



*Let us give thanks*



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# MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> - Christ the King Sunday**

7:30 PM Francis J. Wagner/ John &amp; Marie Bertley

9:00 AM Ellen Miller/ Cheri &amp; Bill McIncrow

11:30 AM Paul Genecco/ Wife &amp; Children

**Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

7:45AM Bryant Dates/ Loving Wife &amp; Family

8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**

7:45AM Carolyn Delluomo / Wiese Family

8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 AM Rita Rinaldi / Marie Felice

8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church

**Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Day**

9:00 AM Joan Hall/ Husband Earl &amp; Family (50th Ann.)

**No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Today****Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**9:00 AM Nicholas & Donna Roppo & Nicholas Roppo III/  
Family**No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Today****Saturday, November 28<sup>st</sup>**

3:15-3:45 PM Penance—Church

4:00 PM Patricia Johns/ Eleanor Sullivan

**Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> – First Sunday of Advent**

7:30 AM Josephine Glisson/ Tom Bland

9:00 AM Peter Oliva/ The Silvestri Family

11:30 AM Kathy Antonini/ Joan &amp; Felix Vermette

**YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT***Your goodness is exceptional.*Collection of Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>: \$20,617.55

Human Development: \$ 2,014.00

Credit card and electronic donations are now possible through the Holy Cross website: [www.holycrossdewitt.org/give](http://www.holycrossdewitt.org/give)**Also, don't forget to use****our QR Code with your smartphones!****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.

**“WELCOME SUNDAY” ~ “Thanks and Gratitude”**

Thank you for the generous support of “Welcome Sunday” and for sharing your “thankfulness” and gratitude with others. If you forgot your “White Bag” and donations, please feel free to drop them off to the parish office or bring it with you to Thanksgiving Mass or next weekend! Know that your kindness is inspiring and will touch the lives of many.

Also, thank you for taking a moment this weekend to be *present* to one another; to greet one another at Mass, and taking a few minutes after Mass to be present, to greet friends or perhaps meet someone new, taking part in the refreshments and fellowship. Please know that your being “*present*” is a gift to us all!

**Prepare for your Best Advent Ever!****UNWRAP THE GIFT OF *God's Mercy* THIS ADVENT**

Join Matthew Kelly (Dynamic Catholic) & 4 other influential Catholic voices of our time on a life-changing journey through Best Advent Ever *Rediscover Mercy*. Each day you will receive an inspirational email with simple tools that will help you rediscover God's great mercy and be an instrument of mercy to others. This program is simple and free! Let mercy transform your relationships, work, and ability to embrace and experience all of life.

**Find the link on our website or to learn more or sign up, visit... BestAdventEver.com**

***Blessing of the Bambinelli*** ~ This is a beautiful Roman tradition celebrated by the Pope each year during Advent. Holy Cross will celebrate this tradition in on “Welcome Sunday” weekend, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendar now! All of our families (households) are asked to bring to church your Baby Jesus from the family nativity scene for a special blessing. (If you don't have one – we will have one for you!)

**Jubilee Year of Mercy Mass: Tuesday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM**

*\*Year of Mercy begins Dec 8, 2015 and concludes Nov 20, 2016*

***What is the Year of Mercy?*** Seeing the great need for mercy & healing in the world, Pope Francis called for the Year of Mercy—a special period, also known as a Holy Year or Jubilee Year, for the Catholic Church. It is a time for the Church across the world to take approximately a year to focus on forgiveness & healing in a special way.

Pope Francis has asked us as individuals and as a Church “to be a witness of mercy” by reflecting on and practicing the spiritual and corporal works of mercy (Pope Francis' Announcement of the Year of Mercy). Beginning December 8, 2015, the Holy Year of Mercy will focus on studying and reflecting on mercy, receiving mercy, and being merciful towards others. Join us for this special Mass.

*Week of November 22<sup>nd</sup>**Sanctuary Lamp**For the intention of: Hugh Byrne Jr.**Requested by: Wife Martha Byrne***Gluten Free People**

Please go to the Celebrant for Holy Communion. He has gluten free Hosts. Be sure to tell him when you get to him.

