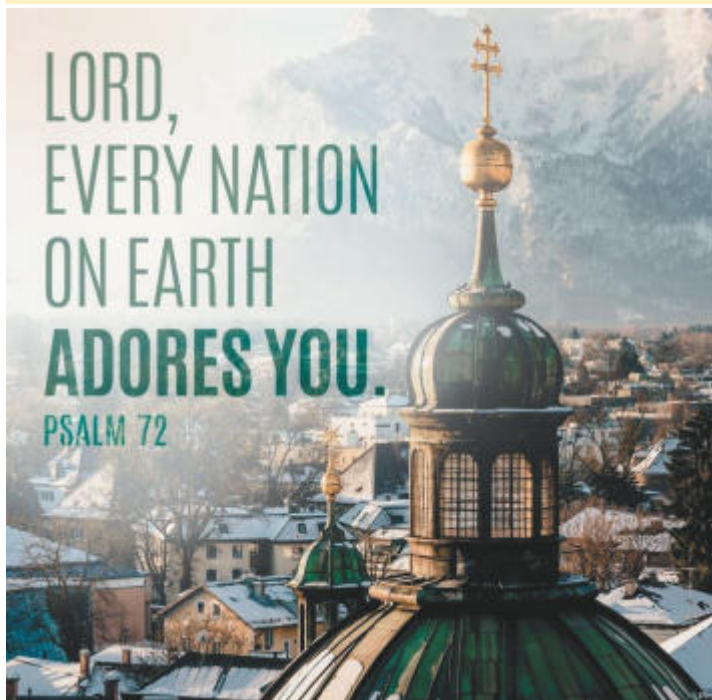


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JANUARY 2, 2021

Epiphany of the Lord

WELCOME

Please introduce yourselves and register in order to become a member of this community of believers. We welcome your gifted presence in the life of our parish.

OUR MISSION

Holy Cross Parish, a community centered in the Eucharist, is committed in faith and love of Jesus Christ to fulfill the profoundly human and spiritual needs of its parishioners and the larger community it serves. We seek to inspire all, through deeds and by example, to do the work of Christ: to make God known, loved, and served.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Monday - Friday 9:00am

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 5:30pm

Holy Days of Obligation

9:00am, 7pm

Confession

Saturday 3:15 - 3:45pm

Other by Appointment

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

Dear Parishioners and Guests,

Happy Epiphany and Happy New Year 2022! I pray this new year bring everyone increased health, happiness, and hope that this year might finally be the one that kicks out covid or least gives us much relief rather than returns to masks and monitoring. They say the third time is a charm – maybe that works for years as well in dealing with something like a pandemic.

This weekend we also share in a decades old tradition dating back to the very beginnings of Holy Cross Parish over 50 years ago, the Children's Christmas Pageant. I am always amazed the original donkey and sheep make their way up from storage along with passed down costumes and crowns amid halos and a few pieces of hay. This year both first and second graders are included since we didn't have it last year because of the pandemic. I am very grateful to parishioners Amy Goffredo, Linda Sullivan, and Director of Religious Education Margaret Hogan, for rallying the families and children and practicing for this momentous morning in these young parishioners and families' lives. I am also grateful to the Goffredo's who helped cover the costs of the streaming camera allowing grandparents and extended family members to pray and applaud with the rest of us from wherever they are watching. Epiphany, traditionally January 6th, the Twelfth Day of Christmas, in the United States was moved long ago to the second Sunday after Christmas between the Feast of the Holy Family and the conclusion of the Christmas Season with the Baptism of the Lord. It is moving to hear the entirety of the Christmas Gospel, usually split over various Christmas Masses, read in one continuous proclamation including the section from Matthew's gospel assigned to today's solemnity. It is moving to see the children use sign language as we all sing Silent Night.

