



**HOLY CROSS CHURCH**

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# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**NOVEMBER 27, 2022**

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# Welcome to Holy Cross

## A CARING COMMUNITY

"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."

Whether this is your first Mass with us or you are a lifelong parishioner, we are so glad you are here. We hope Holy Cross can be a place for you to call home. If you are new here, check us out online at [holycrossdewitt.org](http://holycrossdewitt.org) to learn more or grab a welcome packet from the church entrances. Please do not hesitate to reach out and introduce yourself. We'd love to meet you!

## Readings & Reflection

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022

- Isaiah 2:1-5
- Psalms 122: 1-9
- Romans 13:11-14
- Matthew 24:37-44

We are people on a journey. Just as the pilgrims traveled across the ocean to arrive in Plymouth, we are travelers who have an ultimate destination. But unlike many other pilgrims, we are traveling not to an earthly place- we are traveling to heaven. Our readings today speak to this journey. Isaiah tells us about the Lord's Mountain, a place where we will travel so that God can instruct us in his ways. Those ways include the concept of peace. Our destination will be a place where "one nation shall not raise the sword against another". This is the place where God's justice lives. Because of that justice, we can live lives of faith and joy without any fear. Psalm 122 continues this theme with the phrase; "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."

As we journey toward our heavenly destination, we must keep watch over the things around us and over those we care about. Both Paul and Jesus speak of being aware of what is going on around us. We must "throw off the

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### HOSTS, WINE, & SANCTUARY LAMP

Herbert Silvestri / Family

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 7:30AM Richard Metz / June Kieffer & Family
- 10:30AM Frank & Jeanne Kirkman / Kirkman Family
- 5:00PM Sr. Katherine McPeak / Elaine Lostumbo

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- 7:45AM Renata Nivoli / James Tetreault & Family

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- 7:45AM Gloria Delaney / Debbie Vallare

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- 7:45AM Jeanette Picciotto / Maio Family

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

- 7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

- 7:45AM Mass League

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

- 9:00AM Sarah & Victor Villani / Gisella & Anthony Mortelliti
- 4:00PM Rosalind Pristash / Jerome & Ellen Pristash

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 7:30AM Bernadine & Victor Becker / Family
- 10:30AM McManus & Aungier Families / Karen & Erin Markoff
- 5:00PM Tom Durkin / Elaine Lostumbo

### FIRST FRIDAY MASS LEAGUE ENROLLMENT

Raphael Dong Nguyen / Mark Son Nguyen

## BAPTISM

Many blessings and prayers for the **Tesori Family** who celebrates the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Peter Allmayer-Beck, Joe Evans, Nancy Ferrara, Katie Glisson, Jeanette Heick, Ann Kronner, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Dinita Machlin, Faith Muller, Nancy Patane, Nash Daniel Stannard, and John Toole



# NEWS & EVENTS

## RAC Meeting

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2022 | 6:30 PM**

The Refugee Assistance Committee will meet on Monday, November 28th to discuss possible projects for the coming year. The meeting will be held at 6:30 PM in Rooms 12-13 in Yeazel Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us!

## Monthly Movie

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2022 | 1-3 PM**

Join us on Tuesday, November 29 at 1:00 PM in Yeazel Hall for a free viewing of **God Bless the Broken Road**, the heartwarming story about a grieving army widow who finds her way back to her daughter, her faith, and new love. See you there! Refreshments provided.

## Advent Book Study

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2022 | 6:30 PM**

Join us this Advent in reading *From Christendom to Apostolic Mission*. Read along each week and then join us at Holy Cross on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM for a reflection on the selected week's passage led by Fr. Foley and Steve Nepil. Following the reflection, spend some time in prayer and Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Books are available to pick up in the Gathering Area.

## Food Giving Weekend

**DECEMBER 3-4, 2022**

Grab a tote this weekend, fill it with non-perishable food items, and bring it back next weekend, December 3-4, to any of the Masses. Thank you in advance for your generous donations! Pantries have emphasized the need of the following items:

- shampoo
- conditioner
- deodorant
- pasta and sauce
- laundry & dish soap
- mayo/mustard/ketchup
- cereal/oatmeal
- pancake mix
- syrup
- coffee/tea/hot cocoa
- canned fruits & veggies
- beans
- soup
- peanut butter & jelly
- canned tuna & chicken
- pet food



**Breakfast  
with  
Santa**  
**Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

## Breakfast with Santa

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022 | 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

Join us for Breakfast with Santa at Holy Cross! Doors open on Sunday, December 4 at 9:30 AM and festivities last until 1:00 PM. Come enjoy a hot, delicious breakfast and a chance to meet Mr. Claus. Snap a family photo, have more than a few pancakes, and spend some time with your parish family. We hope you'll join us for this festive tradition! \$5/person (under 4 are free) | \$20 family max

## Advent Day of Reflection

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

There will be a day of reflection led by Dc. Dare Dutter on Monday, December 5 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM in Yeazel Hall. What better way to prepare for the coming of the Lord than to reflect on the stories and scriptures of this wonderful season. We will start with morning prayer and then dig into the readings to find the peace, joy, and love that our God has sought for us since the beginning of time. The cost is \$12 and includes lunch from Brooklyn Pickle.

