



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



JANUARY 7, 2024

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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 guide from the church entrances. Please do not hesitate to reach out and introduce yourself. We'd love to meet you!

Sunday Reflection

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

Sunday Reflections
in your inbox;
subscribe today!



READINGS

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

Somehow, with the coming of New Year's Day, we forget that the Christmas Season continues through the celebration of The Epiphany of the Lord. Perhaps it is the expectation that Christ comes for us personally, and once experienced we move on, which causes us to think this way.

The Feast of The Epiphany celebrates the realization that Christ comes for all people. We see this demonstrated through the arrival of the Three Astrologers, or Wise Men. Each of these men came from their own country and traditions yet are searching for an encounter with the Christ Child. I always find the celebration of Epiphany humbling, realizing that Christ has not just come for me or my people and tradition, but for all people. He



has come for people centuries before me, as well as for those who have yet to be born. The manifestation of God for all the nations develops through today's readings. The following three themes are present in today's Sacred Scripture.

Jerusalem is the source of light for all nations, which causes us to recognize that God shines as light in the midst of the surrounding darkness. This holy light has the city of Jerusalem as its source.

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Mass Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp

Helen Dunham /
MaryAnn & Joseph McCaffrey

Saturday, January 6

4:00PM VIGIL Joyce Hinkle / Family

Sunday, January 7

7:30AM Edward McQueeney /
Relihan & Foraker Families

10:30AM Aungier & McManus
Families / Erin & Karen

5:00PM Stan Nowakowski &
Minnie Cerro / Family

Monday, January 8

7:45AM Marilyn Compagna /
Jim & Dan Giannuzzi

Tuesday, January 9

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

Wednesday, January 10

7:45AM Kimberly French /
Jack & Marian Glisson

Thursday, January 11

7:45AM JoAnn DiFulvio /
Brenda Casinella

Friday, January 12

7:45AM Thomas McNeill Jr. /
Chuck & Regina Harty

Saturday, January 13

9:00AM Charles Beeler, Sr. /
Family

4:00PM VIGIL Sally Lawler /
Joanne & Ken Andrews

Sunday, January 14

7:30AM Irene DiFlorio /
Tracy & David Cosilmon

10:30AM Ellenor Biddulph /
Joe Bonacci

5:00PM Frank & Matilda Desocio /
Michael Salce

News & Events

Food Giving Weekend

THIS WEEKEND | JANUARY 6-7, 2024

Thank you for sharing your groceries and your time for those in need. We routinely assist three pantries, and in December we were also able to donate several bags to Cathedral Emergency Services downtown. Our faithful volunteers do a great job sorting, packing, and delivering the goods where needed. Please join us this weekend, on Saturday at 3:00 PM before and/or after 4:00 PM Mass, until about 5:40 PM. Or Sunday after 7:30 AM Mass, and then about 9:30 AM to load vehicles.

The donation focus this month is easy to prepare hot meals and personal care items. We thank you very much for all that you give and do for others.

Holy Cross Faith Formation

RESUMES JANUARY 9, 10, & 11

Faith Formation will resume the second week of January! We hope you all had a restful and joy-filled break! We're looking forward to seeing you this week. See more at holycrossdewitt.org/youth.

Monthly Luncheon

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024 | 12:00 PM

Join us for lunch at Olive Garden at 3147 Erie Blvd E on Wednesday, January 11 at 12 PM. If you plan to attend, please make your reservation by Tuesday, January 9. Call Jo Oliva at (315) 446-3328 to make your reservation or if you have any questions.

Syracuse March for Life

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024 | 12:00 PM

Syracuse March For Life is Saturday, January 20. Begins at 12 Noon at Armory Square near MOST bldg., proceeding to Columbus Circle. Speaker: Michele Sterlace-Accorsi, JD, LLM, Exec. Dir. Of Feminists Choosing Life of New York who will speak on EQUAL PROTECTION FOR THE UNBORN!

Sponsored by Syracuse Right To Life Association



World Marriage Day Mass

FEBRUARY 11, 2024 | 2:00 PM AT CATHEDRAL

The Most Reverend Douglas J. Lucia invites all married couples & their families to join him in celebrating World Marriage Day on Sunday, February 11 at 2:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception with Mass and opportunity for all couples in attendance to renew their commitment to Holy Matrimony.

If celebrating your 25th, 50th, or 50+ year anniversary in 2024, please contact the parish office to receive a special invitation from Bishop Lucia. Call us at **315-446-0473** or info@holycrossdewitt.org.

Middle School Youth Retreat

NEXT WEEKEND | JAN 12-14

Please pray for our middle school friends who are on retreat next weekend in the Catskill Mountains. They will be enjoying games, adventuring in the great outdoors, and opportunities to encounter Jesus in nature, community, but more profoundly in Mass, Adoration, and Reconciliation. To get connect with our Middle School youth group, contact Steve Nepil at steve@holycrossdewitt.org.

Parish Office Closed

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024

The parish office will be closed Monday, January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Daily Mass will still take place at 7:45 AM.



Parish Eucharistic Revival

THE MASS: PENITENTIAL ABSOLUTION

In the words of Charles Belmonte: "At the end of [the Penitential Act], the priest takes refuge with his brethren in the mercy of God: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life" (Understanding the Mass, p. 56). This is clearly different from the words of sacramental absolution. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we openly confess our sins and speak them to the priest, whereas in the Mass we review them interiorly. In the Mass, we certainly are acknowledging that we have sins and that we need the Lord's mercy, but we are not directly bringing those sins to God for forgiveness as we do in Reconciliation.

