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Come and pray with us!

The Epiphany of the Lord - January 2, 2022

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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Remembering Our Sick

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

Marietta Alvarado	Jo Barry
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Eleanor Daly	Manuela Diaz
Ann Egan	Jim Emerson
Ralph Farino	Sienna Fricke
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Joseph Santamaria	Barbara Sherry
Kyle Sweeney	Chase Turano
David Velkas	Doreen Velkas
Judy Viskupic	Peter Warns

Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of January 2nd, 9AM Mass

Mon. Robert & Erin Armstrong (living)
Tue. Mary Conlin
Wed. Maryellen Hennessy
Thu. MaryLou Maranino



Saturday, January 8th, 5 PM Mass

Frances O'Donnell, Pietro Lorusso, John Bochenski,
Sole Family, Peritore Family, Jeffrey Reed
Indelicato

Sunday, January 9th, Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Gloria Posimato
11:30 AM Genevieve Iaboni, Anthony Farraye,
Waldemar Jaworski, Frank Dell'Aquila,
Anthony Michael Arzillo

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.

WELCOME 2022

by Father Michael

The days between Christmas and New Year's are unique days. There is a level of exhaustion that comes from the Christmas frenzy. In some ways it is quiet, but in other ways there is a busyness. It must have been a busy season for engagements; as of Monday three brides called inquiring about availability for wedding dates. In addition, there is also a pile of items that was put on hold prior to Christmas.



The attendance at all our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses totaled 1,040. While that number is higher than what we would get on a regular weekend, it is less than half of what would have been our average pre-pandemic Christmas. I am most grateful to all our liturgical ministers and other helping hands that assisted in making our Christmas Masses flow smoothly. We did not know how inundated we would be with people, but it worked out well. As always, the 4:00 PM on Christmas Eve was the most crowded with 343 people, but it was still quite manageable.

Over the past few months we have been changing a few components to our sound system. Many of them date back to when the church was first built, so needless to say there was room for some upgrades. Last Sunday one of the new pieces went haywire and created an ear-splitting squeal during Mass. We definitely had audio issues at the Sunday Masses. We are getting the system fixed, and it should be up to speed for this weekend. I am thankful things did not go "ka-boom" for any of our Christmas Masses. That would have been even a greater challenge.

The spiking Covid numbers created many last-minute changes in the Christmas festivities for many families. I was included in the shuffle as my sister and brother-in-law were no longer able to host the dinner that was planned. I ended up having a few friends over to the house for dinner. Quite honestly, by the time Christmas afternoon rolls around I am pooped. A quiet and low-key gathering works well for me.

For whatever reason, Christmas Eve is more important to me than even Christmas day. There is something about the anticipation of everything that is to come that fills those hours with wonder and peace. Perhaps my feelings stem back to when I was a child. We did not decorate the tree until Christmas Eve. I am grateful that this year I was able to celebrate a beautiful Christmas Eve dinner between Masses with some friends. I pray that your Christmas was blessed in whatever way it unfolded and was celebrated.

PARISH NEWS

The **Bread and Wine** for the week January 2nd-8th have been donated in loving honor of **Bill and Barbara Burger.**



The **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** will be offered after the 9:30 AM Mass this Sunday, January 2nd.



Pray for Our Military

SPC(E-4) David Basler
Cpl Richard J. DeKanchuk, USMC
SA Anthony J. DeNicola
FC2 Lane Dyar
AS Brandon Ferrara
MIDN Jonathan A. Goohs Jr., USNA
WO Christopher Kaminsky
Sgt Michael J. Knipper, USMC
SSGT Ryan Mauldin
PFC Ryan McCoy, USMC
Lt Ryan Montvydas
Cpl 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 2022.

Please let us know if their service is finished, their title has changed, or you would like continued prayers through 2023. May God bless all who serve our nation. Pray for Peace!

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, January 8th/9th



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

Scripture Readings for January 9, 2022



+ Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
+ Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7
+ Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Help Needed!

We are looking for custodial help on Sundays from 10 AM to 1 PM. Must be 21 years or older. If interested, please contact Barbara DeStefano for salary and details at **631-265-2200 x110.**



Holy Cross welcomes these children Baptized in December

**Chelsea Madison Billig
Peyton Jade Crane
Nicholas Edwin Diaz
Brooklyn Bella Razi
Joanna Rae Schlick
Andrew James Triolo**



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

**Rosaria DeGuara
Diane Muellers
Lorraine Olsen
Dorothy Polcyn**

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Children's Liturgy of the Word – Coming Back Soon!