Thank you again to all who made this year's Holly Fair a success. I wanted to make sure to include our gratitude not only parishioner volunteers: (Adults) Claire Abate, Art Geisinger, Laura Geisinger, Joan Iacono, Kathy Cremin, Colleen Cremin, Joe Kennedy, Christy Solomini, Peg Malpiede, Rosemary Burke, Andrea McFaul, Mary Mendonca, Ray Morrill, Katey O'Neill, Kate O'Reilly, Christy Solomini, Claire Smith, Harold Smith, Julie Smith, Linda Sullivan, Donna Voltolini, and first-time coordinator Kerry Vieira, (Teen & Youth) Angelique Alphonse, Clare McFaul, Juliette McFaul, Eric Dias, Emily Beaulieu, Emilia Cabellon, Jillian Charron, Charlotte Geaghan, Nicholas Geaghan, Grace Gouin, Carmen Hall, Sarah Hartman, Ava Hartman, Samantha Johnson, Samuel Pavao, Sean Quinn, and Annie Reilly, but also to many area businesses near and far who supported our parish:

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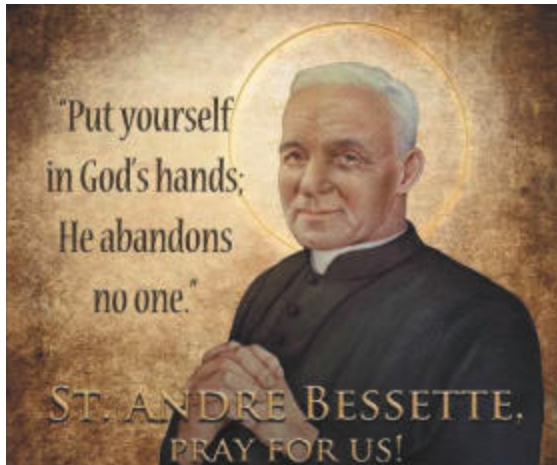
We sent official Thank You letters to these businesses, but it wouldn't hurt to say thank you in person as patrons of these places that support us. Please let the office know if your business or place of employment does charitable donations and we will reach out to them for the upcoming spring Golf Tournament and next year's Holly Fair.

It is back to school and the regular work week now that the majority of the Christmas Season has passed by. Next weekend's Baptism of the Lord officially concludes the season, but I think we'll continue seeing many not so fresh Christmas trees kicked to the curb this week. On the positive side, the days are now ever so slowly getting longer until sometime in February when I usually notice the impact while the nights now decrease. Enjoy the last of the Christmas cookies, fudge, peanut brittle and peppermint bark along with all the various coffees and cocoas of the season. It's challenging going to the Y this month with all the new years' resolution folks crowding the place. Maybe they will persevere this year, or, maybe it will get back to normal as in years' past when old habits and routines settle back in. Human beings are creatures of habit and don't like change, positive or negative, very much. I guess that's why Lent will start on Wednesday, March 2nd. Not that I'm rushing things or anything.

God Bless,
Fr. Brad

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

St. Andre Bessette, C.S.C.
06 January



Brother André, a lay brother of the Congregation of Holy Cross, was born Alfred Bessette on 09 August 1845 in Mont-Saint-Grégoire, Canada. His father, Isaac, was a carpenter and lumberman, while his mother, Clothilde was a stay-at-home mother who cared for and educated her children.

Br. André was the eighth of 12 children, with four of his siblings dying in infancy. A frail child himself Br. André was baptized just after birth for fear that he wasn't going to survive.

The Bessette family lived in poverty due to a lack of jobs in Canada during the mid-1800's. Br. André's father finally found employment as a lumberman but was tragically killed by a falling tree. His mother succumbed to tuberculosis when Br. André was twelve years of age.

As a young man Br. André moved to Moosup, CT to live with relatives. He worked in textile mills in Connecticut and Rhode Island before returning in 1867 to Canada. It was there that he joined the Congregation of Holy Cross and on 02 February 1875 professed his final vows.

Br. André spent his ministerial life as a porter at the Collège Notre Dame in Quebec. He had great devotion to St. Joseph and when caring for the sick would recommend them in prayer to the foster father of Jesus.

