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**The Epiphany
of The Lord**

*“They fell down
and worshiped Jesus”*



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Stewardship

December 17, 2017		December 31, 2017	
Offertory	\$14,935.00	Offertory	\$11,516.40
Supplemental Coll.,	\$2,061.00	Electronic Giving	\$3,564.50
Electronic Giving	\$3136.75	Alms	\$17.00
Alms	\$72.00	Candles	\$165.30
Candles	\$206.26		
December 24, 2017 (Sunday)		January 1, 2018 (Holy Day)	
Offertory	\$6,136.00	Offertory	\$962.00
Electronic Giving	\$2,740.50		
Alms	\$66.00		
Candles	\$513.96		

Thank You

The Epiphany of The Lord



In their thirst for knowledge of God, the wise men from the East willingly left everything, their home and country, in pursuit of that quest. In their diligent search they were led to the source of true knowledge, to Jesus Christ, the Light and Wisdom of God. When they found the newborn King they

humbly worshiped him and gave him gifts fitting for a king.

The Lord of the universe who revealed the star of Bethlehem to the Gentiles of the East so they could come and worship Jesus, gives each one of us the same light of revelation to recognize and accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. It is through the Holy Spirit, that we are able to understand, accept, and believe the truth which God has revealed to us through his Son, Jesus Christ. In faith, the human will, and Intellect, cooperate with grace. *“Believing is an act of the intellect assenting to the divine truth by command of the will moved by God through grace”* Thomas Aquinas.

The Baptism of the Lord, January 8, 2018



Jesus submitted himself to John's baptism, in this humble submission we see a foreshadowing of the "baptism" of his bloody death upon the cross. Jesus' baptism is the acceptance and the beginning of his mission as God's suffering Servant. Jesus submitted himself to his Father's will. Out of love he consented to this baptism of death for the remission of our sins.

The Father proclaimed his entire delight in his Son and spoke audibly for all to hear. The Holy Spirit, too, was present as he anointed Jesus for his ministry which began that day as he rose from the waters of the Jordan River. At his baptism the heavens were opened and the waters were sanctified by the descent of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, signifying the beginning of a new creation.

Remember Your Holy Cross Christmas Donation



My Christmas Gift

Amount _____ Yes _____
Name _____

If you were away for Christmas, please remember to send in your Christmas donation. We are experiencing a bit of a budget pinch and an extra boost of generosity to close out the year would be much appreciated.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament At Holy Cross



The Eucharist is on the altar in Holy Cross Church between 9:30 AM and 4:00 PM for adoration every Wednesday. Feel free to come to church and pray before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Holy Hour for Life

On Saturday, January 20, there will be a Holy Hour for Life following the 9:00 AM Mass in Holy Cross Church. Please join us as we pray for unborn children near the anniversary of the Supreme Court, Roe v. Wade decision.



March For Life 2018



Join Holy Cross and the Diocese of Trenton at the March for Life on Friday, January 19th, in Washington D.C. Holy Cross will provide bus and metro transportation, food and drink on the bus. Tickets are; \$25/adult and \$10/student, Holy Cross School 7th and 8th grade students will be chaperoned by a faculty member. Bus departs Holy Cross parking lot at 6:15 AM and returns at 10:00 PM. Please fill out a registration form and return it to the Parish Office with a check by Friday, January 12th. For more information, call the Parish Office.

Holy Cross Men’s Group

Join us on January 11, at 7:30 PM, our topic will be **Forgiven—Where Are You**



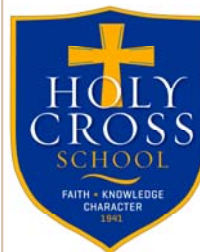
Have you ever received a “wake-up call” that

inspired you to make a change in your life? Maybe a health issue that forced you to make better choices. Or a comment from a friend convinced you to take a different course of action on something. When we go off course in life, God often sends us a wake-up call to draw us back. But sometimes it’s difficult, even painful, to stop, listen, and turn around. Thankfully, God doesn’t ask us to do it on our own.

He not only calls us home, but he also walks with us every step of the way

Please join us, new members are always welcome!

Join Holy Cross School ~ For The Ancient Order of Hibernians Polar Plunge To Benefit Catholic Schools



Join Holy Cross families on January 28, 2018 at Donovan’s Reef for the Polar Plunge. For details, **or** if you are interested in volunteering your time to help out, please send email to

Lisa; super3ones@aol.com **or** email Charissa; charissakeavey@gmail.com .

Charismatic Healing Mass

Reminder; The next Charismatic Healing Mass will be celebrated on **Monday, January 22nd!**

Holy Cross Church Mortgage Collections

Holy Cross Church Mortgage



Please help defray the cost of our church mortgage.

