



**HOLY CROSS CHURCH**  
A CARING COMMUNITY

**DECEMBER 22, 2019**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# FOURTH SUNDAY

# *of Advent*





# MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> - Fourth Sunday of Advent**

7:30 AM Fred Bullion/ Family  
 10:30 AM Bernadine & Victor Becker/ Family  
 5:00 PM Frank Cappelletti/ Bergamo Family

**Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

7:45 AM Mary Anne Pagano/ Mary Anne  
 8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve**

**No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today**

7:45 AM People of Holy Cross  
 4:00 PM People of Holy Cross  
 6:00 PM People of Holy Cross

**Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> - The Nativity of the Lord**

**No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today**

12:00 AM People of Holy Cross  
 8:00 AM People of Holy Cross  
 10:30 AM People of Holy Cross

**Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 AM Intention of Emma Marks/ Holy Cross Staff  
 8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 AM Betty Galletta/ Mary Beth & Dare Dutter  
 8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Jack Murphy/ Friends  
 3:00 - 3:30 PM Penance  
 4:00 PM Joseph Wilczynski/ Carol & Sev Gonnella

**Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

7:30 AM Mary Ellen Shaver/ Ken & Joan Scott  
 10:30 AM Carl Austin/ Theresa Walter  
 10:30 AM Barbara Brown / son Marcus Brown  
 5:00 PM Louise J. Messina/ John Galletta



**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

- Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm.
- Every Wednesday 7:00-8:00pm in the church
- Every Saturday in December at 3:00pm in the church.

**We still have a few openings for  
 Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**

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

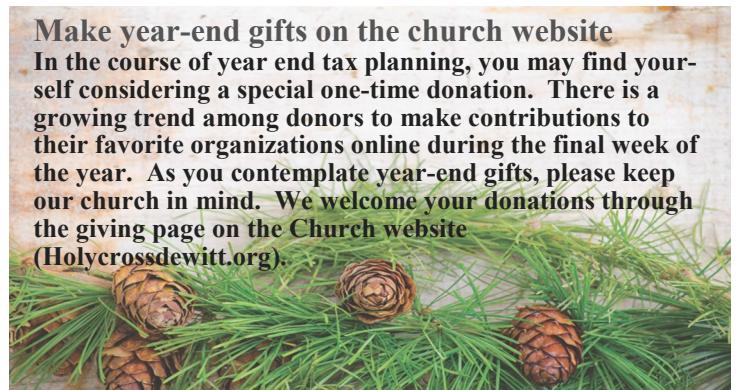


Please introduce yourself to one of the priests. We invite you to become an active participant of our parish community by completing a census card which you can find in an envelope in the gathering area, or contact the Parish Office, or visit our web site; [www.holycrossdewitt.org](http://www.holycrossdewitt.org).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

**Week of December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

***Host, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp***

*In Memory Of:* Angeline & Herbert Silvestri  
*Requested By:* Family



**Make year-end gifts on the church website**  
 In the course of year end tax planning, you may find yourself considering a special one-time donation. There is a growing trend among donors to make contributions to their favorite organizations online during the final week of the year. As you contemplate year-end gifts, please keep our church in mind. We welcome your donations through the giving page on the Church website ([Holycrossdewitt.org](http://Holycrossdewitt.org)).

**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)

**YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT**

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

- \$18,597.95 Collection of December 8
- \$( 1,106.93) Deficit
- \$ 1,235.00 Cathedraticum
- \$ 1,033.00 Thanksgiving Day

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



# HOLIDAY Mass Schedule

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## Christmas and New Year's Schedule 2019

**Christmas Eve Masses** - Tuesday, December 24  
 Carols and Children's Procession begin at 3:30pm  
 4:00pm Family 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

## PCA Christmas & New Year's Schedule 2019

**Christmas Eve Masses** - Tuesday, December 24  
 4:00pm at St. Matthew  
 6:00pm at St. Mary  
 12:00 Midnight at St. Matthews

**Christmas Day Masses** - Wednesday, December 25  
 10:00am at St. Francis (in parish hall)

**New Year's Eve** - Tuesday, December 31  
 4:30pm at St. Matthew

**New Year's Day** - Wednesday, January 1  
 9:30am at St. Francis  
 11:00am at St. Mary

### Christmas Flowers

All are welcome to give a donation for our Christmas Flowers however we will not be publishing a memorial list as we have done in the past. All envelopes that contain names for a memorial will be placed on the altar during the Advent & Christmas Season. These people will be prayed for during each Mass.

