

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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. - Mt 2:10-11a



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 5th - Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 AM Sarah Villani/ Victor & Children
 10:30 AM Mitchell Lubel/ Wife & Family
 5:00 PM Judith Lannon/ Ginger Gedney

Monday, January 6th

7:45 AM Jim Cohen/ The Looneys
 8:15 AM -3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday, December 7th

7:45 AM People of Holy Cross
 8:15 AM -3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, January 8th

7:45 AM Stan Blanchfield/ Mollica Family
 8:15 AM -3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, January 9th

7:45 AM Joseph & August Simonetta/ Family
 8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, January 10th

7:45 AM Brian Light/ Rosemarie & James Light
 9:15 AM Gregory M. Muench/ BJ Brang (School Mass)
 8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, January 11th

9:00 AM Lucretia "Lucy" Zazzara/ Rachael Chait, and
 Robert & Linda Davis

3:00 - 3:30 PM Penance
 4:00 PM Catherine Collins Bona/ Mother & Husband

Sunday, January 12th

7:30 AM Carmela Santangelo/ Victor & Carol Russo
 10:30 AM Dorothy Obrist/ Gary & Cookie Dunham
 5:00 PM Robert Prednis/ Carol & Don Scullion

Welcome

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US

Please introduce yourself to one of the priests. We invite you to become an active participant of our parish community by completing a census card which you can find in an envelope in the gathering area, or contact the Parish Office, or visit our web site; www.holycrossdewitt.org. Welcome!

The Epiphany of the Lord - January 5, 2020

We may walk many roads when we search for God, and He leads us all the while. The men we honor today were not Jews. The Messiah wasn't coming for them, not in the minds of Jesus' contemporaries. These men were astrologers. They were adept at reading portents in the sky, a practice condemned in the Mosaic covenant. Still, to the best of their knowledge and awareness, they were seeking the truth. This truth led them to journey from their own homeland to honor a king they'd never met, one they couldn't be sure truly existed. "We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." Who do you know seeks God so tenaciously?



"Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem," the Gospel tells us. Who are the seekers in your own life? Maybe it's your cautiously curious co-worker, the neighbor who unexpectedly found peace on a yoga retreat, or your desperately angry child who has chosen, for now, to go their own way. Perhaps they're not overtly headed for Jesus now, not yet. But they may well be seekers of truth in ways we didn't expect. Our invitation is to listen, inquire, and give directions when appropriate.

The magi and modern-day seekers can inspire us as well. When is the last time you sought God's truth so tenaciously? As believers, it can perhaps be easy to become desensitized to the Christmas season and to the miraculous reality we recently celebrated. Mass may have been lovely, but so was the succulent roast beef, the crisp smell of evergreen, and the warm glow of family. Consider asking yourself, "God, do I know you as well as I should? Would I journey as far as the magi to meet You, if I could? Do I journey to meet You daily in prayer? What do those answer say about me, and about our relationship?" Perhaps we, like the magi, can once again be "overjoyed" at seeing the Light of the World.

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Week of January 5th

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory Of: Frank Cappelletti
Requested By: Family

Moving?

If your future plans include a change of address; would you please contact the Parish Office? You may call 315-446-0473 or email Peg@holycrossdewitt.org with your new address.

PLANNED GIVING FOR OUR PARISH

Please consider our parish through:

- Your Will or Trust
- Retirement Assets
- Life Insurance Policies

A Life Income Gift which will provide you with payments for life and ultimately will benefit our parish.

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

Credit card and electronic donations are now possible through the Holy Cross website: www.holycrossdewitt.org/give

YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT

\$19,704.88 Average weekly need

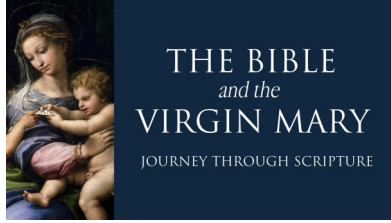
Collection of December 22 and December 29 will be reported in the next bulletin

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT
OF YOUR PARISH!**

CATHOLIC MEDIA - AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

Formed:

The Gospel According to Matthew



Catholic Media Kiosk:

CD: "Changed Forever: "The Sacrament of Baptism"

Fr. Mike Schmitz is one of the leading speakers to young people in the Church today. In this presentation, he explains how Christians truly become sons and daughters of God the Father for all eternity through the sacrament of Baptism.