On Sunday, January 21st, our supplemental collection will be for the Holy Cross Church Mortgage. We will continue to have a Mortgage collection/envelope each month. Seven months of the year the Mortgage collection will

be on the first Sunday and will take the place of our pink Diocesan Assessment envelope. The other five months of the year, the collection for our Mortgage will be on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

We need **and** appreciate your support and generosity in helping to defray the expense of our church mortgage.

Hospitality Sunday

Join us on Sunday, January 21st, in the St. Joseph's Room following the 10:30 Mass for Hospitality Sunday. Enjoy light refreshments while spending time with other parishioners.



Welcome New Parishioners



- Leonard & Eva Blasucci*
- Joseph & Victoria Bowley*
- Andrea Brock*
- Jarrett & Mary Bruhn*
- Eric Cannataro*
- Charles & Anne Canton*
- Matthew & Elisabeth Casey*
- Robert & Mary Dobson*
- Christian & Debra Ericson*
- Julie Fleming*
- Richard & Francesca Fragiacomio*
- Eric & Jennifer Giglione*
- Patrick Hickey*
- Michael & Camilla Hill*
- Jennifer Jenkins*
- Timothy & Gabriella Kropp*
- Timothy & Eileen Leahy*
- John & Christine Lindholm*
- Sean Malone*
- James Massertt*
- Ryan & Laura Nava*
- Mike & Kerry Rice*
- Michael & Jessica Roberto*
- John Rosinski*
- Daniel & Kelly Russo*
- Kevin & Katherine Ryan*
- Thomas & Erica Taylor*
- Jacobo & Liliana Varela-Piazza*
- Ralph & Shelley Vuono*
- David & Kelly Walz*
- Jonathan & Francesca Werner*

Welcome New Parishioners Continued...

- David & Margaret West*
- John & Emily Yablonski*

Recently Baptized



- Sophie Lusterino*
- Beau Parker Seeliger*
- Madelyn Mae Seeliger*
- Michael William Phillips*
- Lucas Vito DiFranco*
- Hunter Mark Shirazi*
- Max Robert Taylor*
- John Robert Engemann*
- Sofia Elena Milano*
- Isabella Ramirez*
- Kerrigan Teague Starks*
- Reece Andrew Dobson*
- Kathleen Elizabeth Casey*
- Olivia Beatrice DePalma*
- Drew Jameson McCabe*
- Bennett Joseph McCabe*
- Lily Katherine Ryan*
- Grayson James Izzo*
- Alexandra Grace Aronowitz*
- James Harrison Lindholm*
- Eleanor Marie Pierce*
- Evelyn Carole Blasucci*
- Oliver Thomas Hill*
- Cole Dermot Delaney*
- Stella Maria Palumbo*
- Walter Craig Karczynski*
- Paityn Marie McCreesh*
- Brady Michael Roberto*



Recent Marriages

- Robert Thomas Esposito*
And Jennifer Lynn Farrell
- Paul John McLernan*
And Kelly Theresa Johnston
- John Archibald McCarthy*
And Alexa Procaccino
- Clark Joseph McIntyre*
And Brittany Sage Chevalier
- Russell Scott Smith, Jr.*
And Teddi Elizabeth Babnowski
- Luke John Ruckel*
And Alicia Frances Fanelli
- Robert Joseph Clifton*
And Nicole Michelle DelColle
- Gregory Brian Smith*
And Caroline Mary Worth
- Robert James Carr, Jr.*
And Alyssa Tamire McKenna
- William Matthew Schwacke*
And Mia Alyssa DePalo



Convalidation

- Brian Patrick Seeliger*
And Jaclyn Lee Seeliger

Please Pray For Our Recently Deceased

- Dawn Garavente*
- Richard Brock*
- Joan Sanders*
- Janet Kaiser*
- William O'Connor*
- Jane Keaveney*



Memorial Votive Candles

January 5 thru January 12

Michael Lucey (The Lapp Family)

John Quinn (The Lapp Family)

Memorial Votive Candles



Holy Cross Memorial Candles burn from Friday to Friday in our Prayer Garden, in front of the Blessed Mother Statue. Your intention is announced at the Saturday 9 AM Mass. Memorial Candles and Cards are available at the Parish Office and on our Parish Website. A Memorial Candle donation is \$20.

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FORMED Pick of the Week ~ REBORN.



As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord this weekend, most of us realize that baptism is an

important part of Christian life. But is Baptism anything more than just a rite of passage? In *Reborn*, you'll see that Baptism isn't just a nice gesture that we do for infants, but it actually reveals the heart of God's love for His children. This week, login to FORMED and watch Episode 1 of *Reborn*.

