



# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT

“Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.”  
- Lk 21:27

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

## Christmas Mass Schedule 2021

Christmas Eve Masses - Friday, December 24  
4:00 pm, 6:00pm, and 12:00am Midnight Mass  
Christmas Day Masses - Saturday, December 25  
7:30am and 10:30am  
All Are Welcome!

**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.”

### **Would you like to join us as new parishioner?**

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

### **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](http://www.holycrossdewitt.org/subscribe) to see more.



### **Mass Times**

**Daily Mass:** 7:45am  
**Saturday:** 9:00am  
**Reconciliation:**  
Wed. 7:00-8:00pm  
Sat. 3:00-3:30pm  
**Sunday Mass**  
**Vigil Sat.:** 4:00pm  
**Sun.:** 7:30am, 10:30am & 5:00 pm  
*Watch Masses online at [holycrossdewitt.org](http://holycrossdewitt.org)*

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Please check page 4 of the bulletin for information on this week's events.**

**Check [holycrossdewitt.org](http://holycrossdewitt.org) for the latest information on Masses, events, & changes in safety protocols. For information call the office at 315-446-0473.**

**Sun., November 28<sup>th</sup> – First Sunday of Advent**

7:30am Bill Sovik/ Barbara Cangelo  
 10:30am Herbert Silvestri/ Family  
 5:00pm Sarah Villani/ Nives & Serafino Marzocchi

**Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Mary Dougherty/ Altar Rosary Society  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Alyce & John McNamara/ Family  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

7:45am Parishioners of Holy Cross  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

7:45am Kristen Gerthoffer Woodmansee/ Pat Garvey  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

7:45am Monthly Mass League  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am For Vocations To Priesthood, Diaconate &  
 Religious Life/ Joyce Kotch  
 4:00pm Karen Szasran/ Joe and Linda Pizzuto  
 3:00 to 3:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Sun., Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> - Second Sunday of Advent**

7:30am Christian Hall/ Maureen Hall & Family  
 10:30am Aungier - McManus Families/ Karen & Erin  
 5:00pm Maria Arnesano Musto/ Flavia Musto

**Reflection for the First Sunday of Advent, Nov. 28, 2021****Jeremiah 33:14-16****Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14****1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2****Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

Happy New Year! As we close out the liturgical year of 2021 and begin the new one, we look forward both in our minds and in our readings for this weekend. Jeremiah talks of the fulfillment of the promise of David, a time that will bring with it justice and mercy. Paul's letter to the Thessalonians offers words of hope that our hearts will be strong and our actions blameless when the day of the Lord ensues. In the Gospel from Luke, Jesus warns us about being prepared for the coming of the Son of Man, a time where those who have lived lives of justice and love will be rewarded and those who have lived lives that are focused on their appetites will receive the consequences of ignoring the love of God and neighbor that we are called to.

This week, we ought to recognize the transitory nature of our lives. As we look back on this past year, we recognize that there has been great suffering and turmoil caused by the pandemic and a number of political and secular events. As with every new year, we can evaluate the events of our individual lives and see if we were loyal to the teachings of Jesus or if we need to make some changes. Among the questions we can ask of ourselves we can ponder those qualities mentioned by Paul and Jesus. Have we conducted ourselves in a way that is pleasing to God? Have we avoided letting our hearts become drowsy from the anxieties of life? If we are true believers in the Lord, the answers to these questions will be "yes." As we begin the new liturgical year, it is important for us to continually consider these questions because the path that Jesus wants us to walk is not the easiest one, but it is rewarding to walk it.

Keep the faith,  
 Deacon Dare

**Week of November 28****Host, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp**

*In Memory Of:* Herbert Silvestri/ Family

*Requested By:* Family

**Banns of Marriage**

Alexandra Decker & Agostino Zona

**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.

**YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT**

**\$19,704.88 average weekly need**

\$15,213.03 Collection of November 14<sup>th</sup>

The collection of Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> will be reported next week

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

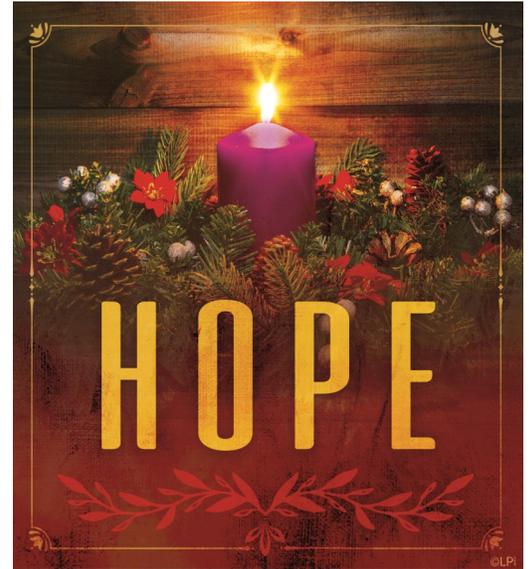
**Your support is invaluable. Thank You**

