Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7PM - Worship Area**

**THURSDAY  
JANUARY 8<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00PM**

**LEVEL 2  
Movie Night**



**"Ten Commandments"  
by Brother Francis  
will be held in the Worship Area**

### **LEVEL 4**

#### **WALK THROUGH MASS**



**Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 5PM  
or  
Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 5PM  
in the Worship Area**

Please check with your catechist  
as to which day you are attending

### **LEVEL 5**

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF BIBLES**



**at all Masses the weekend of  
January 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

**BIBLE CLASS  
Monday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> at 7PM  
in the Worship Area**

### **LEVEL 8**

#### **PRAYER SERVICE**



**Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>  
at 7PM in the Worship Area**

Snow date is Thursday,  
Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7PM

# PRAYER, ACTION & COMMUNITY



## ***Please note:***

that due to lines missing on the back of some "Christmas Flowers" offering envelopes, loved ones' names can be added to the back of the envelopes if desired.

Please print clearly.

Names will appear in future bulletins as they are received, due to printing deadlines.

Thank you for your understanding.

## **HOLY HOUR ~ January 3rd EVERY 1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH**

Please come and spend some time with the Lord in personal prayer as you pray before the Blessed Sacrament during the Parish Holy Hour.



## **Missalettes**

If you didn't get a chance to order a 2026 Missalette, you can still purchase one for \$12 in the Parish Office.

## **Children's Liturgy of the Word**



Join Us for Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays, at the 11:30 AM Mass, every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

### **Join Us Sunday, January 4th**

During the Mass, children from Kindergarten through 3rd Grade will be invited to move to a separate space and hear God's Word in age-appropriate language. Older children are welcome to assist as helpers. Don't miss this special opportunity for the entire family to experience Mass in a more meaningful way.



The next hospitality weekend is January 24th & 25th

Complimentary refreshments are served after Mass by our Youth Volunteers.

If you are a middle or high school student, you can sign up to volunteer by joining Remind. You will receive additional information through the link.

Sign up for Remind at: [rmd.at/ycchc](https://rmd.at/ycchc)



## *In Stitches*

Join us for conversation and laughs as we work on new or unfinished knitting, crocheting, quilting, needlepoint, crafts or sewing projects.

**Tuesday, January 6th, 10AM, Fr. Joe Room**



## **Practice of Charity**

(Excerpt from "At Home with the Word 2026")

At your baptism, you were anointed priest, prophet, and king.

This week you are called to exercise your royal responsibility and bow before the King of the universe with the Magi by serving the poor and suffering.

Pray to Jesus this week. Ask Him to teach you how to reign with Him through a life of service. Meditate on the Gospel story of the Magi. Feel the joy as they followed the bright star. Imagine their surprise when they discovered the poor baby Jesus. Gaze upon the savior's face with them. Then bow down in adoration with them.

Think of the vulnerable people in your home, at work, or in your community. How can you bring the light of the Lord into their lives? How can you help find resources to meet their needs? Honor them by listening attentively to their concerns. Tell them of the Lord's care for them.



# PRAYER, ACTION & COMMUNITY



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

*Thank you for your continued support!*

*If anyone would like to bake something for hospitality after our Baptism Celebration at the 11:30 Mass on January 11,*



*please let Jude know at [jpickel@holycrossrc.org](mailto:jpickel@holycrossrc.org)*

*Thank you!*



## Holy Cross Welcomes these Children Baptized in December



Liam Anthony Bronk

Grace Miller Gay

Maddison Summer McKiernan

Elliott Francis Smith

*God Bless these Children and their Families.  
Our Holy Cross family celebrates with you!*

As we begin 2026, we look forward to bringing in the new year with new opportunities for you, our parishioners, to get engaged in our parish life through the various parish ministries that we offer here at Holy Cross.

We thank those who have been involved in previous years, because *with* you, our parish community thrives. Not only do we gather together each weekend for Mass, but Holy Cross offers the opportunity to meet with fellow parishioners during the week to join different groups, share interests and make new friends..

Ministries and their works will be highlighted throughout the year, giving parishioners the chance to learn about the different activities, events, and group meetings that are available to them in which to participate, grow and/or serve.

Ministry leaders, if you would like to share something about the ministry you lead, please send an email any time of the year by contacting the parish bulletin editor, Susan Ribeiro, at her parish email: [susanr@holycrossrc.org](mailto:susanr@holycrossrc.org).