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be coming back soon to the 11:30AM Mass. Please keep watching the bulletin for information on when it will resume! 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.



Adult Confirmation

Are you a baptized Catholic who has not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation? If so, it's not too late! Classes will start soon in preparation for Adult Confirmation on the Feast of Pentecost. Call Jude at extension 116 for more information.

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 above, 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.

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 youthgroup@holycrossrc.org or call the parish office. Thank you!



LITURGY BYTES

Epiphany Blessing

20 + C + M + B + 22



This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany when the three Kings visited Jesus after His birth. The door blessing is somewhat an old tradition that is done in some churches and by people in their homes.

The blessing consists of marking the front door either in chalk or using a printed strip (see above) with the initials of the Magi and the present year. The purpose is to bless your house and everyone who enters it. It is a centuries-old tradition that started shortly around the end of the Middle Ages (was never as popular in the US). Priests would visit the homes of their parishioners on the feast of the Epiphany and bless their homes. As parishes grew, the responsibility was transferred over to household members.

The first two digits are the beginning numbers of the year and the last two digits the ending numbers for the current year. The C M B has two meanings. CMB represents the names of the Magi: Casper, Melchior and Baltzaar, and the other meaning is in Latin and says: *Christus mansionem benedicat* (May Christ bless the house).

Blessing Prayer

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who live here and all who visit. May we be blessed with health, kindness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Have a safe, healthy, and blessed Christmas season! ~ *Michele Hahn*

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Special Collection

Next weekend, January 8th/9th, will be our collection for our **Renovations and Major Repairs** fund.

We are grateful for your continued support of this important collection!



Weekly Calendar

Saturday, January 1st	10 AM Mass
• SOLEMNITY OF MARY	Worship Area
• HOLY HOUR 3:45-4:45PM	Worship Area
Sunday, January 2nd	After 9:30 Mass
• ANOINTING OF THE SICK	Worship Area
Monday, January 3rd	7 PM
• KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Fr. Joe Room
Tuesday, January 4th	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
Wednesday, January 5th	7 PM
• THE CHOSEN	Chapel, Atrium
Thursday, January 6th	10 AM
• SCRIPTURE STUDY	Atrium

Dress a Girl Around the World - How Can You Help?



We are in need of parishioners who can donate 3 yards of 100% cotton fabric in bright, colorful solids and prints. Please drop off the fabric at our Outreach Office. Thank you!

Scripture Study Group



Are you free on Thursday mornings at 10 am on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month? Would you like to deepen your understanding of the Sunday Scriptures? Come join a group of women who seek the same, and give Scripture Study a try! There is no commitment and no sign up – just come at your own convenience to the meeting or meetings of your choice. Every meeting is independent. Our meeting dates for 2022 are:

January 6th and 20th

February 3rd and 17th

March (every Thursday during Lent) 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st

April 7th and 21st

May 5th and 19th

June 2nd and 16th



Christmas Flowers in Honor/Memory of...

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



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STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS

A statement of your contributions to Holy Cross for the year 2021 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.

**Thank you for
your support!**

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FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

**Come and Join
the Fun!!!**

FUNDRAISING

We are looking for new and old members to reboot our Fundraising Committee. This group currently runs 3-4 events per year including a holiday wreath sale, a basket raffle, and a variety of raffles (to name a few).



If you are creative, friendly, and organized, please consider sharing your talents and time in this way. Any time you have is a gift to our parish!

For questions, call or email Barbara DeStefano at 631-265-2200 x110 or bdestefano@holycrossrc.org

Please fill out the tear-off below and return to the Parish Office.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____



HOLY CROSS WEBSITE

JUST SOME WORDS FROM THE WEBMASTER!!! THE PARISH WEBSITE... AND "JUST A LITTLE BIT ABOUT IT"

May I Welcome all of you today along with a statement that many parishioners & staff members have often heard me say. *"A Website is a 'Living Entity'... It is never finished or completed... because it is constantly in the midst of updates, changes & growth."* Having reiterated this, I hope that you enjoy using this Website as much as I have enjoyed creating it and daily enjoy updating it. *With its future growth potential, this Website will excitedly offer to all of our Holy Cross Parish Parishioners as well as our welcomed new, Prospective Parishioners, many more possibilities in the sharing of parish information with all who navigate here.*