During these uncertain times, please continue to support Holy Cross parish & her ministries & programs through weekly or monthly offerings. Because of your goodness, we have been able to adapt to this changing landscape & provide updated communications, resources, support & programs to our community and to our neighbors in need. Please remember to help support our mission. You may become an online giver by visiting [www.holycrossdewitt.org/give](http://www.holycrossdewitt.org/give). Online giving is through Vanco, which is a secure site. **You have the option of giving using your credit card number or by having an electronic fund transfer.** Or mail in your gift to the Parish Office (4112 E. Genesee Street, DeWitt, New York 13214).

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28, 2021

<b>Sunday</b>	Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
<b>Monday</b>	Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
<b>Tuesday</b>	Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
<b>Wednesday</b>	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
<b>Thursday</b>	Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
<b>Friday</b>	Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
<b>Saturday</b>	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6



## Prayer REQUESTS

Andy Agrasto, Meg Barone, Garth H. Bishop, Eden & Mackenzie Bishop, Barbara Boyd, Oliver Brown, Terry Chylinski, Armand Cincotta, Tom Coyne, Mark Cywilko, Tony Dimento, Joanne & Aidan Gallagher, John Galletta, Sharon Kieffer, Ann Kronner, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Dinita Machlin, Monique Missoff, Mary Elizabeth Morgan, Faith Muller, Nancy Patane, Patricia Pool, Stephen Smith, Rita Smookler, Rev. Georg Stockert, John Toole and Jon Zubieta.

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](mailto:Peg@holycrossdewitt.org). We will include them 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 the church with Adoration & conclude with Solemn Benediction.

### Confession Wednesday Evenings – Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered every **Wednesday from 7 to 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.



### Change in the Mass Request Policy

Due to the high volume of Masses being requested, we have decided to limit the number of Masses requested by a person for the same intention to two during a six month period. Any 2023 intentions will be scheduled after Sept. 1, 2022.

### Attention Lectors

Your 2022 Workbook for Lectors is available at the table near the sign-in sheet. Please stop by and pick up your copy.



### Now Available

Holy Cross Church Calendars and “The Little Blue Book” for Advent and Christmas are available near all the exits. Please take one per family so there will be enough for all to enjoy.

## MASS LEAGUE

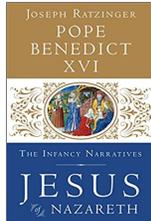
### First Friday Mass League Enrollment

Amarjid Singh Ball ~ Rita C & Family  
Len Smith ~ Family & Friends

# ADVENT ACTIVITIES

## Advent Study on The Infancy Narratives of Jesus of Nazareth Last Day To Register

Once again, we turn our minds to the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Please join us this Advent season to discuss Pope Benedict's book on the infancy narratives so we can draw nearer to Jesus. **We will meet in Yeazel Hall on three Thursdays, December 2, 9, and 16 from 7:00- 8:30 pm to talk about the book.** The study will be facilitated by David V. Hines.



Please email David Hines at dvhines51@aol.com (make sure to put 51 in the address) or by calling the Holy Cross office no later than **November 29** to reserve a spot in the study. Pope Benedict's book, "The Infancy Narratives", can be obtained from Ignatius Press for \$17.00 in hard copy, or in an eBook format. The church will purchase 5 copies of the book. Obtaining them will be on a first come; first served basis. If you purchase a book payment will be by cash, or a check made out to Holy Cross Church. If you obtain the book before the first session; please read the forward and chapter one.

## Day of Reflection

There will be a day of reflection led by Deacon Dare Dutter on **Monday December 6th** from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. What better way to prepare for the coming of the Lord than to reflect on the stories and scriptures of this wonderful season. We will start with morning prayer and then dig into the readings to find the peace, joy and love that our God has sought for us since the beginning of time. Please join us.

**Contact Jo Oliva before November 28<sup>th</sup> to register 315-446-3328 lunch will be provided.**

## Formed

**Watch:** FORMED Now! The Spirituality of Advent

**Watch:** FORMED Now! The Expectant Mother Mary

**Watch:** Teens: YDisciple: Advent, Session 1:

Prepare the Way

**FORMED:** Listen: Truth to Inspire: Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (St. Catherine Labouré' 11/28)

**Watch:** St. Andrew: After the Upper Room (11/30)

## Mark Your Calendars!

- Food Giving Weekend - December 4 & 5
- Advent Study - Dec. 2, 9 & 16
- Knitting Group - December 2 & 16
- Sandwich Making - December 7 & 21
- Breakfast with Santa - Sunday, Dec. 5 - 11:30am
- "Light Is On For You" (reconciliation) - Monday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> - 4 to 7pm
- Day of Reflection for Advent - with Deacon Dutter - Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>
- Giving Tree Project Deadline - December 12
- Christmas Delight - Tuesday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> - 12:00pm

Watch the bulletin for more details.

