



**HOLY CROSS CHURCH**  
A CARING COMMUNITY

**DECEMBER 1, 2019**

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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





# MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> - First Sunday of Advent**

7:30 AM Frank & Rose Marino/ Villani Family  
 10:30 AM Mary Dates/ Cheryl Thomas  
 5:00 PM Michael Spinoso/ Neal & Doreen McLane

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

7:45 AM Marjorie Montanaro/ Loguidice Family  
 8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

7:45 AM Santina Sindoni/ Family  
 8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

7:45 AM Souls in Purgatory/ Joyce Kotch  
 8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
 7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Penance

**Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 AM Concetta Denero/ Mary Anne & Claude Pilon  
 8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 AM Mass League  
 9:15 AM People of Holy Cross (School Mass)  
 8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Jean Marie Zambrano/ Holy Cross Family  
 3:00 - 3:30 PM Penance  
 4:00 PM Eric Mattice/ The Maio Family

**Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> - Second Sunday of Advent**

7:30 AM Elinore McCarthy/ Family  
 10:30 AM Angeline & Herbert Silvestri/ Family  
 5:00 PM Marie Goodfellow/ B.J. Brang



## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

Masses will be :

- \* 7:45 am and 5:30pm at Holy Cross
- \* 9:00am St. Francis
- \* 12:10pm St. Matthew
- \* 6:30pm St. Mary

**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.

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**Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving**

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



**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.**

**Day of Reflection**

Advent is a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of Jesus' incarnation at Christmas. What better way to prepare for the coming of the Son of Man than to spend some time reflecting about who He is?

All men & women are invited to come for a time of deepening our understanding of what Jesus' coming to earth as our savior means for us. The Day of Reflection will take place on **Monday, December 9th, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm** in Yeazel Hall. Lunch will be from Brooklyn Pickle choice of tuna, corned beef, roast beef, turkey or seafood. Cost is \$12 (lunch included). Please join us by calling Jo Oliva at 446-3328 before **Wednesday, Dec. 4.**

**Children's Liturgy - Sundays in Advent  
during 10:30 AM Mass**

This Advent, we are offering an exciting opportunity for our young families! On **each Sunday in Advent during our 10:30 AM Mass**, we will offer Children's Liturgy of the Word in the daily chapel. Children's Liturgy of the Word allows for young children to hear the scripture readings proclaimed & explained at an age-appropriate level. We're looking for some adult & teen volunteers too!

**First Friday Mass League Enrollment**

Jean Marie Zambrano ~ Holy Cross Family  
 Emilio R. Pascua ~ Rita & Family  
 Amarjid S. Bal ~ Rita & Family

**YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT**

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

\$15,435.98 Collection of November 17  
**\$( 4,268.90) Deficit**

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



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Mark Your Calendars !

- **Day of Reflection for Advent** - with Deacon Dutter - Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> ~ 10am to 2:00pm
- **Altar Rosary Luncheon** - Sat., Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> ~ 12:00pm in Yeazel Hall.
- **Lessons and Carols** - Tuesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> ~ 7pm
- **Holy Cross School Concert** - Thurs., Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> ~ 7pm
- **Syracuse Vocal Ensemble Concert** - Sat., Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:30pm
- **"Light Is On For You"** - Monday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> ~ 4 to 7pm
- **Reconciliation** - Tuesday, Dec. 17 ~ 4 to 7pm
- **Christmas Delight** - Wed, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> - 12:00pm

Watch the bulletin for more details.

### *Christmas and New Year's Schedule 2019*

- Christmas Eve Masses** - Tuesday, December 24  
4:00 pm Mass  
6:00pm Vigil Mass  
Christmas Concert and Carols begin at 11:30pm  
12:00am Midnight Mass
- Christmas Day Masses** - Wednesday, December 25  
8:00am, and 10:30am
- New Year's Vigil Mass**  
4:00pm - Tuesday, December 31
- New Year's Day Masses** - Wednesday, January 1, 2020  
8:00 and 10:30am

### 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!

### Attention: Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers:

◆ We are posting sign-up sheets for any Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers who are able to serve the Christmas and on New Year's Day Masses. Please sign up near the Chapel.

◆ As part of the preparation for the next schedule, we would like to know if there are changes in your Mass preference or if there are times when you are not available for the next few months (January - March). Please call the office or email Peg (peg@holycrossdewitt.org) with your new information.

