



HOLY CROSS PARISH
A CARING COMMUNITY

NOVEMBER 29, 2015
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1st Sunday OF ADVENT





MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 29th – 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 & Felix Vermette

Monday, November 30th

7:45AM People of Holy Cross

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

Tuesday, December 1st

7:45AM Ann & Jim Maio/ Family

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

Wednesday, December 2nd

7:45 AM John Parzialie/ Maureen McManus

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

7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church

Thursday, December 3rd

7:45 AM John Spurrier/ Wife Ellen

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

Friday, December 4th

7:45 AM Mass League

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

Saturday, December 5th

3:15-3:45 PM Penance—Church

4:00 PM Rosalind Pristash/ Jerome & Ellen Pristash

Sunday, December 6th - Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 PM Patrick Anthony Kieffer/ Kristen Harrington & Family

9:00 AM George Myatt/ The Kennedy Family

11:30 AM Bill Donegan/ Loretta Nowicki

YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT*Your goodness is exceptional.*Collection of Nov. 22nd: will be reported next weekCredit card and electronic donations are now possible through the Holy Cross website: 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.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
MUSICAL NOTES**Prelude: **Gottes Sohn ist Kommen (The Son of God is Coming)** -Johann Sebastian Bach**Pro. Hymn: 39 - COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS** STUTTGART

Sung Mass Parts:

Mass of Renewal -Curtis Stephan
865, 869, 870, 873, 874 (Hymnal)

Liturgy of the Word & Propers: Pg. 31 ff.

Responsorial Psalm: Pg. 31 (To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.)

Gospel Acclamation: Pg. 32 (Show us, Lord, your love...)

Off. Hymn: 61 - CREATOR OF THE STARS OF NIGHT
CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM**Com. Hymn: 402 - THERE IS A LONGING**

CHOIR ANTHEM: (11:30)

Wake, O Wake, And Sleep No Longer WACHET AUF
-Philipp Nicolai / adapted by J. S. Bach**Rec. Hymn: 733 - THE KING OF GLORY** KING OF GLORYPostlude: **Largo (from Voluntary No. 29)** -John Stanley

CANTORS: 4:00 - Mia Quatrone

9:00 - Tom Griffith

11:30 - CHOIR - Ryan Boyle

Today is beginning of a new Liturgical year. The Church chooses the time before Christmas, as we await the coming of the Lord, to begin the story of our salvation. Of course, Jesus is already among us (Emmanuel) but, just as the Jewish people remember their past by celebrating their holidays, Christians also revisits the landmarks in the life of Jesus and the Saints, not that they are happening again, but that they are liturgically re-created. The Holy Sacrifice of The Mass is the culmination of this, for although Jesus does not die again, He truly makes Himself present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity by the action of the priest with the participation of the Faithful. The Gospel says that the Son of Man will come again in power and glory. Until then we stay awake, as in the Choir Anthem.

Please mark your calendars, Tuesday, December 15th, 7:00PM, for the *Service of Lessons & Carols*. It will be a moving and joyful experience in the midst of the Advent season. Scripture readings and glorious music will fill our Church. There will even be opportunities for everyone to sing Christmas Carols *before* Christmas. It will put you into the spirit of this great holiday as nothing else can!

Ernest Camerota

2016 Parish Calendars - Available Now

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

Advent Happenings

Holy Cross is overflowing with "Thanks and Gratitude"! We are truly blessed to be part of such a generous and *Caring Community*! Donations not only began to arrive early, but exceed expectation. The men at the Catholic Charities Men's Shelter and the inmates of Jamesville are also blessed with the prayers and kindness of so many.

Prepare for your Best Advent Ever!

UNWRAP THE GIFT OF *God's Mercy* THIS ADVENT

Join Matthew Kelly (Dynamic Catholic) and six 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 so you can 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 (Baby Jesus) ~ 'Welcome Sunday', Dec 19th & 20th. This is a beautiful Roman tradition celebrated by the Pope each year during Advent. Holy Cross will celebrate this tradition in our "Welcome Sunday" weekend, December 19th and 20th. Please 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 begins Dec 8, 2015 and concludes Nov 20, 2016

What is the Year of Mercy? Seeing the great need for mercy and 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 and 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). The Holy Year of Mercy will focus on studying and reflecting on mercy, receiving mercy, and being merciful towards others.



A Family Perspective

At this time of the year we are very conscious of our family as we make preparations for Christmas. Today's gospel warns us not to be consumed by all the consumer activity. This Advent appreciates the gift of people in your life. The best gift this season might be your appreciation of others.

Moving?

If your future plans include a change of address; would you please contact the Parish Office. You may call 446-0473 or email Peg@holycrossdewitt.org with your new address. Thank you!

