



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

4112 EAST GENESEE STREET | DEWITT, NY 13214

SOLEMNITY OF THE
**BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY, MOTHER
OF GOD**

Happy New Year

JANUARY 1, 2023



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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 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!

Sunday Reflection

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

READINGS

Numbers 6:22-27
Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21

Today we celebrate a New Year of the Lord, and specifically in the Church, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. This Solemnity expresses God's love for all humanity as he takes on our human nature being born of a woman named Mary, who through her "Yes" to God, becomes our spiritual mother, the mother of all of God's adopted children.

Saint Paul, in his letter to the Galatians, explains that they are now adopted children because God has sent his Son Jesus the Christ to be born of a woman. This is important for us to understand. The Galatians, as people who are new to faith in Jesus, and as people who have felt that they were abandoned and searching for a



Messiah, now have been claimed as children of God. What a joy for them, and yet how difficult it must have been for them to feel that God could love them enough to choose them for himself.

Mary helps remind us that God does choose those whom he wishes to serve him. That is why not only our country but our diocese as well is under the auspice of Mary. God has chosen us to be the beneficiary of God's love and Mary's yes, as the only Son of God has entered the world.

Peace,

Rev. John Horgan

Fr. John

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 1

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

4:00PM VIGIL James Tout, Mary-Jo Rosenblatt, & Terriann McNeil / Wife & Mother
7:30AM Jack Hogan, Jr. / Maio Family
10:30AM Joan Buttner / Holy Cross Clergy & Staff
5:00PM Donna Stinziano / John & Theo Daly

Monday, January 2

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

Tuesday, January 3

7:45AM Richard E. Kleisle / Holy Cross Clergy & Staff

Wednesday, January 4

7:45AM Farnett, Silvaggio, and Magnarelli Families/Pilon Family

Thursday, January 5

7:45AM Henry Keller / Kathy Kotz

Friday, January 6

7:45AM Mass League Intentions
9:15AM School Mass

Saturday, January 7

9:00AM Mary Sinnott Darcy / John H. Heyer

FIRST FRIDAY MASS LEAGUE ENROLLMENT

Joseph and Elaine Scuderi & Family (Living Intention) / Caryn, Chloe, Joe, Lily, Abbey, and Curtis

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News & Events

Parish Office Closed Monday

MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2023

The parish office will be closed Monday, January 2. Daily Mass will still be at 7:45 AM in the church with Monday morning Holy Hour following.

Sandwich Ministry for Homeless Shelter

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023 | 8:15 AM

Please join us in Yeazel Hall on Tuesday, January 3 at 8:15 AM (following daily Mass) to prepare sandwiches for the Catholic Charities Men's Shelter. No need to sign up or RSVP ahead of time. New volunteers are always welcome! For more information, please email Julie Johnson at jjohn27363@aol.com

Knitting Group

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023 | 1:00 PM

Our next Knitting Group gathering will be on Thursday, January 5 at 1:00 PM in Yeazel Hall. We're always looking for new knitters and are happy to help you learn! Questions? Please call Rita at (315) 472-1478 or Jo at (315) 446-3328.

Food Giving Weekend

JANUARY 7-8

Grab a tote this weekend, fill it with non-perishable food items, and bring it back next weekend, January 7-8, to any of the Masses. Thank you in advance for your generous donations! We're also looking for some volunteers following 4 PM Saturday Mass (Jan. 7) to help sort. Please stick around if you can. Pantries have emphasized the need of the following items:

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

FEBRUARY 19, 2023 | 2:00 PM

Bishop Douglas Lucia invites all married couples and their families to join him at a Mass celebrating World Marriage Day on Sunday, February 19th, 2:00 PM, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. All married couples who attend will be invited to renew their commitment to Holy Matrimony.

Couples married 25, 50, or more years in 2023 will be recognized in a special way. Please contact the parish office so that we can send you a personal invitation. Call **315-446-0473** or send us an email at info@holycrossdewitt.org

Pray the Rosary Daily

Join us Monday through Friday after 7:45 AM Mass (around 8:15 AM) to pray the rosary. It is informal and open to anyone who would like to pray.

