NOVEMBER 17, 2019



THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Our knitting group was recently acknowledged at St. Joseph's Health Center's Volunteer Luncheon for logging 13,000 hours of service. This amazing crew gets together regularly to create special items that often serve those in need like hats for newborns in the hospitals. Their latest project was to create homemade dish cloths for the Christmas basket giveaway at Emmaus Ministries and the Jamesville Food Pantry. Their next meeting is Thursday, November 21st at 1pm. New knitters are always welcome. Stop by even if you are a beginner and want to learn more.

Are you a new parishioner or visiting for the first time?

Welcome! Please introduce yourself to one of the priests. We invite you to become an active participant of our parish community and welcome you. Please take a census envelope from the racks at each exit or contact the Parish Office.

OUR MISSION "We are a community of Catholics who draw our strength from the celebration of the Eucharist, so that Christ may live in us and we may express the values He taught by our loving service to family, neighbor and society."

Stay connected with your parish family!

We are so glad you are here with us at Holy Cross! We invite you to connect with our community. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to get the latest news, photos and stories or subscribe to our weekly brief delivered right to your inbox. Visit **www.holycrossdewitt.org/subscribe** to see more.

Mass Times

Daily Mass:	7:45am			
Saturday	9:00am			
Penance:	Wed. 7-8pm			
	Saturday 3:00pm			
Sunday Mas	38			
Vigil Sat.:	4:00pm			
Sunday:	7:30am			
	10:30am			
	5:00 pm			

Upcoming Events:

Monthly Movie Tues., November 26

Giving Tree Tag Pick Up Nov. 23 & Dec. 24

Breakfast with Santa Sunday, Dec. 1

Holiday Luncheon Saturday, Dec. 7



Sunday, November 17th - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 AM Cecilia Kelly Resti/ The Hall Family 10:30 AM Richard & Beverly Bilbo/ Coughlin Family 5:00 PM Fr. Matthew Brown/ Leona Haynes & Alvin Goldstein Monday, November 18th 7:45 AM Grace Mondo/ The Maio Family 8:15 AM -3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Tuesday, November 19th 7:45 AM Intentions for Lowney & Looney Families 8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday, November 20th 7:45 AM People of Holy Cross 8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Penance Thursday, November 21st 7:45 AM Frederick Richardson/ Janice & John Passonno 8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Friday, November 22nd 7:45 AM Stephen Oliva, Sr./ Wife and Family 8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Saturday, November 23rd 9:00 AM Nancy Ridley/ Tom & Kathy 3:00 - 3:30 PM Penance 4:00 PM Frank Loguidice/ Carol Dwyer Sunday, Nov. 24th - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 7:30 AM Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life/ Joyce Kotch 10:30 AM Mary Dates/ Katie & Emma Deehan 5:00 PM Rose Anne Magari/ Jo Oliva

<u>Thanksgiving Day Mass</u>: Thursday, November 28, @ 9:00 AM

Please join us for this special Liturgy, including the Blessing of Bread. All will be invited to the sanctuary during the closing hymn to take a loaf of fresh bread to share with your family and friends for your Thanksgiving dinner table.



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: <u>www.holycrossdewitt.org/give</u>

MUSICAL NOTES

Musical Notes will not appear in the bulletin this week but will return next week.

A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Where would you go if the world was ending? What would you do? The last decade has seen a rise in doomsday prepping, the marketing of survival techniques, and a sea of products designed for you to weather the apoca-



lypse. "The days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another that will not be thrown down," Jesus warns in today's Gospel. On the one hand, he is referring to the literal downfall of the city of Jerusalem. Indeed, many of his prophecies here have come true over the last few millennium. Nations have indeed "rise[n] against nation[s]," kingdoms against kingdoms. Surf any world news website today alone, and you will see stories of "powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues." Jesus' advice to his disciples, however, isn't to build a bunker. It's to persevere in faith ... which won't be easy.

"They will seize and persecute you ... you will be handed over ... you will be hated because of my name." This warning, too, has come to pass in the Church throughout history in state-sponsored persecutions and martyrdoms. Jesus is the Messiah, but his first coming was not a coming of earthly victory. Any disciple of his can expect a challenge. The coming of Christ didn't disrupt our free will. Evil still exists and sometimes even appears to triumph. This does not mean God has abandoned His people!

Jesus reminds the disciples — and us — of his constant presence. "I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking." In other Gospel passages, Jesus promises and sends the Holy Spirit upon his followers. The presence of God is real in our lives, no matter what trials come our way. It's tempting to be distracted or dismayed by natural destruction and moral evil in the world. But the Church has weathered greater storms. The sacredness of the human person endures. We can have hope! This day and every day, we can persevere in hope and trust in God.

YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT

\$19,704.88 Average weekly need

\$18,546.18 Collection of November 3 \$(1,158.70) Deficit \$ 2,122.25 Seminary Collection

\$ 2,581.05 All Saints Day Collection
\$ 13,756.29 Collection of November 10
\$ 5,948.59 Deficit
\$ 2,193.84 Military Collection

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF YOUR PARISH!



Attention Lectors

The 2020 Lector workbooks are available for pick up this weekend. Be sure to stop by the table located near the chapel and find the book with your name on it. These will be available for the next few weeks. Thank you!

RCIA or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA Inquiry Sessions have begun. This is an opportunity to ask questions about all things "Catholic"--such as what do Catholics believe and what do Catholics do. If you know someone who would like to explore



the Catholic Christian Faith, please invite them to join you at one of our group sessions. We will meet weekly on Sunday, 11:30-12:30pm, downstairs in Room #9. For more info, contact the parish office: (315)446-4073.

A Family Perspective

So many conflicting voices and influences make parenting difficult. In today's gospel Jesus encourages parents to bravely "give testimony" and trust He will give us the "wisdom" to be good parents. You are not alone in parenting; a



loving Father is standing with you.

CATHOLIC MEDIA - AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE FORMED:

Have you signed up for FORMED yet? It is new and even more exciting than before. Enrich your faith with this free to you, online, get it on any computer or digital device, Catholic media. Just go to formed.org and click Sign Up. Follow the easy instructions to get into your parish information, create a password and a world of Catholic movies, studies, books and audios are yours. They have recently updated the whole website so if you are familiar with FORMED, sign back in and explore all the new media that awaits you!

Life Matters

Forced Abortion Facts:

"According to the Elliot Institute", which deals with post-abortive women, 64% of women who have abortions claim that they were pressured by other people (usually their partners) into having them. So much for women's choice!"



"...Many women face incredible pressures to abort from their partners and when they refuse, partners may take matters into their own hands...In fact, murder is the number one cause of death for pregnant women. It is often the partners who are the perpetrators."

"No one should be allowed to force a woman into having an abortion she does not want. Whether it is subtle, overt or violent, it is always wrong. The abortion industry needs to be held accountable too."

"Many states have unborn victims of violence laws that allow for the prosecution of people who injure or kill babies in the womb. These laws [ironically] include exceptions for the violence of abortion!" (Quotes from Life News in Friends for Life bulletin v46/#4, ffl syracuse@yahoo.com).

Prayers Are Requested For...



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

Grosso, Mason Hallenbeck, Adriana Hampel, Daniel C. Healy, Elaine Hill, 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, Faith Muller, Al Paparo, Deanna Peters, Jane Pigott, 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 Kristen 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.

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.

DIVINE MERCY CENACLE:

The Divine Mercy Cenacle will continue each Thursday at 9:00am in room 6 in Yeazel Hall.

All are welcome to join. If you are new to the group, please contact Soraya Andrews (447-4954) to secure materials used during the sessions.



Adult Ministry:

There is a group of adults in our parish who get together each Sunday from 9:15 to 10:15 in room 12 of Yeazel Hall to share their faith and explore different spiritual themes through books and videos. Please join us! If you have questions, please call Deacon Dare Dutter at 446-0473 or email at ddutter @twcny.rr.com.

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!

Team Guatemala Sale This Weekend

Enactus at Syracuse University will be returning for their sale of handmade Guatemalan jewelry, bags, baskets & more! 90% of the profits are sent back in the form of scholarships to help end the cycle of poverty. Plan to stop by after Mass!

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Deadlines for the Upcoming Bulletin

- . The deadline for the bulletin of **Dec.** 1st will be Monday, November 18th at 9:00 am.
- BULLETIN DEADLINE
- The deadline for the bulletin of Dec. 8th . will be Tuesday, November 26th at 9am.

All notices received after these deadlines will be published in the following bulletin of the following week. Watch the bulletin for more deadline changes. Thank you!

Faith Formation Cancellation Information

Reminder: When J-D is on a weather DELAY or CLOSED, Faith Formation classes are cancelled.

Parents: Sign up for school delay/closing email/text alert. Go to localsyr.com click on email/text alert to sign up.

HC Church Cancellation Information

If Holy Cross School is closed or has early dismissal because of the weather, all church events that are held on that day are cancelled. We still have morning Mass but please use your discretion about traveling. Check the HC web site for information.

Breakfast with Santa

Plan to join us in Yeazel Hall on Sunday, December 1 after the 10:30 Mass for a delicious breakfast and a visit from Santa.

up), \$5 children ages 5 to 12, free for

children ages 4 and under.

