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LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!



Come and pray with us!

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - December 29, 2019

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.

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Monday—Thursday: 9:00 A.M. (Chapel) Saturday: 5:00 P.M.

Sunday: 8:00 A.M. + 9:30 A.M. + 11:30 A.M.

WE CELEBRATE RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:45 P.M.—4:30 P.M. or call Father Michael for an appointment.

WE CELEBRATE BAPTISM

Baptisms are generally celebrated twice each month at 1 P.M. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

WE CELEBRATE WEDDINGS

Couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date.

We are here for you!

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Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses



January 4th/5th

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

Remembering Our Sick

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You...

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

George V. Daly Manuela Diaz Phil Graziose **Bob Grieco** Jean Kuhl Marlene Starr

If you would like to have the name of your loved one listed in our prayers for the sick for 4 weeks, please contact the Parish Office at 631-265-2200 or email to pothc@optonline.net.

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Mass Intentions Schedule



Week of December 29th, 9AM Mass

Mon. Robert Tavis & Rose Marinelli

Tue. Kathleen & Thomas Cully (living)

Neal & Concetta Romano Thu.

Solemnity of Mary Masses

Tue., Dec. 31, 5PM John J. & Jane Daly Wed., Jan. 1, 10AM Maria Eannacone

Saturday, January 4th, 5 PM Mass

Rocco DeBonis, Melanie E. Thompson, Maureen Mooney, John Bryan Jr., Bruce Hoffman

Sunday, January 5th, Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. O. DeSanto

9:30 AM Fay Petrizzo, Angelo Petrizzo,

Marie Ulrich

11:30 AM People of the Parish

Scripture Readings for January 5, 2020



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

Happy New Year

by Father Michael

As you read this article, you will be either still celebrating or recovering from your Christmas festivities. As I write this article, I am still anticipating the arrival of the happy day. (There are lots of early deadlines for the bulletin these weeks because of the holidays.)

Every Christmas I host a little gathering at my house for both the Parish Staff as well as the Pastoral Team. We exchange our Secret Santa gifts, munch on a few snacks and enjoy spending some festive time with each other. In any given workplace, individuals are hired because they have the experience and/or expertise to handle a certain job that needs to be done. That would certainly be the case within the Church as well. Holy Cross is blessed to have gifted people in every corner of parish life. They are committed to their ministries and responsibilities, and they bring a passion and a sense of ownership to their daily work. Beyond that, we are doubly blessed by a spirit of cooperation that is shared among us. When there is a task that goes beyond the ability of what any one person can do, there will always be a helping hand and support. Finally, we have FUN! There are times our work is serious or we face difficult pastoral situations, but laughter and joy are the spices that make life interesting. I don't mean to downplay the role that our many ministries and volunteers play in the life of the parish. But, I do want to affirm all the good people that call Holy Cross their workplace.

I received an early "Christmas gift" in being able to get that burned out light bulb in the church changed. It was located over one of the middle sections of the worship area. I did not want a large section of the congregation to be sitting in the dark on Christmas Eve. It is not often that I say, "Failure is not an option." But, getting that light changed before Christmas was one of those moments. The bulb burned out about six weeks ago. It is complicated getting up to those high lighting fixtures. We explored many avenues of attack before we came up with a way of getting it done. Let there be light!

Traditionally, as a New Year approaches many folks make optimistic plans and resolutions for what lies ahead. There is nothing wrong in that. But, before this old year ends reflect upon all the gifts and blessings you have received. It is probably easier to remember the disappointments or the things that did not go right. Most likely, there were good times and moments of grace that happened as well. Be appreciative of all the good folks who bring life to your life. Don't overlook the holy works you accomplished and ways in which you were a good friend or demonstrated love.

Pray for our Nation. Pray for Peace. Happy New Year.

PARISH NEWS

Solemnity of Mary Mass Times

Tuesday, December 31st at 5:00 PM &

Wednesday, January 1st at 10:00 AM

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

Praying the Rosary

Join us as we pray the Rosary in the Chapel at 10:30AM on the last Sunday of each month. We will pray for our friends and loved ones who have fallen away from the Church. Join us on Sunday, December 29th!

Parish Outreach



We would ordinarily be collecting for our **Parish Outreach Food Pantry** on January 4th/5th. But, due to your generosity, the pantry is well stocked and we don't need anything at this time. Thank you to all!

Anointing of the Sick

In the past, people received the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick only when they were gravely ill. However, the Church believes that the Anointing of the Sick should be experienced while we are still able to be aware of God's peaceful presence within us.

You are strongly encouraged to receive this Sacrament if you are having upcoming surgery, are dealing with a chronic or debilitating illness, are suffering from addiction, mental health issues or frailty.

On the first Sunday of each month, the



Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is offered after the 9:30 AM Mass.
Sunday, January 5th, is the next date the Anointing will be offered.

Bakers Needed

Bakers are needed to make baked goods for the **Baptism of the Lord** celebration which will take place at the **Sunday, 11:30 Mass on January 12th**. This Mass honors those children who have been baptized in 2019. If interested, please contact Nick and Diane Lombardo at **631-698-5930**.

