

December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

This Week At Holy Cross:

- **Sunday:** Stars for Jesus gifts due this weekend!
- **Sunday:** Messiah Concert
- **Wednesday:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- **Thursday:** Bible Study
- **Thursday:** Holy Hour
- **Thursday:** Men's Group
- **Thursday:** Stations of the Creche and Tree Lighting
- **Friday:** Holy Cross School Open House

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Stewardship

December 2, 2018

“The word of God came to John”

Offertory	\$11,229.85
Supplemental Coll.,	\$1,505.00
Electronic Giving	\$3,626.75
Alms	\$50.46
Candles	\$258.25

Thank You

Second Sunday of Advent



This second candle of our Advent Wreath recalls the promise that you have made to your faithful ones, that a new heaven awaits us.

We are patient Lord, as we await your coming we ask that you enlighten our minds and hearts with your grace and peace.



Stars For Jesus



**All gifts should be returned wrapped, with the card/star attached!
Donations must be brought in by this Sunday, December 9th.**



Messiah Part One

George Frideric Handel

**Sunday, December 9th,
3:00 PM Holy Cross Church**

*Holy Cross Choir, Choral Artists,
Chamber Orchestra,
Don Carolina, Conductor.*

*You will be entertained
and filled with the
spirit of Christmas.*

Suggested Offering \$20.

Youth Ministry Christmas Wreath Sale



Our Youth Ministry is selling decorated Christmas wreaths, decorative planters and more, for the upcoming Christmas season. This is the last weekend for the Christmas Wreath sale. Please show your support of our Youth Ministry and purchase a Christmas wreath.

**Morning Offering
to Our Lady
of Guadalupe**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Heart of my Mother, Our Lady of Guadalupe, I unite to thy purity, thy sanctity, thy zeal and thy love, all my thoughts, words, acts, and sufferings this day, that there may be nothing in me that does not become through thee, a pleasure to Jesus, a gain to souls, and an act of reparation for the offenses against thy Heart.



Preschool Christmas Movie

The Elizabeth Ministry will be showing a Preschool Christmas Movie on Sunday, **December 9th**, in the St. Joseph Room, following the 10:30 Mass. Snacks will be provided.

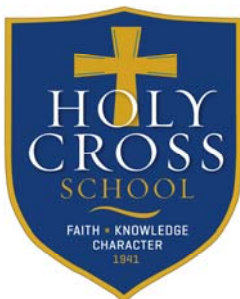
Stations of the Creche and Christmas Tree Lighting

Please join us on **Thursday, December 13th** at 7:00 PM as we follow the journey of the Holy Family in Stations of the Creche. Music, candlelight, live nativity animals and the lighting of our Holy Cross Christmas Tree, followed by refreshments for everyone.



Holy Cross School Open House

Holy Cross School will have an Open House on Friday, December 14th from 9:00 - 10:30 AM. All are welcome. Registration for all grades will open in January during Catholic Schools Week. If you are interested, but unable to attend our Open House, call the Holy Cross School Office to set up a private tour.



**Holy Cross Prayer
Garden Memorial
Bricks**

Donate a Memorial Brick in the Holy Cross Prayer Garden. Pavers can be ordered online from our Parish Website or you may stop by the Parish Office. Donations for Memorial Bricks are \$400 each.

Charismatic Healing Mass

There will be no Healing Mass in December.

The next Charismatic Healing Mass will be on Monday, January 28th at 8:00 PM in Holy Cross Church.



Men's Group

Thursday, December 13th at 7:30 PM
Advent: Preparing For Christ (Week III)



This coming Sunday is Gaudete Sunday and the theme is joy. The name *Gaudete* Sunday is taken from today's Introit (entrance antiphon) which begins "*Gaudete in Domino Semper*" or "Rejoice in the Lord always." It is a "break" from the more penitential focus of the season and a reminder to rejoice. Many years ago Advent had a more penitential character than it does now and this break was more noticeable. This week's readings continue to refer to the Second Coming but the emotional emphasis is on joy; for those who are in Christ have nothing to fear.

Christmas Flower Donations



Included in your packet of offertory envelopes is the Christmas Flower Donation envelope. We appreciate your donations that help us manage the cost of decorating our church for Christmas. Please consider helping us prepare a fitting place to welcome the Lord.

RCIA Rite of Welcoming 2019



On Saturday, December 1 at the 5:00 PM Mass



we joyfully welcomed into the RCIA process at Holy Cross:

Candidates

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| Catechumen | Krista Furlong |
| Harley Mulheren | Dylan Moschella |
| | Peter Louis Tricules |

Initiates (Children to receive First Eucharist)

- Angelina De Bruijn
 Lily La Gatta
 Carter Lee

Let us keep them in special prayers throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons!

Church Security



In order to make our church environment more secure, access to the church during

the week will be limited to the handicapped entrance door adjacent to the rectory **and** the South West Double Stairway entrance (by the Jesus Statue). This will enable us to monitor the church more easily, especially when the school children are present for mass. As always, we must balance the need for security with ease of access.

Holy Cross Pergola Column Donations



Consider dedicating a Pergola column in gratitude or prayerful memory of someone. Contact the Parish Office for details.

Remember Holy Cross Church At Christmas



My Christmas Gift

Amount _____ No. _____
 Name _____

Please be as generous as your means allow in the Christmas collection this year. Your generosity is needed and appreciated.



**Memorial Votive Candle
December 7 thru December 14**



Frank DeAngelis (M/M William McHeffey)



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 9:00 AM Mass. Candles and

Cards are available at the Parish Office and on our Parish Website. A Memorial Candle donation is \$20.