Cost: \$20 family, \$7 adults & teens (13 &

Breakfast with Santa

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

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, November 17th 9:00 AM Parish Council Meeting - room 11 9:15 AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13 11:30 AM RCIA - room 9 3:00 PM Faith Formation/Discipleship - room 1 & 2 6:30 PM Third Option - rooms 12 & 13 Tuesday, November 19th 6:45 AM High School Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall 8:15 AM Third Tuesday Sandwiches - Yeazel Hall 10:00 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study - room 9 12:00 PM Coffee & Conversation/Altar Rosary Mtg. Yeazel Hall 7:00 PM Bible Study - The Book Of Romans - rooms12 & 13 Wednesday, November 20th 6:45 AM Middle School Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall 10:00 AM Small Christian Community - Member's Home 6:00 PM STEP Meeting - room 11 7:00 PM NA & Nar-Anon Mtgs. - Yeazel Hall 7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church 7:00 PM Penance - Church Thursday, November 21^s 7:45 AM Elementary Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall 9:00 AM Divine Mercy Cenacle - room 9 1:00 PM Knitting Group - Yeazel Hall 7:00 PM MS Faith Formation/Youth Group - rms. 10-13 7:00 PM HS Faith Formation/Discipleship - Youth Room 7:00 PM HC Men's Group - room 9 Saturday, November 23rd - Hospitality Weekend 3:00 PM Penance - Church 4:00 PM Refugee Bake Sale - Gathering Area 7:00 PM Marriage Enrichment Night - Yeazel Hall Sunday, November 24th - Hospitality Weekend 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Refugee Bake Sale - Gathering Area 9:15 AM Adult Ministry - room 12 3:00 PM Faith Formation/Discipleship - Youth room & rm. 2

Altar Rosary Meeting/Coffee and Conversation November 19



All Women are invited to join us for this important meeting of the Altar Rosary Society on **Tuesday, Nov. 19 - 12:00pm** in Yeazel Hall. We will be discussing our ongoing activities. Your

participation is necessary. Anyone who is thinking about becoming a member of the Altar Rosary is also invited. Bring your bagged lunch & we will provide the dessert and refreshments.

Knitting Group

We will meet on **Thursday**, November 21st – 1PM downstairs in Yeazel Hall. New knitters are always welcome.



Monthly Movie Tuesday, November 26 at 1:00pm

Mark your calendars. This month's feature will be announced in the next bulletin.

All are welcome and it is free to attend. We will provide the popcorn.

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

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. Psalm 126

Third Tuesday Sandwiches: Nov 18th, 8:15am

Join us near the kitchen downstairs to make peanut butter & jelly sandwiches for Catholic Charities Men's homeless shelter. No advance registration necessary.

Bake Sale next weekend: Saturday, 4pm & Sunday, 10:30am Next weekend, our Refugee Assistance helpers are sponsoring a bake sale to benefit the Ali Khel Family. Traditional Afghani tea & treats will be prepared by the family as an offering of gratitude. Please support this effort by bringing baked goods before mass for sale--or by purchasing some of the baked items offered after Mass on Saturday or Sunday. Your donations will help the Refugee Assistance Committee to help with the family's winter heat bill and support a few of the family's immediate needs.



Refugee Family Update

Over the past 2 years, Holy Cross parishioners have befriended the Ali Khel family & helped them adjust to life in the United States. The family was referred to us from Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement. The family fled from the war in Afghanistan that killed their father. They arrived in Syracuse in the winter of 2017. Maliha Ali Khel is a widow with 9 children who arrived here in search of peace & safety for her children. The family has made tremendous strides in adjusting to life in the Syracuse community. An important sign of independence is the ability to drive to the grocery store, to work & to doctor appointments. Maliha's oldest son Jameel, now has his driver's license and the family has purchased a used car. Learning to drive is a very important milestone for Maliha in caring for her family; most women in Afghanistan are prohibited from driving a car. We are seeking volunteers who are willing to help her practice. If you are available on weekends to help Maliha learn to drive, contact Beth: (315) 416-4576.

HC Parish Corporal Works of Mercy Collection

This November, our Faith Formation students will be learning about the Corporal Works of Mercy. Derived from Jesus' words and example, this teaching encourages us to support the physical needs of our suffering brothers & sisters. To reinforce the lesson, a parish-wide collection



is planned. We hope it will be a witness to our children of our love and concern for each person's dignity & physical well being. Faith Formation students will be encouraged to bring a toiletry or paper product donation to class. If you don't have a student in Faith Formation, a list with suggestions is available by the main doors. Please leave your toiletry or paper goods donation in the marked bins by the front door.