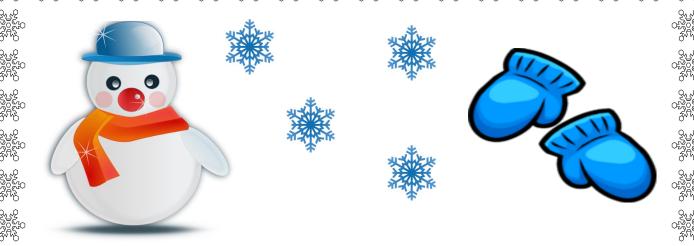
Holy Hour for Peace

We offer our Holy Hour on the first Saturday of the month from 3:45 to 4:45PM in the Worship Area.



The next one will take place on **Saturday**, **January 4th**. Please come and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament praying for God's gift of peace to touch our wounded world.

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The Parish of the Holy Gross

is hosting a Winter Garnival

for all Level 1 and 2 students and their families.

Date: Friday, January 17th

Time: Ipm - 9pm

Place: Parish of the Holy Gross Atrium

Come join the fun - games, crafts, refreshments, prizes!

Please RSVP by January 10th

631-265-2200 ext. 111 or 112 or hereled@optonline.net

We look forward to seeing you there!

LITURGY BYTES



The 3 Kings

Next weekend, we celebrate the Epiphany, Little Christmas, or the feast of the 3 Kings as it is known. 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 3 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 door. Here's what it would look like this year:

$$20 + C + M + B + 20$$

The year is marked by the year of blessing—2020. 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.*"

Here is a simple prayer of blessing for you to use for your front door:

"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 week.

~~~ Michele Hahn

# **PARISH OUTREACH**

## AN OUTREACH CHRISTMAS THANK YOU!

We were once again blessed with a tremendous response to our Christmas Angel project. Our struggling households were so very grateful for the gift cards for their families. As parents and family members, we can appreciate how good it is to provide for our children's needs. By enabling these moms and dads to do the same accomplishes so much more than just handing them a gift someone else has bought. They can now provide in a way they couldn't before.



This year we helped 60 families with clothing and toys for 230 individuals, including 82 children. We collected enough gift cards to provide each person with approximately \$20 for clothing needs and an additional \$25 per child for their toy requests. Also, each household received a supermarket card to help with their holiday meal. This means we collected and distributed over \$6700 in store gift cards and about \$1700 in supermarket cards.

Thank you so much for bringing the Light of Jesus' Birth to those who struggle each and every day. You are truly special ANGELS! Christ is born again every time we choose to give to another, walk with another or empower another.

In addition, the parish also provided gifts to the following agencies:

- 33 Gifts to our friends at Olsen's Rest Home
- 29 Gifts to Mercy Haven
- 145 Toys to Pronto in Brentwood
- 71 Gifts to Talbot House

This is a phenomenal effort that requires many volunteers to accomplish. A very big "THANK YOU" to angel cutters, shoppers, pantry stockers, sorting elves, gift deliverers, wrappers, card writers, those who donated money, gift cards and special donations which helped us and our families so much.

THANK YOU seems an inadequate way to express our appreciation. I wish you and your families a Very Blessed Christmas Season and a Joyous New Year.

Gratefully,

**Mary Anne** 

# 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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DENNIS KELLY

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HAROLD & MARION BUDREO

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# CASH CALENDAR



# Parish of the Holy Cross December 2019



| Sun  | Mon                                    | Tue  | Wed                                 | Thu  | Fri  | Sat  |
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| 22   | 23                                     | 24   | 25                                  | 26   | 27   | 28   |
| \$50 | \$50                                   | \$50 | \$500                               | \$50 | \$50 | \$50 |
| 29   | 30                                     | 31   | \$10 Per Chance ~ 31 Chances to Win |      |      |      |
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# **MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

Sunday, December 29th 10:30 AM • PRAY THE ROSARY Chapel

Tuesday, December 31st **5 PM** 

• SOLEMNITY OF MARY VIGIL MASS Worship Area

Wednesday, January 1st 10 AM • SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASS Worship Area (The Parish Office is closed for the Holy Day.)

Thursday, January 2nd 10 AM

• SCRIPTURE STUDY Fr. Joe Room

Saturday, January 4th 3:45 - 4:45 PM

• HOLY HOUR Worship Area

Sunday, January 5th After 9:30 Mass

• ANOINTING OF THE SICK Worship Area • REL. ED. FAMILY PROG. 10-11AM Fr. Joe Room

• BAPTISMS 2PM Worship Area

# **COMMUNITY NEWS**

## Retrouvaille Weekend You Can Help Heal Your Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties.



For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on Friday, January 17, 2020, please call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

# **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.

The Youth Group would like to wish everyone a happy and blessed New Year! We will not be meeting again until January 5th. Keep checking the bulletin for updates on our fun and exciting activities.

So, if you are thinking about coming to the church to see what we are all about, do it! You will not regret it. Come with a friend or family member. and join us as we continue to grow in the endless love of Christ.

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:

heyouthgroup 15@gmail.com or call the parish office. Thank you!

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