## FAITH FORMATION

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### Confirmation Pictures Are Ready

If you want to view or download any Confirmation pictures 2015, go to: [www.holycrossdewitt.org](http://www.holycrossdewitt.org). Click on News and Media, then photos, select the one you want and click on it. If you have any problems, call Sr. Rose Bill @ 446-0473.

### Youth Ministry

Facebook.com/HolyCrossFHC  
Brigid Clary, Youth Minister

- All high school students are encouraged to join AIM in the youth room on Monday nights at 7pm for some food, games, and faith-sharing!
- The second Teen Mass of the year is on November 21st. If you are interested in being involved in any capacity, let Brigid know! Or just show up at 2:45 on the 21st and dive right in.
- Beginning on November 29th, AIM will be moving to Sunday afternoons. For each Sunday in Advent, sit together at the 11:30 Mass, then join us for lunch and a mini Advent retreat in the youth room until 2pm! All are welcome!
- Parents: contact Brigid to be added to our parent email list to keep updated on all Holy Cross has to offer for your teenagers!

### Seeking Babysitters on Wednesdays AM

Seeking 2 babysitters to watch a group of about 10 toddlers during Moms' group on Wednesday morning from 10:30-11:30. Moms will be at a bible study just down the hall. Anyone interested in helping should contact Maggie at [maggie@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:maggie@holycrossdewitt.org)



### A Family Perspective

When we are young, our parents "tell us about Jesus" and we believe what our parents believe. At some point, we must leave our parents faith and ask Pilate's question: "Are you the King?" Pilate is just asking these questions on our behalf.

### 2016 Parish Calendars - Available Now

We are most grateful to Mark Bentz and Brad Meech from Fairchild & Meech Funeral Home for their generous goodness.

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

### Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> - Welcome Sunday Weekend

7:00PM Third Option - Yeazel Hall  
10:15AM Altar Server Training - Church

### Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>

7:00PM AIM - Youth Room

### Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

6:50AM High School Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall  
10:00AM Exploring God's Word - room 9  
7:00PM Consoling the Heart of Jesus - room 12 & 13  
7:00PM Recovery - room 9

### Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>

9:00AM Consoling the Heart of Jesus - room 11  
10:00AM Small Christian Community - member's home  
10:30AM Mom's Group - room 5  
7:00PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—Church

### Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>

Office Closed ~ No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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### Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>

3:15-3:45 PM Penance - Church

### Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>

12:30PM AIM Advent Retreat—Youth Room

### Prepare for your Best Advent Ever!

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*Blessing of the Bambinelli* ~ We will celebrate this Roman tradition by having children bring the Baby Jesus from your family nativity scene forward for a blessing during Mass on the weekend of December 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> (Welcome Sunday Weekend). Please mark your calendar now! Details TBA.

### Mark Your Calendars With These Events

- **Breakfast With Santa** - Sat., Dec. 6
- **Day of Reflection for Advent** - Mon., Dec. 7 - 10am—2pm
- **Jubilee Year of Mercy Mass**—Tuesday, Dec. 8 - 5:30pm
- **Altar Rosary Mass & Breakfast** - Sat., Dec. 12, Mass at 11:00am with breakfast following in Yeazel Hall
- **"Light is on For You"** - Monday, Dec. 14 - 4-7pm
- **Lessons and Carols** - Tuesday, Dec., 15 - 7pm
- **Parish Penance Service** - Monday, Dec. 21 - 7pm
- **Blessing of the Bambinelli** - Masses on Dec. 19 & 20

### Rites of Acolyte and Reader

Our Deacon Candidate Nathan Gunn and others will be receiving the Rites of Acolyte & Reader on Saturday, December 5th at the 4pm Mass. Bishop Cunningham will be here for the ceremony.

Nathan will become a Deacon next May. We are very proud of Nathan and all he does for the Church.

