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LET ALL 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 CHILD GREW AND **BECAME STRONG,**
FILLED WITH **WISDOM;**
AND THE FAVOR OF GOD **WAS UPON HIM.**

Luke 2:40

Come and pray with us!

Holy Family Sunday - December 31, 2023

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 - Friday, 9 AM - 4 PM (closed 12:15 - 1 PM)

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Remembering Our Sick

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

Bob Alderdice	Theresa Arzillo
Jo Barry	Kathy Barry
Barbara Bombace	Cole Brennan
Ann Callari	Judy Carlson
Jason DeLuca	Manuela Diaz
Ann Egan	Ralph Farino
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Loretto Narducci	Carina Ranieri
Liam Richards	Elaine Ruane
Casey Schultz	Kathy Schwinn
Barbara Sherry	Celeste Sichenze
Kyle Sweeney	Bill Tanner
Grace Van Epps	Peter Warns
Danny Youngworth	

Upcoming Mass Intentions

Week of Sunday, Dec. 31st, 9AM Masses

Mon. Vito Ligabo

Tue. Jim Emerson

Wed. Rob Jamieson (living)

Thu. Casey Schultz (living)

Saturday, January 6th, 5PM Mass

Robert Garrety

Sunday, January 7th, The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM Steve & Lillian Piccolo

9:30 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM James Cerone, Bernard Mattera



Masses for the Solemnity of Mary

Sunday, December 31st @ 5:00PM

Monday, January 1st @ 10:00AM

(The Parish Office is closed on January 1st.)

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.

A WHIRLWIND AND A PAUSE

by Father Michael

This season is always busy. But, this year in particular, there was a frenzy of activity within a very short window. When Christmas falls on a Monday, then naturally Sunday becomes Christmas Eve. That means all the regular Sunday morning Masses take place and are then immediately followed by Christmas Masses beginning at 4:00 PM. It gets crazy. I'm glad it only comes along once every seven years. I am grateful that Fr. Frank was able to help me with the marathon of Masses.

As busy as Christmas may be, there does seem to be a moment of silence that works its way into the day. I find that at some point on Christmas Eve folks realize the frenzy of preparation has ended, and it is now time to celebrate. My favorite meal of the year is dinner on Christmas Eve. I also find that early on Christmas morning there is a rich silence that fills the air just before the day picks up momentum. It may not last long, but there is the occasion to stop and recognize what a precious gift we share in receiving the gift of Jesus.

New Year's Eve and Day also give reason to look back at the past year. Perhaps there were some unrealized hopes, but there are also accomplishments to be embraced. Often news broadcasts review the year including such details as famous people who died as well as memorable moments.

Last week before each of the Christmas Masses, we tried to offer a retrospective of life at Holy Cross. We created a slide show to be shown on the screens in the Worship Area showcasing the past year. We wanted to bring attention to the many highlights of the past year to folks who were visiting us or those who may only join us a few times a year. While we felt it was worthwhile to provide these details of parish life, it was also very affirming for those of us who work and minister here on a regular basis. We can easily lose sight and forget all that has taken place. We have much to be proud of, and I was happy to bring this to the forefront.

As always on New Year's, we look ahead with renewed focus and hopes for a year of blessings. We are blessed to have a great spirit here at Holy Cross, and we are confident that will continue. Unfortunately, attendance at all parishes has not returned to what it was in 2020, and we are no exception to that rule. We continue to reach out to those who do come and extend a hand in welcome. As you ask the Lord to guide your own journey in the coming months, please pray that we continue to be a place that people happily call their spiritual home. Happy New Year!

Our next Holy Hour will be Saturday, January 6, from 3:45-4:45 PM in the Worship Area. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered after the 9:30 Mass on January 7.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 31st	5 PM
• SOLEMNITY OF MARY VIGIL	Worship Area
Monday, January 1st	10 AM
• SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASS	Worship Area
<i>(The Parish Office is closed for New Year's Day.)</i>	
Wednesday, January 3rd	6 - 8 PM
• VIRTUS TRAINING	Fr. Joe Room
Thursday, January 4th	10 AM
• SCRIPTURE STUDY	Fr. Joe Room
• WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP 7PM	Chapel
• YOUTH GROUP PLNG. MTG.	Fr. Joe Room
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 OF THE SICK 10:30AM	Worship Area
• CHILDREN'S LITURGY 11:30 Mass	Fr. Joe Room

Scripture Readings for January 7, 2024



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

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, January 6th/7th



5:00 PM	Fr. Michael
8:00 AM	Fr. Michael
9:30 AM	Fr. Frank/Dcn. Joe
11:30 AM	Fr. Frank/Dcn. Joe

Christmas Flower Envelopes



Due to an early bulletin deadline, names of loved ones will appear in next week's bulletin.

Women's Prayer Group

Women's Prayer Group will resume meeting on the 1st Thursday of each month, beginning **January 4th** from **7:00 – 8:00 PM** in the Chapel.

All women in the parish are welcome.

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.



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.

Virtus Class for Volunteers in the Diocese of Rockville Centre

A person wishing to volunteer in any parish or organization in the Diocese of Rockville Centre must first complete three requirements:

1. Attend Protecting God's Children (Virtus)
2. Sign the Codes of Conduct
3. Complete a background screening application

(Background screening is conducted on all volunteers and employees every 5 years)

Directions to Complete the 3 Requirements:

1. Sign up to attend a Protecting God's Children class: www.Virtus.org
 - a. If you have not attended a Virtus class, you are a first-time registrant.
 - b. The first screen will ask the name of your organization - from the drop down list select Rockville Centre – Safe Environment.
 - c. Follow all directions on the next screens.
 - d. One screen will have the Codes of Conduct. Please acknowledge the Codes of Conduct.
 - e. Continue with the registration process and select the class you will attend.
 - f. After selecting the class, you will be instructed to complete the background screening application.
2. Background Screening Application:
 - a. Sterling Volunteers is the company providing the background screening.
 - b. Follow all the directions to complete the background screening application. **DO NOT STOP ONCE YOU BEGIN THE APPLICATION!** If you stop, you are locked out of the process due to security procedures.
 - c. You will need to provide your Social Security #; if you do not provide a Social Security # you will be charged a fee by the Diocese.
 - d. After completing the application, hit the "submit" button.

The next class offered at Holy Cross will be held on Wednesday, January 3rd, 2024 at 6pm. Please register for this class from the Virtus website. No walk-ins will be admitted. Please contact Tricia Clarke at 631-265-2200 x112 for more information.

BRING A FRIEND!

7th - 12th grade

For YOUTH

*Leading Teens
Closer to Christ*

at the Parish of the Holy Cross

**COME AND JOIN US!
"BREAKFAST
FOR DINNER"**

**SATURDAY AFTER MASS
6PM - 8PM
HOLY CROSS ATRIUM**

JOIN US ON THIS DATE

Jan 20th

WHY JOIN US?

- YOU'LL GET DINNER & DESSERT
- PLAY GAMES
- HANG OUT WITH FRIENDS IN A SAFE PLACE
- FAITH & FRIENDSHIP
- LISTEN TO MUSIC
- COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



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TAKE A CHANCE!

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.

Thank you for your support!

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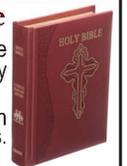
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