In 1924 the construction of the Oratory of St. Joseph in Montreal began 20 years after St. André began a campaign for a chapel to be built honoring St. Joseph. In 1937 Br. André died and a million people paid him respect before he was buried in a tomb below the main chapel of the Oratory.

Br. André was beatified on 23 May 1982 by Pope John Paul II and canonized on 19 December 2009 by Pope Benedict XVI.

Reflection Question: St. André said: "People worry over nothing. When they need it, help will come at the right time from the good Lord." What does trust in the will of God mean to you as a person of faith?

MASS INTENTIONS

✠Saturday, January 1

9:00am

4:00pm Joe Campbell 7th Anniversary
Requested by Martha, Matt and Megan

✠Sunday, January 2

8:30am

10:00am Jane and Jack Gilbride
Requested from Family

5:30pm

✠Monday, January 3

9:00am Marylou Florio 1 Year Anniversary
Requested by her husband Kenneth & family

✠Tuesday, January 4

9:00am

✠Wednesday, January 5

9:00am

✠Thursday, January 6

9:00am

✠Friday, January 7

9:00am

✠Saturday, January 8

4:00pm Linda and Richard Shakman
Requested by Jean Tarantino and Family

✠Sunday, January 9

8:30am Mauro Denelo Month's Mind Mass
Requested by Dary /Denelo Family

10:00am Kevin Burns 1 Year Anniversary
Requested from Burns Family

5:30pm Kevin J. McIntyre 1 Year Anniversary
Requested by Eileen McIntyre

If you are a family member whose loved one is being remembered in the Mass and would like to bring the gifts to the altar, please see one of the priests or ushers prior to the start of Mass.

At times, the families of Holy Cross parishioners who have passed away request that gifts in their memories be made to Holy Cross Parish. These gifts are then used for special projects in the parish. This is a wonderful way to honor someone active in our parish at their passing.

We invite you to consider remembering Holy Cross in this way in your funeral arrangements or at the death of a loved one who is a parishioner of Holy Cross. Your generosity and thoughtfulness will help us continue to minister to the needs of our parishioners and the wider community.

Announcements

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THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

NEXT DATE : JANUARY 15, 2022

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cathy.downes@verizon.net or Trish Murphy: 508-813-1880 triciamurph@gmail.com

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Meal Suggestions:

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| Cooked, sliced chicken | Cooked, sliced ham |
| Potatoes | Fresh fruit |
| Pasta dishes w/meat & sauce | Macaroni and Cheese |
| Cooked vegetables | Stuffing & Gravy |
| Cranberry sauce | Tossed Salad & Dressing |
| Bread or Rolls | Desserts |

Servers are not needed at this time

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Contact cathy.downes@verizon.net or triciamurph@gmail.com for more info

Outreach Sunday
JANUARY 2, 2022

Some of the requests from the community agencies we serve have changed to reflect their current needs.

My Brother's Keeper-diapers, household cleaning products, sponges, canned: soup, fruit, pasta sauce, vegetables. Peanut butter, jelly, pasta, mac and cheese, snacks

Birthright-diapers, wipes

Family & Community Resources-canned: soup, fruit, pasta sauce, vegetables. Peanut butter, jelly, pasta, mac and cheese, snacks

Mainspring House-toiletries

We Do Care-support local widows and widowers and their families by donating grocery store gift cards

Louisan Family Shelter-birthday bag items: cake mixes, frosting, cake pans, birthday party supplies: plates, napkins, banners, plasticware, tablecloths and decorations

Please leave your donations in the gathering area of the church on Outreach Sunday, the first Sunday of each month. Thank you for continuing to generously support our local community service agencies!

Please contact Claire Abate with any questions at claire@claireabate.com.



Thank you to the following first and second grade faith formation students that will participate in our Nativity Pageant today Sunday, January 2, 2021 @8:30a.m.

Andrew Abramoske

Nolan Berg

Sylvia Cannon

Jack Costello

Jack Lynch

Xander O'Reilly

Andrew Woodford

Owen Tracy

Charlotte Munn

William Abramoske

Lennon Waxman

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You can use this choosing the appropriate fund to support everything from regular Sunday collections (one-time or recurring), Parish Appeal, any and all programming, special collections, Building Fund, or Faith Formation fees. Thank you for supporting the parish.

