



# THE HOLY FAMILY

## Official Prayer For The Year of Vocations

*God, My Father, You created me with a specific purpose for my life; this is my vocation. By following your plan, I will be happy on earth, earn the reward of heaven, & help others to do the same. Please help me to hear, understand, and follow Your call with my whole heart, especially when it seems most difficult. Saint Joseph, patron of the universal Church, pray for me to know and accept God's will for my life. 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](http://www.holycrossdewitt.org/subscribe) to see more.



### **Mass Times**

- Daily Mass:** 7:45am
- Saturday:** 9:00am
- Reconciliation:**
  - Wed. 5-6pm & 7-8pm
  - Sat. 3:00-3:30pm
- Sunday Mass**
- Vigil Sat.:** 4:00pm
- Sun.:** 7:30am, 10:30am & 5:00 pm

**View Sunday & Daily Mass on online - [holycrossdewitt.org](http://holycrossdewitt.org)**

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Please check page 4 of the bulletin for the schedule of New Year Masses.**

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



**Sun., Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

7:30am Vincent A. Donnelly/ Nancy & Frank Daly

10:30am Frank Cappelletti/ Family

5:00pm John & Norma Kurgan/ Father John

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

7:45am Charles & Janet Farner/ The Prince Family

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

**Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Dr. Carl I. Austin, Sr./ Theresa Austin-Walter

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

**Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Daniel Ciffonelli/ Mary Jo & Vince DiMento

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

7:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Penance

**Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

7:45am People of Holy Cross

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

4:00pm Tom Durkin/ Elaine Lostumbo

6:00pm Fr. Matthew F. Brown/ Friends

**Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>— Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**Private Prayer & Devotion cancelled Today**

7:30am Mass League

10:30am John Lynn/ Sister

**Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00am Doris Spinosa/ David & Anna Mae Stone

4:00pm The Moore & Bachman Families/

Jim & Mary Kay Moore

3:00 - 3:30pm Penance

**Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>— Epiphany Of The Lord**

7:30am Mary Mudura/ Joanne Hagan

10:30am Mitchell Lubel/ Wife & Family

5:00pm M/M C.B. Ridley/ Charlene Valentine

**Holy Cross Church Calendars are available near all the exits.**

**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**

\$ 661.00Cathedraticum collection

December 13 & 20 collections will be reported next week

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

**Spiritual Reflection for Sunday December 27, 2020**

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

Colossians 3:12-21

Luke 2:22-40

We see today that the parents of Jesus are observant Jews. They take Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. It was written in the law of the Lord that “Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord,” and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. It should not be lost on us that Jesus will become the offering, replacing animals as the sacrificial offerings.



As Mary and Joseph present the child Jesus, they encounter Simeon, who was a devout man, living in Jerusalem. The Holy Spirit revealed to Simeon that he would not encounter death until he had seen the Christ of the Lord. When Simeon encounters the child Jesus, he takes the child into his arms and proclaims: “Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”

Imagine the amazement that Mary and Joseph experienced when they hear Simeon’s proclamation, which we know as the Canticle of Simeon. They have already received mysterious messages delivered to them that foretell the greatness of the child, and yet they still must ponder the message’s meaning.

For our reflection today in this Christmas Season, let us experience the Canticle of Simeon in the same way Mary and Joseph experienced it; as new and wonderful. May Simeon cause us to ponder the true greatness of Christ in our life!

Peace,

Fr. John Kurgan

**Week of December 27th**

**Sanctuary Lamp**

*In Memory Of:* Frank Cappelletti

*Requested By :* Family



**Your end-of-the-year 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).**



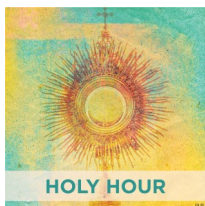
# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2020

- SUN 12/27** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
- MON 12/28** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
- TUE 12/29** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
- WED 12/30** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
- THR 12/31** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
- FRI 1/1** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
- SAT 1/2** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28
- SUN 1/3** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-12

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2020

- Sunday:** The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
- Monday:** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- Tuesday:** St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
- Thursday:** St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
- Friday:** Mary, The Holy Mother of God; New Year's Day; World Day of Peace
- Saturday:** Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
- Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week



### 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.



## 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](mailto: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 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 Chapel and the forgiveness of our Savior.