Comment: "Every new mom and dad needs to hear this talk. You will never think of Baptism in the same way again!" ~ Theresa - Ridge, NY

A Family Perspective:

Today's gospel tells us "all Jerusalem" was upset because "King Herod was deeply troubled." A similar ripple effect happens in families; one person's negative attitude can affect the whole family. If you want a peaceful and joyful home, it must start with you. Be peaceful and joyful!



Attention: Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors & Altar Servers -

Your new schedule has been sent out. If you did not receive your schedule or have any changes in your email, contact Peg at the parish office via phone or email Peg@holycrossdewitt.org.



Pray the Rosary Daily



Most mornings after daily Mass a group gathers in the Church to pray the rosary. It is informal, and open to anyone who would like to pray. Please join us!

Prayers Are Requested For...



Shannon Adams, Diana Arnold, Frank Blizzard, Leana Mae Bonnell, David Carr, Vince Cichello, Linda Cote', Ricco Gauf, Katie Glisson, Richard Griffin,

Yvonne Grocott, Virginia Grosso, Mason Hallenbeck, Adriana Hampel, Daniel C. Healy, Elaine Hill, Macey Horbauch, Susan Keller, Jane Koszulka, Kathy Kotz, John Laura, Rory Lennon, Penny Locke, Edward Loftus, Dominick M., Austin & Tres Mahan, Mary McArdle, Gail Moloney, Angela Martin, Mary Mayle, Monica Miranda, Tracey Montague, Faith Muller, Al Paparo, Deanna Peters, Wayne Queror, Mona Rawles, Micah Schwiezer, Brian Semerao, Dawn Simmonds, Kay Simon, Joseph Smith, Stephen Smith, Rita Smookler, Eleanor Sullivan, Shelly Tortora, Steve Wafer and Kristin Woodmansee.

If you would like us to add someone to this list, we ask that only family members call the office or email Peg@holycrossdewitt.org. We will keep them on for three months unless you notify us otherwise. Thank you.

Notify the Parish Office

If a loved one has been admitted to the hospital, please inform the parish office of which hospital and their room number. The priests or deacon would like to make a pastoral visit, but that cannot happen without being notified by the families. Due to HIPPA laws, the hospitals cannot share that information with the parish. In addition, if a loved one is admitted to a nursing home or rehab facility, please notify the office. Thank you.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 - 8:00pm on Wednesdays.**

We begin the hour in church with Adoration & will conclude with Solemn Benediction.

Confessions on Wednesday Evenings

Sacrament of Reconciliation is being offered every **Wednesday between 7 & 8pm**. The peace of mind and soul which this sacrament imparts to us is one for which there is no substitute. Come enjoy the quietness of our Church and the forgiveness of our Savior.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Every Wednesday 7:00-8:00pm in the church
- Every Saturday in December at 3:00pm in the church.

Welcome to Holy Cross Church

If you are interested in becoming a registered parishioner of Holy Cross, please complete this form and return it to the parish office or drop it in the offertory basket.

Request for Parishioner Registration Form

Name: _____

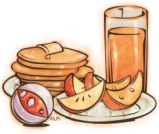
Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Pancake Breakfast This Weekend

All are welcome to come to the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast on **January 5th**. Breakfast is served from 8am to 11:30am at the Council #5186's home - 205 N. Center Street (across from the Village Offices). Breakfast includes pancakes, French toast, eggs, potatoes, bacon, sausages, coffee, juice, milk. adults \$7; kids \$5; under 6 free



You are welcomed to join the 10th Annual Holy Cross Church Goal Planning Segment (HCC GPS) for 2020.

The thing about goals is that living without them is a lot more fun, in the short run. It seems to me, though, that the people who get things done, who lead, who grow and who make an impact... those people have goals." - Seth Godin

Does that make sense to you? Then your 2020 journey can begin in earnest on Saturday morning, **January 18th**. That moment begins at 9:30am (following 9am Mass) in Yeazel Hall. Your commitment is only about 40 minutes to write down your ambitions, aspirations and yearnings for 2020. In this enterprise a 2020 goal strategy will emerge from your innermost heart to the written page. It's certain to be interesting and fun. It is that easy.