## Holy Cross Ministries

*What Gifts Do You have to Offer?*



- Time
- Talent
- Friendship
- Leadership

For a full list of ministries that the Parish of the Holy Cross has to offer, please visit our website at:

<https://holycrossrc.org/ministry-club-committees>

*Come Join Us!*

## 2025 Statement of Contributions

A statement of your contributions to Holy Cross for the year 2025 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 in the collection basket or at the Parish Office.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

## Christmas Flowers in Honor / Memory of...

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

John Cook	Dennis Kelly	Jackson Family	Stephen Bursky
Nicholas DeSantis	Margaret Dorney	Miller Family	Anna Bursky
Larry Tschumi	John Dorney	Celeste E. Babi	Richard P. Canalini
Ann Tschumi	Maureen Kelly	Joseph M. Babi	William Smith
Bronislaw Marchewka	John Kelly	Candice Rause	Maureen E. Jost
Anna Karwowska	Colin Dorney	Benvenuto Monaco	Joseph Svercel
Edmund Karwowski	Anna Cervone	Frances Monaco	Nicholas Svercel
Scott Betz	Sabino Cervone	Paul Collura	Thomas S. Hannick
Fred Schantz	Alice Klein	Thomassina Collura	Michael Turdo
Dolores Schantz	Larry Klein	Sandra Safianow	Angelo Turdo
Henry Betz	Marian Hegarty	Ilene Acari	Jean Turdo
Lillian Betz	Jim Hegarty	Peleck Family	Eric Schwarz
Debbie Hahn	Lopez Ballesteros Brothers	Lipnicki Family	Thomas Brophy
Lucy V. Marotta	James Donlon	O'Hanlon Family	Mom & Dad Terranova
Lucy M. Guiffre	Althea Donlon	Ann Taranto	Stephen Matonti
Calogera Marotta	Oscar Zapata	Pasqua Family	Christopher Cotter
Lucia Marotta	Magdalena Zapata	DeHayes Family	James Connor
Marie Puppa	Mario Lopez Norena	Wehmann Family	Sara Connor
Frank Puppa	Abel Ballesteros & Sons	Conway Family	Richard Egan
Anthony Johnson Jr.	All Souls of Friends	Berkins Family	Warren Cotter
Margaret Leptich	Katherine Schneider	Raymond M. Conway	George Talbot
Peter Leptich	Dorothy Schneider	Anthony DeVito Jr.	Paul Talbot
Susan Ehr	J.P. McAllister	Domenick Testa	David A. Green
Pasquale Basile	Armand MacGillivray	Anna Testa	Noelle Green
Jean Basile	Joseph Marcucci	Anthony DeVito Sr.	David A. Green Jr.
Madeline Crowley	Marcucci Family	Lucille DeVito	Francis J. McGrade
Joseph Crowley	Penzavecchia Family	Joseph Muller	Michael Chester
Patricia Mennella	Traina Family	Rose Muller	Marie Chester
Perrino Family	Gloria Posimato	Richard Muller	Epifania Rosen
Italiano Family	Josephine Posimato	Stella Konchalski	Anne Merlo
Frank Slattery	Nicholas Posimato	Frank Konchalski	Edmund Merlo
Ann Slattery	Anthony Posimato	Robert Neary	Albert Sassano
Francis McCutchen	Paul Kruk	Catherine Neary	Josephine Sassano
Mae McCutchen	Rosalie Sayles	Ronald Dandrea	Florence Sassano
Sean Slattery	Ted Kruk	Gloria Dandrea	Andrew J. Narducci Sr.
Bevin Family	Pauline Kruk	Gaetana Grobluski	Angela Narducci
Vincenza Castronovo	Marie Morris	George Grobluski	Robert Hein
Salvatore Castronovo	Ed Morris	Manuel Coelho	Connie Hein
Marie Koerick	Maria Eannacone	Francisco Veloso	Jacob Lamm USMC
Theodore J. Koerick	Linda Marino	Cecilia Lopes	James Lechner
Kenneth Kramer	Rose Marino	Luis Simoes	Marion Budreo
M/M Joseph Skwarek	John O'Shea	Arthur Vilardi	Harold Budreo
M/M Hans Kramer	Jo O'Shea	Dad & Grandpa	Pasquale Fricione
Theresa Carofano	John Schultz	Great Grandpa	Anna Fricione
Rocco Carofano	Marie Schultz	Charles Inghilterra	Karen Marchisotto
Antonia Minerva	Catherine Berdon	Catherine O'Grady	Baby Logan Michael Ciliotta
Vito Minerva	Regina Nappa	Michael O'Grady	Theresa Cavalieri
Ann Brennan	Gloria Posimato	Terrence O'Grady	Vito (William) Cavalieri
Jim Brennan	Rose Gatto	Helen O'Grady	Lilian Marchisotto
Kohler Family	D'Esposito Family	William Schnurr	Carl Marchisotto Sr.
Flohr Family	Gatto Family	Theresa Schnurr	Barbara Bellantonio

Due to bulletin printing deadlines, names of loved ones from the Christmas flower envelopes will begin to appear in the Christmas bulletin.

