



HOLY CROSS CHURCH
A CARING COMMUNITY

DECEMBER 8, 2019
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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of Advent





MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 8th - 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

Monday, December 9th - Immaculate Conception

7:45 AM Carmela Santangelo/ The Knitting Club
 8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 5:30 PM Nancy Ridley/ Judy Andrews

Tuesday, December 10th

7:45 AM People of Holy Cross
 8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, December 11th

7:45 AM Laura Richbart/ Jean Anne Smith
 8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Penance

Thursday, December 12th

7:45 AM Betty Galletta/ Tom & Mary Lee Muench
 8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, December 13th

7:45 AM Eileen Murphy/ Friends
 8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, December 14th

9:00 AM Deborah Tewksbury/ Ester Adam
 3:00 - 3:30 PM Penance
 4:00 PM Rosamond Bennati/ MaryAnne & Claude Pilon

Sunday, December 15th - Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM Deceased Members of Colao Family/
 Deborah & Jim Stewart
 10:30 AM James Collins & Catherine Bona Collins/Family
 5:00 PM Kris Reid, Phyllis Reid & Bob Reid Sr./ Family

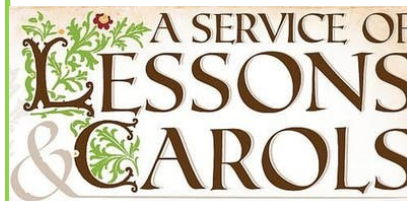


Holy Cross Church Calendars and "The Little Blue Book" for Advent & Christmas are available near all the exits. Please take one per family so there will be enough for all to enjoy.

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!

Lessons and Carols



Our annual service of Lessons and Carols will take place on **Tuesday, December 10 at 7:00pm** in the Church. Scripture readings and music of the season by the Choir & Instrumentalists will fill the church with the joy of Advent & Christmas. Take a break from busyness of the season to enjoy this service. Tell your friends

Week of December 8th

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory Of: Daniel Holt
Requested By: Mother, Carol



Host & Wine

In Memory Of: Oscar Azzam
Requested By: Family

A Family Perspective:

Like John the Baptist, every parent "prepares the way of the Lord" in the hearts of their children. Advent is a good time to ask; "Do I help or hinder my children to know Jesus?"



**This weekend's 2nd collection is:
Cathedraticum**

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.

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

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

YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT

\$19,704.88 Average weekly need

\$16,127.01 Collection of November 24

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\$ 2,136.00 Campaign for Human Development

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

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
 OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday, December 9th

Masses will be :

* 7:45 am and 5:30pm at Holy Cross

Advent Happenings

Giving Tree—Return your **unwrapped** gift before or after Mass this weekend. Volunteers will sort and deliver gifts on Sunday Dec. 8th.

Lessons and Carols - Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 7:00 pm. This service includes scripture readings & music of the Advent & Christmas seasons. You won't want to miss this.

Holy Cross School Concert - Thurs., Dec. 12th ~ 7pm Concert is held in the Church.

Parish Caroling Party with Neighbors Helping Neighbors—Sunday December 15th at 11:30pm in Yeazel Hall; 2:00pm performance at Brookdale.

Christmas Delight - Wednesday, Dec. 18th - 12:00pm. All are invited for a luncheon & gift exchange in Yeazel Hall. More information in this bulletin.

“The Light is On For You” - In every church in the Diocese of Syracuse confessions will be heard on Monday, December 16th from 4-7pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Christmas and New Year's Schedule 2019

Christmas Eve Masses - Tuesday, December 24
 Carols & Children's Procession at 3:30pm
 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

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.

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, 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.

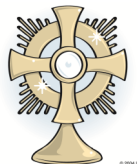
If you would like us to add someone to this list, we ask that only family members call the office or email Peg@holycrossdewitt.org. We will keep them on for three months unless you notify us otherwise. Thank you.

**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:

Study: Lectio: Mary

Advent Reflections - Available in both English and Spanish, receive a daily reminder to dive into the depths of God's Word. Opt in to receiving children's reflections with new Brother Francis episodes to include the whole family. Sign-ups will be available at formed.org/advent or formed.org/adviento.



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.

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 18th** 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. 15th by 9:00am with Jo Oliva at 446-3328.

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 the 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.