Martha Almanzi, Jeffrey Baker, Anna Mary Barnaba, Dr. Ann Bishop, Catherine Bona, Barbara Boyle, Susan Boyle, DeDe Calkins, Mary Cargin, Connie Decker, Helen Eck, Bill Fitzpatrick, Vince Genecco, Katie Glisson, Amanda Goohhines, Theresa Graviano, Mary Griffin, Yvonne Grocott, BC Heitzman, Vann Johnston, Sr., William H. Kearney, Jr., Bill Keohane, Henry Keller, Paul Kolodziejczyk, Al Koszalka, Mary Lambert, Patricia MacKillop, Angie Marziale, Linda Markley, James McGinnis, Eleanor Moloney, James Montague, Faith Muller, Mary Ellen Myres, Patricia Perry, Anthony J. Pirano, Fred Josiah Poe, Kimberly Poe, Mark Queor, Flora Rockburn, Martha Rossi, Georgia Sanderson, Edward (Ned) Schepp, Rosalie Scipione, Ailine Schafer, Herbert Silvestri, Laura Smith, Neal Sorkin, Maureen Tessier, Frank Vavonese, Carol Watkins, Renata Wolszczak

**If you would like us to add someone to this list, please call the office or email [Peg@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:Peg@holycrossdewitt.org). We will keep them on for three months unless you notify us otherwise. Thank you**



### From Our Pastor

Dear Friends,

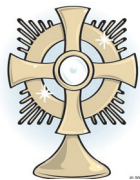
Thanksgiving Day is a wonderful reminder that being together is often more joyous than exchanging gifts. Our presence is the gift ~ a gift so longed for by more and more people as we continue to find ourselves torn apart by a pace of life that is inhuman and spirit breaking.

A beautiful example of seeing our blessings and not our problems comes to us from Robinson Crusoe - he was shipwrecked on a lonely island and he made two columns on paper - one "blessings" the other "problems". He then wrote in each: I am shipwrecked ~ but still alive. Separated from humanity ~ but not starving. He had no clothes ~ but was in a hot climate. He was without means of defense ~ but there were no wild beasts. He had no one to talk to ~ but God was there.

He thus concluded that there was not any condition in the world so miserable, but there was something to be thankful for. Try listing your challenges and blessings the same way and give thanks to God.

May you and yours have a Blessed Thanksgiving Season.

Msgr. Yeazel



### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00 - 8:00pm in the church.**

We begin the hour with adoration and will conclude with **Evening Prayer** from the Divine Office at 7:45pm followed by Solemn Benediction at 8:00pm.

### **Attention Lectors:**

Lector books are now available. Please pick yours up on the table outside of the Chapel and check off your name on the sheet. Thank you

### **Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors**

Your new schedule has been mailed/ emailed to you. You may also find the schedule on our web site [www.holycrossdewitt.org](http://www.holycrossdewitt.org). If you haven't received it please call the Office 446-0473. Thank you.

### **NEW CIBORIUMS**

We have replaced four ciboriums. A ciborium contains the Sacred Hosts & is used for giving Holy Communion. If you would like to memorialize one in memory of a loved one, please call the office. They are \$450 each.



### **Thanksgiving Day Mass:**

**Thursday, Nov 26, 9:00 AM**

Please join us for this special Liturgy, including the Blessing of Bread. All will be invited to the sanctuary during the closing hymn to take a loaf of fresh

bread to share with your family and friends at your Thanksgiving

### **HOLIDAY INFORMATION**

**The Parish Office will be closed to observe Thanksgiving on Thursday, Nov. 26th & Friday Nov. 27th.**

- ◆ *Mass will be at 9:00 AM on Thurs., Nov. 26*
- ◆ *Mass will be at 9:00 AM on Fri., Nov. 27*

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will not take place on Nov. 26 & 27.**

### **The Attitude of Gratitude Award**

This is to certify that the talented knitters of Holy Cross are, without a speck of doubt, the most Incredible, Wonderful, not to mention, Fantastic group this side of the Milky Way! For always supplying us with BEAUTIFUL eyeglass cases! This honor is gladly bestowed upon you with a big heap of gratitude by The staff and patients of Unit 1-1...THANK YOU!