### 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.

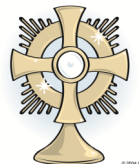
If you would like us to add someone to this list, we ask that only family members call the office or email Peg@holycrossdewitt.org. We will keep them on for three months unless you notify us otherwise. Thank you.

### 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.



### RCIA or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA Inquiry Sessions have begun. This is an opportunity to ask 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.



### CATHOLIC MEDIA - AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

**FORMED:** First Sunday of Advent  
11/30 St. Andrew- Study, Lectio: Evangelization, Session 2:  
Clothed with Power

12/1 First Sunday of Advent

**Watch:** Children - Brother Francis: The Days of Advent

**Watch:** 1st Sunday of Advent

**Listen and Ebook:** Come Lord Jesus: Meditations on the Art of Waiting by Mary Frances

### Catholic Media Kiosk

CD: "ADVENT: Preparing for the Season" by Dr. Tim Gray  
In this talk, Dr. Tim Gray uses storytelling and the readings of the Old Testament to explain that we need to live the 'pre-season' of Advent well, so we can be prepared to welcome and receive the greatest gift God the Father wants to give us at Christmas: His Son, Jesus.

Comment: "Dr. Gray makes the readings from Isaiah and the Old Testament really come alive, no matter the liturgical year. I learned so much about Advent from this talk."

### 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 Mass but please use your discretion about traveling. Check the HC web site for information.

### Breakfast with Santa This Weekend

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.

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



## HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

### Holiday Luncheon Saturday-December 7th

All are welcome to this year's Luncheon at Noon in Yeazel Hall. Please make your reservations by **Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>** by buying your ticket at the parish office or call Jo Oliva 446-3328. Tickets \$27. Catered by Karen's Catering.

### Coming to Holy Cross Sat., December 14, 7:30 PM

Syracuse Vocal Ensemble and Artistic Director, Julie Pretzat, present *A Feast of Carols*, featuring *La Montaine's Nine Lessons for Christmas with percussion and harp.* The program also includes favorite carols and other seasonal works.

**Our favorite cookie reception follows the concert!**

Tickets: Adults \$10, Students and children free  
Tickets and Info: 315.450.7887, SyracuseVocalEnsemble.org and at the door

**Additional Performance** Sunday December 15, 3:00 PM, Persian Terrace, Marriott Downtown Syracuse 3:00 PM.

### Christmas Concert

featuring The Lyncourt Community Band and The Harmony Katz barbershop chorus. Free Admission.  
Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at St. Daniel School Gym (Gingerbread House), 3004 Court St. Syracuse  
For more information call John L. Denega, 315-432-1005 or St. Daniel Rectory, 315-454-4946.

### THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

#### **Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> - Food Giving Weekend**

9:15 AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13  
11:30 AM Breakfast with Santa  
11:30 AM RCIA - room 9  
3:00 PM Faith Formation/Discipleship - room 1 & 2  
6:30 PM Third Option - rooms 12 & 13

#### **Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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

#### **Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

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, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

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 HC Men's Group - room 9  
7:00 PM High School Faith Formation - Youth Room  
7:00 PM Middle School/Youth Group - rooms 10-13

#### **Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> - Food Giving Weekend**

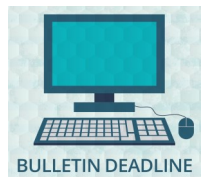
10:00 AM Marian Book Group - room 9  
12:00 PM Holiday Luncheon - Yeazel Hall  
3:00 PM Penance - Church

#### **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> - Food Giving Weekend**

9:15 AM Adult Ministry - room 12  
11:30 AM RCIA - room 9  
3:00 PM Faith Formation/Discipleship - Youth room & rm. 2  
3:30 PM Confirmation Group Session - Yeazel Hall & rms 7-10

### Deadlines for the Upcoming Bulletin

- The deadline for the bulletin of Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> will be **Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 am**
- The deadline for the bulletin of Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> will be **Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 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!

### Christmas Delight Luncheon Coffee and Conversation

You are invited to join us for **Christmas Delight Luncheon** (which will replace Coffee and Conversation) this month at **12:00pm on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** in Yeazel Hall. We will be doing an exchange of \$5 gift cards from any store among those present. Also, we will have pizza and salad for lunch (\$6 donation). Please make your reservation by Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> by 9:00am with Jo Oliva at 446-3328.