- **Please sign up by Wednesday, November 30.** Call the parish office at (315) 446-0473 to sign up or if you have questions.

## Reflection

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works of darkness and put on the armor of light". We must "stay awake" and not get too involved in the things of this world, like eating and drinking. Certainly, marrying and giving in marriage are important things but they must be done in the light of our faith, as all things must be done. When we think about the things we spend our time doing, we must recognize those times when we are focused on things of this world and not those of God's world. Otherwise, we will make a wrong turn and find ourselves in a strange and unfamiliar place, rather than on the path to Holiness.

The journey of Advent brings us to the manger. It brings us to a little child who will lead us on our journey. That is enough for us to remember. Jesus will never let us get lost if we follow him closely enough.

Peace,  
Deacon Dare

## Evening Prayer

### SUNDAYS IN ADVENT | 4:40 PM

After the supreme importance of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Hours, or The Divine Office, is the "official" prayer of the Church. It is the ancient, structured way of praying Scripture throughout the day, especially the Psalms. Clergy, religious, and lay alike make this commitment of prayer as a way of sanctifying the hours of the day, and to answer the call to rejoice, give thanks, and pray without ceasing (1 Thes 5:16-18). This prayer maintains the form of a dialogue that draws us into the presence of God, fueled with the very words and wisdom of God. Sundays during Advent, we will pray Evening Prayer together at 4:40 PM prior to Sunday evening Mass. Consider making this simple, solemn prayer part of your Advent this year!




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HOLY CROSS CHURCH PRESENTS  
*International Exhibition*  
**THE EUCHARISTIC  
MIRACLES  
OF THE WORLD**  
Designed and created by  
*Blessed Carlo Acutis*



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## UPDATED EXHIBIT TIMES

<b>SUNDAYS</b>	<b>7:00 AM - 5:00 PM*</b>
<b>MONDAYS</b>	<b>9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</b>
<b>TUESDAYS</b>	<b>9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</b>
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	<b>9:00 AM - 8:00 PM†</b>
<b>THURSDAYS</b>	<b>9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</b>
<b>FRIDAYS</b>	<b>9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</b>
<b>SATURDAYS</b>	<b>8:15 AM - 5:30 PM*</b>

\* Please note that the exhibit closes during Mass (and funerals).  
† Eucharistic Adoration is available in the church on Wednesdays from 8:15AM-8:00PM.

## NEWS PANELS ON DISPLAY

Have you stopped to see the new display of Eucharistic Miracles in the chapel yet? This time they are primarily categorized by country. Italy alone is represented by 11 panels of Vatican approved Eucharistic Miracles. We often relate St. Rita with Cascia, Italy, but there is also a relic of a bleeding host preserved in the Basilica in Cascia dedicated to St. Rita. The Exhibition will be available through December 18. Continue to visit and find renewed faith in the true presence of Jesus this Advent!

"For it is in giving that we receive."

- ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

**Thank You** We are so encouraged by all of the ways that you respond to God's faithfulness and share your gifts. Financial gifts are incredible acts of service that allow us to continue our mission to our community and the world.

- Visit [holycrossdewitt.org/give](http://holycrossdewitt.org/give) to learn more.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED: \$19,704.88

COLLECTION FOR NOVEMBER 13: \$15,782.90

MILITARY SERVICE COLLECTION: \$1,015

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#### HOPE Appeal

**ON GIVING TUESDAY,  
GIVE HOPE**

We are halfway through our 2022 HOPE Appeal season. We are grateful to all of you who have contributed. Through your goodness we, as members of the Diocese of Syracuse, are coming together to strengthen our church and do the work we are called to do. Twenty-seven diocesan ministries and programs are funded by the HOPE Appeal. Tuesday, November 29 is Giving Tuesday, a global day of generosity. Give hope this year! Give online at

[syracusediocese.org/hopeappeal](http://syracusediocese.org/hopeappeal)

#### FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

##### Parent Breakfast

**NOVEMBER 29, 30, & DECEMBER 1**

On Nov 29, 30, & Dec 1, parents of Faith Formation students are invited to join their child for breakfast during morning Faith Formation! Enjoy breakfast with your child before their class, then pickup some Advent items to help get you and your house ready for the season!



#### Giving Tree at Holy Cross

**GRAB A TAG & RETURN BY DECEMBER 4TH**

Christmas will be here before you know it! This weekend we continue our 39th annual Giving Tree.

Please take a tag, purchase the requested item, and then return gift **unwrapped with tag attached** no later than Sunday, December 4 at 11:00 AM.

Gifts may be returned during weekend Masses or brought to the parish office during the week. If you are returning gift cards, please deposit them in the collection box in the Gathering Area. Thank you for continuing to be the caring and generous community for which Holy Cross is known!