If you do not see the name of your loved one in the Christmas bulletin, names will be in bulletins in the following weeks after Christmas.

Thank you for your understanding.

## **The Parish of the Holy Cross Financial Report for 2025**

We have provided financial information for the year ended August 31, 2025, for your review. It is helpful to remember the church's fiscal calendar runs from September 1 – August 31. The following points may help to clarify some of the information in the financial report.

- In many ways it was an interesting and unusual financial year.
  - Notes B and E: The most recent major capital improvement project for the year was the new lighting system in the church, which cost \$98,200. Total RAMR collections were \$97,582 for 2025; \$49,391 was contributed specifically for this lighting project.
  - Note D: Holy Cross, along with every parish in the Diocese, had to make a significant contribution to the Bankruptcy Settlement Fund.
  - Note C: Holy Cross received a significant payout from the Employee Retention Credit Program. This is federal money that was paid back to small businesses (which in eyes of the government is what we are) who maintained 90% employment and payroll during the pandemic shutdown. This program was delayed several years before payments were finally made.
  
- Note A: The Christmas collection for last year was over \$9,000 less than for the previous year. If you recall, we tried a special appeal last Christmas asking folks to help offset the cost of the new lighting project in the Worship Area. The good news is that we raised \$9,374 for the lighting project. The bad news was that some people gave to the lighting project rather than the regular Christmas collection. In the end, the amount we received each year for Christmas was virtually the same.

The parish experienced some significant financial events in 2025. In the end, we fared very well and ended the year with a modest surplus. We continue to face challenges with facilities that are aging and in need of updating. Various heating, air conditioning and lighting projects have been occurring in 2024, 2025 and 2026, which have cost the parish almost \$325,000 during these years. I believe that after this year, projects of this nature should be substantially completed. We want to use well the support parishioners offer to maintain our spiritual home for years to come.

Thank you to all who support us. We appreciate your trust that we will use your gifts well in support of our parish and our mission. We appreciate all you enable the parish to do.

## **The Parish of the Holy Cross Financial Report for 2025\***

Parish of the Holy Cross	<b>Internally Prepared</b>	
Balance Sheet and Statement of Operations	<b>Unaudited</b>	
August 31, 2025		
	August 31, 2025	
<b>Balance Sheet</b>		
Cash and Equivalents	\$135,073	
Investments	449,743	
Other	361	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$585,177</b>	
Accounts Payable	\$12,981	
Deferred Religious Education Fees	37,315	
Equity	534,880	
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$585,176</b>	
<b>Statement of Operations</b>		
<b>Revenues</b>		
Regular Collections	\$595,379	
Christmas Collection (Note A)	52,044	
Easter Collection	41,714	
RAMR (Note B)	97,572	
Fund Raising/Development	17,716	
Parish Programs	123,029	
Auxiliary Revenue	126,001	
Collections on Behalf of Others	11,473	
Interest / Investment Income	29,887	
Extraordinary Revenue (Note C)	182,645	
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$1,277,460</b>	
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Salaries	\$414,835	
Fringe Benefits	145,458	
Fund Raising/Development	7,651	
Parish Programs	56,504	
School Subsidies	86,461	
Printing & Office	52,496	
Auxiliary Expenditures	103,317	
Collections on Behalf of Others	11,472	
Rectory/Household	17,879	
Buildings Utilities & Maintenance	83,974	
Other Expenditures (Note D)	182,969	
Capital Expenditures (Note E)	107,950	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$1,270,964</b>	
<b>TOTAL PARISH SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$6,495</b>	

\*This financial report was provided by Tom Muscarello.