All the special, time-tested tools will be provided for you. Bring your pencil and coffee. Invite an available family member or a friend. HCC GPS is all confidential and anonymous. Please email Bill Sovik at bsovik@twcny.rr.com to register by 01/15/20 for the head count.

"A goal without a plan is just a wish." — Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, The Little Prince

"Our goals can only be reached through a vehicle of a plan, in which we must fervently believe, and upon which we must vigorously act. There is no other route to success." - Pablo Picasso

Thank You Reception - All Invited

The seven fourth and fifth grade girls in the troop have successfully earned their Bronze Award. The Town Supervisor of DeWitt, Edward Michalenko, will present the girls with a special certificate to honor this achievement. Other community partners that helped the girls earn this high honor will also be present. The reception will be held on **Monday, January 6, 2020 at 3:30pm in the Gathering Area.**



Please join us in a community celebration of the achievements of the Girl Scouts at Holy Cross. The girls have accomplished a lot with your support. They would like to thank you.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, January 5th - Food Giving Weekend

9:15 AM Adult Ministry - room 12
3:00 PM Faith Formation / Discipleship - Youth Room & rm. 2

Monday, January 6

3:30 PM Thank You Reception for Girl Scouts
6:30 PM Refugee Assistance Meeting - room 9

Tuesday, January 7

6:45 AM HS Faith Formation
8:15 AM First Tuesday Sandwiches - Yeazel Hall
10:00 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study - room 9

Wednesday, January 8

6:45 AM MS Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall
6:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church
6:00 PM STEP Meeting - room 11
12:00 PM Monthly Luncheon

Thursday, January 9

7:00 PM Penance - Church
7:00 PM NA & Narnon Meeting - Yeazel Hall
7:45 AM Elementary Faith Formation
9:00 AM Divine Mercy Cenacle
7:00 PM HS Faith Formation - Youth Room

Saturday, January 11th

3:00 PM Penance - Church

Sunday, January 12th

9:15 AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13
5:00 PM Confirmandi & Sponsor Mass & Dinner - Yeazel Hall
5:00 PM First Sacrament Mass & Family Dinner - Yeazel Hall
6:30 PM Third Option - rooms 12 & 13

Holy Cross Monthly Luncheon - Jan. 8th

All are invited to this month's luncheon on **Wednesday, January 8th at 12:00pm**. This month we will visit Dominic's Restaurant. **Please call Jo (315-446-3328) no later than Monday morning, Jan. 6th** to let her know you will be coming. She will need a count for the restaurant reservations.



HC School Basketball News

Holy Cross School welcomes parishioners to join us at our home basketball games held in the Holy Cross School gym. Please see the insert in today's bulletin for the season schedule.



The Holy Cross Cheerleaders will be cheering on our Girls A team playing against Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, January 5 at 12:30pm. Boys A team will be playing St. Rose at 2pm. Both games are free to attend. Concession stand is available.

Pancake Breakfast
January 19

The Knights of Columbus invite you to a Pancake Breakfast that will be held on **Sunday, January 19** from 8:00am to 12:00 Noon. Breakfast will be held in Yeazel Hall and will benefit the youth programs at Holy Cross. Mark your calendar & plan to attend. **More details next week.**



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Looking for a way to put your Faith in Action?

For more information or to volunteer, contact Beth Schafer: 315-416-4576 or beth@holycrossdewitt.org

Refugee Assistance Meeting: Mon., Jan.6th, 6:30-8pm
Join us to learn about how you can support a refugee family and work with Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement. Join us at our next meeting tomorrow, downstairs in Yeazel Hall. Call Beth for more info: (315)416-4576.

Tuesday Sandwich Ministry: Tues., Jan. 7th, 8:15-9am
Last month our awesome Sandwich crew made over 400 sandwiches for Catholic Charities Homeless Shelter. Egg, Tuna & chicken salad sandwiches will be prepared downstairs in Yeazel Hall after daily mass. Join us to continue the tradition into 2020!

