



1st Sunday OF ADVENT

Jesus said to his disciples: “Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come... What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’” - Mk 13:33, 37



NOVENA PRAYER FOR AN END TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O Mary, full of grace, Patroness of this nation and Mother of the Church, in this time of illness and world-wide need we seek your intercession for the human family before your Son's throne of grace and mercy. We ask for strength in adversity, health in weakness, and comfort in sorrow. Help us, O Blessed Mother, to be filled with confidence and trust in the tender compassion of our God. Let us not be afraid, like our own Saint Marianne Cope, who entrusted her life and ministry among the outcasts of society into the care of our Divine Physician. Continue to watch over all who are sick as well as those who care for them and give wisdom to all who are seeking a cure. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

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
Reconciliation: Wed. 7-8pm
Sat. 3:00-3:30pm
Sunday Mass
Vigil Sat.: 4:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 10:30am & 5:00 pm

View Sunday & Daily Mass on TV or online -
www.holycrossdewitt.org

Upcoming Events:

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

PLEASE WATCH THE HC WEBSITE FOR CURRENT INFORMATION ON MASSES, REGISTRATION OF MASSES & DEVOTIONS AND REGULATIONS FOR ATTENDANCE.

**Sun., November 29th - First Sunday of Advent**7:30am Thanksgiving for St. Nicolas/
Angela & Nick Mastrogiovanni

10:30am Nicholas, Donna & Nicholas III Roppo/ Family

5:00pm Rosalind Pristash/ Jerome & Ellen Pristash

Monday, November 30th

7:45am Sr. Audrey Buttner, FMI / Family

9:00am- 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Tuesday, December 1st

7:45am Jim & Jane Bachman/ Jim & Mary Kay Moore

9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Wednesday, December 2nd

7:45am Jaqueline Bowker/ Paul & Amy Sansone

9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

7:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Penance

Thursday, December 3rd

9:00am Robert Ross/ Peter & Rita Bergamo

9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Friday, December 4th

7:45am Mass League

9:00am- 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Saturday, December 5th

9:00am Alfredo Valente/ Costanza & Bogdan Families

4:00pm Stanley Blanchfield/ Family

3:00 - 3:30pm Penance

Sunday, December 6th - Second Sunday of Advent

7:30am Christian Hall/ Maureen Hall & Family

10:30am James Collins & Catherine Bona Collins/ Family

5:00pm Mr. & Mrs. C.B. Ridley/ Charlene Valentine

Spiritual Reflection for Sunday November 29, 2020**First Sunday of Advent****Isaiah 63: 16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7****Ps 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19****I Corinthians 1:3-9****Mark 13: 33-37**

Today we begin the wonderful season of Advent. As we have just concluded the Church year with sober reminders of the end times, we are today reminded "Be watchful! Be alert!" This emphatic statement is in reference to the lord of the house returning at an unknown time, but for us we await the Lord of the world.

As we await our Savior and Lord, we need to prepare our hearts before we prepare our homes. Often I hear it said, "We just need to survive the season," meaning that we allow our lives to become hectic because we want each Christmas to be the best ever!

The way to guarantee that this Christmas will be the best ever is to prepare our hearts early. Today let us begin to meditate on the true meaning of Christmas and make room for the Christ Child, who wishes to dwell deep within our hearts. Perhaps we ask God what he would like from us this Christmas instead of deciding what we want from Him. This will call us to true conversion.



Peace,
Fr. John Kurgan

Week of November 29th**Sanctuary Lamp***In Memory Of:* Frank Cappelletti*Requested By :* Family**Host & Wine***In Memory Of:* Herbert Silvestri*Requested By:* Family**First Friday Mass League Enrollment**

Raymond & Katherine Nguyen by Son Nguyen

Emilio R. Pascua by daughter, Rita

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**

\$ 13,294.00 November 15 collection

\$ 901.00 Seminary Collection

Collection of Nov. 22 will be reported in the next bulletin

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT
OF YOUR PARISH!****What about Mass Offerings?**