Additional November collections:

We are collecting donations of individually wrapped candy or colorless chapstick to support ministry to Jamesville Prison & the Downtown Justice Center. Please leave your donation in the baskets near the main doors in the gathering space.

2019 Giving Tree

Our 36th Annual Giving Trees will be at the Church doors on the weekend of November 23 & 24th. Please take a tag and return the unwrapped gift- with the tags attached--by the weekend of December 7 & 8th. Gifts can be placed under the trees during the weekend Masses or brought to the parish office during the week before December 8th. Please be sure to have your gifts back on time: volunteers will be sorting the gifts and preparing them for delivery on Sunday, December 8th.



Thank you for helping families in need to celebrate a Merry Christmas!

Holy Cross Church Calendars are now available near all the exits. Please take one per family so there will be enough for all to enjoy.

Family Advent Event

Join us at Holy Cross on Saturday, November 30th at 6:00pm for these Family Friendly Events:

- Half-Hour Adoration with Music & Prayer
- ٠ **Refreshments and Crafts**

Hosted by the Syracuse Diocese NFP Ministry through the Office of Family/Respect Life.

Marriage Enrichment Night: "Couples Pilgrimage to the Holy Land" All are welcome

Come experience the Holy Land through the eyes of two Worldwide Marriage Encounter married couples who traveled to the Holy Land in March 2019.

- Saturday, Nov 23, 2019
- Holy Cross Church
- 4PM Optional Mass
- Optional dinner after Mass at nearby restaurant
- 7-9PM Presentation
- RSVP to LeoandEd@aol.com

If you're ready for more in your marriage consider attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. April 17-19, 2020 or Nov 20-22, 2020. Go to wwme.org

Hope In the Presence of God

Weekend Healing Retreat for the Separated & Divorced will be held at Christ the King Retreat House on November 22-24th . Keynote speaker will be Fr. Michael Carmola. For more information and to register go to https://separated-divorcedretreat. eventbrite.com or 315-472-6754 - Deacon Dean Brainard.

Advent Day of Prayer Monday, Dec. 2—10am-3pm

Advent is a time of expectant waiting & preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. Fr. Manno will give a talk and reflections at Christ the King Retreat House on the meaning of Advent & how we can make the most of this time of preparation. Offering: \$30 includes lunch. Reservations required 315-446-2680

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE ~ WEEKEND OF November 23 rd & November 24 th						
MASS	LECTORS	EUCH. MIN.	EUCH. MIN.	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS –A	
Saturday, 4:00 PM Tony Ortega	Tony Ortega	H1 Susan Klenk	CH1 Sub Needed	Volunteer Needed	Dennis Cole	
		H3 Claudette Tanner	CH2 Deacon	Volunteer Needed	Claude Pilon	
	H4 Mary Relihan			Michael Krisak		
Sunday, 7:30 AM Melody Foster	Melody Foster	H1 Charlene Hughes	C1 Marie DeStefano	Riley Biddlecome	Ed Coolican	
		H3 Leonard DeStefano	C2 Julie Johnson	Cecilia Lombardi	Tony Ebersole	
		H4 Teri Skandalis		Volunteer Needed	Len Smith	
					Charles Stepneski	
Sunday, 10:30 AM Karen Kirkman	Karen Kirkman	H1 Cookie Dunham	CH1 Connor Burruss	Joshua Gleasman	Neil Bourcy	
		H3 Ed Judge	CH2 Deacon	Oliver Gleasman	Don Brown	
		H4 Sue Judge		Volunteer Needed	Peter Bergamo	
					Milke Sigona	
					Ray Moade	
Sunday, 5:00PM A	Angela Rigdon	H1 Volunteer Needed	C1 Margaret Ingraham	Kaitlin Hougland		
		H3 Pat Ryan	C2 Elaine Ryan	Declan Reed		
		H4 Volunteer Needed		Rayna Reed		

OUR PCA MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

St. Matthews:

- Daily Mass: M~TH~F 6:45am
- Weekend Masses: Sat. 4:30pm (vigil); Sunday 8:00am
- Confessions: Thursday 5-6pm
- Reconciliation: Wednesday 5-6pm
- St. Francis of Assisi (Bridgeport)
- Weekend Mass: Sunday 9:30am

St. Mary's of the Assumption (Minoa)

• Weekend Mass: Sunday 11:00am

St. Vincent de Paul

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

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

Marriage ~ Please make an appointment

with a priest at least 6 months

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

Classes required for 1st child's Baptism

prior to wedding

[†]To request either the <u>Anointing of the Sick</u> or <u>Communion to the Sick</u> please call the Parish Office.[†]

HOLY CROSS PARISH

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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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