

# THE HOLY FAMILY



“Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel,  
for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” - Mt 2:20



# MASS INTENTIONS

## 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 & Austin Walter  
10:30 AM Barbara Brown / son Marcus Brown  
5:00 PM Louise J. Messina/ John Galletta

## Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

7:45 AM Tim Pinnick/ The Nepil Family  
8:15 AM -3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

## Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

7:45 AM Peter Marks / Friends  
4:00 PM Bill Byron/ Mom and Dad

## Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> - Solemnity of Mary No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today

8:00 AM People of Holy Cross  
10:30 AM John Lynn/ Sister

## Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

## Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

7:45 AM First Friday Mass League  
8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

## Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM Cathedral Company Employees  
3:00 - 3:30 PM Penance  
4:00 PM Stephanie Gaeds & Mary Badera/  
Peter & Antoinette Badera

## Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> - Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 AM Sarah Villani/ Victor & Children  
10:30 AM Mitchell Lubel/ Wife & Family  
5:00 PM Judith Lannon/ Ginger Gedney

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

Your new schedule has been sent out. If you did not receive your schedule or have any changes in your email, contact Peg at the parish office via phone or email [Peg@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:Peg@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)



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 29<sup>th</sup>

#### *Host and Wine*

*In Memory Of:* Frank Cappelletti

*Requested By:* Wife & Family

#### *Sanctuary Lamp*

*In Memory Of:* Linda Maar, Sue Russel & Peg Russel

*Requested By:* Rita & Family



### First Friday Mass League Enrollment

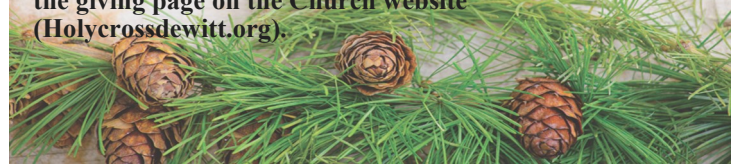
Frieda & Anthony Ianuzzi & Family ~ Maio Family  
Grace & Joseph Maio & Family ~ Maio Family  
Grace & Frank Scibilia & Family ~ Maio Family  
Bertha Carmen ~ Debra Pascale  
Thomas Lazzaro ~ Mary Beth Smith

### 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.

### 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)).



### YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT

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

\$14,073.30 Collection of December 15

\$( 5,631.33) Deficit

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

**The Holy Family  
December 29, 2019**

“Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you.” 725 kilometers. That’s the distance on modern roads from Bethlehem to Cairo. Assuming one covered 40km a day on foot — ambitious for two young parents and their infant son — the journey would take well over two weeks. Of course, the Holy Family didn’t have modern roads. They would travel through wilderness, fear bandits, run low on water, and cross the vast Sinai Peninsula in a reverse of their forefathers in Exodus. Here, in struggle and sacrifice, are the beginnings of the forging of the Holy Family.

“Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod.” Large Jewish communities existed in most major cities of the ancient Mediterranean world, after the collapse of their kingdoms chronicled in the Old Testament, and Joseph could likely find work as a carpenter. All the same, today’s Gospel reminds us that the first formational years of Jesus as a babe-in-arms were spent in a strange land. The members of the Holy Family were foreigners, outsiders, immigrants.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. God took on our humanity. He is in solidarity with our own trials and difficulties. On the feast of the Holy Family, we honor the special place of the family within society. We are invited, too, to recall those families who share in the struggles of the Holy Family in a particular way. We pray for immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. We pray for all parents who sacrifice their own well-being and comfort so their children may have a better life.

**A Family Perspective:**

Today’s gospel says Joseph “made his home in Nazareth.” A “home” is built on the foundation of love, commitment and a shared history and is decorated with forgiveness, acceptance, rituals, discipline and mutual support. The Holy Family challenges us today: Don’t live “anyplace”, live at HOME!



**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, Macey Horbauch, 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.

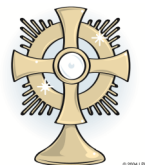
**If you would like us to add someone to this list, we ask that only family members call the office or email Peg@holycrossdewitt.org. We will keep them on for three months unless you notify us otherwise. Thank you.**

**Cancelled on 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.



**CATHOLIC MEDIA - AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE**

**Formed:**

**Study:** Beloved: Mystery and Meaning of Marriage/  
Amado: Marriage/Amado: Viviendo el Matrimonio

**Watch:** Marriage - God’s Design for Life and Love

**Watch:** Mary of Nazareth/Maria Nazareth/  
Maria de Nazaret, Joseph of Nazareth/José Nazareth/ José de Nazaret; The Mystery of Christmas by Fr. Larry Richards

**Catholic Media Kiosk:**

CD: “Our Lady of Good Success” by Matthew Arnold  
Our Lady of Good Success appeared on several occasions in the early 17th century to Mother Mariana de Jesus Torres in Quito, Ecuador. Fully approved by the Church, this Marian apparition contains an immensely important and hopeful message for our troubled times.