Emmaus Ministry Meal: Jan. 9th, 4-6:30pm
Sheila Austin's ministry to families on the Southside of Syracuse has moved around the corner to a new location: 127 E. Glen Ave, Syracuse. Once every month, on the 2nd Thursday evening, a team of Holy Cross volunteers help Sheila, Joan & Natasha to serve an evening meal. Contact Beth to sign up--or visit:<https://signup.com/go/PNPiEFK>

Men's Shelter Pancake Breakfast: Jan. 12th, 6:30-8am
Our hot pancake breakfast at the men's shelter has become a Holy Cross tradition. Early on a cold Sunday morning in January, volunteers will set up hot griddles & serve a hot meal to homeless men seeking a warm place to sleep. The shelter is located at 1074 S.Clinton St, but carpool from Holy Cross is available. Contact Beth (see above) to donate or sign up to join us.

Samaritan Center Dinner: Jan. 26th, 11am-12:30 or 12:30-3pm
Join a large crew of Holy Cross volunteers at our local soup kitchen located at 215 N. State St, on Sunday, January 26th. Families with children under 12 years old are invited to help to prepare the meal at 11am-12:30pm. Individuals and families with older children are welcome to serve & clean up afterward from 12:30-3pm. Contact Rick Coughlin to sign up: philiprcoughlin@gmail.com

NHN Caroling Thank you!
Thank you to Dr. Anthony Grasso & Kathy Reuter-Sportelli for leading our caroling event this year. Thank you to Kathy for planning & setting up the food, drink & hospitality! Thank you Dr Grasso for arranging our performance date, and for inviting Geoff and Angela Carbone, who led the music. Thank you to all who attended all or part of the event: Bill & Sue Sovik, Corrine & John Fix, Nancy Greer, Cathy Dovillers, Sue Hines, Kathy Pagano, Diane Haller, Mary Muller, Patti Kirshner, Caroline Smith, Katherine Forbes, Roger, Melissa & Josie Schafer, as well as 3 girls & their parents from Girl Scout Troop 60500! Songs were sung, bells were rung, and holiday cheer was everywhere as we caroled at Brookdale Senior Living.



Food Giving Weekend is This Weekend

Thank you for any food items that were brought in today! If you forgot to bring in your donations you may bring them next weekend.



Giving Tree Thank You

Dear Parishioners of Holy Cross,
Thank you for all the wonderful gifts you provided to the children of Jamesville Elementary School. It is truly a blessing when a community comes together to help those in need.
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year,
Sue Kimber

Join the Catholic Sun on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land!
Trace Jesus' footsteps through Bethlehem, Nazareth, Cana, the Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, and beyond. Bishop Emeritus Robert J. Cunningham will lead pilgrims on this life-changing journey June 7-16, 2020. Find itinerary details at this link and in the brochure attached. Contact Katherine Long (klong@thecatholicsun.com) with any questions.

MARCH FOR LIFE:

One-Day Pilgrimage for Adults and Families to Washington, DC - January 23-24, 2020 Sponsored by the Office of Family/Respect Life Ministry. Cost: Young Adults (ages 18-25) - \$25, Adults - \$50, Maximum Family Rate - \$125 *The trip includes Mass with Bishop Lucia at the National Basilica, participation in the March for Life with the diocesan group, transportation, meals, and a diocesan scarf.* Bus pickup available in Utica, Syracuse, Cortland, & Binghamton. Contact Morgan Durfee at 315-472-6754 ext. 2 or email familyrespectlife@syrdio.org. To register online: <https://march4lifesyracuse2020.eventbrite.com>

EDUCATE - A - KID

Holy Cross parish has a glorious history of never turning a parish student away who seeks a Catholic Education.
Some of our parents cannot afford the tuition in whole or part. If you are able to help Educate-A-Kid, please help us provide a Catholic Education for a boy or girl. Tuition is \$5,250.00.
We have a Holy Cross School Incorporation that also allows matching funds from many companies. Call the Parish Office for more information. It is "Friends of Holy Cross School, Inc." – Federal Tax ID is 26-3789417.
Please complete this form if you can help.
God bless you and I know He will for bringing a child closer to Him.

I wish to help a family afford a Catholic education.