## New Year's Schedule 2020

**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](http://holycrossdewitt.org)).

**The Mass at 4:00pm New Year's Eve can be viewed on-line via the Holy Cross website.**

### First Friday Mass League

**What is the Mass League?** Your loved one or intention will be remembered at the 7:45am Mass on the First Friday of each month for one year. Cost is \$25 and membership is available by stopping by the Parish Office.

### First Friday Mass League Enrollment

Emilio R. Pascua by Daughter, Rita  
Scuderi Family by Family  
Bruno Family by Family  
Lavelle Family by Family  
Scuderi Family by Family  
Sayre Family by Family  
Joseph & Elaine Scuderi by Family  
Durkin Family by Family

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

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

9:00 AM RCIA Session— remote

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

8:15 AM Holy Hour - Church

8:00 PM Night Prayer - Live on HC Facebook

**Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 PM Holy Hour - Church

7:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel

**Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> Office Closed**

**No Private Prayer & Devotion Today**

**Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> - Food Giving Weekend**

3:00 - 3:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel

**Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> - Food Giving Weekend**

9:00 AM RCIA Session - remote

## HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

- ♦ **Friday, Jan. 1st the Parish Office will be Closed.**
- ♦ **Private Prayer and Devotion will not take place on this day.**

Holy Cross is currently located in an **Orange Zone**. Services have a limited attendance. We are offering extra Mass locations at this time to accommodate more individuals. Be sure to make note of the *location* and time you are registering for and follow all instructions and guidelines. Please refer to the Holy Cross website for any updated information.



## CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2020

***To all the teens (and their parents) of Holy Cross who celebrated Confirmation, November 5, 2020...  
May the Holy Spirit continue to fill your heart with joy, & may His grace and peace be with you in all you do.  
May you always look to God and His guidance as you seek to follow Him and His good way.  
Come Holy Spirit, come, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your Love.***

Xavier Spencer Albanese  
Samuel Andrew Bobrek  
Tyler Martin Broschart  
Adrianna Isabella Carocci  
Paul James Conley  
Cecilia Elizabeth D'Alberto  
Owen Michael Demetros  
Alexandra Michele Dettor  
Jillian Corrine Lee Dominicos

Grace Katherine Evans  
Sophia Suzanne Ferris  
Abigail Jane Curtin  
Connor Luke Gleasman  
John David Serlin  
Lindsey Katharine Hildreth  
Marcus Howard  
Armen J. Karoglanian  
Rebecca Maria Kassis  
Joseph Matthew Kosty

Andrew James Flint  
Kaitlyn Anne Laubenstein  
Brian Joseph Leiker  
Marianna Rose Lorenzo  
Carolyn Mary Nappi  
Ciara Marie O'Donnell  
Lauren Marie Parker  
Joseph Patrick Picciano  
Katelyn Elizabeth Price  
Daniel Joseph Richer

Jordan Ellen Ristau  
Benjamin Arthur Schellinger  
Madeline Jane Schnorr  
Nathan Drake Schultz  
Rina Grace Shimer  
Thomas Ladd Tiffany III  
Stella Rose Vinal  
Theodore John Weston  
Christopher William Francis Zajdel



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)

**Pandemic restrictions:**

The recent surge in Covid-19 cases has had an impact on Faith in Action service activities. For our regularly scheduled activities, please call ahead or check the parish website for updated information.

**December Collections**

Thank you for your donations of colorless chapstick for Sr Maura Rhode's ministry at the Jamesville Prison. Thank you so much for your consideration for prisoners during this holiday season!

**Refugee Closet**

Children's winter clothing is in demand as the weather turns colder. Please donate only freshly laundered clothing, especially coats, snow pants & boots. Children's clothing donations can be placed in the Faith in Action Closet downstairs.