### Knitting Group

We will meet on **Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> -1PM downstairs in Yeazel Hall.** New knitters are always welcome.

**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](mailto:beth@holycrossdewitt.org)

**November Corporal Works of Mercy Drive-Thank you!**  
Thank you for your donations of toiletries & paper products! Our Faith Formation students learned about following the example of Jesus by caring for the many poor and struggling families in the Syracuse community. All the donations from students & the parish were combined-- and they resulted in a mountain of support for people in need of basic household supplies & toiletries! Thank you for your generosity!

**Thank you to our November volunteers!**  
Holy Cross parishioners were busy during the month of November. In addition to Tuesday Sandwich Ministry & the Works of Mercy collection, it was a month of service every weekend! Thank you for the love and generosity you share with hungry people in the Syracuse community!

- 1st weekend:** Boy Scout Food Drive @ Jamesville Food Pantry
- 2nd weekend:** Men's Shelter Pancake Breakfast & Thursday Meal at Road to Emmaus
- 3rd weekend:** Samaritan Center Cookie Bakers & Sunday Dinner.
- This weekend:** Annual Refugee Bake Sale



**December Save the Dates!**

- **Sandwich Ministry**--Tuesdays Downstairs Dec 3 & 17th, 8:15am
- **Road to Emmaus Meal**--Thursday, 4335 S. Salina St, Dec 12, 4-6:30pm

**Annual Parish Caroling Party with Neighbors Helping Neighbors: Dec 15th, 11:30**

All parishioners are invited to spread Christmas cheer to our neighbors down the road at Brookdale Senior Living on Genesee St. Lunch will be provided in Yeazel Hall after 10:30am Mass. Following lunch we will rehearse for an hour or so before carpooling or caravanning down the road for a 2pm performance at Brookdale. Please contact Beth if you plan to join us for lunch: (315)416-4576 or [beth@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:beth@holycrossdewitt.org).



**December Christmas collections:**

We are collecting donations of individually wrapped hard 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!

**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.



**COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS**

Workshop for individuals who are experiencing the grief of a loved one at this holiday season. We will have speakers sharing their experience, offer suggestions, & answer questions. We will also offer a youth program at the same time for children & teens to make a memorial ornament. No reservations needed. Dec. 2 – 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Light refreshments will be served. HOPE For Bereaved, 4500 Onondaga Blvd, Syracuse, NY

**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 December 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>**

<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EUCH. MIN.</u>	<u>EUCH. MIN.</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>USHERS -A</u>
Saturday, 4:00 PM	Tony DiBiase	H1 Mary Relihan	CH1 M.B. Domachowske	Alaina DiBiase	Dennis Cole
		H3 Gayle Resetarits	CH2 Deacon	Nicholas DiBiase	Claude Pilon
		H4 Claudette Tanner		Cecila Lombardi	Michael Krisak
Sunday, 7:30 AM	Teri Skandalis	H1 Kathleen Bullion	C1 Robert Brunette	Riley Biddlecome	Ed Coolican
		H3 Margaret Ingraham	C2 Marie DeStefano	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Tony Ebersole
		H4 Leonard DeStefano		<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Len Smith
					Charles Stepneski
Sunday, 10:30 AM	Constance Chase	H1 Mary Haley	CH1 John Fix	Declan Reed	Neil Bourcy
		H3 Karen Kirkman	CH2 Deacon	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Don Brown
		H4 Ellyn Lubel		Gabriel Yang	Peter Bergamo
					Milke Sigona
					Ray Moade
Sunday, 5:00PM	Conf. Peer Leader	H1 <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	C1 <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Kaitlin Houglan	
		H3 Stephanie Heath	C2 Nancy Tourville	Rayna Reed	
		H4 <b>Volunteer Needed</b>		<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	

**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**

4112 E. Genesee St., DeWitt, NY 13214

Church Office – Phone: 315 446-0473, FAX: 315 446-7608

Website: [holycrossdewitt.org](http://holycrossdewitt.org) ■ E-Mail: [info@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:info@holycrossdewitt.org)

**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](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**

4200 E. Genesee St., DeWitt, NY 13214

School Office – Phone: 315 446-4890, FAX: 315 446-4799

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E-Mail: [moleary@syrdiocese.org](mailto:moleary@syrdiocese.org)

**Staff ~ Name and Title**

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