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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.

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."



Colossians 3:16

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 28, 2025



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



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MONDAY - THURSDAY
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**Parish Office
FRIDAY HOURS
9 AM - 12 NOON**

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Evening Hours by Appointment Only**

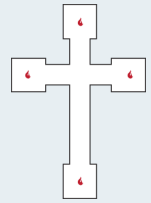


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for more information on how we can serve you.



FAMILY FORTITUDE

Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael



This Sunday the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. We recognize the amazing response of Mary and Joseph in accepting God's plan in their lives. On a spiritual level, the two of them had to have tremendous trust to accept a message of how they were to be the parents of a child that defied all logic and reason. They said "yes" and faithfully lived out the roles God asked of them. We can never underestimate their unconditional openness to God's Spirit at work in their hearts. In addition, on a practical level, we admire their ability to be loving and responsible parents to a growing boy. Aside from one story in Luke's gospel when he became separated from his parents, we know nothing of his childhood, adolescence, and early adulthood. We believe that ultimately Jesus responded to what his father asked of him. But it is safe to assume that his knowledge of Jewish tradition and recognition and care for those who were broken in life had to have been taught in part at home through the words and actions of his parents. The fruit does not fall far from the tree.

Family life today can be complicated. For a variety of reasons, traditional family structures and values are not always in play. Tremendous praise needs to be afforded to mothers and fathers who sacrifice tremendously and work diligently to provide a structured and loving environment for their children. They are giving them a priceless gift. There are many women and men who are unsung heroes in what they do in caring for their family.

We pray for families who find themselves in the midst of division and conflict. Sometimes the messiness and sin of life end up creating hurtful and unhealthy situations. In circumstances like these, others can offer an essential loving presence, particularly when there are children involved. Mother energy and father energy are not limited to biological parents. There are times when people respond heroically when there is a need. We are grateful for the various and creative ways the Spirit can be at work.

There is another dynamic that needs to be included in this discussion; this faith community can play an important role in the lives of people. I have been privileged to see on many occasions how the response and care of fellow parishioners have made a significant difference in people's lives. Generous responses to food drives and Christmas programs bring hope. In addition, there are times when people go above and beyond in caring for members of this community in time of need. This is more than just a common gathering place for prayer. It is a place where love comes to life and brings hope in the midst of darkness. The power of God's grace can truly allow us to become family for one another. How blessed we are.

We are grateful for the model the Holy Family offers us. We pray that there may be a strengthening of family life. But we recognize the power of love which will always go beyond defined boundaries and roles to bring hope and comfort. We are grateful for the ways we have received that gift. We pray that we are willing to offer it to those who we encounter along the way.



DECEMBER 2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
30	1	2	3	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	1	2	3

ON THE CALENDAR

CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



JANUARY 3
5:00 PM
FR. FRANK

JANUARY 4
8:00 AM
FR. FRANK

9:30 AM
FR. MICHAEL

11:30 AM
FR. MICHAEL



SCRIPTURE READINGS for JANUARY 4

+ Isaiah 60:1-6
+ Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
+ Matthew 2:1-12

Wednesday, December 31st **SOLEMNITY OF MARY VIGIL MASS**
5:00PM Mass, Worship Area
THERE IS NO 9:00AM MASS

Thursday, January 1st **SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASS**
10:00AM Mass, Worship Area

Thursday, January 1st **THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED**
in observance of New Year's Day

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

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



Masses for the Solemnity of Mary a Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, December 31st, at 5PM Vigil
Thursday, January 1st, at 10AM



Practice of Faith

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

The Holy Family's survival as refugees fleeing persecution serves as a study in patience and trust in God. They had to flee their homeland, moving away from family and friends.

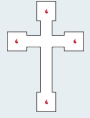
On the ninety-third World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Pope Benedict XVI wrote, "The Family of Nazareth reflects the image of God safeguarded in the heart of every human family, even if disfigured and weakened by emigration." Take this week to pray for migrant families who struggle as the Holy Family did. Look for ways to aid them and support community immigrant services by donating food or clothing.

Spend time praying for your own family this week. Ask for the Holy Family's intercession for difficulties your family may be facing.

Meditate on today's second reading from St. Paul to the Colossians. How can you use "heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience" to respond to your family's needs?

Visit our website at www.holycrossrc.org
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, December 28

9:00AM Masses:

Mon. Philip Pezzano

Tues. Al Weidig

Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass

Wednesday, December 31, 5PM Mass

John J. & Jane Daly, Jim Emerson

Solemnity of Mary Mass

Thursday, January 1, 10AM Mass

Vito Ligabo

Saturday, January 3, 5PM Mass

Jim Emerson, Thomas Moyer, Steve Matonti

Sunday, January 4, Masses

The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00AM People of the Parish

9:30AM James W. Corrigan Jr., Liam Gleason,
Doris Smith, Tomasz Gawrys,
Rocco Ciurleo

11:30AM Philip J. Fitzpatrick

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

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



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

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

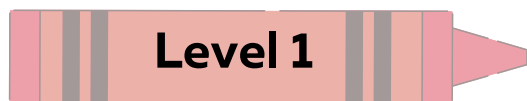
*Have regard to your servant's prayer and his
plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the
prayer that your servant prays to you.*



2 Chronicles 6:19



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



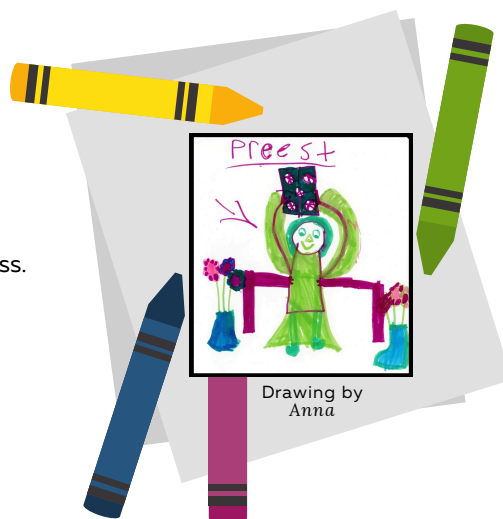
Draw what you see at Mass the weekend of January 3rd & 4th.

Please come to Mass
on either Saturday, January 3rd, at the 5PM Mass or
on Sunday, January 4th, 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.



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

**THURSDAY
JANUARY 8th
at 7:00PM**

**LEVEL 2
Movie Night**



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

PARISH OUTREACH



*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 the weekend
of 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!



**Do you have a family member
or neighbor in our Parish
who is unable to get out due to
illness, age or disability?**

Please help us locate these individuals and
bring them into contact with our community.

Here are some of the ways we connect with our Homebound:

- The Parish sends birthday and holiday cards
- Volunteers visit during Advent and Easter Seasons
- Volunteers call them on a monthly basis
- We arrange a Eucharistic Minister of Communion if requested

If you are aware of someone who would benefit from these efforts, please
contact the Outreach Office at (631) 265-2200 Extension 113



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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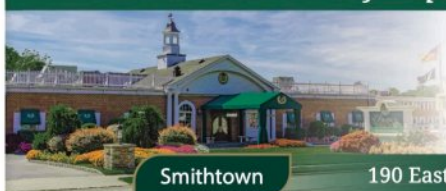
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