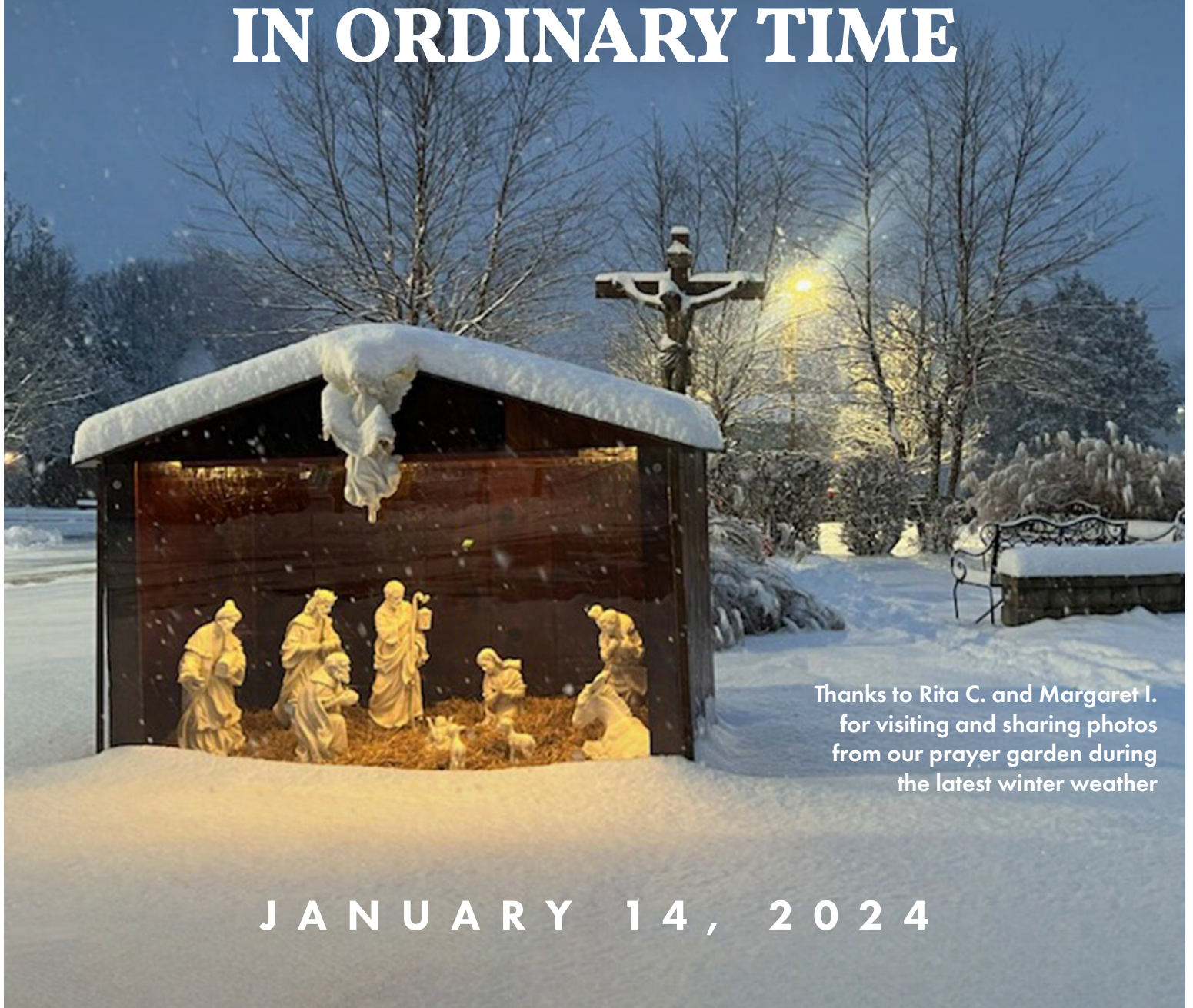




HOLY CROSS CHURCH

4112 EAST GENESEE STREET | DEWITT, NY 13214

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Thanks to Rita C. and Margaret I.
for visiting and sharing photos
from our prayer garden during
the latest winter weather

JANUARY 14, 2024



FOLLOW ALONG



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 14, 2024

READINGS

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
Psalms 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
John 1:35-42

The question that is asked this weekend is a very important one. That question, "What are you looking for?" is asked by Jesus in today's Gospel when the two disciples come to visit him. In the case of Andrew and Simon Peter, the answer to that question is not too difficult to understand. They are looking for the Messiah- the Lamb of God. This is also true of Samuel in the first reading, of the Psalmist who wrote; "Here I am Lord, I come to do your will," and of Paul whose letter to the Corinthians reminds them and us that our bodies make up part of Christ's mystical body—the church.