## **How to Enter the New Year**

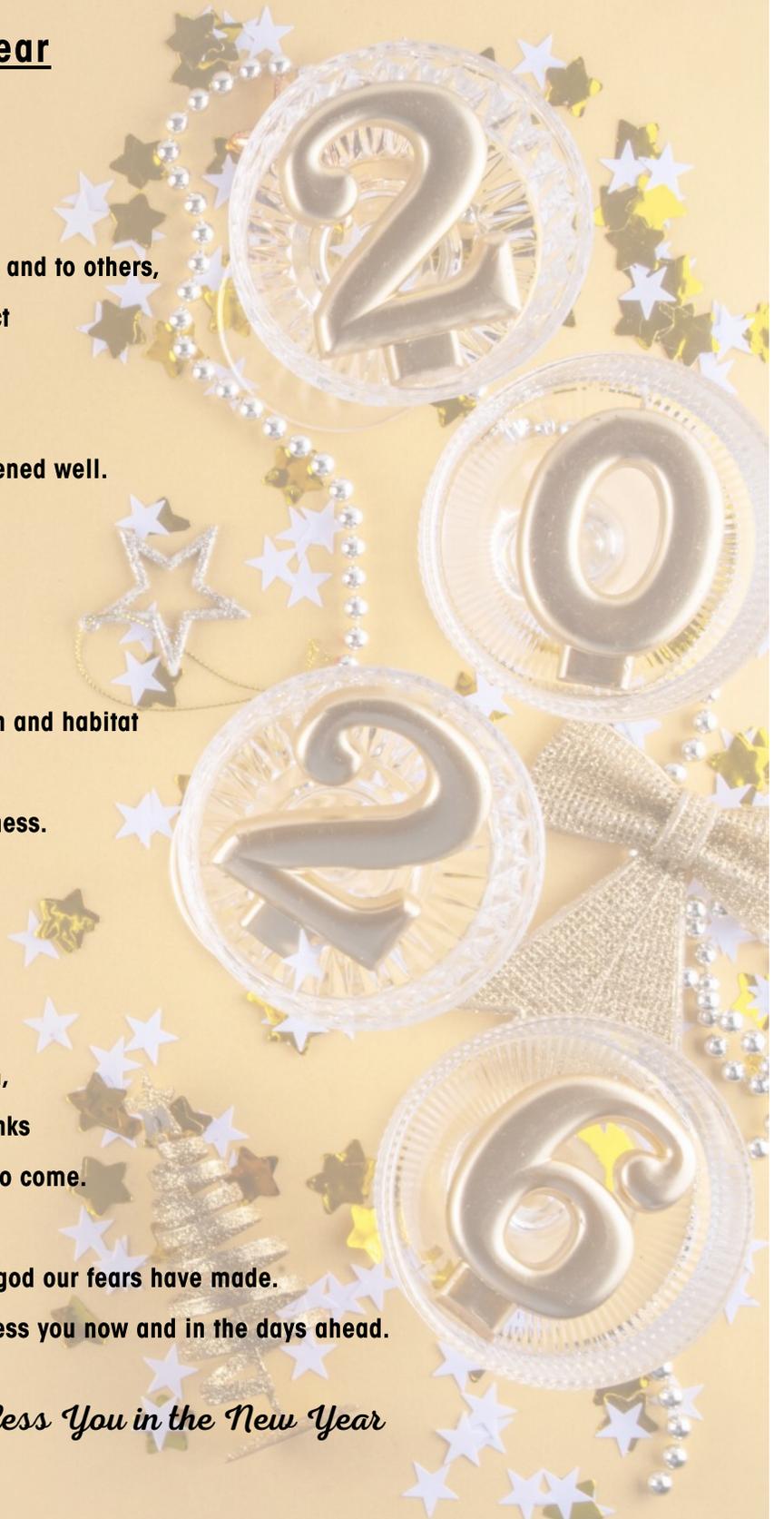
**by Vinita Hampton Wright**

**God of all time,  
help us enter the New Year quietly,  
thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others,  
mindful that our steps make an impact  
and our words carry power.  
May we walk gently.  
May we speak only after we have listened well.**

**Creator of all life,  
help us enter the New Year reverently,  
aware that you have endowed  
every creature and plant, every person and habitat  
with beauty and purpose.  
May we regard the world with tenderness.  
May we honor rather than destroy.**

**Lover of all souls,  
help us enter the New Year joyfully,  
willing to laugh and dance and dream,  
remembering our many gifts with thanks  
and looking forward to blessings yet to come.  
May we welcome your lavish love.  
May we cast off the small, vindictive god our fears have made.  
May the grace and peace of Christ bless you now and in the days ahead.**

*God Bless You in the New Year*





# Winter Windfall



For many years the Cash Calendar was a part of the Holy Cross routine, and this fundraiser provided some additional financial support to the parish.

*At this time, it is unlikely that we have enough parishioners attending Mass on a weekly basis to support a monthly drawing, so we will continue as we have done for the past few years with our quarterly drawing.*

- **\$10 per ticket**
- **Tickets are available for purchase December, January and February.**
- **Drawing will be held FEB. 26TH**

**This is the pay scale which will be offered:**

- **1 Prize @ \$250**
- **2 Prizes @ \$100**
- **10 Prizes @ \$50**
- **15 Prizes @ \$25**

This formula was based upon selling 250 tickets @ \$10 each.  
*If more than 250 tickets are sold, the number of prizes will be increased.*

**Please cut out and use the tickets below.**

You may return your entries by placing them in an envelope and depositing it in the basket on weekends, or returning them to the Parish Office.

## Thank you for your support!



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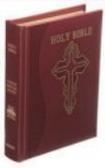
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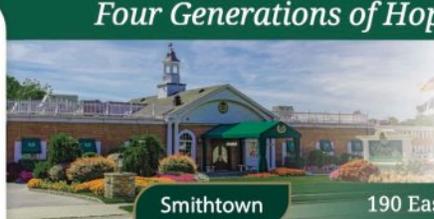
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