## Faith in Action

**For more information or to volunteer, contact Beth Schafer:  
315-416-4576 or [beth@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:beth@holycrossdewitt.org)**

### **Jail Ministry request: hard candy**

More than 650 men and women are incarcerated at the Onondaga County Justice Center. They are not convicted, but awaiting trial. Many are victims with mental health problems or serious addictions, homeless persons, youths in trouble, who will spend their holidays in jail.

The Jail Ministry community is preparing small gift packages for the men and women in the Onondaga County Justice Center who will not be home for Christmas. Parishes in the area collect one item to add to the packages. Our parish is collecting small wrapped hard candies. Please bring in your donations and place them in the box in the gathering space. Monetary donations are appreciated as well and may be mailed to: Jail Ministry, 259 East Onondaga Street, Syracuse, NY 13202.

### **Neighbors Helping Neighbors Stories:**

Recent requests for help included a meals for a household in which both members are temporarily disabled. A few days of meals provided a message of care and compassion for the challenges our neighbors are experiencing.

Our NHN group now has over 85 email addresses. They are sorted by people who are willing to provide a meal - or people willing to help with yard work or work around the house. To make a request for help or to add your name to one of the email lists, contact Beth: 416-4576 / [beth@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:beth@holycrossdewitt.org)

### **Jamesville Food Pantry: Thank you!**

Over 20 volunteers from Holy Cross participated in the November Parish Day of Service earlier this month. Boy Scout troops dropped off bags of food placed outside the homes of residents in the community. Volunteers sorted the donations, and stacked them on food pantry shelves for distribution to families in need. Thank you to all who donated a Saturday morning to help our community food pantry!



## Parish Giving Tree



Our 32nd annual *Parish Giving Tree* will be in the Gathering Area the weekend of December 5-6. Choose a tag and purchase an appropriate gift. **Return your wrapped present December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.** Volunteers will be sorting and delivering the gifts that Sunday. Please be sure to fill in **“this box**

**contains” on your gift tag.** For the past 32 years our parish has generously helped many children and adults celebrate a happier Christmas. Thank you!

## Lighthouse Catholic Ministries Kiosk

Be sure to check it out in the Gathering Area. Many new selections are available. (suggested donations for materials are listed on the kiosk).

### **Book Highlighted: “If You Really Loved Me”** by Jason Evert.

**Reader Comment:** “Absolutely Beautiful. I am a female in my 20’s, this book changed my life! I have tried reading other Christian books before, but they always made me feel bad about myself. This book was different. Not only did I get through the book without feeling like a sinner, but I finally understood why I’ve made questionable decisions throughout my young-adult life. It also showed me how & why to make the right decisions in the future. No matter what your age, gender, marital status, religion, or sexual history, this book will help you learn to love in a totally different way.” - A.I.

## Become a Safe Environment Facilitator

The Office of Child & Youth Protection is recruiting facilitators who conduct trainings on ways to keep our children safe. This is a volunteer position. For more information contact Jacqueline Bressette 470-1465

**World Marriage Day Celebration** ~ February 7, 2016 - 2:30pm at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The Most Reverend Robert J. Cunningham will celebrate the Mass and Witness the renewal of marriage vows of all couples in attendance. He will specially honor those couples celebrating 25th & 50th anniversaries, & those celebrating beyond their 50th year. Call Peg at the parish office to register.

## More Announcements

- **Volunteer Opportunity**—FM-JD area Meals on Wheels could use some help preparing meals. We have a need for substitute kitchen volunteers. If you are able to spare an occasional morning to help call Terry Davis 637-5446
- **Help Wanted:** Holy Cross Academy in Oneida is in search of a PT band/instrumental music instructor. Call 363-1669 or email you resume to [holycrossacademy@yahoo.com](mailto:holycrossacademy@yahoo.com)
- **Bishop Grimes Alumni Basketball Game Reunion** - Sat., Nov. 28 at 11:00AM. Bishop Grimes has invited Brandon Triche to watch the game & have lunch (immediately following the game) with Grimes alums. Call 314-7157 for information.