Samuel is a young acolyte in the church when our first reading takes place. He is seeking ways to connect with God and to respond appropri-



ately when he calls. Eli is his mentor, and he does his job well, instructing Samuel to say the words; "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." These words could benefit all of us, since we need to listen to what God has to say to us both in the Word of God we hear, and in the different ways He speaks to us in the world.

The meeting between Andrew and Jesus is set up when John the Baptist sees Jesus on the street and calls him; "The Lamb of God who takes away

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 13

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

Monday, January 15

7:45AM Carol Read / Family

Tuesday, January 16

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

Wednesday, January 17

7:45AM Jane Hanlon /
Dean & Sharon Bartholomew

Thursday, January 18

7:45AM Patricia M. Garvey / Family

Friday, January 19

7:45AM Patricia Russo / Family

Saturday, January 20

9:00AM Jeffrey Cox / Austin Family
4:00PM VIGIL Stephen Quartier/CSV

Sunday, January 21

7:30AM Kathleen Nappi /
Patty & Tom Quartier

10:30AM John Joseph McDonald /
Schappert Family

5:00PM John P. Wagner /
Elaine Lostumbo

Sunday Reflections
in your inbox;
subscribe today!



News & Events

Middle School Youth Retreat

THIS WEEKEND | JAN 12-14

Please pray for our middle school friends who are on retreat this 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.

Sandwich Ministry for Men's Shelter

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024 | 8:15 AM

Please join us in Yeazel Hall on Tuesday, January 16 at 8:15 AM (following daily Mass) to prepare a variety of sandwiches for the Catholic Charities Men's Shelter. No need to sign up or RSVP ahead of time. New volunteers are always welcome!

Needlework Group

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024 | 1:00 PM

The next Knitting Group gathering will be on Thursday, January 18 at 1:00 PM downstairs 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

Men's Group

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024 | 7:00 PM

Join men from our parish in getting together regularly to discuss life and topics of the faith. Meetings are every other Thursday at 7:00 PM in the parish conference room. Upcoming dates: 1/18, 2/1, 2/15, 2/29. Contact Dc. Dare (dare@holycrossdewitt.org) to get connected.



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.

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!

Ash Wednesday Soup Supper

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024

Save the date for our annual Bread & Soup Supper on Ash Wednesday, February 14. We are looking for volunteers to help with food prep. Contact Julie Sheridan if interested: julie@holycrossdewitt.org.



Parish Eucharistic Revival

THE MASS: GLORIA

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.” These words are from St. Luke’s Gospel as the song the angels sing in praise announcing the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem (Luke 2:14). As the General Instruction of the Roman Missal indicates, “The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is a most ancient and venerable hymn by which the Church, gathered in the Holy Spirit, glorifies and entreats God the Father and the Lamb” (GIRM, no. 53).

From the context of the Gloria, we are clearly singing the first part to God the Father and then the second part to God the Son. Like a three-act play, the Gloria sums up the story of Christ’s saving work moving from 1) His coming, to 2) His redeeming death, to 3) His triumphant resurrection and ascension into heaven”.

Fittingly, we could think of the Gloria as a hymn of praise. The Mass is our participation in the one perfect Sacrifice of Christ—the act of perfect worship of the Father. That certainly does call forth praises! The Gloria can truly be a great model of prayer for us and hopefully strengthens our readiness for the many fruits that will continue to come in the Mass. As we sing the Gloria together, it is a great lead in to what comes next: The Collect, which gathers our prayers and presents our focus for the celebration of each Mass.

Excerpt from Eucharistic Revival Blog Part 11,
Fr. Luke Spannagel, January 24, 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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the sin of the world”. These words convince Andrew that Jesus is the Messiah and he quickly goes to get his brother Simon and takes him to see Jesus. Jesus’ question leads them into discipleship because what they are looking for is holiness, and the peace and joy that comes with it.

God is calling all of us. We hear His voice in different ways, through the physical beauty of our world, through the love that people of faith show to each other, and most of all, through the love that Jesus shows us in the cross. We are all looking for something as well, something that brings us the same peace and joy that the disciples experienced. Let us combine our searching with the call of God and bring ourselves to the feet of Jesus where we too, can say; “Speak, Lord; for your servant is listening.”