### Mass for Homebound

Sunday Mass for the ill and home-bound is available each week on TV on Sunday at 6:30am on channel 9 and on the Syracuse Catholic Television YouTube channel. For a complete list of channels & air times, visit facebook.com/syracuseCTV. Televised Mass is made possible by your generous donations to the HOPE Appeal.



### 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, 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, 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 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.

### Respite Care

Holy Cross is working to develop a respite program one day per week to serve parishioners who are suffering from various forms of dementia.

If you have a loved one who suffers from dementia & are interested in taking advantage of this program, or are interested in volunteering for one two to four-hour time period to work in the respite program, please contact Deacon Dare Dutter at dare@holycrossdewitt.org.

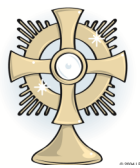
### **Cancelled on December 25 and January 1**

#### **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. For more info, contact the parish office: (315) 446-4073.



**Immaculata Award**

Congratulations to Sue and Bill Sovik! They are recipients of the 2019 Immaculata Award for Service. This was awarded to them by Bishop Lucia on December 8, 2019. "The Immaculata Award honors the many lay men and women who 'expend all their energy' serving in their parishes and beyond. It recognizes their love for Christ and his Church, which is demonstrated not only in their service, but, more importantly, in their fidelity." Thank you Bill and Sue for all of your loving service to our community! We are so blessed by your presence.



**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

- Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
9:15 AM Adult Ministry - room 12  
10:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word - Chapel
- Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**  
10:30am to 7:30pm Red Cross Blood Drive - Yeazel Hall
- Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**  
3:00 PM Penance - Church
- Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**  
9:15 AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13  
3:00 PM Faith Formation/Discipleship - room 1 & 2  
6:30 PM Third Option - rooms 12 & 13




**Holiday Office Closings**

- ◆ **Tuesday, Dec. 24th, Wednesday, Dec. 25th, and Wednesday, Jan. 1st the Parish Office will be closed**
- ◆ **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will not take place on these days.**

**CATHOLIC MEDIA - AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE**

- Formed:**
- Study:** YDisciple (Teens): Advent Session 4 - The Gift
- Listen:** Come, Lord Jesus
- Listen:** The School of Nazareth, Blessing of Christmas, The Story of Christmas
- Kids:** Kristoph and the First Christmas Tree, Brother Francis: O Holy Night

**A Family Perspective:**



The child born to Jesus and Mary was named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." Every child is EMMANUEL, reminding us "God is with us." Children are signs of God's continuing presence in our lives.

**Breakfast With Santa Thank You**

Thank you to Santa, Steve Nepil, the Confirmation students and too many other wonderful volunteers to mention for their help with Breakfast With Santa.

I couldn't have done this amazing event without you!

Jo Oliva



**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 \_\_\_\_\_

4th Sunday of Advent—Luke 1:39-45

Blessed Advent!

Today we have two mothers meeting; they are related, and one carries in her womb John the Baptist and the other woman, Mary, carries in her womb Jesus.

The Gospel account says that John, who would cry out in the desert the message that everyone needs to "prepare the way of the Lord," leapt with joy in the womb of his mother upon hearing Mary's greeting.

John's message in the desert is the message that we all need to heed as we get closer to the Christmas celebration. May our faith leap with joy at the chance to proclaim our Lord and to prepare the way!

### 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)

#### Thank you to Girl Scout Troop

During their December Christmas party of hot cocoa & cookies, Holy Cross School Girls scout troop #60500 sorted our recent collection of paper goods & toiletries as well as giving tree gifts. The scouts also participated in our Giving Tree program by purchasing gifts for children in need. Thank you to the girls & their parents for their support for Faith in Action at Holy Cross!

#### Thank you for your generosity!

One of the beautiful charisms of the Holy Cross community is your generosity toward others! Our end of the year parade of collections has concluded as we continue to distribute your donations to our outreach partners. Baby bottle coin banks have been returned to Joseph's House, toiletries & paper goods are on their way to Catholic Charities, Jamesville Food Pantry & Emmaus Ministry. Hard candy donations will be distributed to the Justice Center by Jail Ministry, and Sr. Maura will gift the individuals at Jamesville Prison with your chapstick donations for the winter season.

Meanwhile, your clean & gently used winter clothing for refugees filled our downstairs closet! Trish & Meg, from the Refugee Assistance Committee, are diligently sorting them for distribution at Refugee Resettlement. Jolie Johnson was a huge help by collecting used children's clothing from our generous families at Holy Cross School.