#### Holy Cross ♥️ Brady Market

##### HOT HOLIDAY MEALS FREE FOR HUNGRY FAMILIES

This Christmas season, Holy Cross is supporting Brady Market in their goal of providing 180-200 hungry families a delicious and dignified holiday meal! These Christmas Dinners, free to families identified through local outreach organizations, will be a full, heat 'n serve holiday meal including ham, all the fixings, sides and pie!

Help us raise our parish goal of \$1,800 to purchase at least 80 hams for Brady Market's Christmas Dinners. Cash or checks (memo: Brady Christmas Dinners) can be placed in baskets during our second collection or dropped in the collection boxes and at the parish office or give online at [holycrossdewitt.org/give](http://holycrossdewitt.org/give). Thank you for your generous support and ability to bring Christmas cheer to so many in need this holiday season.

# Coming Up

## Christmas Luncheon

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022 | 12:00 PM**

All are welcome to the Christmas Luncheon catered by the Brewster. Join us on Saturday, December 10 at noon in Yeazel Hall for a delicious meal—chicken francaise, Chantilly potatoes, tenderloin with gravy, rice, vegetables, salad, & desserts. Cost is \$28/person.

- Please reserve your spot **by Monday, December 5** by calling Jo Oliva at 315-446-3328.

## Christmas Delight

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2022 | 12:00 PM**

Join us for our Christmas Delight Luncheon (which will replace Coffee and Conversation) this month at noon on Tuesday, December 20 in Yeazel Hall. Bring a \$5 giftcard to participate in our gift swap. Pizza, salad, and drinks will be available for lunch (\$12/person).

- Make your reservation **by Thursday, December 15** with Jo Oliva at 315-446-3328.

## 📌 Helpful Info

### Holy Cross Communications

If you have important news & events related to the activities, ministries, and parishioners of Holy Cross that should be promoted, please reach out to us at [news@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:news@holycrossdewitt.org).

### New to Catholicism?

If you're new to the Catholic faith, curious about the Church, or just checking it out, we'd love to partner with you on your journey. We have Catholics from all walks of life and all with a different story on finding their faith. If you have questions or would like some helpful resources on Christianity, Catholicism, and the Church, drop us a line at 315-446-0473, find us at [@holycrossdewitt](https://www.facebook.com/holycrossdewitt), or drop by the parish office. Be sure to ask us about our RCIA program.

## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re The Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse,  
New York

Case No. 20-30663

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, On June 19, 2020, The Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse, New York, ("Diocese") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

The court has established January 17, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) (the "Supplemental Bar Date") as the deadline to assert claims against the Diocese arising from or relating to abuse that occurred when the survivor was 18 years of age or older, and which, prior to the enactment of the Adult Survivors Act (S.66A/A.648A) would have been subject to a statute of limitations defense ("Adult Claims").

If you have an Adult Claim against the Diocese you must file a claim on or before the Supplemental Bar Date, which will be treated confidentially in accordance with prior court orders in this Case.

Please visit

<https://case.stretto.com/diocesefofsyracuse> or call (855) 329-4244 for more information on how to file your proof of claim.

IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.



# THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church  
 8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church  
 9:00 AM Euch. Miracles Exhibit, Chapel  
 6:30 PM Refugee Assistance, Rms 12-13

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

6:45 AM H.S. Faith Form. & Parent Breakfast, Yeazel Hall  
 7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church  
 9:00 AM Euch. Miracles Exhibit, Chapel  
 1:00 PM Monthly Movie, Yeazel Hall

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

6:45 AM M.S. Faith Form. & Parent Breakfast, Yeazel Hall  
 7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church  
 8:15 AM Adoration, Church  
 9:00 AM Euch. Miracles Exhibit, Chapel  
 6:30 PM Advent Book Study, Church  
 7:00 PM Adoration & Reconciliation

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

7:45 AM Elementary Faith Form. & Parent Breakfast, Yeazel Hall  
 7:45 AM Mass, Church  
 9:00 AM Euch. Miracles Exhibit, Chapel  
 1:00 PM Knitting Group, Yeazel Hall  
 5:30 PM Pastoral Council, Yeazel Hall  
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room  
 7:00 PM Lux Mundi, Yeazel Hall  
 7:00 PM Men's Group, Conference Room

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church  
 9:00 AM Euch. Miracles Exhibit, Chapel

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

FOOD GIVING WEEKEND  
 8:15 AM Euch. Miracles Exhibit, Chapel  
 9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church  
 3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church  
 4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**FOOD GIVING WEEKEND**  
 7:00 AM Euch. Miracles Exhibit, Chapel  
 7:30 AM Mass, Church  
 9:15 AM Adult Ministry, Rms. 12-13  
 10:30 AM Mass, Church  
 11:00 AM Breakfast w/Santa, Yeazel Hall  
 3:30 PM RCIA, Rms. 12-13  
 4:30 PM Solemn Evening Prayer, Church  
 5:00 PM Mass, Church  
 6:00 PM Confirmation Group Session & Dinner, Yeazel Hall

Get the latest event details at  
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"We love because he first loved us."

- 1 JOHN 4:19



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