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Epiphany of the Lord - January 7, 2024

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:

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Dolores Serri	Barbara Sherry
Celeste Sichenze	Kyle Sweeney
Bill Tanner	Grace Van Epps
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Upcoming Mass Intentions

Week of Sunday, January 7, 9AM Masses

Mon. Jaclyn Losquadro (living)
Tue. John O'Shea Jr. (living)
Wed. Neal & Concetta Romano
Thu. Jean Everts



Saturday, January 13, 5PM Mass

Albert J. Maranino

Sunday, January 14, 2nd Sun. in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Rinaldi Family
9:30 AM Linda Marino, Gloria Posimato,
Rosemary Balkam, Richard Cascio
11:30 AM People of the Parish

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.

BACK IN THE OLD GROOVE

by Father Michael

Christmas, New Year's, and everything that surrounds those days is now behind us. All the special events are done, and we are returning to our usual routines. Although there still may be some decorations to put away, we are back in the groove.

Christmas is always a busy but an uplifting and inspiring time here at Holy Cross. It is good to see so many people who consider this their spiritual home. We try our best to create an inviting and prayerful experience. Celebrating the faith is meant to be a joyful experience. Be it through a spirit of welcome, engaging music, or an inspiring homily, we want folks who visit here to have a holy and blessed experience. And, certainly, there is no other time during the year that our Worship Area looks as beautiful as it does than Christmas. Thank you to all those whose efforts enhance our Christmas celebrations.

Although all the statistics of the day are not finalized as I write this column, there are a few items I can pass along to you. The number of those who attended Christmas Masses was over 1,600 which is over 100 more than last year. I was surprised to see that because a couple of the Masses were quite light in attendance. The 6:00 on Christmas Eve and the 9:30 on Christmas morning were the least attended. The collection will set an all-time record totaling more than \$60,000. There was one substantial donation from a parishioner that really put us over the top. We tried something new this year in offering a QR code linking people to PayPal. Although the numbers who utilized it were somewhat modest, we think it was worth the effort. We gained about \$500. We hope to include Venmo in the future, but there are many technical difficulties involved in establishing that account. More and more people are moving towards online giving as opposed to using cash or checks, and we are trying to address that shift.

Regardless of how much or by what means the donations come in, I am deeply grateful to all those who support our work here at Holy Cross. We can carry on in our ministry because of the generous support that we receive from so many. Thank you for all the ways in which you help to support us.

This week is the Feast of the Epiphany. There is much to be said about this beautiful part of the story. In the end, gifts were given. Although they may seem extravagant and expensive, the more important detail is that they gave something of value from their lives. That is what God wants of us. God gives us gifts so we may use them well in service of his name. Be willing to give to God from the depth of your heart. When we dare to give from deep within ourselves, we make room to welcome the abundance of God's love.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, January 6th	3:45 - 4:45 PM
• HOLY HOUR	Worship Area
Sunday, January 7th	9:30 AM
• BAPTISM GATHERING	Wor. Ar., FJ Rm.
• ANOINTING	After 9:30 Mass Worship Area
• CHILDREN'S LITURGY	11:30 Mass Fr. Joe Room
Monday, January 8th	4 - 6 PM
• SPECIAL NEEDS	Atrium
• KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	7PM Fr. Joe Room
Tuesday, January 9th	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
• FINANCE COMMITTEE	7PM Atrium
• RCIA	Fr. Joe Room
Thursday, January 11th	10 AM
• WOMEN'S BIBLE CIRCLE	Fr. Joe Room
Sunday, January 14th	1 PM
• BAPTISMS	Worship Area

*The Bread and Wine for the week
January 7 - 13 have been donated
in loving memory of
**Aubrey Rose Keena &
John P. Sibley**
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Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, January 13th/14th



5:00 PM	Fr. Frank
8:00 AM	Fr. Mickey Bancroft
9:30 AM	Fr. Mickey Bancroft
11:30 AM	Fr. Frank

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word is back!
Join us on the first and third Sundays of the month at 11:30 Mass beginning January 7. All children grades 1-4 are welcome. Helpers are also invited, grades 5 and up.



Scripture Readings for January 14, 2024



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

Holy Cross Travel Club

Save the Date: March 21-22, 2024

Lancaster & "Daniel"

- ◆ Lancaster Marketplace
- ◆ Performance of "Daniel" at the Sight and Sound Theater
- ◆ Dinner in the home of an Amish Family
- ◆ Green Dragon Market
- ◆ **Plus: Special Mystery Stop**

*Pricing and booking information
will be available in January.*

PARISH NEWS



Pray for Our Military

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 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 2023. 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!



Holy Baptism

*Holy Cross
 Welcomes These
 Children Baptized in
 December*

**Lorenzo Joel Chertok
 Eliana Rae Fazio
 Brooks Andrew Ferguson
 Evelyn Rae McKean
 Delanie Ann Tartaro
 Elizabeth Marie Tartaro**



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

*Anna Greco
 Grace A. Kosch
 Catherine Mannetta
 Valeria A. Ninivaggi
 Florence Picarello*

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

*Next weekend, at the offertory, we will also be collecting for our
Repairs and Major Renovations fund. Thank you for your continued support of this collection!*

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered after the 9:30 Mass on January 7.