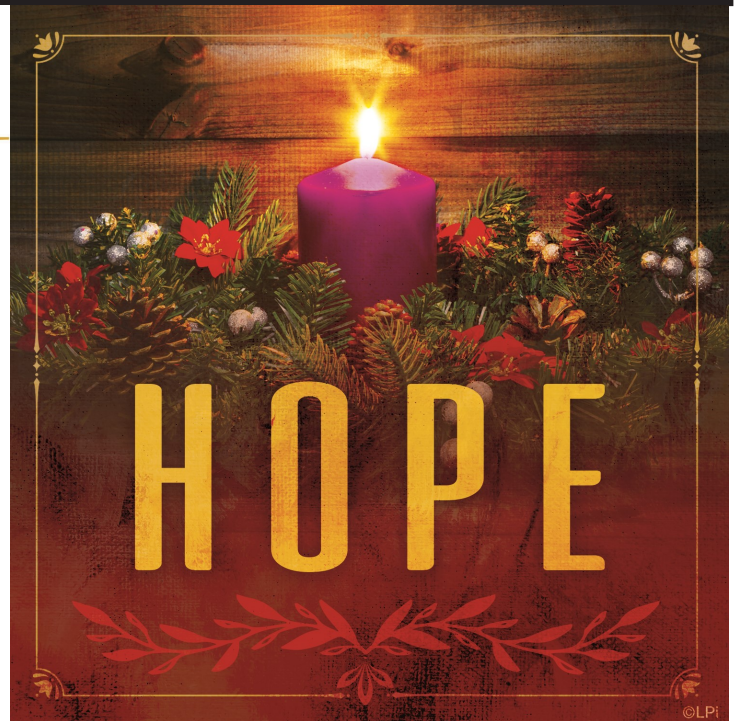
We encourage you to continue to support Holy Cross parish & her ministries & programs through weekly or monthly offerings. Because of your goodness, we have been able to adapt to this changing landscape & provide updated communications, resources, support, & programs to our community and to our neighbors in need. To help support this mission, become an online giver by visiting www.holycrossdewitt.org/give or mail in your envelopes to the Parish Office (4112 E. Genesee Street, DeWitt, New York 13214). Thank you



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29, 2020

- SUN 11/29** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
- MON 11/30** Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
- TUE 12/1** Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24
- WED 12/2** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
- THR 12/3** Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
- FRI 12/4** Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
- SAT 12/5** 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
- SUN 12/6** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8



PRAYER REQUESTS


Garth H. Bishop, Eden & Mackenzie Bishop, Terry Chylinski, Armand Cincotta, Mark Cywilko, John Galletta, Stanley Jakimek, Sharon & Joe Kieffer, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Monique Missoff, Faith Muller, Patricia Pool, and Rita Smookler.

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.

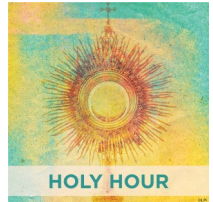
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 - 8:00pm on Wednesdays.

Please register online as you do for Mass if you are planning on attending. We begin the hour in the church with Adoration & will conclude with Solemn Benediction.



Confessions Wednesday Evenings –Chapel

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 Chapel and the forgiveness of our Savior.



Holy Hour 8:15 to 9:15AM

Join us on Mondays following the 7:45 Mass for a Holy Hour that will be held in the Main Church.

Monday Night Prayer

Each Monday Night at 8:00 pm, we will be offering Night Prayer live on our Facebook page. Please join us for this time of prayer and reflection.



DIVINE MERCY CENACLE:

The Divine Mercy Cenacle will meet each Thursday at 10:00am in Yeazel Hall.
 All are welcome to join. If you are new to the group, please contact Eileen Cariseo (315-469-7128) to secure materials used during the sessions.

You are invited to
CTK (Christ the King) Cenacle
At the Holy Cross Church room 12&13
Every Monday 10:30-11:45 am

Contact person: Christina Hahn 315 436 5479
Rita Chanthasensak 315 395 4906

Please bring your Rosary.
 Books for the Cenacle prayers will be provided at no charge.

The format of the cenacle:

1. Invocation to the Holy Spirit
2. The Rosary
3. Prayers for the Pope
4. Reading and meditation on a message from the book, "To the Priests, Our Lady's Beloved Sons"
5. Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

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!





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

**Advent Day of Recollection
With Deacon Dare Dutter**

Come and join us December 7th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM as we go deeper into the spirituality of Advent. We are focusing on the Gospel of John in order to discern what God is trying to accomplish in giving us the priceless gift of the Word made flesh.

Lunch will be ordered from Jersey Mikes with a choice of sandwiches: ham & provolone, roast beef & provolone, or turkey & provolone. Cost is \$12 which includes tip, cookie & coffee.