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, November 29th

12:30PM AIM Advent Retreat—Youth Room

Monday, November 30th

7:00PM Faith In Action Mtg. - Yeazel Hall

Tuesday, December 1st

6:50AM High School Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall

8:30AM First Tuesday Sandwiches - Yeazel Hall & kitchen

10:00AM Exploring God's Word - room 9

7:00PM Recovery - room 9

Wednesday, December 2nd

6:45AM Middle School Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall

10:00AM Small Christian Community - member's home

10:30AM Mom's Group - room 5

4:00PM Children's Choir Rehearsal - Church

6:00PM The Middle - Youth Room & Yeazel Hall

7:00PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—Church

Thursday, December 3rd

6:45AM HC Men's Group - Choir Room

8:00AM Elementary Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall

1:00PM Knitting Group - Yeazel Hall

7:00PM Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

7:00PM El Salvador Meeting - Yeazel Hall

7:00PM Holy Cross Men's Group - room 12

Friday, December 4th

8:00AM Elementary Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall

Saturday, December 5th Food Giving Weekend

3:15-3:45 PM Penance - Church

Sunday, December 6th - Food Giving Weekend

10:00AM Breakfast With Santa - Yeazel Hall

12:30PM AIM Advent Retreat - Youth Room

7:00PM Third Option - Yeazel Hall

Breakfast with Santa

Plan to join us in Yeazel Hall on **Sunday, December 6 after the 9:00 Mass** for a delicious breakfast and a visit from Santa.

Cost: \$5 adults & teens (13 & up),

\$4 children ages 4 to 12, free for children

ages 3 and under, \$18 family of 4 or more. **Parents bring your cameras.**



Knitting Group

Knitting Group will meet Thursday, December 3rd

–1PM downstairs in Yeazel Hall. All are welcome to join us!



Syracuse Vocal Ensemble Christmas Pie:

Concert & Pie Reception - December 12, 7:30 pm

SVE will present a concert featuring seasonal favorites conducted by Ryan Endris of Colgate University, followed by our traditional pie reception. Tickets (includes pie reception) Adults \$20 Seniors \$18 Students \$15. Information:

www.syracusevocalensemble.org, 715-5212

Rites of Acolyte and Reader

Congratulations to Nathan Gunn who will be receiving, along with other Deacon candidates, the Rite of Lector and Acolyte at the 4:00pm Mass on next Saturday.

Bishop Cunningham will be here for that Mass.

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. We will keep them on for three months unless you notify us otherwise. Thank you



Day of Reflection

Advent is a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of Jesus' incarnation at Christmas. What better way to prepare for the coming of the Son of Man than to spend some time reflecting about who He is?

Join us for a time of deepening our understanding of what Jesus' coming to earth as our savior means for us. The Day of Reflection will take place on **Monday, December 7th, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm** in Yeazel Hall. Cost is \$10 (lunch included). Please join us by calling Deacon Dare Dutter at 446-0473 or email him at ddutter@twcny.rr.com.

Opportunities for Reconciliation

◆ Advent Penance Service

Plan on attending our communal **Advent Penance Service** on Dec. 7 at 7:00 pm. Several priests will be here to hear confessions. Let the Lord come to you in a deeper way and feel His love.



◆ "The Light Is On For You"

In every church in the Diocese of Syracuse, confessions will be heard on Monday, December 14 from 4-7pm.

Altar Rosary Christmas Mass & Lunch Saturday—December 12th



All are welcome to this event starting with Mass at 11:00 and followed by lunch in Yeazel Hall. Please make your reservations by Tuesday, December 8th by calling Rita White 472-1478 or Jo Oliva at 446-3328. Tickets \$25.00. Catered by Kitty Hoyne.



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. 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.

Thank You

Your support of the Knights of Columbus through pizza sales, pancake breakfasts & individual donations has funded the purchase of an ultrasound machine for the Gianna Center of Syracuse. The machine will be used as a diagnostic tool for infertility as well as monitoring the growth of unborn babies.

All are welcome to attend Mass and blessing ceremony at Holy Family Church on Sat., Dec. 12 at 5:00pm.

Faith in Action

For more information or to volunteer, contact Beth Schafer:
315-416-4576 or beth@holycrossdewitt.org

Refugee Information Meeting: Monday, Nov. 30th, 7pm

Would you like to know how refugees come to this country? How they are chosen to come to the United States? How long does it take? What support are they given once they arrive in Syracuse? Kate Holmes, volunteer coordinator at Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement program will be here tomorrow to answer your questions. Please join us downstairs in Yeazel Hall on Monday night. Contact Beth (info above) for more information.

First Tuesday Sandwiches-December 1st, 8:15am

Join the sandwich-making crews on Tuesday morning after 7:45am Mass. We prepare over 300 sandwiches for the men's homeless shelter at 1074 South Clinton St. No registration necessary.

Brady Bread for Sale-December 5/6 after Mass

Stop by the table in the gathering area to support two Brady programs: Jail Ministry & Pedals to Possibilities. Whole wheat raisin bread is \$3 per loaf. Your donation and prayers are much appreciated!

Jail Ministry request: hard candy donations

Next Sunday is the last day to bring donations for the Jail Ministry Christmas packages assembled for the inmates at the Onondaga County Justice Center. Our parish is collecting small wrapped hard candies. A box has been placed in the Gathering Space for your donations. Monetary gifts are appreciated as well, and may be mailed to: Jail Ministry, 259 East Onondaga Street, Syracuse, NY 13202.