**Refugee Assistance Group:**

Members of the group are actively involved in supporting the AliKhel family with their goals regarding education and finding work. As it is for all families, online learning for the children is an ongoing challenge. Joan Willard has been diligently working with the children and their teachers. Thank you Joan! Our annual birthday party for the family will take place online January 2nd. If you would like to join us, please contact Beth for more information:

[Beth@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:Beth@holycrossdewitt.org)

**Laudato Si Circle Online:**

This winter may be the right time for you to join this online group! Join fellow parishioners engaged in energetic discussion about God's love for creation. Plans are underway for joyful and inspiring spring activities. This a safe opportunity to meet with one another and nurture hope during this long winter season. To join the group, please contact Beth: [beth@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:beth@holycrossdewitt.org)



**2021 Samaritan Center Dinners**

If you are interested in helping with a Sunday meal at the Samaritan Center Soup Kitchen, our 2021 dates will be: January 24th, March 21st, April 18th, 2021. There are now 2 options for helping with the Sunday meals: 9am to noon or noon to 3pm. Only 5 volunteers are allowed for each shift. Masks & social distancing are required in order to serve the take-out meals. To sign up, contact Rick: [philiprcoughlin@gmail.com](mailto:philiprcoughlin@gmail.com)

**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. Sign up for the bulletin brief and up-to-date information will be emailed to you. You may do this by visiting the Holy Cross website, then go to "News" & "Subscribe".**

**Food Giving Weekend  
Next Weekend - January 2 and 3**

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.

**HOPE Appeal 2020  
Campaign ending on December 31**

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](http://syrdio.org).**

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.

**Spiritual Adoption Program  
Month Four - "I had a dream"**

Your baby's brain has begun maturing - a process that will continue until they are about 14 years old. The baby's eyelids are now sealed and will re-open at 7 months. Their taste buds are now working. Nutrients consumed by their mother are passed on within an hour or two.



*Spiritual Adoption*

Three hundred quarts of fluid a day are sent to the baby via the umbilical cord. Fine hair begins to grow on head, eyebrows and eyelashes. Facial expressions similar to parents of the baby can be seen at this time. This month REMS (rapid eye movements) have been recorded - a sign of dreaming. Your baby is now about 9 inches in length. Thank you for praying!

**World Marriage Day Celebration**

The Annual World Marriage Day will be celebrated on **Feb. 14, 2:00pm**, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse. The Most Reverend Douglas J. Lucia will celebrate Mass and invite all couples in attendance to renew their commitment to Holy Matrimony. He will specially honor couples who will celebrate their 25th, 50th, and beyond 50th anniversary in 2021.



If celebrating your 25th, 50th or 50+ anniversary in 2021, please contact the parish office to receive a special invitation from Bishop Lucia.

**Online Safe Environment Training Updates**

The Office of Safe Environment continues to offer online initial (PGC) and re-certification (EPDR) training opportunities to those who are interested and able to attend training online during this time.

The complete schedule of available training sessions and registration links can be found on the diocesan Safe Environment page: <https://syracusediocese.org/safe-environment/>

**PGC (Initial) Training:**

- Wednesday, January 6, 2021 6:00pm - 8:00pm (Registration closes on Tuesday, December 29th at Noon)
- Friday, January 8, 2021 10:00am - 12:00pm (Registration closes on Wednesday, December 30th at Noon)
- Friday, January 22, 2021 10:00am - 12:00pm (Registration closes on Friday, January 15th at Noon)

**EPDR (Re-certification) Training:**

- Thursday, January 7, 2021 10:00am - 11:30am (Registration closes on Wednesday, December 30th at Noon)
- Wednesday, January 20, 2021 6:00pm - 7:30pm (Registration closes on Wednesday, January 13th at Noon)

**Pray the Rosary Daily**

Most mornings after daily Mass a group gathers to pray the Rosary. It is informal, and open to anyone who would like to pray.

**Please join us!**

*Amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*

*Mt 18:19-20*



**Catholic Media - Augustine Institute**

**FORMED** - Feast of the Holy Family (12/27)

Read: My Brother, the Pope by Georg Ratzinger  
 Read: Why Humanae Vitae was Right by Janet E. Smith

**Read:** On the Family by Pope Francis

**Audiobook:** The Universal Letters: Faith, Hope and Love - Sts. James, Peter and John

**Listen:** The Treasure of Our Soul - Dr. Scott Hahn (The Apostles Creed)

**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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**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

**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. 16
- Rev. Charles S. Vavonese, Weekend Homilist
- Deacon Dare Dutter, ext. 13
- James Buttner, Seminarian
- Ernest J. Camerota, Director of Music, ext. 38
- Brette Cooper, Maintenance
- Josh Corcoran, Music Sunday 5pm Mass
- 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. 21
- 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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 E-Mail: [rmccrone@syrdiocese.org](mailto:rmccrone@syrdiocese.org)

**Staff ~ Name and Title**

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