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

### **Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**

8:15 AM RCIA - Downstairs

9:15 AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13

### **Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**

8:15 AM Holy Hour - Church

### **Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**

6:45 AM Faith Formation (HS)

1:00 PM Monthly Movie - Yeazel Hall

### **Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

6:45 AM Faith Formation (MS) - Yeazel Hall

5:00 to 6:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation - Church

### **Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

7:45 AM Faith Formation (ES) - Yeazel Hall

1:00 PM Knitting Group - rooms 12 & 13

7:00 PM Advent Study - rooms 12 & 13

### **Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> - Food Giving Weekend**

3:00 - 3:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

### **Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> - Food Giving Weekend**

8:15 AM RCIA - Downstairs

9:15 AM Adult Ministry - Yeazel Hall rooms 12 & 13

11:30 AM Breakfast With Santa - Yeazel Hall

6:00 PM Parent Mini-Retreat - Church

## Monthly Movie

### **Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm**

This month's feature will be "White Christmas". This musical stars: Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney. Music is by Irving Berlin. Having left the Army following WW II, Bob Wallace and Phil Davis team up to become a top song-and-dance act. Davis plays matchmaker and introduces Wallace to a pair of beautiful sisters (Betty and Judy) who also have a song-and-dance act. When Betty and Judy travel to a Vermont lodge to perform a Christmas show, Wallace and Davis follow, only to find their former commander, General Waverly, as the lodge owner. A series of romantic mix-ups ensue as the performers try to help the General. Movie is free and will be shown in Yeazel Hall.

## Knitting Group

We will meet on **Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> - 1PM downstairs - Room 12 & 13.** New

knitters are always welcome. Please do not bring food to share. If you have questions call Rita 315-472-1478 or Jo 315-446-3328.



## Breakfast with Santa

Plan to join us in Yeazel Hall on **Sunday, December 5 after the 10:30 Mass (11:30am)** for a delicious breakfast and a visit from Santa.

Cost: \$20 family, \$7 adults & teens (13 & up), \$5 children ages 5 to 12, free for children ages 4 and under.



**HOPE Appeal 2021**  
**“Your Are The Salt Of The Earth”**

Thank you to all who have pledged their support to the HOPE Appeal ministries, programs, and services that benefit so many throughout Central New York, including many in our own parish.



Together, when we pledge our gift to the Annual HOPE Appeal, we are giving thanks to Christ for the innumerable gifts we’ve been given and helping our friends and neighbors who benefit each year from the diocesan good works funded through our annual appeal. If you are not able to make the minimum gift of \$325.00, please give your best gift. If we all give, we will easily meet Holy Cross’ 2021 HOPE Appeal goal of \$92,649.06. **If we exceed our 2021 HOPE Appeal goal, 100 percent of the excess will be returned directly to our parish.** We plan to use these funds to continue the mission of Holy Cross Parish.

Please prayerfully consider your gift to this year’s HOPE Appeal. Bring your completed pledge card to Mass and drop it in the box along with your weekly contribution or mail it by the office. If you would rather pledge your gift online you may do so at [syrdio.org](http://syrdio.org). **We would like to wrap up this year’s drive by the beginning of December.**

**Join us for the Listening Sessions for the Synodal planning.**



Listening is an integral part of the planning. Below is the schedule for sessions in our area. All are welcome to attend.

Wed., Dec. 1st	6:30-8:30PM	Immaculate Conception Church, Fayetteville
Thurs., Dec. 9th	6:30-8:30PM	Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Syracuse

**Currently we are not taking donations of clothing. Please do not bring any clothing articles to church since we are not able to store them at this time. Thank you!**

**Sandwich Ministry**

The First Tuesday Sandwich Ministry will be meeting on **Tuesday, 12/7 at 8:15 AM.** Please join us in Yeazel Hall after daily Mass to prepare our usual variety of sandwiches for Catholic Charities homeless shelter.



**New volunteers are always welcome.**

**Faith In Action Opportunities**

**Our 38th Annual Giving Tree Program has begun!**

Due to continuing covid concerns, many requests are for gift cards.