Adult Ministry

SUNDAYS AT 9:15 AM

Interested in joining a group of parishioners who meet regularly to learn more about our faith and engage in discussion on a topic or book? Check out our Adult Ministry that meets on Sunday mornings. You can find them most Sundays downstairs in rooms 12 & 13 at 9:15 AM. No need to register or RSVP, just join in if you can.

THIS WEEK AT HC

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

6:45 AM H.S. Faith Form., Yeazel Hall

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Sandwich Making, Yeazel Hall

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

6:45 AM M.S. Faith Form., Yeazel Hall

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

7:00 PM Adoration & Reconciliation

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

7:45 AM Elem. Faith Form., Yeazel Hall

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

1:00 PM Knitting Group, Church

7:00 PM Lux Mundi, Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM Men's Group, Conference Room

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

9:15 AM First Friday School Mass, Church

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

FOOD GIVING WEEKEND

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church

3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

FOOD GIVING WEEKEND

7:30 AM Christmas Mass, Church

9:15 AM Adult Ministry, Church

10:30 AM Mass, Church

3:30 PM RCIA, Church

5:00 PM Mass, Church

6:00 PM Confirmation Group, Rms 12-13



Holy Cross School celebrated the joy of Christmas on their last day leading into the holiday recess. Faculty enjoyed a delicious catered lunch from the PTO while our Faith Formation team (with the help of room parents) got all the students in the Christmas spirit with games & fun for all!



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CARING CRUSADERS AT HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Caring Crusaders poinsettia sale was a great success! Thank you for supporting the sale by purchasing plants leading up to the Christmas season. All of the money raised (over \$800) was used to fulfill Christmas wishes for their adopted family through The Cathedral's Christmas Gift Giving Program. The family included a mother, her 11 year old son, 10 year old son, and 2 year old daughter.

Caring Crusaders reviewed the family wish list, shopped online, and wrapped all of the gifts. They were able to gift the family with so many

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CARING CRUSADERS CONTINUED

of their wishes along with grocery cards and other helpful items. The family also received handmade Christmas decorations that all of the students worked together to create.

Caring Crusaders and the Holy Cross School community also collected books and gloves for the organization Mothers and Children in Crisis. Over 90 children, ranging in age 1 to 18, received a brand new book and brand new gloves this Christmas season. Caring Crusades helped deliver the items to Sister Cheryl, Executive Director of Mothers and Children in Crisis.

Along with gifts for MCC, over 50 items ranging from soccer balls and footballs, to hats and gloves, to art supplies and grocery gift cards, came pouring in for children in need at a local elementary school. The school was overwhelmed by their dedication to helping those in need.

GIVING TREE THANK YOUS

Thank you so much for your help this year. The process was great, and we are so very appreciative. We were able to provide gifts to 16 families (54 children!). We are deeply grateful to the Holy Cross parishioners for their overwhelming generosity. I hope you have a blessed and beautiful Christmas.

- Courtney Farranto, JDMS

Can I just say WOW and THANK YOU for organizing everything so beautifully for me and our families? The parishioners really did an amazing job getting the specific requests of families on what would be most helpful. Thank you for everything you've done for our community this season!

- Sarah Hayes, Moses Dewitt

Outreach

If you are looking for ways to serve and help others in the upcoming new year, check out some of these local opportunities to get involved.

BE A BOOK BUDDY!



Volunteers commit to one hour a week for the school year working each week with the same students in 30-minute blocks

Mon-Thurs
Starting January
2023

Book Buddies connects community volunteers with students in grades K-3 in the Syracuse City School District.

Seymour Dual
Language Academy
Bellevue
Elementary
Roberts K-8

To volunteer or to learn more contact
Laurie Black at:

BookBuddies@unitedway-cny.org



BOOK
BUDDIES

A PARTNERSHIP WITH
THE SYRACUSE CITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Jamesville Ecumenical Food Pantry

Every month, Holy Cross parishioners collect food to give to local food pantries. One pantry we have a long legacy of support and close partnership with is the Jamesville Ecumenical Food Pantry. Consider volunteering with the food pantry or joining their board.