Statement of Contributions

A statement of your contributions to Holy Cross for the year 2023 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 _____

**Thank you for
 your support!**

LITURGY BYTES

Epiphany (Little Christmas)

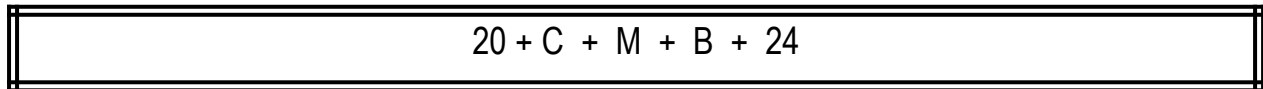


This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Three Kings or the Epiphany. The word “epiphany” means manifestation or “showing forth.” This feast celebrates God’s bringing the Gentiles to meet the newborn Savior. Found not in a palace, but in a simple traveler’s lodging, the infant Jesus reveals something of God’s nature, humility, and a way of behaving.

The visit of the Magi (the Three Kings) occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family fleeing into Egypt. We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers.

Because there are three gifts mentioned, we assume there were three of them. Also, in Matthew’s Gospel, the Magi represent the Gentiles’ search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus. The gifts that they bring also foreshadow Jesus’ role in salvation. The gold represents Jesus’ kingship, the frankincense is a symbol of Jesus’ divinity because priests burned that substance in the temple, and the myrrh was something used to prepare the dead for burial, thus anticipating Jesus’ death.

One of the many customs centering around this feast is the blessing of the doorposts in people’s homes. Some use chalk to mark the year and the initials of the Kings over their front doors. Others prepare a simple sign and hang it over their doors. Here is what it would look like this year:



The year is marked by the year of blessing—2024. The cross marks the points on the compass, and the initials stand for the Kings: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The letters CMB can also stand for “Christus Mansionem Benedicat,” which means “**May Christ bless this house.**”

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 inhabit it. Fill them (us) with the light of Christ, that their (our) concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Have a blessed, safe, and healthy week~~~~~*Michele Hall*

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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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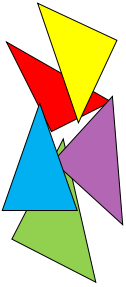
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PARISH OUTREACH

Dress a Girl Around the World

Cut-Ups: (those who cut the material and assemble our dress kits)



Our “Cut-Ups” will meet **Thursday, January 18, from 1-3 PM** in the atrium. We will continue cutting out dresses for the little ones in need. **Please RSVP to Outreach at 631-265-2200** (limited space available). No skill required. All are welcome!

We are, once again, looking for donations of larger pieces of cotton fabric (2-3 yards) for the body of the dress. Thank you in advance for your constant support and generosity of our *Dress a Girl* ministry.

Stitch-Ups: (those who sew the dresses found in our dress kits)



Our “Stitch-Ups” are welcome to pick up completed dress kits by calling the Outreach Office at 631-265-2200. Everything you need to complete a dress is included in a kit including instructions. Any questions—we are just a phone call away! Thank you!

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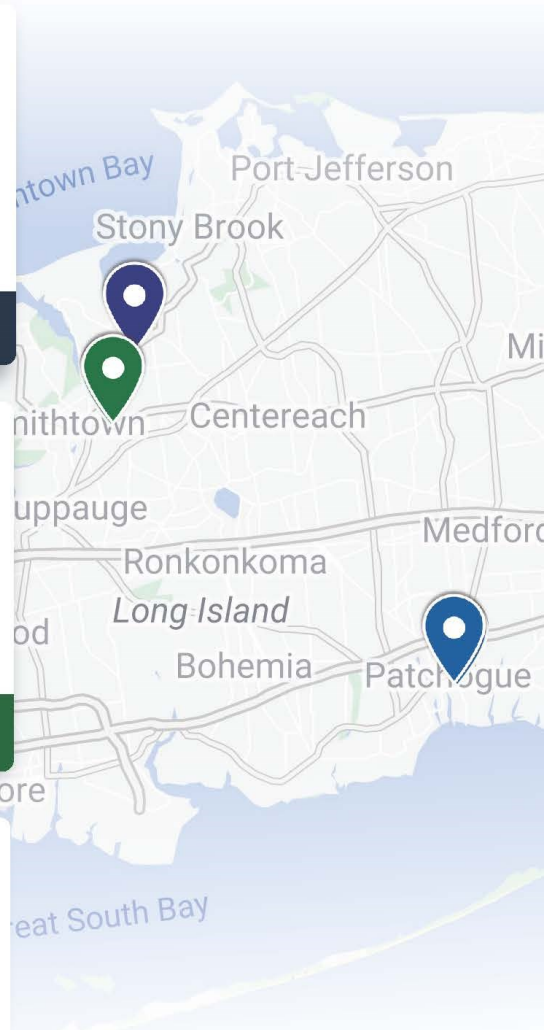
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Winter Windfall

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 through December, January and February.
- Drawing will be held **February 29**.

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 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.

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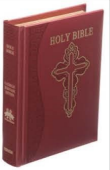
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