

Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord, January 3, 2021

Holy Cross Parish ~ Župnija Svetega Križa



Welcome to Holy Cross Parish

750 Tahmore Drive,
Fairfield, CT 06825-2519

We extend a warm welcome to all newcomers. May you find our parish a place where your faith will be nourished.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 pm

Sunday Masses: 10:00 am

Holy Day Masses: As announced

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Alfred F. Pečarič, S.T.L., *Pastor*

Mrs. Clare Coyne, *Parish Secretary*

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Preparation Class is by appointment only.
Arrangement for baptism will be made during the class.

Confession: Saturday, 3:45-4:15 pm and by appointment

COUNCIL & SOCIETIES

Parish Advisory Board: Quarterly – 7:00 pm

Finance Board: Quarterly – 7:00 pm

MASS INTENTIONS

MAŠNI NAMENI

Sat. Jan. 02 4:30 pm + Elsa Havanich – Her Estate

Sun. Jan. 03 10:00 am + Mario DeCaro – John & Helen DeCaro

Mon. Jan. 04 9:00 am Special Intention of Mr. Mrs. Rybicki - Leila Hudson

Tues. Jan. 05 9:00 am + Philip J., Florence, and, Philip C. DeProfio – Linda DeProfio

Wed. Jan. 06 9:00 am + Eugenia Pečarič – Her Children

Thurs. Jan. 07 9:00 am + Joan Meszaros – Her Husband Steve & Family

Sat. Jan. 09 4:30 pm + Anna Culina – Anton & Elizabeth Lunder

Sun. Jan. 10 10:00 am + Philip H. Cerrone, Jr. – Elaine Buccellato and Roger Parks

Sat. Jan. 02 4:30 pm None Assigned

Sun. Jan. 03 10:00 am None Assigned

Sat. Jan. 09 4:30 pm None Assigned

Sun. Jan. 10 10:00 am None Assigned

ALTAR SOCIETY: Sat. Jan. 09, 2019 None Assigned

Sat. Jan. 16, 2019 None Assigned

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THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY: celebrated traditionally on January 6th in the Western Rite (according to the Gregorian Calendar) and on January 19 in the Eastern Orthodox Rite (according to the Julian Calendar), is now celebrated on the Sunday closest to January 6th-this year it falls on Sunday, January 3rd.

Although a Holy Day of Obligation for the Universal Church, it had fallen into disuse in the United States, therefore, by dispensation, the obligation to attend Holy Mass on this day was abrogated, and the celebration was moved to Sunday.

“*Epiphany*” in the Western Church refers to the First Manifestation of the Messiah born from the body of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the adoration of the Shepherds, as Evangelist St. Luke recounts: “*There were shepherds in the region, living in the fields and keeping night watch by turns over their flocks. The Angel of the LORD appeared to them as the glory of the LORD shone around them, and they were very much afraid. The Angel said to them: ‘you have nothing to fear! I come to proclaim good news to you-tidings of great joy to be shared by the whole people. This day in David’s city a Saviour has been born to you, the Messiah and LORD. Let this be a sign to you: in a manger you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes.’ Suddenly, there was with the Angel a multitude of the Heavenly Hosts, praising G_D and saying: ‘Glory to G_D in High Heaven, Peace on Earth to men on whom HIS favor rest’s.*” LK II: 8-14.

The Second Epiphany or Second Manifestation of the Holy Child as the King of Kings was realized by the Magi, when they presented the Christ Child with gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh, MT II: 1 – 11.

The Third Epiphany of Our Lord, Jesus, the Messiah was realized through the testimony of the Father (and the descent of the Holy Spirit) at Christ’s Baptism in the Jordan, cf., LK III: 21 – 22; JN I: 29 - 34.

The Eastern Orthodox Church (and Eastern Rite of the Western Church) celebrates Epiphany as the Wedding Feast at Cana, where Our Lord made the water into wine-which is enumerated as the first of HIS many public miracles, cf., JN II: 1 - 11.

Paul the Apostle, in his Second Epistle to Timothy, reminds him and the Church Community: “*G_D has saved us and has called us to a holy life, not because of any merit of ours but according to HIS own design-the grace held out to us in Christ Jesus before the world began, now made manifest through the appearance of Our Saviour.*” II Tm 1: 9 – 10.

EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING: by ancient Tradition, it has been customary to bless our houses on the Solemnity of the Epiphany by writing with white chalk over the lintel of the front (and back) door the annual *Epitaphion* in between the outer Crosses of Christ, and the year, the initials of the Magi-the 3 Kings: Balthasar, Gaspar, and Melchior: + 21 + B + G + M + 21 +

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CHRISTMAS WINE BASKET WINNERS: Nick and Liza Carrero.

THANK YOU to all of you who participated in the Raffle, which yielded \$1,214.00.