Reservations & masks (worn over your nose) are required. Call Jo (446-3328) by December 3rd. Limited to 25 people.

THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, November 29th

9:00 AM RCIA Session - room 8
9:15 AM Adult Ministry - room 12

Monday, November 30th

8:15 AM Holy Hour - Church
10:30 AM Christ The King MMP - rooms 12 & 13
8:00 PM Night Prayer - Live on HC Facebook

Tuesday, December 1st

8:15AM First Tuesday Sandwiches - Yeazel Hall
10:00AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study - rms. 12 & 13
3:30 PM First Reconciliation Workshop - Church & Yeazel Hall

Wednesday, December 2nd

7:45 AM The Fellowship of Believers - Church & Yeazel Hall
5:00-6:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church
7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church
7:00 PM Reconciliation - Chapel

Thursday, December 3rd

10:00 AM Divine Mercy Cenacle - rms. 12 & 13
1:00 PM Knitting Group - Yeazel Hall
7:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study - Yeazel Hall

Saturday, December 5th

12:00 PM First Reconciliation Workshop - Church & Yeazel Hall
3:00 - 3:30 PM Reconciliation - Church
5:00 PM Laudato Si Circles - Yeazel Hall

Sunday, December 6th - Food Giving Weekend

9:00 AM RCIA Session- room 8
9:15 AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13

Mark Your Calendars !

- **Knitting Group - December 3 & 17**
- **“Light Is On For You” (reconciliation) - Wednesdays in December from 5-6pm and Monday, Dec. 21st ~ 4 to 7pm**
- **Day of Reflection for Advent - with Deacon Dutter - Monday, December 7th**
- **“He Reigns” Tour - Thursday, Dec. 10—6:30pm**
- **Giving Tree Project Deadline - December 13**
- **Exalt Worship Night - December 13 - 7pm**
- **Coffee & Conversation - Tuesday, Dec. 15th ~ 12:00pm**
- **Christmas Delight - Wed, Dec. 22nd - 12:00pm**

Watch the bulletin for more details.

All events are subject to change. Please watch the bulletin and check on-line to make sure the event will take place or may have changed to remote or online.

Christmas and New Year’s Schedule 2020

Christmas Eve Masses - Thursday, December 24
4:00 pm, 6:00pm, 10:00pm
12:00am Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Masses - Friday, December 25
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 5:00pm

New Year’s Vigil Mass - Thursday, December 31
4:00pm & 6:00pm

New Year’s Day Masses - Friday, January 1, 2021
7:30am and 10:30am

All Are Welcome!

Please note that reservations, masks & social distancing are required. Sign up on the Holy Cross website (holycrossdewitt.org).

JOIN US!
CHRIST THE KING RETREAT HOUSE PRESENTS:

He Reigns

LET’S GATHER TO DRAW FAMILIES NEARER TO THE KINGSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST

Dec. 10th at Holy Cross Church, Dewitt
Dec. 17th at Holy Family Church, Fairmount



CHRIS SPILKA
DIRECTOR OF CHRIST THE KING RETREAT HOUSE
3 DIFFERENT FORMS OF PRAYER & TESTIMONY OF OUR MISSION



FATHER JASON HAGE
DIRECTOR OF VOCATION PROMOTION
CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH & HOW WE LET CHRIST REIGN IN OUR HOMES PLUS ADORATION AND BLESSING OF EACH FAMILY



JEREMY BOBAK
PRAISE & WORSHIP LEADER

6:30-8PM

Find us on social media!
WWW.CTKRETREAT.COM



CHRIST THE KING RETREAT HOUSE & CONFERENCE CENTER
Ithaca • Geneva • Seneca

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

December Collections

Thank you for your donations toward last month's candy drive to support Jail Ministry at the downtown Justice Center! During the month of December we will be collecting colorless chapstick donations for Sr. Maura Rhode's ministry at the Jamesville Prison. Thank you so much for your generous support during the holiday season!

First Tuesday Sandwiches: December 1st, 8:15am

If you do not have Covid symptoms, you are invited to join an enthusiastic group of volunteers who will gather in Yeazel Hall after daily Mass on Tuesday. A variety of sandwiches are prepared for Catholic Charities Men's Shelter, including pb&j, egg, tuna & chicken sandwiches. Protocols include sign-in for contact tracing, masks and social distancing. Join us!