Comment: “AWESOME! This was my favorite LCM CD yet! Filled with hope.” ~Linn - Overland Park, KS

**Life Matters**

**More Good News for Christmas:**

Washington DC: The U.S. Supreme Court is letting a 2017 Kentucky pro-life law stand that requires pregnant women to hear their unborn baby’s heartbeat and view the baby via ultrasound imaging before getting an abortion. The law was initially challenged by the ACLU and others, but a US Circuit appeals court upheld it, and now the Supreme Court agreed (Church Militant, 12/9/19).

Lila Rose, (Live Action) commented: “When women have the chance to see the humanity of their child and hear their heartbeat, many reject the violence of abortion. This is a great win for Kentucky and our nation.”





***New Year's Mass Schedule***

**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 New Year's Schedule**

New Year's Eve - Tuesday, December 31  
 4:30pm at St. Matthew  
 New Year's Day - Wednesday, January 1, 2020  
 9:30am at St. Francis  
 11:00am at St. Mary

**Holiday Office Closings**

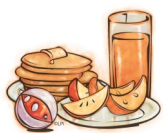
- ◆ **Wednesday, Jan. 1st the Parish Office will be closed**
- ◆ **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will not take place on January 1.**

**Marian Book Group**

New to Holy Cross - a Marian Book Group! Our goal is to learn more from our Blessed Mother, to understand her words to better our lives and the lives of others. Reading a book to inspire conversation is how we will begin. This is not really a study course, rather a way to discuss what is important to each of us, and hopefully how to live by our Blessed Mother's words. We meet on the first Saturday of the month, and other times based on attendees' schedules. We welcome new participants, and guests.

*Our first selection: Fatima for Today by Fr. Andrew Apostoli available on the kiosk or from Kathleen Pagano. January 4th, following 9am Mass, in Room 9.*

**Pancake Breakfast**



All are welcome to come to the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast on January 5th. Breakfast is served from 8am to 11:30am at the Council #5186's home - 205 N. Center Street (across from the Village Offices). Breakfast includes pancakes, French toast, eggs, potatoes, bacon, sausages, coffee, juice, milk. Adults \$7; kids \$5; under 6 free

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

**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  
**Thursday, January 2**  
 1:00 PM Knitting Group - Yeazel Hall  
**Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup> - Food Giving Weekend**  
 10:00 AM Marian Book Group - room 9  
 3:00 PM Penance - Church  
**Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> - Food Giving Weekend**  
 9:15 AM Adult Ministry - room 12  
 3:00 PM Faith Formation / Discipleship - Youth Room & rm. 2

**New Knitters - Welcome**

We will meet on Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> -1PM downstairs in Yeazel Hall. New knitters are always welcome. Stop by even if you are a beginner and want to learn more or if you want help with ongoing projects such as knitting hats for newborns in the hospitals.



**Congratulations!!**

Seven fourth and fifth grade girls of the Holy Cross Girl Scout Troop 60500 have successfully earned their Bronze Award on December 9 for partnering with a community organization to have a sustainable impact on addressing the needs of their community. It required a minimum of 20 hours devoted to researching, planning, and implementing projects and communicating to others how to follow their lead. The Bronze Award is the third highest award girls can earn as a Girl Scout, and the highest award that can be earned as a Junior level Scout.



Holy Cross will host a reception **Monday, January 6, 2020 at 3:30pm** in Yeazel Hall. The Town Supervisor of DeWitt, Edward Michalenko, will present the girls with a special certificate to honor this achievement. Other community partners that helped the girls earn this high honor will also be present.

The troop thanks Holy Cross Church and Holy Cross School for being their greatest partners in this endeavor! The girls have learned life long lessons on how to give back and take action.

Please join us in a community celebration of the achievements of the Girl Scouts at Holy Cross.

**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)

**Refugee Bake Sale Recap & thank you!**

Thank you to parish & school families for their donations & support for the Refugee Assistance Committee's annual bake sale! This is our 3rd year assisting a refugee family from Afghanistan, Maliha Ali Khel and her 9 children. They eagerly anticipated the opportunity to express their gratitude for the support they received over the past 2 years. After the 10:30am Mass in the Gathering Space, the family greeted the parish with a plentiful offering of Afghani food to share.



As in past years, you--our parish family, were very supportive. We collected \$1200 in donations. Thank you all, parish & school parents for your contribution of cookies, pies and baked goods. Thank you so much for your generosity!! The money we collected will be used to help the family with their heating bill as well as to help the committee support the immediate needs of the family throughout the year.

