

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

JAN. 2, 2022

THE SACRAMENTS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays, 3:00-3:30 p.m., and by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

The policy for the Diocese of Springfield requires a period of preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage, which includes sessions with the Parish Priest and participation at either the Pre-Cana conferences or the Engaged Encounter weekend. Please contact the Priest a minimum of six (6) months prior to setting any dates to allow adequate preparation.

PASTORAL CARE

Arrangements for the reception of the Sacraments at home can be made by contacting the Rectory. Please also notify the Rectory when a Parishioner is in the hospital or otherwise confined. If you have an emergency sick call, please call the Rectory.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is celebrated on the second Sunday of each month at 12:30 p.m. Parents should call the parish office at 783-4111.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Classes are held from September through April.

*No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church,
No matter what your current family or marital situation,
No matter what your current personal history,
age, background, or race,
No matter what your own self-image —
You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected
here at Holy Cross Church.
We are here to welcome and serve you.*

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Holy Cross Parish
is to **BUILD THE BODY OF CHRIST.**

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372-6241 or ext. 117

Brian Rucci, Director, Liturgical Music
372-6238, or ext. 146

Cathy Daniel, Director, Faith Formation and
Child Advocate, 372-6239, or ext. 121

MAIN NUMBER

783-4111, ext. 100

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Daily Mass: Mon. to Thurs., 9:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. or by appt.

DEVOTIONS

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday after 9:00 a.m. Mass

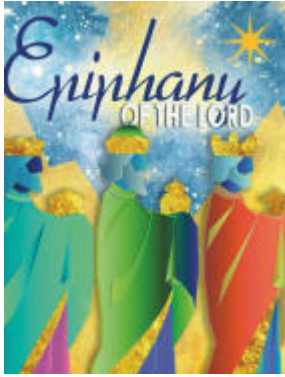
Adoration Wednesday: 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy Wednesday 5:00 p.m.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Call Sue at 796-1950

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

The Altar Bread and Wine for Christmas week have been donated in Memory of Mary McGrath and Anne Moriarty, by Their Family.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1 — NEW YEAR'S DAY

10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

9:00 a.m. + Michael Massa, requested by His Wife, Nina

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

9:00 a.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

9:00 a.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

9:00 a.m. No Mass

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

10:00 a.m. +Ted Gingras, requested by His Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m. +Gail Remillard, requested by the Parish Council

We ask God to return to eternal life our recently departed, our friends and relatives.

OPEN PANTRY This week we ask that you please bring **Peanut Butter**. Next week we ask that you please bring **Canned Ravioli**.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun., Jan. 2 11 a.m. Sandwich Ministry, Gold Room

Tue., Jan. 4 6:30 p.m. JustFaith, JustFaith Room

Wed., Jan. 5 4 p.m. Adoration & Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Church
6:30 p.m. JustFaith, JustFaith Room

Sat., Jan. 8 7:00 p.m. AA Park Allen Group, Gold Room

Sun., Jan. 9 11 a.m. Sandwich Ministry, Gold Room
6:00 p.m. Gr. 10 Faith Formation class, Conference Room



PARISH GIVING

DECEMBER 18 & 19: \$6,038.50

2021-22 BUDGET: \$8,600.00

Thank you for your continuing support.

Look for inspiration or humor or share it on Holy Cross' new Facebook page...

AT THE CROSS.SPRINGFIELD

Hunger does not take a holiday...

The 2022 Sandwiches for the Homeless second collection dates are: February 26 & 27, April 30 & May 1, June 18 & 19, August 27 & 28, October 29 & 30, and December 24 & 25.

"Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you." Isaiah 60:1

2022 World Peace Day Message: Pope Francis Calls for Investment in Education, Not Weaponry

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VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis called for more investment in education and less in weaponry in his 2022 World Peace Day message, released Tuesday.

In the message published Dec. 21, the Pope said the world had witnessed a “significant reduction” in education funding in recent years, while military spending had soared beyond Cold War levels.

“It is high time, then, that governments develop economic policies aimed at inverting the proportion of public funds spent on education and on weaponry,” he wrote in the message, signed on Dec. 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

The World Day of Peace — instituted by St. Paul VI in 1968 — is celebrated each year on Jan. 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The Pope provides a message for the occasion, which is sent to foreign ministers around the world.

The Pope’s message for the 2022 World Day of Peace, the 55th celebration, is entitled “Dialogue between generations, education, and work: tools for building lasting peace.”

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The Pope called for a new alliance between the young and elderly to



address the problems of isolation and self-absorption heightened by the coronavirus pandemic.

“Although technological and economic development has tended to create a divide between generations, our current crises show the urgent need for an intergenerational partnership,” he wrote.

“Young people need the wisdom and experience of the elderly, while those who are older need the support, affection, creativity, and dynamism of the young.”