Finally, our Giving Tree program started November 23rd and gifts poured in to support 12 organizations with more than 400 giving tree gifts for children in need.

As we celebrate the third week of Advent, I am deeply grateful for your continuing generosity! I pray that you will be abundantly blessed with the many gifts that the Christ child brings--especially peace on earth and love for all.

#### January Save the Dates:

- **Sandwich Ministry:** Downstairs on **Tuesday, Jan. 7th & 21st, 8:15-9am**
- **Emmaus Ministry Meal:** S. Salina St, **Jan. 9th, 4-6:30pm**
- **Men's Shelter Pancake Breakfast:** 1074 S. Clinton St, **Jan. 12th, 6:30-8am**
- **Samaritan Center Dinner:** 215 N. State St, **Jan. 26th, 11am-12:30 or 12:30-3pm**



Merry  
CHRISTMAS

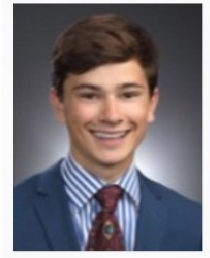
### World Marriage Day Celebration

The Annual World Marriage Day will be celebrated on **Feb. 16, 2:30pm**, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse. The Most Reverend Douglas J. Lucia will celebrate Mass and invites all couples in attendance to renew their commitment to Holy Matrimony. He will honor couples who will celebrate their 25th, 50th, and beyond 50th anniversary in 2020.



If celebrating your 25th, 50th or 50+ anniversary in 2020, please contact your parish office to register. **All married couples and their families are invited to attend!**

### Donate Blood in honor of Ryan Blair and Patients in Need



Recent Jamesville-DeWitt HS grad and freshman at SUNY Morrisville Ryan Blair recently experienced an unexpected severe stomach bleed requiring an emergency blood transfusion. Ryan ultimately received 5 units of blood and is grateful to the volunteer donors who saved his life. Please join Ryan and his family as they work to raise awareness about the importance of blood donation and donate blood at this special event.

### Blood Drive Holy Cross Church

Yeazel Hall  
4112 E Genesee Street - Syracuse

**Friday, December 27th  
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)  
or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: HCDEWITT to schedule an appointment.



Give a gift, get a gift. Come to give Dec. 19-Jan. 5 for an exclusive Red Cross long-sleeved T-shirt, while supplies last!



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### New Year's Eve Day of Reflection Tuesday, Dec. 31st -10 am-3pm

"A New Year, An End and a Beginning" For some of us this past year was full of joy, happiness and great achievement! You also may be an individual that has faced a challenging year full of loss, disappointment and sadness. At our New Year's Eve day of reflection, with **Chris Spilka, Director**, we will look back on the year that was and celebrate the year we are about to have! God wills for us to draw nearer to Him during this New Year so let's give Him our all! **Offering: \$30 includes lunch Reservations suggested. Call 315-446-2680, or email us at [ctkretreat@syrдио.org](mailto:ctkretreat@syrдио.org)**

#### 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](mailto:klong@thecatholicsun.com)) with any questions.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE ~ WEEKEND OF December 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>**

<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	Joan Laura	H1 Terry Dooher	CH1 <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Alaina DiBiase	Dennis Cole
		H3 Lola Gualtieri	CH2 Deacon	Nicholas DiBiase	
		H4 MB Domachowske		Simon Farranto	Michael Krisak
Sunday, 7:30 AM	Paul Mooney	H1 Marie DeStefano	C1 Leonard DeStefano	Lindsay Parker	Ed Coolican
		H3 Teri Skandalis	C2 Kathleen Bullion	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Tony Ebersole
		H4 Robert Brunette		<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Len Smith
					Charles Stepneski
Sunday, 10:30 AM	Karen L. Markoff	H1 Mary Lee Muench	CH1 Ellyn Lubel	SUB	Neil Bourcy
		H3 Rani Ristau	CH2 Deacon	Finn O'Brien	Don Brown
		H4 Cookie Dunham		Gabriel Yang	Peter Bergamo
					Milke Sigona
					Ray Moade
Sunday, 5:00PM	Cottet Family	H1 Margaret Ingraham	C1 <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Declan Reed	
		H3 Pat Ryan	C2 Elaine Ryan	Rayna Reed	
		H4 <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**

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

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**Staff ~ Name and Title**

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