Monthly Movie

Tuesday, December 17 at 1:00pm

Be sure to mark your calendar for our next Monthly Movie. The name of feature will be in the next bulletin. All are welcome and it is free to attend. We will provide the popcorn



Join us in the Gathering Area after Mass next weekend for Hospitality Weekend

Be sure to check the bulletin board, located by the main entrance, for more information about upcoming events in our area.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, December 8th - 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

Monday, December 9th

10:00 AM Day of Reflection - Yeazel Hall

Tuesday, December 10th

6:45 AM High School Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall

10:00 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study - room 9

7:00 PM Lessons & Carols - Church

Wednesday, December 11th

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 12th

7:45 AM Elementary Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall

9:00 AM Divine Mercy Cenacle - room 9

7:00 PM Holy Cross School Christmas Concert - Church

7:00 PM High School Faith Formation - Youth Room

Saturday, December 14th

3:00 PM Penance - Church

7:30 PM Syracuse Vocal Ensemble Concert

Sunday, December 15th - Hospitality Weekend

9:00 AM Parish Council Meeting - room 11

9:15 AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13

10:30 AM Caroling Party - Yeazel Hall

11:30 AM RCIA - room 9

3:00 PM Faith Formation/Discipleship - room 1 & 2

6:30 PM Third Option - rooms 12 & 13

Deadlines for the Upcoming Bulletins



- The deadline for the bulletin of **Dec. 22nd** will be **Wednesday, December 11th at 9am.**
- The deadline for the bulletin of **Dec. 29th** will be **Monday, December 16th at 9:00 am AND**
- The deadline for the bulletin of **Jan. 5th** will be **Monday, December 16th at 9:00am.**

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!

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.

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:

This is the final week for our December collections. Thank you for your donations of individually wrapped hard candy or colorless chapstick to support ministry to Jamesville Prison & the Justice Center. Your generosity is beautiful example of one of the works of mercy. To support Jail Ministry, or to learn about how to become a Visitor Advocate: <https://jailministrysy.org>

Sandwich Ministry--Tuesday Downstairs - Dec 17th, 8:15am

Drop by Yeazel Hall next Tuesday to prepare peanut butter & jelly sandwiches. The sandwiches will be donated to Catholic Charities Men's homeless shelter. Join us!

Road to Emmaus Meal - Thursday, Dec 12, 4-6:30pm, 4335 S. Salina St

Join a small crew of volunteers to serve an evening meal to residents in the South Salina Street neighborhood. At Emmaus, Sheila Austin runs a non-profit that assists families & individuals who are struggling to get by. As we help with the meal, we meet individuals who have been beaten down by hardship and are in need of support. These interactions provide an opportunity to give & receive love & friendship. Contact Beth to sign up: beth@holycrossdewitt.org

Annual Parish Caroling Party, Dec 15th, 11:30-3pm

Families & friends become a merry group of carolers; 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 (information above).

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/ 12:30-3pm**



Thank you for your support for the 36th Annual Giving Tree at Holy Cross! If you took a tag from the trees in the gathering space, please be sure to bring your gift back this weekend. Gifts should be unwrapped with the tag attached. Gifts can be placed under the trees during the weekend or brought to the parish office no later than **December 8th**. 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.



Christmas Concert

featuring The Lyncourt Community Band and The Harmony Katz barbershop chorus. Free Admission. Thursday, December 12th 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.

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 formationforministrysy.org or call 315-470-1491.

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) with any questions.

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 14th & 15th

<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	Michael Read	H1 Catherine Muller	CH1 JoAnn Wallace	Simon Farranto	Dennis Cole
		H3 Susan Klenk	CH2 Deacon	Volunteer Needed	
		H4 Terry Dooher		Volunteer Needed	Michael Krisak
Sunday, 7:30 AM	Paul Mooney	H1 Teresa Koulouris	C1 Julie Johnson	Lindsay Parker	Ed Coolican
		H3 Charlene Hughes	C2 Mary Touchette	Volunteer Needed	Tony Ebersole
		H4 Al Highducheck		Volunteer Needed	Len Smith
					Charles Stepneski
Sunday, 10:30 AM	Theresa Beaty	H1 Marilyn Engle	CH1 George Given	Finn O'Brien	Neil Bourcy
		H3 Sue Given	CH2 Deacon	Jack Wysocki	Don Brown
		H4 Chris Moltion		Max Wysocki	Peter Bergamo
					Milke Sigona
					Ray Moade
Sunday, 5:00PM	Ridzi Family	H1 Volunteer Needed	C1 Volunteer Needed	Declan Reed	
		H3 Elaine Ryan	C2 Pat Ryan	Rayna Reed	
		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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Church Office – Phone: 315 446-0473, FAX: 315 446-7608

Website: holycrossdewitt.org ■ E-Mail: 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
- 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

Website: hcschooldewitt.org

E-Mail: moleary@syrdiocese.org

Staff ~ Name and Title

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