I have taken great care in creating a Website in which "getting lost" while navigating its pages should be a "thing of the past." At the bottom of each Page there is a Question which asks... *"Where Would You Like To Go Now?"*... showing direct links to frequently viewed Webpages and thereby making it easier to navigate through the Website without having to always return to the Top Menu Bar. Please be sure to "scroll down" to the bottom of each page and surf it in its entirety in order to not "miss out" on any information that may be "lurking" beyond your screen's viewing area. Some Pages are lengthy and filled with an abundance of information as well as with "links to click" which will direct you elsewhere on the Website for quicker navigating. The Home Page is an example of this type of page.

The Home Page is the "Heart" of the Website and contains much information and "links" to other sources of information. It is comprised of Six Basic Sections: [1] General Parish Information, [2] the "Fast-Track" Section to speed you to particular areas of the Website by asking you Questions, [3] "Church News," [4] "What's Happening" in the Parish, [5] "Parish & Seasonal Upcoming Events" of the Parish & [6] "Schedules" for various Parish Ministries. Should you take the time to routinely navigate this page from top to bottom... it would be like "reading" the weekly Bulletin from cover to cover. Doing this will keep you updated on the "pulse" of the Parish... give you "the scoop" on all the Parish news & activities... and will provide you with the "links" to the appropriate pages for more detailed information, all the while eliminating extensive searching. (Always remember that if you had inadvertently misplaced or already discarded your Bulletin, you can find all of the same information on the Website since the Bulletin and the Website are both always in "sync" with each other.) If you already know the specific location that you wish to visit on the Website, you can use the traditional Menu Bar at the top of each page or the "E-Z" Navigation Page, which I describe in the next paragraph.

The "E-Z" Navigation Page is a very useful "Find and Go-To" feature that I developed specifically for the Parish Website since all of the Website Pages on this page are sorted by Parish Usage & Departmental Categories. I strongly encourage you to try using this page... It truly makes it "E-Z" to navigate and to find your desired page and information quickly. I also encourage you to "Subscribe" with your EMail to Holy Cross on the Home Page in order for you to be able to receive important urgent announcements & information, in the form of "email blasts" (never spam) from the parish in the future. I reiterate that you will never receive any spam from the Holy Cross Website. But most importantly, this will be just another way for the parish & staff members to inform you of important and useful parish information & events more quickly and easily by "keeping you in the loop" of detailed Parish situations.

Should you have any suggestions or ideas about incorporating any other useful Parish Information into the Website, please do not hesitate contacting the Parish Office with those suggestions. If your suggestions are *within the capabilities of the Website Design Software*, we will consider them to be implemented in future updates & design changes. We always welcome your suggestions for a better *"living" and vibrant Parish Website.*

We look forward to all of the days ahead that God graces us as true "family members" in this, our community of the Parish of the Holy Cross!

Blessings to all... Hope that you enjoy your "Surfing"... & Happy Navigating!!! ~~ Vince M. Mazurek

TAKE A CHANCE!

Winter Windfall

For many years the Cash Calendar was a part of the Holy Cross routine. This fundraiser provided some additional financial support to the parish. In addition, many parishioners enjoyed participating in it. Unfortunately, it was one of the many parts of parish life that was lost to COVID. At this time, it is unlikely that we have enough parishioners attending Mass on a weekly basis to support a monthly drawing. And so, we introduce the "Winter Windfall." This is a similar idea, however it will be offered initially on a quarterly basis.



- \$10 per ticket
- Tickets are available for purchase through December, January and February.
- Drawing will be held February 28.

Because we anticipate smaller participation, there will be a different pay scale:

- * 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. *(In the event the response is strong, we will resume a monthly drawing as soon as possible.)*
- Tickets will not be sold after Mass. Please use the tear-off 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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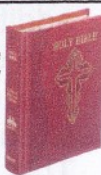
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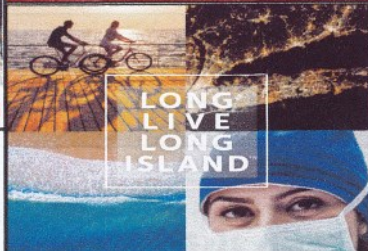
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