To learn more, save the date for their next board meeting on **Thursday, January 19th at 5:30 PM** at the pantry. The food pantry is located at 6486 E Seneca Turnpike, Jamesville, NY 13078. Phone: (315)-469-5093

Parish Team at the Samaritan Center

Join our team of parishioners that prepare and serve a meal on Sunday afternoons about once a month at the Samaritan Center. If you'd like to learn more, contact Rick Coughlin at rcoughlin@irr.com

Giving

“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. Gifts of prayer, time and talent serve and support our community in so many meaningful ways. And financial gifts are incredible acts of service that allow us to continue our mission and the work of the Church.

- Visit holycrossdewitt.org/give to learn more.

FINANCIAL REPORT

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED: \$19,704.88
COLLECTION FROM DECEMBER 18: \$16,852.13
CATHEDRATICUM COLLECTION: \$308.00

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New to Catholicism?

If you're new to the Catholic faith, curious about the Church, or just checking it out, we'd love to accompany you on your journey. We know Catholics from all walks of life and all with different stories on finding their faith. If you have questions on Christianity, Catholicism, or the Church, get in touch with us at holycrossdewitt.org/hello

Holy Cross Communications

If you have important news & events related to the activities, ministries, and parishioners of Holy Cross Church & School, please contact news@holycrossdewitt.org.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Joe Evans, Nancy Ferrara, Celia Flaver,
Jeanette Heick, Ann Kronner, Elaine Lostumbo,
Abrielle Lynch, Dinita Machlin, Faith Muller,
Nancy Patane, Nash Daniel Stannard,
and John Toole

Thank You

Dear Holy Cross Family,

I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks for all you do for our parish! Your faithful support is of great assurance to our staff & myself!

Thank you to those who have given cards & goodies to the priests and staff! We greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness.

I also would like to thank those who helped decorate our church for Advent and Christmas, especially Julie Sheridan, Brette Cooper, and Matt Stano.

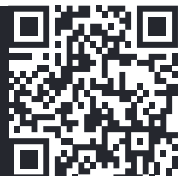
Thank you to our incredible music ministry: choir members, soloists, cantors, and music directors as well as our faithful Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Servers. We are so encouraged by the ways you share your gifts to elevate our liturgies .

Without all of you, we would be limited in what we can do. May the peace of the Christ Child be with you and your family.

REV. JOHN KURGAN
PASTOR

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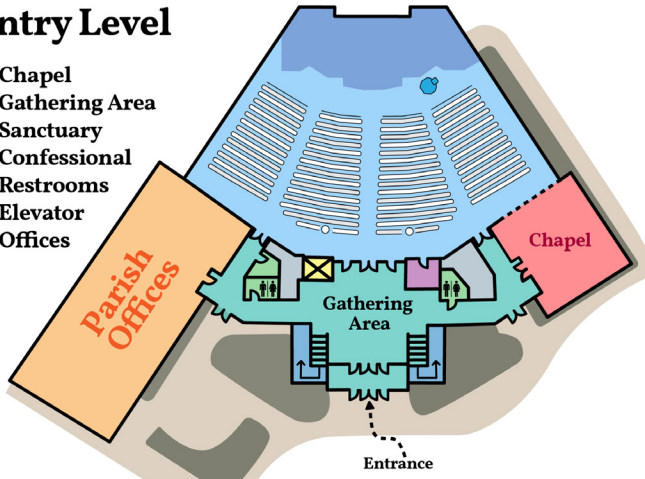


Parish Office

The parish offices are located at the far entrance from East Genesee. Look for the signs for "Office." Parish Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. The church sanctuary is open for private prayer Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Adoration is available on Wednesday from 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM.

Entry Level

- Chapel
- Gathering Area
- Sanctuary
- Confessional
- Restrooms
- Elevator
- Offices



Downstairs Level

- Children's Chapel
- Fellowship Hall
- Kitchen
- Classrooms
- Resource Room
- Restrooms
- Elevator



OUR STAFF

Please know that all of us at Holy Cross are here to be of service to you. Please never hesitate to seek our support whenever it may be needed. The parish office can be reached by phone at (315) 446-0473.

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"We love because he first loved us."

- 1 JOHN 4:19



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