Holy Cross Poor Boxes



Our brass colored Poor Boxes are built into the wall, on either side of the entrance, in the Narthex of the Church. Donations are needed **and** appreciated all year long. Please remember to give to the poor especially during Advent.



Holy Cross Christmas Mass Schedule



Christmas Eve,

Monday, December 24th

3:00 PM, 4:30 PM, 6:00 PM and 11:00PM

Christmas Carols begin at 10:30 PM

Christmas Day,

Tuesday, December 25th

10:30 AM and 12:00 Noon

New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31st

For Holy Day, Solemnity of Mary

5:00 PM Vigil Mass

New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1st

Holy Day, Solemnity of Mary

9:00 AM Mass

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 8

9:00 AM Evelyn O'Neill (M/M Gene A. Harcsar)

5:00 PM Concetta Sorace (Family)

Sunday, December 9

8:00 AM Jane Keaveney (M/M Don McDermott)

10:30 AM Betty Geiger (M/M Michael Seaman & Family)

12:00 PM Madison Wells (M/M John Keavey)

And Valerie Wells-Wulffers (Keavey Family)

5:00 PM Jim Cottrell (Marie Cottrell)

Monday, December 10

9:00 AM Jennifer Garwood (M/M Owen Burns & Family)

Tuesday, December 11

9:00 AM Camille Harczuk (M/M Brett Flynn)

Wednesday, December 12

9:00 AM Julia Ungvarski (Panza Family)

Thursday, December 13

9:00 AM Grace Horan (M/M John Horan)

Friday, December 14

9:00 AM James Flynn (Claire Casey)

Saturday, December 15

9:00 AM John Mulheren (M/M Kevin Leahy)

5:00 PM Mark Sobel, Jr. (Family)

Sunday, December 16

8:00 AM Charles Bernard Donnelly (M/M William Geltzeiler)

10:30 AM Louis K. Houmis (Dominic Lunanuova & Family)

And Joseph Thompson (Family)

12:00 PM Betty Geiger (M/M Tom Huthwaite)

5:00 PM Holly Kicak Ward (M/M Paul Sperber & Family)

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

Out 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,

Maria Incremona, Frank Reedy, Grace Fasullo,

Maryann Allegra and John McCoy.

Calendar at a Glance



Monday, December 10

RCIC Session, 4:00 PM (PO)
RCIA Session, 6:30 PM (PO)
SOR 7th Grade Session, 6:30 PM

Tuesday, December 11

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

Wednesday, December 12

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, **9:45 AM - 4:00 PM**
Elizabeth Ministry Faith Sharing, 9:30 AM (St. Joseph Room)
Youth Ministry, 6:30 PM
AA Meeting, 8:00 PM (St. Joseph Room)

Thursday, December 13

Youth Choir practice 3:30 PM
Exposition and Holy Hour, 6:00—7:00 PM
Stations of the Creche and Tree Lighting, 7:00 PM
Holy Cross Men's Group, 7:30 PM (St. Joseph Room)

Friday, December 14

Holy Cross School Open House, 9 AM—10:30 AM

Saturday, December 15

Mass 9:00 AM, Confession and Novena after Mass

Sunday, December 16

SOR Classes 9:00 AM
Choir Call, 9:45 AM
Baptism Prep Class, 12 Noon (St. Joseph Room)



Monday, December 17

RCIC Session, 4:00 PM (PO)
RCIA Session, 6:30 PM (PO)

Tuesday, December 18

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

Wednesday, December 19

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, **9:45 AM - 4:00 PM**
Holy Cross School Christmas Concert, 7:00 PM
AA Meeting, 8:00 PM (St. Joseph Room)

Thursday, December 20

Youth Choir practice 3:30 PM (Choir loft)
Exposition and Holy Hour, 6:00—7:00 PM
Choir rehearsal, 7:00 PM

Holy Cross Men's Group, 7:30 PM (St. Joseph Room)

Friday, December 21

HCS Noon Dismissal

Saturday, December 22

Mass 9:00 AM, Confession and Novena after Mass

Sunday, December 23

Choir Call, 9:45 AM



Around The Cohort And The Diocese

Parish Administrator/Bookkeeper/Secretary

St. Mark's Church, Sea Girt, is now hiring a Parish Administrator/Bookkeeper/Secretary. You will be responsible for implementing and coordinating parish financials including bookkeeping, payroll and financial reports for the Diocese, supervision of the administrative staff and support for parish activities. Requirements: bachelor's degree with a min., of five years of related administrative experience, strong organization, communication and interpersonal skills. Prior supervisory experience and work in a parish is preferred.

Must be able to multi-task, make decisions and work independently. Strong computer skills with knowledge of Microsoft Office and QuickBooks required.

Send resume to rectory@stmarkseagirt.com

Contact Volunteers Needed

CONTACT of Ocean & Monmouth Counties has relied on volunteers to serve our organization. The need is crucial since we are here for our callers 24/7 on the Crisis Intervention/Information & Referral Helpline. The next (12-week) training class for telephone volunteers for CONTACT (24-hour crisis intervention hotline) will begin on **Thursday, January 17, from 6:30 -9:30 PM** in the Brick Township area once a week for 12 weeks. CONTACT, a free and confidential service, has been assisting with the needs of individuals throughout the community since 1975, by providing a safe place for callers to talk about their problems with anonymity. Information and referral are provided when requested. For information, call **732-240-6104**.