Thank you to Fr Kurgan, Fr Rawson & Maureen McManus for their support and assistance. Thank you to Joan Willard & MaryBeth Smith who provide direct interaction with the family. In addition to their weekly efforts on behalf of the family, they kept Maliha updated and ready for the sale. Thank you to Mike Goodhines, Meg Aufmuth & Trish Lowney for leading the bake sale teams. Thank you to Judy Sheldon, Sheila Relihan, Cindi Gamage for working at the bake sale tables. Thank you to Joan Willard, Mary Jo & Emma Galletta for providing the family transportation to the event. Thank you to Liz Blanco for assisting in the family with set up and kitchen details. Thank you to everyone who worked on the November 23/24 Bake Sale, including Mary Beth Smith for the donation of pastry boxes & advent books. Thanks to all who helped clean up afterward, including Meg & her helper, Steve, who took our leftover bake sale goods to the Samaritan center!

**Tuesday morning Clothes Closet at Refugee Resettlement:**

Thank you for your donations of winter clothing. Throughout the year, we frequently ask you for gently used seasonal clothing to stock the clothes closet at Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement in the CYO building on North Salina Street. We collect the donations here in the downstairs open closet. *The location of the closet was recently moved to the one farthest from the elevator. Thank you for our diligent closet volunteers, Meg Aufmuth & Trish Lowney. They collect the donations, then sort & organize them so that refugee families might have a resource for themselves and their growing children. Thank you to our closet helpers, including Jolie Johnson, Emma Galletta & John Fix.*

**Special thanks:**

A special mention of thanks to Brook & Michalene Gleason for their recent donation of a full size bed for the family!

**Next Refugee Assistance Meeting, Monday, January 6, 2020**

Downstairs in Yeazel Hall at 6:30pm. If you are interested in learning about the ways you can assist refugee families right here in Syracuse, please join us!

**Food Giving Weekend is Next Weekend**

Please help our friends who are in need of food by bringing your non-perishable food items to any of the Masses. Thank you in advance for your donations.



**Are you interested in learning more about your Catholic faith?**

**Are you currently involved in parish ministry and want to learn more about how God is calling you to serve?**

The Office of Formation for Ministry provides education & training to lay adult Catholics in our diocese to help them share the Gospel. We offer a two year program leading to certification by the Bishop as a lay ecclesial minister as well as opportunities for adult faith formation. We are currently accepting registrations for spring courses in Syracuse. Courses begin in January and include Morality, Collaborative Ministry, Catholicism, Scripture, Liturgy, Sacraments, and Evangelization, Courses are open to anyone interested in learning more about these topics. For details & registration information please visit our website at [formationforministrysyr.org](http://formationforministrysyr.org) or call 315-470-1491.

**MARCH FOR LIFE:**

**One-Day Pilgrimage for Adults and Families to Washington, DC - January 23-24, 2020** Sponsored by the Office of Family/Respect Life Ministry. Cost: Young Adults (ages 18-25) - \$25, Adults - \$50, Maximum Family Rate - \$125 \*The trip includes Mass with Bishop Lucia at the National Basilica, participation in the March for Life with the diocesan group, transportation, meals, and a diocesan scarf.\* Bus pickup available in Utica, Syracuse, Cortland, & Binghamton. Contact Morgan Durfee at 315-472-6754 ext. 2 or email [familyrespectlife@syrдио.org](mailto:familyrespectlife@syrдио.org). To register online: <https://march4lifesyracuse2020.eventbrite.com>

**Blood Drive**

A Blood Drive will be held at Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church in their Fellowship Hall, 5299 Jamesville Rd. on Saturday, January 4 from 8am to 1pm. Call 1-800-REDCROSS or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) & enter PEBBLEHILL for an appointment .

**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 January 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<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	Kay Sgarlata	H1 Claudette Tanner	CH1 Gretchen Lane	Volunteer Needed	Dennis Cole
		H3 Mary Relihan	CH2 Deacon	Volunteer Needed	Claude Pilon
		H4 Martha O’Leary		Volunteer Needed	Michael Krisak
Sunday, 7:30 AM	Melody Foster	H1 Mary Malay	C1 Charlene Hughes	Riley Biddlecome	Ed Coolican
		H3 Teri Skandalis	C2 Al Highducheck	Volunteer Needed	Tony Ebersole
		H4 Mary Touchette		Volunteer Needed	Len Smith
					Charles Stepneski
Sunday, 10:30 AM	Karen Kirkman	H1 Connor Burruss	CH1 Beth Schafer	Jack Wysocki	Neil Bourcy
		H3 Mary Haley	CH2 Deacon	Max Wysocki	Don Brown
		H4 Rita Bergamo		Volunteer Needed	Peter Bergamo
					Milke Sigona
					Ray Moade
Sunday, 5:00PM	Emma Deehan	H1 Pat Ryan	C1 Theresa Beaty	Kaitlin Houglan	
		H3 Elaine Ryan	C2 Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	
		H4 Volunteer Needed		Volunteer Needed	

**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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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