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- Visit Formed.org with a web browser
- Click on **Register** (lower right of page)
- Enter Parish Access Code: **FGZHRX**
- Enter your email and create a password
 - Enjoy and share with others.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 6

9:00 AM Geoffrey Brown (M/M Jim Hinckley)
 5:00 PM Victoria Callahan (Sallie Kabash)
 And Marcel Wagner (Modin Family)

Sunday, January 7

8:00 AM Jim Gardella (Tony Gardella)
 10:30 AM Janet Kaiser (M/M Jim Hinckley)
 12:00 PM Catherine Savin (Foggia Family)
 5:00 PM Donald Ritchie (Celine Mason)

Monday, January 8

9:00 AM Gregory Mehan (Chrissy Marcoullier)

Tuesday, January 9

9:00 AM Victoria Callahan (Shaheen Family)

Wednesday, January 10

9:00 AM Andrew Kroon (Kevin Leahy & Family)

Thursday, January 11

9:00 AM Dawn Garavente (Trombetta & Tokash Families)

Friday, January 12

9:00 AM Jason Appio (M/M Charles Ryan)

Saturday, January 13

9:00 AM Jane B. Keaveney (Gary Sammon)
 5:00 PM Dr. George Massell (M/M Paul Ryan & Family)

Sunday, January 14

8:00 AM Alexandria Siwulec (Family)
 10:30 AM Dawn Garavente (Foggia Family)
 12:00 PM Joseph Bernocco (M/M Michael Feerst & Family)
 5:00 PM Martin B. McCann, Jr. (M/M Charles Ryan)



Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

Our of respect for the privacy of the person who is ill and keeping in mind the HIPPA Laws, we can only publish prayer requests from the ill person or their guardian, with the permission of the ill person. We review the list every three months. Call with concerns!



*Catherine O'Malley, Ann Connor, Eleanor Blass,
 Sophia Gonzales, Joey Weikel, John Wizeman,
 Marisa Murphy, Daniel Bonifacio, Jennifer Denis,
 Dawn Lloyd, Sandra Foster, Alessandra Giunta,
 Msgr. James Innocenzi, Lindley McCarthy, Maria
 Incremona, Sean Ring, Elenmarie Dunn and Lori Lettieri*

Calendar at a Glance

Monday, January 8

Respect Life Committee Meeting, 1 PM (PO)
CRCIA, 4:00 PM and RCIA Session, 6:30 PM
SOR Grade 7 Classes, 6:30 PM

Tuesday, January 9

Tuesday Prayer Group, 1:30 PM (St. Joseph Room)
SOR Classes, 4:00 PM

Wednesday, January 10

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 9:30 AM—4:00 PM
Elizabeth Ministry Faith sharing, 10 AM (St. Joseph Room)
Youth Ministry Meeting,

Thursday, January 11

Bible Study, 9:45 AM (St. Joseph Room)
Holy Cross Men’s Group, 7:30 PM (St. Joseph Room)

Saturday, January 13

Mass 9:00 AM, Confession and Novena after Mass

Sunday, January 14

Holy Cross Choir, 9:45 AM Choir Call
Mass Sitters Available



Monday, January 15

Holy Cross School Closed
RCIA Session, 6:30 PM

Tuesday, January 16

Tuesday Prayer Group, 12:30—3:30 PM (St. Joseph Room)
SOR Classes, 4:00 PM

Wednesday, January 17

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 9:30 AM—4:00 PM
Youth Ministry Meeting,

Thursday, January 18

Bible Study, 9:45 AM (St. Joseph Room)
Children's Choir Practice, 3:30 PM (PO)
Holy Cross Men’s Group, 7:30 PM (St. Joseph Room)

Friday, January 19

March For Life, Washington DC

Saturday, January 20

Mass 9:00 AM, Confession and Novena after Mass
Holy Hour For Life, Following the 9 AM Mass

Sunday, January 21

SOR Classes, 9:00 AM
Holy Cross Choir, 9:45 AM Choir Call
Mass Sitters Available
Hospitality Sunday, Following 10:30 Mass (St. Joseph Rm)
SOR 8th Grade Class, 4:15 PM

Word Of Life

“Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain and suffering. ... Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need and teach us to be merciful to all.” *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*

2017 Contribution Statements



Holy Cross Parishioners who would like to receive a 2017 Contribution Statement should complete this form and return it to the Parish Office, **or** place it in the collection basket.

You may also request a Contribution Statement by emailing webmaster@holycrossrumson.org

The statements will be available at the end of January. *Thank you!*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone number: _____