Keep the faith,
Deacon Dare

2024 REV. DANIEL BERRIGAN, S.J./INTERNATIONAL HOUSE
PEACEMAKER LECTURE PRESENTS



DANIEL BERRIGAN’S SPIRITUALITY OF RESISTANCE



Peter R. Gathje, Ph.D.
Professor of Religion
LeMoyné-Owen College, Memphis, Tenn.

TUESDAY
Jan. 30
5:30 p.m.
Grewen Auditorium

In this world constantly at war, how may we be sustained in the work of peacemaking? Daniel Berrigan’s witness and writings provide a powerful resource for a spirituality that grounds us in ongoing resistance to war, in our hearts and in the world. Through Berrigan’s spirituality we can grow in a peace that centers us and inspires us for the long-haul work of peacemaking.

Peter R. Gathje, Ph.D. is a professor of religion at LeMoyné-Owen College in Memphis, Tenn. He is a co-founder of Manna House, a place of hospitality in the Catholic worker tradition for people on the streets. He has written for a variety of publications on hospitality, peacemaking and people of faith engaged in social transformation.

This event is free an open to the public. For more information, contact Jennifer Glancy, Ph.D., at glancy@lemoyne.edu.

LE MOYNE
Greatness meets Goodness

Established in 2000, the Rev. Daniel Berrigan, S.J./International House Peacemaker Lecture Endowment was created to honor International House’s founder and one of the great Catholic social activists of the 20th century.

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

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| AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED: | \$19,704.88 |
| COLLECTION FOR JANUARY 7 | \$19,857.40 |

Contribution statements for 2023 will be available starting on 1/23/24 by calling the office 315-446-0473 or by emailing peg@holycrossdewitt.org

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subscribe to the weekly brief



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 15

PARISH OFFICE / SCHOOL CLOSED

7:45 AM Mass, Church

8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

6:45 AM HS Faith Formation, Yeazel Hall

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Sandwich Making, Yeazel Hall

4:00 PM FC Workshop Makeup, Y. Hall

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

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 18

7:45 AM ES Faith Formation, Yeazel Hall

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

7:00 PM Men's Group, Conference Room

7:00 PM Lux Mundi, Yeazel Hall / Rms 1-8

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

6:00 PM Taste of Holy Cross, School

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church

3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

7:30 AM Mass, Church

9:15 AM Adult Ministry, Rooms 12-13

10:30 AM Mass, Church

2:45 AM First Eucharist Workshop, Y. Hall

5:00 PM Mass, Church

Get the latest event details at
holycrossdewitt.org/events



PRAYER LIST

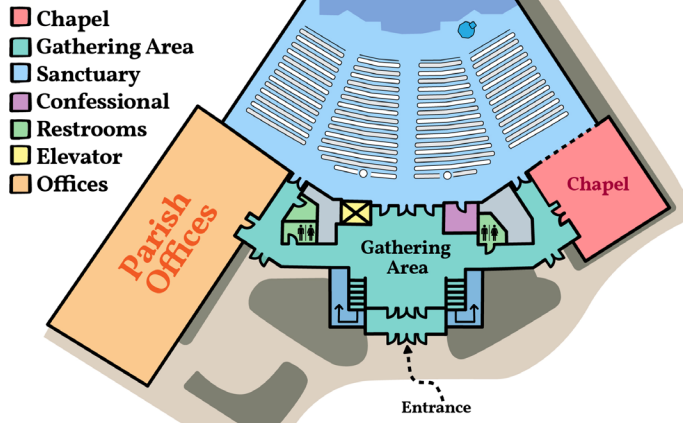
Please keep the following
people in prayer

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

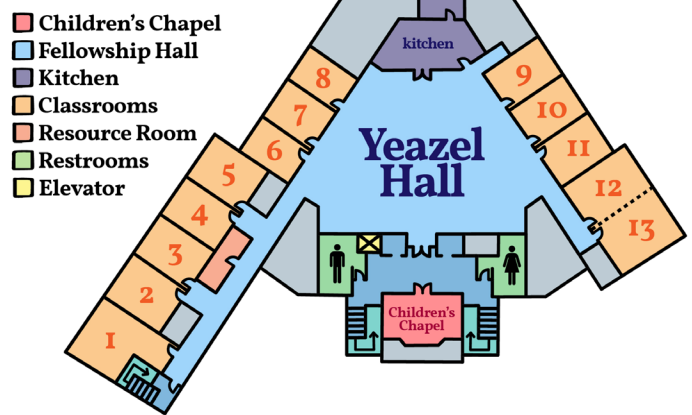
Parish Office

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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