Party with Neighbors Helping Neighbors:

Sun., December 13th, 2pm

Join friends and neighbors for cookies and Christmas Caroling! After enjoying a cup of hot chocolate and the company of friends, we will carpool to North Syracuse to sing carols and spread the Christmas cheer with the residents at the PACE assisted living facility. Bring the whole family and join us for a great time of fellowship and conversation. Contact Beth to let us know you can be there: 315-416-4576 /beth@holycrossdewitt.org.

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.

This book is a collection of Jason's replies to the top 100 questions he receives from teens around the world.

Reader Comment: "There is so much mis-information concerning sex and love in our modern American culture that it is hard to find good teaching. This book contains great teaching concerning what love really is and good advice concerning dating. -Joe Faldet

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 12th and 13th.** 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!



Food Donation This Weekend ~

December 5 & 6



Please help our friends who are in need of food by bringing your non-perishable food items to any of the Masses. Thank you in advance for your donations.

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

More Announcements

Christ the King Retreat Center Events 446-2680

- The Coming of Christ Into Our Lives: Advent Day of Prayer with Pope Francis and Thomas Merton. Wed., Dec. 9 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Together we will explore the true meaning of Advent. Facilitated by Dan Horan OFM, a Franciscan Friar and spiritual writer. Offering: \$35, \$30 for religious
- Annual Fundraiser on Sunday, Dec. 13 at Syracuse Stage - We will sponsor a performance of "Peter Pan" at 12:30pm. Tickets are \$50 and \$35 for under 17.

Hope for the Bereaved - 475-9675

- **Coping With the Holidays** - This program will offer suggestions for the bereaved & those helping the bereaved to help eliminate the stress & ease the fears of the approaching holidays. Worship will be on Dec. 3. Call for more info.

The Franciscan Place Chapel & Gift Shoppe in Destiny Mall 471-9511

- Mass is celebrated Mon., Tues. & Wed at 12:15 & Tues. & Fri. at 4:15pm
- Reconciliation times are Mon-Fri from 2-4
- Gift Shoppe supports our ministry at Destiny USA
- **Helping Hands Medical Mission to Guatemala** - March 4-12, 2016 has a great need for doctors & dentists. Contact Patrick Smyth, Holy Family, Syracuse 487-3764

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE ~ WEEKEND OF December 5th & 6th

<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EUCH. MIN.</u>	<u>EUCH. MIN.</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>USHERS - B</u>
Saturday, 4:00 PM	Tony DiBiase	H1 Alan Andrews	CH1	Annie Kilmartin	Randy Elder
		H2 Brenna Brown	CH2	Nora Kilmartin	Don Lacombe
		H3 Carla DiBiase	CH3	Emmet Kilmartin	Dennis Cole
		H4 MB Domachoske	CH4		Bill McDevitt
		H5 Carol Dwyer			
Sunday, 7:30 AM	John McGowan		CH1	Lizzy Smith	Ed Coolican
		H2 Theresa Beaty	CH2		Tony Ebersole
		H3 Kathleen Bullion	CH3		Len Smith
		H4 Peter Demlein	CH4		Charles Stepneski
Sunday, 9:00 AM	Vince Sportelli	H1 Kathleen Gibson	CH1	Rachel Duggan	Tom Kenah
		H2 Marilyn Engle	CH2	Aiden Duggan	John Kissane
		H3 Terry Essel	CH3		Ed Purcell
		H4 Tom Conan	CH4		Ray Moade
		H5 Kathy Sportelli			
Sunday, 11:30AM	Cora Chirco	H1 Karen Gross	CH1	Owen Demetros	Donald Brown
		H2 George Given	CH2	Logan Demetros	Neil Bourcy
		H3 Sue Given	CH3		Peg Foraker
		H4 Jane Flanagan	CH4		
		H5 Tammy Gunn			

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

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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

■ 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

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

4200 E. Genesee St., DeWitt, NY 13214

School Office – Phone: 315 446-4890, FAX: 315 446-4799

Website: hcschooldewitt.org

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Staff ~ Name and Title

Martha O’Leary, School Principal

Joanne Markert - Administrative Assistant, Nina Walters - Nurse

Holy Cross Parish Staff ~ Name, Title and Phone Extension

Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Yeazel, Pastor, ext. 15

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

Deacon Dare Dutter

Sister Rose Bill, MFIC, Pastoral Associate, ext. 13

Seminarian Ken Kirkman

Ernest J. Camerota, Director of Music, ext. 38

Maggie Byrne, Director of Young Adult Ministry

Brigid Clary, Youth Minister, ext. 20

Kathy Darcy, Housekeeper

Katharine Fitzgibbons, Director Religious Ed. Pre-K – 6, ext. 12

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Peg Olson, Office Manager & Administrative Assistant, ext. 22

Beth Schafer, Director of Faith in Action Ministry, ext. 34

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