As Belmonte says, "the Penitential [Act], if it is said with true contrition, helps to obtain pardon for present venial sins, as well as to stir up new sorrow for past sins that have already been forgiven. In this way, it helps us to purify ourselves to take part in the Holy Mass" (Understanding the Mass, p. 57). The Sacrifice of the Mass is our participation in the one perfect sacrifice of Jesus offered on the Cross for the forgiveness of sins. It is a fitting place for us to recall what a wonderful Savior we have and how powerful the gift of His forgiveness truly is in our hearts. Hopefully, it also helps us resolve to seek out the sacramental grace of Reconciliation whenever we need it.

Excerpt from Eucharistic Revival Blog Part 10,
Fr. Luke Spannagel, January 17, 2023
eucharisticrevival.org

Adoration

Opportunities for Adoration at Holy Cross Church:
Monday morning 8:15 AM in the Adoration Chapel
Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM in the church
Praying in the church or Adoration Chapel anytime
church is open, weekdays 9AM - 3PM.

Reflection

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2 Christ is the revelation of God to all the nations. The Three Astrologers search for truth with the eyes of faith and were therefore able to recognize the great gift God the Father has given us in the Christ Child.

3 Christ establishes new relationships between the Jewish people and the Gentiles. Christ asks us to change the way we perceive one another. When we move from our own individual or nation centric ideas to realize that Christ unites us in a spirit of holiness, we are able to see Christ in the other, and recognize our call to deeper relationship in Him.

May we live 2024 in such a manner that we exemplify these three themes, allowing the light of Christ shine through us, and our parish!

Peace,

Fr. John Kurgan



VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

Refugee Youth Programs at the Northside CYO

Morning Academy Classroom Helper
Monday to Thursday 9 am - 12:30 pm

After School Program Assistant
Monday to Thursday, 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Assisting with Teen Recreation Programs and Family Events
Hours Vary

FOR GENERAL INTEREST, PLEASE CONTACT

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INTERESTED IN TEEN PROGRAM, PLEASE CONTACT

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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.

To give online, visit holycrossdewitt.org/give



FINANCIAL REPORT

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED:	\$19,704.88
COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER 24	\$14,736.00
COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER 31	\$16,215.00

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Helpful Info

HOLY CROSS COMMUNICATIONS

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

HOSPITALIZED OR HOMEBOUND?

Please notify the parish office **315-446-0473** when a parishioner or family member is confined to their home, hospitalized, or entering a nursing home, so that clergy may make arrangements for a sick visit.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please have a family member or the individual contact us to have their name included on our prayer list. The request will be included for three months unless notified otherwise.

GOING AWAY FOR THE WINTER?

If you are planning on going away this winter, please contact the parish office at (315) 446-0473 or info@holycrossdewitt.org so we can pause your envelopes. You will need to provide your name, address, and the dates you will be leaving and returning.

THIS WEEK AT HC

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

7:45 AM Mass, Church
8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

6:45 AM HS Faith Formation, Yeazel Hall
7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

6:45 AM MS Faith Formation, Yeazel Hall
7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
7:00 PM Adoration, Church
7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

7:45 AM ES Faith Formation, Yeazel Hall
7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
12:00 PM Monthly Luncheon, Olive Garden
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT
7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT
9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church
3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church
4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT
7:30 AM Mass, Church
9:15 AM Adult Ministry, Rooms 12-13
10:30 AM Mass, Church
5:00 PM Mass, Church

Get the latest event details at
holycrossdewitt.org/events



PRAYER LIST

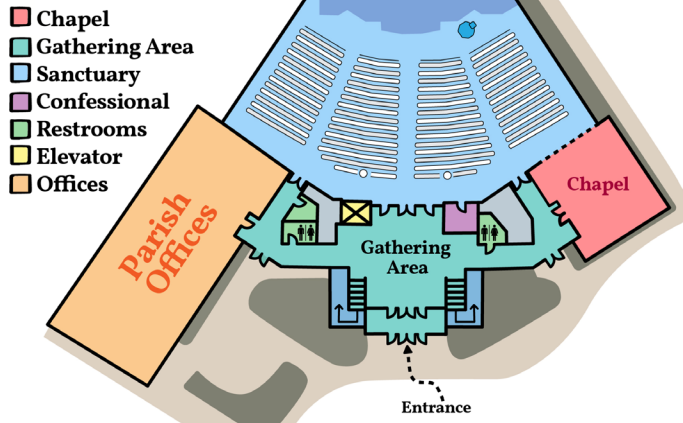
Please keep the following
people in prayer

Margaret Blanchfield,
Connie Chase, Sue Fillingner,
Stanley Jackimeck, Ann Kronner,
Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch,
Marianne Mallaber, Faith Muller,
Nancy Patane, John Toole,
and Dorothy Trust

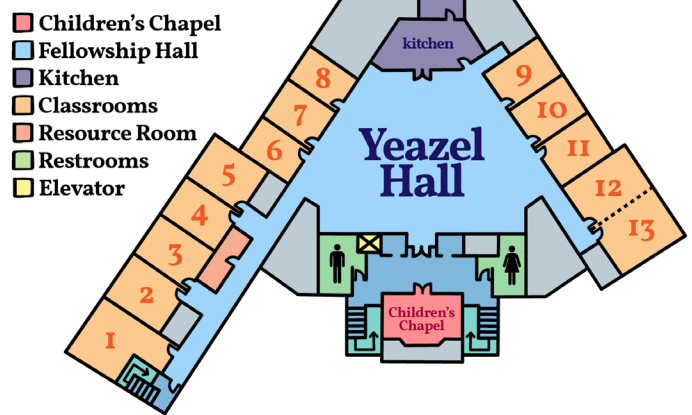
Parish Office

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 and Adoration chapel is open for private prayer Monday - Friday, 8:15 AM - 3:00 PM.

Entry Level



Downstairs Level



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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