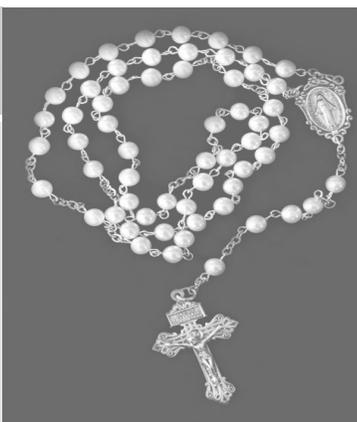




January 3, 2021
The Epiphany of the Lord



Church of the Holy Rosary

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Mass Times

Daily Mass (Monday-Friday): 8:00AM
Saturday Evening Mass: 5:30PM
Sunday Masses: 8:00AM & 11:00AM (in English);
12:00PM (in Spanish)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the Church at 365 Undercliff Avenue. The Exposition begins at 12:00PM and ends at 3:00PM, followed by the Divine Mercy. All are welcome to attend.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:00-5:00PM (Church)
Baptism: Baptisms have resumed. Please be advised you must be a member of Holy Rosary Parish in order to receive a sponsor certification for Baptism.

Assistance attending Mass

If you are a senior or disabled, and you would like shuttle transportation to and from the 11:00AM Mass on Sundays, call the Parish Center for information. **(Temporally suspended)**

Religious Education

For information on our CCD program, please see the "CCD Corner" section of this bulletin.

For the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), please call the Parish Office.

Holy Rosary Parish is a proud Co-Sponsor of **Christ the Teacher Interparochial School**, 359 Whiteman St., Fort Lee, NJ 07024 (201-944-0421)

Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM
in the Church

Minister of Music:
Bill Jones



Catholic Community Services—Social Services Helpline
1-800-CCS-7413

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January 4

Our least action,
when done for God,
is precious to him.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
*Mother of five children who established an orphanage;
the first American-born citizen to be canonized*

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WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

If you are attending Mass at Holy Rosary and consider Yourself a parishioner, but haven't registered, we invite you to do so. Knowing who our parishioners are helps us adapt our parish programs to your needs. It is also important to be registered for Baptisms, Marriage, to be a Sponsor/Godparent, etc.

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

New Registration

Request Envelopes

Address Change

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 2
5:30 PM *Marguerite Riordan (Her Family)*

Sunday, January 3
8:00AM *Tara Johnson (Bob & Victoria Fernandez)*
11:00 AM *Michael & Joan Lydon (Terry & Charlie Hoyt)*
12:00 PM *For those Suffering the Effects of CoVid-19*

Monday, January 4
8:00 AM *Maria Friscia (The Milani Family)*

Tuesday, January 5
8:00 AM *Harold Collazo (Bob & Victoria Fernandez)*

Wednesday, January 6
8:00 AM *Myrna V. Anolin (Muriel Wenger)*

Thursday, January 7
8:00 AM *Marie Jacobson (Steven & JoAnne Curry)*

Friday, January 8
8:00 AM *Emelina Juarez (Patty & Joe Criscuolo)*

Saturday, January 9
5:30 PM *Dorothy Mecka (The Hogan-DePaul Family)*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those suffering in any way from the CoVid-19 pandemic. Also James Allocco, Phillip Armstrong, Edward Baldino, Cheryl Bostyan, Jean Braden, Rick Brouillette, Louise Bruce, Chase, Pat Caruso, Sharbel Chaoul, Anna Corrado, Danny Coyle, Gary Devila, Marie Ferrie, Ginny Frasco, Kenneth Galfo, Joelle & Juliana Gedeon, Annmarie Gilmartin, Madeline Goodwin, Joe Heatter, Agnes Hoffmann, Bobby Jordan, Rosemary Kaminski, Eileen & Donald Kopczynski, Diana Lucio, Isaiah McLean, Heidi Monico, Humberto Norena, Conception Ortiz, Rebecca Papadopoulos, Phyllis & Joseph Palermo, Rich Richinski, Rebecca Rigolosi, Antoinette Ring, Boris Reznik, Frank Romero, Desi Santos, Anthony Saporito, Jack Sweeney, Jenna Szandrocha, Phillip Tarabola, Irene Taylor, Ruth Weis, Krista Wilkinson, Kyle Wilson, Mark Winnie.

THE HOLY STAR

*O Father, may that holy star
Grow every year more bright
And send its glorious beams afar
To fill the world with light.*

—William Cullen Bryant

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER JOSE

Again, Happy New Year to everyone.

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, a feast that is also very close to our hearts. Just like the Magi who searched and adored Jesus Christ, the King of all Kings, we are also invited to adore and welcome Jesus Christ as our King and Savior in our hearts. We may never have many material treasures to offer to Jesus Christ our King and Savior as the Magi did, but our faith is enough to nurture and embrace the daily covenant that God has bestowed on us. As St Paul says, "f we have God with us no one can separate us from him." Pray that we may always find ourselves in the circle of God's love, mercy and blessing as we enter into this New Year.

I am praying for you and God Bless. ~Father Jose

ALTAR APPOINTMENTS

A special way to remember a loved one is to donate the monthly Altar Bread and/or Wine in honor of their memory.

You may also choose to remember a loved one by donating a weekly Sanctuary Lamp in either the Church or the Chapel. Sanctuary Lamps burn day and night to illuminate the Blessed Sacrament, serve as an emblem of Christ's abiding love, and as a reminder to the faithful to respond with loving adoration in return.