Laudato Si Circle Meeting:

Saturday, December 5th, 5pm in Yeazel Hall

Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical Laudato Si encourages Catholics everywhere to consider care for the environment as essential to a life of holiness. This is a small group that gathers every 2 weeks to express concern for our common home and to discuss personal and group actions to sustain and support life on this planet. The one hour meetings are open to all and they include prayer, reflection and actions inspired by the encyclical. For more info or to sign up: beth@holycrossdewitt.org



Road to Emmaus Ministry: Wednesdays, 1pm

Thank you to our steadfast volunteers who help to prepare sandwiches at Road to Emmaus Ministry. This ministry serves hungry families on the south side of Syracuse. Sandwiches are prepared on site at 127 E. Glenn St. Please contact Beth if you would like to sign up: beth@holycrossdewitt.org

2021 Samaritan Center Dinners

If you are interested in helping with a meal, our 2021 dates will be: January 24th, March 21st, April 18th, 2021. A crew of 9 parish volunteers recently helped to prepare and serve a Sunday afternoon take out meal at the Samaritan Center soup kitchen. Thank you to our volunteers who serve hungry individuals and families in our community! For more info, or to sign up, contact Rick: philiprcoughlin@gmail.com

2020 Giving Tree

Our 37th Annual Giving Tree Program has begun! **Please take a tag and return the unwrapped gift with the tag attached by noon December 13th.**

We are offering 3 different ways to participate in the Giving Tree this year:

- Take a tag from the trees by the front doors.
- Call the parish office and a tag will be assigned to you.
- Use the link on our parish website to purchase a gift from our Amazon Wish List.

To make it safer for the purchaser and for the receiver of the gift, many of the requests will be for gift cards from online shopping or from local grocery stores like Wegmans, Tops or Aldi or department stores like Target & Walmart.

Please have your gifts back by noon on the 13th so that volunteers can sort them for delivery. Thank you for helping families in need during this difficult time. **Merry Christmas!**



HOPE Appeal 2020

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.

We would ask you to prayerfully consider a gift to the HOPE Appeal. If we all give, we will easily meet the goal of \$101,362.59. You may bring your completed pledge card to Mass next weekend **and drop it in the box along with your weekly contribution. You may also drop it by the office or mail it to the parish office. If you would rather pledge your gift you may do so at syrdio.org.** We would like to wrap up this year's campaign in the next few weeks.

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.



Food Giving Weekend Next Weekend - December 5 and 6

Our Food Giving Weekend will be next weekend. Please help our friends who are in need of food by bringing your non-perishable food items to any of the Masses.

We would like to thank everyone who donated food or money over the past few months. It was so appreciated by the Jamesville Food Pantry.



Knitting Group

We will meet on **Thursday, December 3rd -1PM downstairs in Yeazel Hall.** New knitters are always welcome. Please do not bring food to share and wear your mask. **Reservations are required;** call Rita 315-472-1478 or Jo 315-446-3328 to reserve.

Help bring joy this season

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



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/ch/26-3789417) and Amazon donates to Friends of Holy Cross.

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 \$5,500.00.

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 - Yes, I am interested (\$5,500)

_____ Partial Scholarship - Amount of Donation \$ _____

Spiritual Adoption Program

Month Three - Developing Baby

"I grabbed my hand!" The baby can now squint, swallow & move its tongue. The baby sleeps & awakens. Fingernails & toenails form & it now has its own unique set of fingerprints. Sensitive to touch, it will tightly grasp an object placed in the palm of its hand. The baby breathes amniotic fluid to help develop & strengthen the respiratory system, but gets the oxygen needed through the umbilical cord. The baby you are praying for weighs one ounce & is about 3 inches in length.



Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

FORMED - First Sunday of Advent:

Watch: YDisciple (Youth): Advent, Session 1: Prepare the Way

Watch: Christmas in Rome

Listen: Prepare the Way of the King

Learn, Lectio: Evangelization, Session 2: Clothed with Power (St. Andrew 11/30)

Listen, Walk the Walk (St. Andrew 11/30)

Attention Lectors

- We have your copy of the Workbook for Lectors in the Parish Office. Please stop by to pick up your copy.
- If you would like to be scheduled to lector at one of the weekend Masses please call or email the parish office.
- If you would like to be removed permanently as a lector please call or email the parish office.



PRAY FOR OUR HC COMMUNITY

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

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

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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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