Again this year, we are offering 3 options for you to participate in this wonderful tradition:

- Take a tag from the trees in the gathering area.
  - Use the link on our parish website to purchase a gift from our Amazon Wish List.
  - Call the parish office and a tag will be assigned to you
- Please return your unwrapped gift or gift card with the tag attached by 11am Sunday December 12th.** Gifts may be returned during weekend Masses or brought to the parish office during the week. If you are returning gift cards, please deposit them in the collection box in the **Gathering Area.**



**Thank you for helping families in need during the Christmas Season!**

**Jail Ministry 2021 Christmas Party**

Jail can be a sad & lonely place during the holiday season. Jail Ministry is preparing for the holiday season & we are asking for donations for our 400 gift bags, one for each inmate. We try to bring a message of hope & God’s love & mercy when we prepare & deliver gift bags while singing Christmas carols on the pods with the inmates.



This year we are requesting:

- First class postage stamps or
- Instant Coffee from the Dollar Stores

Please drop your donation in the baskets by the front door by **December 12th.**

Thank you for your generosity! For more information, contact Beth Schafer 315-416-4576.

**Food Donation Weekend December 4th & 5th**

November’s donations were truly appreciated. Thank you to all who provided grocery items! With many items to process, we were fortunate to have many volunteers step up and organize all items so they were delivered to the pantries within 24 hours. Thank you one and all!



Next weekend, we are in need of extra hands at all Masses to move the items from the vestibule before Mass to Yeazel Hall, and after Mass to sort and pack the items per the pantries requested delivery method. Every single gesture helps, thank you.

- Our pantries have requested brown paper grocery bags and:
- Kiddo cereals
  - Instant noodles
  - Mac & cheese
  - Peanut butter & jelly
  - pasta & sauce
  - Crackers
  - Dried beans & lentils
  - Soup & Chili
  - Tuna Fish & Mayo
  - Rice & rice side dishes
  - Body soap, shampoo
  - Laundry detergent

## Help bring joy this season

Buy your gifts at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile) or with AmazonSmile ON in the app and Amazon donates 



**Do you shop on Amazon?** When you do, use amazon smile and support Holy Cross School. There is no cost to you but just by signing up, your shopping will make a difference and help Holy Cross School. Sign up today and do your regular Amazon shopping at [smile.amazon.com/ch/26-3789417](https://www.amazon.com/smile.amazon.com/ch/26-3789417) and Amazon donates to Friends of Holy Cross.

### A Family Perspective:

At this time of the year we are very conscious of our family as we make preparations for Christmas. Today's gospel warns us not to be consumed by all the consumer activity. This Advent appreciates the gift of people in your life. The best gift this season might be your appreciation of others.



### Deadline Changes for Upcoming Bulletins

Please make note of the following changes:

- The deadline for the bulletin of December 12 is **Thurs., December 2**
- The deadline for the bulletin of December 19 is **Wed., December 8.**



All notices should be received by 9am on the deadline date. Notices after this deadline will be published in the following weekend's bulletin. Thank you!

## Virtual Advent Retreat December 9 from 12pm to 1:30pm

Pray and See the Mystery Unfold with Dr. Caroline Farey. Slow down and nourish your soul this Advent. Come and listen to the psalm from midday prayer while contemplating Sacred Art from the ages. See in a new way, the momentous mystery of God becoming man for our sake, in images that will be deep and inspiring. Offering you a moment of God's loving presence beautifully portrayed. Register for Zoom Meeting @[bit.ly/joyfulhope2021](https://bit.ly/joyfulhope2021)

## **EDUCATE - A - KID**

Holy Cross parish has a glorious history of never turning a student away who seeks a Catholic Education. Some parents cannot afford school tuition in whole or part. Your contribution helps provide a Catholic Education for a student. Tuition & operating expenses per student exceeds \$7,800.00 annually.

Holy Cross School is incorporated as "Friends of Holy Cross School Inc." Many companies will match donated funds. The Friends of Holy Cross School Federal Tax I.D.# is 26-3789417.

If you are interested in supporting tuition for a child please complete the form below!

God bless you for bringing a child closer to Him.

Yes, I wish to help a family afford a Catholic education.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Cost per student - Yes, I am interested (\$7,800)

\_\_\_\_\_ Partial Scholarship - Amount of Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## SACRAMENTS

**Baptism** ~ Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

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

**Reconciliation** ~ Wednesday 7-8pm, Saturday 3 - 3:30pm  
Or by appointment

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

### HOLY CROSS PARISH

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### Holy Cross Parish Staff ~ Name, Title and Phone Extension

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 Deacon Dare Dutter, ext. 21  
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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](mailto: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

Robert McCrone, School Principal  
 Joanne Markert - Administrative Assistant, Nina Walters - Nurse