## Hospital Admittance

If you or a member of your family is admitted to a hospital, please be sure to contact the Parish Office. The local hospitals do NOT contact us and we have no idea who is hospitalized unless the family informs us. In case of **emergency**, there is a Catholic priest chaplain on duty at all times at every hospital; the chaplain is available to administer the Sacrament of the Sick. If you are going in for a scheduled surgery, one of the priests here at Holy Cross would be happy to administer the Anointing of the Sick during the week or after Mass on Sunday. Also, each of the hospitals has Eucharistic Ministers who make daily rounds to distribute Holy Communion; notify the nurse’s Station or Chaplain’s Office to be on the list.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE ~ WEEKEND OF November 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>**

<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EUCH. MIN.</u>	<u>EUCH. MIN.</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>USHERS - A</u>
Saturday, 4:00 PM	Rose Tout	H1 Ben Vahey	CH1 JoAnn Wallace	Joe Kosty	Ray Blake
		H2 John Passonno	CH2 Lisa Nardone	Tyler McCarthy	David Jureller
		H3 Luana Impellizzeri	CH3 Mary Relihan		Claude Pilon
		H4 Martha O'Leary	CH4 Terry Dooher		Bill McDevitt
		H5 Claudette Tanner			
Sunday, 7:30 AM	Peter Demlein		CH1 Kathleen Bullion	Chris Parker	Ed Coolican
		H2 Marie Distefano	CH2 Katie Maxwell	Lauren Parker	Tony Ebersole
		H3 Leonard Distefano	CH3 Mary Touchette		Len Smith
		H4 Richard Wright	CH4 Karl Schindler		Charles Stepneski
Sunday, 9:00 AM	Kay Sgarlatta	H1 Emily Greenway	CH1 Rani Ristau	Matthew Boule	Tom Kenah
		H2 Corrina Wilcox	CH2 Sue Boone	Luke Boule	John Kissane
		H3 Nancy Thompson	CH3 Dare Dutter	Max Wysocki	Ed Purcell
		H4 Robert Brunette	CH4 Marilyn Engle		Ray Moade
		H5 Patrick Canale			
Sunday, 11:30AM	Connie Chase	H1 Jane Flanagan	CH1 John Fix	Illani Kusak-McGuire	Donald Brown
		H2 Mary Haley	CH2 Bonnie DiMillo	Hunter Kusak-McGuire	Peter Bergamo
		H3 Ron Deluca	CH3 Cora Chirco	Kaitlin Houglan	David Rapp
		H4 Rita Bergamo	CH4 George Given		
		H5 Karen Gross			

**SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism** ~ Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements

Classes required for 1st 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** ~ Saturday, 3:15PM

**HOLY CROSS PARISH**

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**PARISH INFORMATION**

■ **Please notify the Parish Office** when a parishioner or family member is confined to home, hospitalized, or entering a nursing home, please be sure to notify our parish office. Hospitals no longer notify us of a patient's admittance.

■ Bulletin items need to be in the parish office no later than Monday at 9am for the upcoming weekend. (Thursday if a holiday).

E-mail preferred; please send to: [peg@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:peg@holycrossdewitt.org)

■ Hearing impaired ear phones are available in the Robing Room in the front lobby.

■ Recovery ~ Contact Dave.....638-2303

■ Pregnant and Need Help? Please call Catholic Charities 424-1800

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Martha O'Leary, School Principal

Joanne Markert - Administrative Assistant, Nina Walters - Nurse

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Rev. Charles S. Vavonese, In Residence/Parochial Vicar

Rev. Msgr. George F. Sheehan, In Residence

Rev. Louis P. Sogliuzzo, SJ, Weekend Homilist

Rev. Msgr. Richard M. Kopp, Vicar for Priests, Weekend Homilist

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