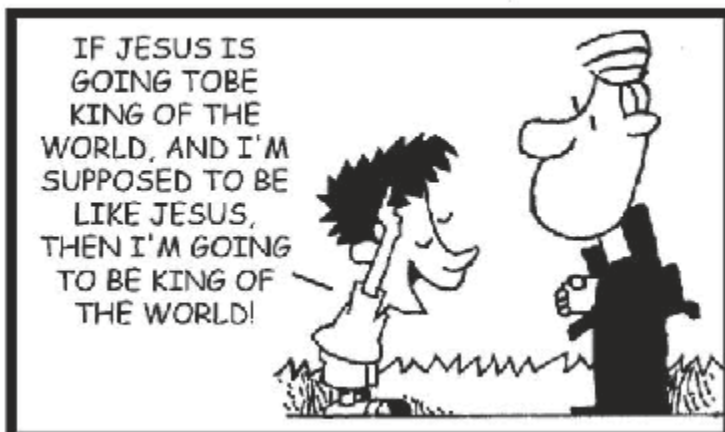
The Pope expressed the hope that a new dialogue between generations could become “the driving force behind a healthy politics.”

He lamented the tendency to see education and training as expenditures instead of investments. He said that they should be considered “the primary means of promoting integral human development,” because they help to shape free and responsible people

He added that greater investment in education must be accompanied by the promotion of a “culture of care,” which could become “a common language working to break down barriers and build bridges.”

(To finish this article, link to [2022 World Peace Day message: Pope Francis calls for investment in education, not weaponry | Catholic News Agency](#))

EPIPHANY



JANUARY 1 & 2, 2022



BIBLE STUDY:
A Biblical Walk through the Mass

Please join us in the new year for a new Bible study, **A Biblical Walk through the Mass**, Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. in the rectory conference room, January 26 to February 23. This five-week program explores the biblical roots of the Mass, what it all means and why it all matters, through video teaching

by Edward Sri, book, workbook and discussion. Cost of materials is \$30.

Please contact Mary Hart, at 413-455-4778, or mary-hart.avon@yahoo.com for more details or to register. All are welcome!

PRO-LIFE VIGIL, JANUARY 13



Please join Catholics for the Unborn for a pro-life vigil on Thursday, January 13, at 10 a.m. at St Michael's Cathedral in Springfield. The vigil begins with Exposition, Recitation of the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet then Adoration. At 12 noon there will be Benediction followed by Daily Mass. Please support our efforts to protect innocent unborn life through prayer. Come for a part of or the whole vigil. For more information, call Marilyn at 567-6085.

First Friday Prayer Mass



All are welcome to the First Friday Prayer Mass at 7:30 a.m. on January 7, at St. Michael's Chapel on Elliot Street. A complimentary continental breakfast will follow. The speaker, Fr. Michael Pierz, will talk about the Worldwide Synod. For further information, please call Dot Lortie, 783-0195.



Jan. 2, 2022: The Epiphany of the Lord
YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

“Creation and the government of the universe are great works which show thy power, thy wisdom, and thy mercy; but nowhere do they shine as in the Eucharist, memorial of the wonders that thou hast wrought on earth.”

~St. John Vianney

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

ADVOCACY: The Importance of Screening & Selecting Employees and Volunteers

Protecting children, youth and the vulnerable remains one of our key responsibilities as safe adults-which is something that all of us have a vested interest in fulfilling! When it comes to programs within any organization, this includes ensuring that only adults who have demonstrated a commitment to the safety of everyone are actively involved in work and ministry. While we've all participated in this process, it may be helpful to have insight as to why the screening process is essential to safe environments. Simply by participating in your organization's screening process (and leading other adults within your ministry or program to do so as well), you can help meet this ideal and contribute to protecting the vulnerable!

For more information please contact Cathy Daniel (Child Advocate, Holy Cross Parish).



FAITH FORMATION

We would like to wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

Classes for January are the 23rd, K-9, 9:30 - 10:45 at St. Michael's Academy. For the other weekends please continue to do the Gospel Weeklies at home and submit the online assessments.

FIRST COMMUNION

January 9th class, 10:00 - 12:00 am. (Please note the date and time change.) The rest of the First Communion meetings will be 10:00 - 12:00 noon on the designated dates. I feel that we need a little more time and I don't want to rush through the lessons, especially for First Communion.

January 30th, First Communion parents meeting at the rectory 12:00 noon.

10TH GRADE

January 9, 6:30 - 8:30., candidates please read the first five lessons of the Baltimore Catechism.

Sunday, January 30th parents meeting at the rectory.

Note to All Parishioners

The presence of children is a gift to our Church. Like all of us, they are members of the Body of Christ and a reminder of the growth and future of our Church. Please welcome our children and their parents, and give them a big smile of encouragement!





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