- * The **Altar Bread** for January is donated in loving memory of *Francis & Joseph Novello (Mario Novello)*
- * The **Altar Wine** for **January** is donated in loving memory of *Francis & Joseph Novello (Mario Novello)*
- * The **Sanctuary Lamp** in the Church this week is in memory of *the deceased members of our Parish.*

PROMISE FULFILLED

Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

THE WORD OF GOD

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
National Migration Week
Monday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Tuesday: St. John Neumann
Wednesday: St. André Bessette
Thursday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;
Julian Calendar Christmas

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON (1774-1821)

January 4

Though her liturgical designation is “religious,” Elizabeth Seton, her feast-day prayer reminds us, was also “wife, mother, educator, foundress.” Born into a wealthy Episcopalian family, Elizabeth married William Seton, whose untimely death in Italy where the young family sought healing for William’s tuberculosis, left her, at twenty-nine, a widow with five children. Inspired by the faith and charity of the Italian family with whom they stayed, Elizabeth embraced Catholicism despite her family’s disowning her and ceasing financial support.



This woman of many firsts (and several vocations!) opened the first free Catholic school, beginning the American Catholic educational system, and founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity. The tuberculosis that claimed her husband took also her oldest and youngest daughters and, finally, at just forty-seven, Elizabeth herself. Another first: in 1975 she was canonized the first native-born American saint. Once asked to summarize her spirituality, she replied: “Faith lifts the staggering soul on one side, hope supports it on the other, experience says it must be, and love says let it be!”

*All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.
— Psalm 72:11*

*Ante él se postrarán todos los
reyes y todas las naciones.
— Salmo 72 (71):11*

WORKS OF CHARITY

TIME & TALENT

FOOD PANTRY:

Parish members assist in supplying approximately 45 families with food every month. Thank you to all who donated and helped in any way! The **Food Pantry** is open the last Tuesday of each month from 11:00AM-12:00PM.

FEEDING THE HOMELESS:

Normally, Holy Rosary Parish members feed the homeless on the second Monday of every month. This has been temporarily suspended due to current CoVid-19 pandemic. We will resume as soon circumstances allow.

TREASURES

YOUR MONETARY DONATIONS: The work of Christ at Holy Rosary is supported by parishioners who have embraced the biblical ideals of Stewardship Tithing.

Current Holy Rosary Fundraiser Proceeds: The current proceeds from our ongoing fundraising efforts for a church cooling system are as follows: A/C Fundraising (ongoing): \$26,127.50; Four bake sales: \$989; Tricky Tray (12/8/19): \$1,470.

FEAST OF FAITH

The Liturgy of Emmanuel

The assembly has gathered from near and far, on foot, by bus, by car, by subway, singly and by twos and threes: single people, couples, families. Now that movement is ritualized and made visible in the liturgy’s entrance procession.

We are not alone on this journey; Christ is with us. The procession is led by the cross, with the image of Christ upon it. Candles, signs of a living presence, are carried around the cross. Candles also accompany the Book of the Gospels, another sign of Emmanuel, God-with-us. The priest presider is likewise a sign of Christ’s presence in our assembly; he will act *in persona Christi*, in the person of Christ, who presides at every Eucharist.

As the procession begins, we stand and sing together in our first act as a community. The joining of our voices begins to turn many into one. The songs we sing range from ancient chants to contemporary hymns, but they have the same purpose, to foster our unity and turn our thoughts to the mysteries we gather to celebrate. We may feel that we can’t sing well, but “Christ always invites us to enter into song, to rise above our own preoccupations, and to give our entire selves to the hymn of his Paschal Sacrifice”

GENTLENESS

Feelings are everywhere—be gentle.
—J. Masai

Take the Love of God with You as You Go.....

Epiphany Prayers

God of light, shining in darkness, through a little child, born in Bethlehem, You open to us the treasure of Your grace. Help us to search diligently for Him, so that we may offer our lives to You with thanksgiving, joy, and praise; through Jesus Christ, the Rising Star. Amen.

*Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come!
Darkness covers the earth and its people,
but the radiance of God's Light
burns away its shadows,
illuminates the smallest corner,
and heralds in the start
of a new dawn,
where hearts no longer fear,
souls might be set free,
and sister shall follow brother,
nation shall follow nation,
and kings and princes bow down in awe
before the one who comes to reign.
Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come!
Alleluia! Amen.*



*We are drawn to Your feet in worship
Your creation facing its Creator
Hearts laid bare by Your light
Humbly asking for Your mercy.
We come to You as a people in need
of assurance and forgiveness.
We come to You as a people in need
of healing and wholeness.
We come dependent upon Your love.
Draw us close.
Enfold us in Your arms.
Fill us with Your Spirit
that we might reflect Your light
within this dark world,
speak Your Word with boldness
and draw others to Your feet.
We ask this through Your Dear Son Jesus Christ.
Amen.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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 72:1-4, 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, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10
or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 or
1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please regularly refer to holyroaryedgewater.org for the most up-to-date information about our Parish. To get in touch with Parish staff, please do so only by sending an email to holyroary@aol.com. Thank you.

THE CCD CORNER

A Student Prayer



*Thank you, God, for giving me a mind that can know and a heart that can love.
Help me to stay focused on my studies, and encourage me when learning is difficult that I may grasp the truth that is held out before me.
Grant me the grace to put my knowledge to use in building the kingdom of God on earth that I may find the courage to follow Your Son, Jesus. Amen.*

CCD Registration for children and young adults between grades one through eight is open. Classes began October 18, and are being held remotely by Zoom this year. To register you can download registration forms from our website or pick up blank forms at the back of the church. There is no registration fee this year; only a suggested voluntary donation.

ABOUT CCD AT HOLY ROSARY

Religious education classes begin in First Grade and conclude after the Reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation in Ninth Grade. **Enrollment for all parish children within this age group is strongly encouraged.**

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

The Holy Rosary Parish website provides information, as well as spiritual reflections, that exceed the space limitation of this bulletin. Visit our website www.holyrosaryedgewater.org