Name _____

Address _____

Full Scholarship _____

Partial Scholarship _____

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE ~ WEEKEND OF January 11th & 12th

<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EUCH. MIN.</u>	<u>EUCH. MIN.</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>USHERS –B</u>
Saturday, 4:00 PM	Carol Dwyer	H1 Terry Dooher	CH1 JoAnn Wallace	Ashlynn Johnston	Dennis Cole
		H3 Susan Klenk	CH2 Deacon	Volunteer Needed	
		H4 John Passonno		Volunteer Needed	Michael Krisak
Sunday, 7:30 AM	Ronald Naumann	H1 Peter Demlein	C1 Teresa Koulouris	Cecilia Lombardi	Ed Coolican
		H3 Julie Johnson	C2 Timothy Conan	Lindsay Parker	Tony Ebersole
		H4 Kelly Griffith		Volunteer Needed	Len Smith
					Charles Stepneski
Sunday, 10:30 AM	Constance Chase	H1 Karen Kirkman	CH1 Chris Moltion	Joshua Gleasman	Neil Bourcy
		H3 Marilyn Engle	CH2 Deacon	Oliver Gleasman	Don Brown
		H4 Joan Snyder		Meghan Malay	Peter Bergamo
					Milke Sigona
					Ray Moade
Sunday, 5:00PM	Confirmation	H1 Volunteer Needed	C1 Nancy Tourville	Volunteer Needed	
	Peer Leader	H3 Volunteer Needed	C2 Stephanie Heath	Volunteer Needed	
		H4 Volunteer Needed			

OUR PCA MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

St. Matthews:

- Daily Mass: Friday 9:00am
- Weekend Masses: Sat. 4:30pm (vigil); Sunday 8:00am
- Confessions: Saturday 3:30 - 4:00pm

St. Vincent de Paul

- Daily Mass - M ~TU~Wed. 12:00pm
- Weekend Mass: Sat.. 4pm; Sun. 9:30am

St. Francis of Assisi (Bridgeport)

- Daily Mass: Mon. 9:00am
- Weekend Mass: Sunday 9:30am

St. Mary's of the Assumption (Minoa)

- Daily Mass: Wed. 9:00am
- Weekend Mass: Sunday 11:00am

Blessed Sacrament

- Daily Mass: Chapel M - F 8:00am
- Weekend Masses: Sat. 5:00pm (vigil) Sun. 7:30, 9:30, 11:30am
- Reconciliation: Saturday 4 - 4:45pm

SACRAMENTS

Baptism ~ Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements

Classes required for 1st child's Baptism

†To request either the **Anointing of the Sick** or **Communion to the Sick** please call the Parish Office.†

Marriage ~ Please make an appointment with a priest at least 6 months prior to wedding

Penance ~ Wednesday, 7-8PM Saturday, 3:00PM

HOLY CROSS PARISH

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Holy Cross Parish Staff ~ Name, Title and Phone Extension

- Rev. John J. Kurgan, Pastor, ext. 15
- Rev. Matthew E. Rawson, Parochial Vicar, ext. 36
- Rev. Charles S. Vavonese, Weekend Homilist
- Deacon Dare Dutter, ext. 16
- Ernest J. Camerota, Director of Music, ext. 38
- Brette Cooper, Maintenance
- Josh Corcoran, Music Sunday 5pm Mass
- Patty Kirwan, Administrative Assistant ext. 10
- Dan Littlepage, Director of Technology, ext. 33
- Leigh C. Marquis, Director of Finance & Human Resources, ext. 24
- Maureen McManus, Sacristan
- Stephen Nepil, Dir. Faith Formation 7-12 & Dir. Youth Ministry ext. 19
- Peg Olson, Office Manager & Administrative Assistant, ext. 22
- Beth Schafer, Director of Faith in Action Ministry, ext. 13
- Julie Sheridan, Dir. Faith Formation 1-6 & Evangelization, ext. 12
- Matt Stano, Maintenance

PARISH INFORMATION

- **Please notify the Parish Office** when a parishioner or family member is confined to home, hospitalized, or entering a nursing home. Hospitals no longer notify us of a patient's admittance. Also, please notify us with change of: address, phone number or email.
- Bulletin items need to be in the parish office no later than Monday at 9am for the upcoming weekend. (holiday deadlines will change)
- E-mail preferred; please send to: peg@holycrossdewitt.org
- Hearing impaired ear phones are available in the Robing Room in the front lobby.
- Pregnant and Need Help? Please call Catholic Charities 424-1800

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

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Staff ~ Name and Title

- Martha O'Leary, School Principal
- Joanne Markert - Administrative Assistant, Nina Walters - Nurse