CCD CLASSES: classes will resume tomorrow, Monday, January 4, 2021 during the usual times of 5:30 – 6:30 pm.

INTENTION OF THE POPE IN ROME: for human fraternity – that the LORD may grant us the grace to live in harmony with our brothers and sister of other Faiths for global and world peace.

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THE INFIRM: We pray for the healing & restoration of good health to all our infirm family members, friends, & Parishioners in particular:

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Robert Balling, Anna Maria Barchetti, Alan Bedwell, Julienne Burany, Patricia Butzko, Mary Lou Cahill, Robi Capuder, Jennifer Cronk, Don DeMattia, Larry DiGiacomo, Madeline Doherty, Eileen Donohue, Melissa Doran, Jon Duguid, Dorothy Fejes, Linda Grzegowski, Rhoda Harap, Nancy Hocurscak, Vinnie Huroschak, Peter John, Pam Kegeles, Ron Knight, Mary Ann Koprivec, Louise Kranyik, Johnny Kuczo, Margaret Kuharec, Patricia Land, Pat Lenahan, Madalene Lennon, Eleanor Liskar, Gabriel Loeser, Michael Long, Will Lowney, Lillian Makar, Patty Merola, Jackie Mitchell, James Norris, Marc Pagnozzi, Paul Paris, Gregory Parsley, Ilona Paul, Eric Pelletier, Elizabeth Petrushonis, Lucille Piccirillo, Joseph Piliero, Msgr. Tom Powers, George & Richard Prackup, Justina Pšeničnik, Edward & Diane Raschke, Joel Rivera, Patricia Semosky, Annette & Bernie Senderak, Michael Sheets, Louise Tatangelo, Katherine Vallone, Diane Vince, KJ Waller & George Wilson.

We commend to our prayers the souls of all the recently deceased, esp., Thomas Howley. May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the Mercy of G_D rest in peace. Amen.

Please pray for World Peace, for an end to all unrest throughout the world-especially the Middle East, and for the protection of all our soldiers, troops, and Servicemen, may G_D BLESS & PROTECT THEM, from all evil, harm, & injury, and, return them safely home. Amen.

FEAST DAYS JANUARY:

- Sunday, January 03
Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord
- Monday, January 04
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
- Tuesday, January 05
St. John Neumann, Bishop
- Wednesday, January 06
Traditional Epiphany of the Lord
- Saturday, January 11
In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sunday, January 12
Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord



“Epiphany” is Greek for ‘manifestation’ or ‘revelation,’ referring to Our Lord’s divine nature though He was in the form of man. There are 3 Liturgical feasts which celebrate this manifestation: the *Adoration of the Magi*-January 6th; the *Baptism of Our Lord*-the following Sunday; and, the *Wedding Feast at Cana*-2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, all of which through the power of G_D, show forth the Light of Our Lord, Jesus, as the Messiah.

The first feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on January 6th commemorating the visitation of 3 Kings, Magi, or Astrologers who came from the East, to Jerusalem in search of the New Born King of the Jews. In their quest, they besought an audience with King Herod, inquiring of him the whereabouts of the New Born King. Enraged that the Magi had not come to see him, Herod craftily directed them to seek out the Child, then return to inform him so that he might go to worship the Newborn as well. The Magi followed a star, and found the Child with His mother. They did Him homage, and offered Him gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.

This feast of Epiphany is known in the Orthodox Church as the Feast of the *Theophany*, as it celebrates the revelation of Our Lord Jesus Christ at His Baptism as the Son of G_D. After Our Lord was baptized and emerged out of the water, the skies opened and the Voice of the Father was heard to say: “Behold, My Beloved Son, listen to what He tells you.” as the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove. At this event the Holy Trinity was revealed for the first time, hence the title *Theophany*-the manifestation or revelation of G_D-the Holy Trinity.

The last of the 3 manifestations of Our Lord’s divine nature occurred at the Wedding Feast of Cana, where after having been informed by His mother that the host had run out of wine, Our Lord instructed the waiters to fill jars with water, and take it to the head waiter. Having tasted the wine, the head waiter complemented the groom for having saved the best for last. This was the first of many miracles Our Lord performed to show the Kingdom of G_D is upon us.

Hence, we see the Epiphany of Our Lord, not as a single event, but as a continuation of His Divine Nature manifested or revealed through sacred events. We as the Church celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord every time we attend Mass when we pray the GLORIA as did the Angels.

<i>December 19/ 20</i>		
<i>Regular Collection:</i>	\$	1,855.00
<i>Miscellaneous:</i>	\$	263.00
<i>Wine Basket Raffle</i>	\$	1,214.00
<i>December 24/ 25</i>		
<i>Holy Nativity/ Christmas</i>	\$	TBA
<i>December 26/ 27</i>		
<i>Regular Collection:</i>	\$	TBA
<i>Retired Religious:</i>	\$	TBA
<i>Miscellaneous:</i>	\$	TBA