READING I Is 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

READING II Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters:

You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

GOSPEL Lk 3:10-18

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*"

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage."

After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

- Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
- Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
- Next Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

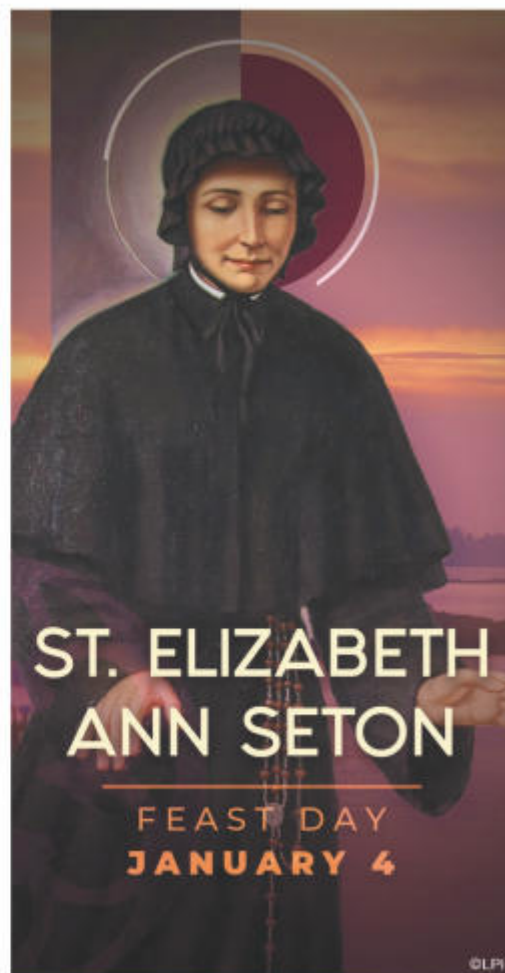
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

- Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
- Monday:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- Tuesday:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
- Wednesday:** St. John Neumann, Bishop
- Thursday:** St. André Bessette, Religious
- Friday:** St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
- Next Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."



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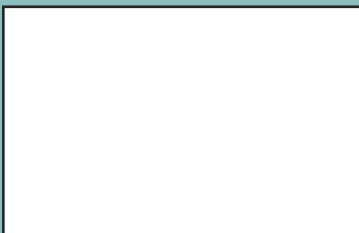


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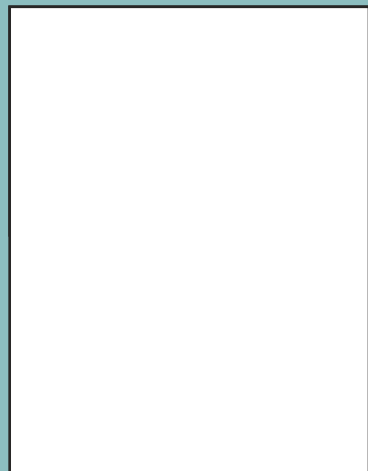

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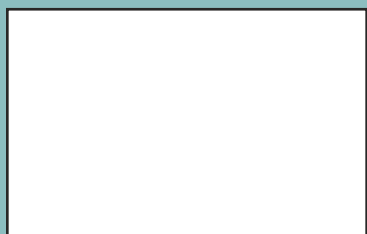
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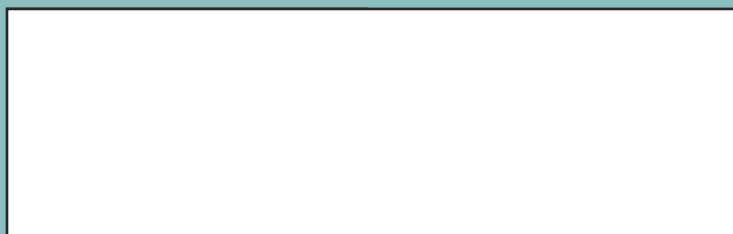
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