



HOLY CROSS PARISH  
A CARING COMMUNITY

DECEMBER 6, 2015  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT







# MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> - Second Sunday of Advent**

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

9:00 AM George Myatt/ The Kennedy Family

11:30 AM Bill Donegan/ Loretta Nowicki

**Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 AM Jack Greene/ Dr. Joan Laura

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

5:00PM Jack Mulvihill/ Family

**Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> Immaculate Conception**

7:45 AM Frank Borer/ Jeff &amp; Stephanie Snyder

10:30 School Mass

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

**Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 AM Josephine Coffrey Glisson/ Norine &amp; Dennis McNamara

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

7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church

**Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 AM People of Holy Cross

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

**Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 AM Eileen Murphy/ Friends

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

**Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

3:15-3:45 PM Penance—Church

11:00 AM Altar Rosary Mass

4:00 PM Palumb &amp; Wallace Families/ Carol &amp; Ray Blake

**Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday of Advent**

7:30 AM Josephine Glisson/ Friends at Mikes TV &amp; Appliance

9:00 AM John Ryan/ Alyce McNamara

11:30 AM Jim Hughes/ Alyce McNamara

**YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT***Your goodness is exceptional.*Collection of Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>: \$20,472.13Collection of Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>: \$19,962.75Credit 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.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
MUSICAL NOTES**Prelude: **Largo** (from *Voluntary No.29*) -John Stanley  
Pro. Hymn: **38 - O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL**

VENI, VENI EMMANUEL

(Verses 1, 2, 3)

Sung Mass Parts:

**Mass of Renewal** -Curtis Stephan**865, 869, 870, 873, 874 (Hymnal)****[The "Gloria" is not sung or said during Advent]**

Liturgy of the Word &amp; Propers: Pg. 33 ff.

Responsorial Psalm: Pg. 34 (The Lord has done...)

Gospel Acclamation: Pg. 35 (Prepare the way of the Lord.)

**Off. Hymn: 57 - COMFORT, COMFORT, O MY PEOPLE**  
GENEVA 42

CHOIR ANTHEM: (11:30)

**God So Loved The World** -John Stainer

COMMUNION MEDITATION: (4:00, 9:00, 11:30)

**God Make Me Kind** (A Prayer)

-Desmond Carter &amp; Haydn Wood

(Ryan Boyle - baritone solo)

**Rec. Hymn: 64 - READY THE WAY**Postlude: **Swiss Noel with Variations** Louis Daquin

CHILDREN'S CHOIR MUSIC: (9:00)

**Prepare Ye The Way Of The Lord** -Stephen Schwartz**Christ, Be Our Light** -Bernadette Farrell

(with David Griffith - trumpet &amp; Lydia Chase - violin)

CANTORS: 4:00 - Ryan Boyle

9:00 - CHILDREN'S CHOIR - Abby Witmer

11:30 - CHOIR - Abby Witmer

The Children's Choir sings "Prepare the way of the Lord" and the Choir sings "*God so loved the world*". The Meditation by Ryan Boyle prays: "*God make me kind. Give me enough humanity to bring to the world what it has brought to me. Let the hardness of my heart be driven from my mind. Teach me to give. God show me how to make my life worth living. Open my eyes to see how others are forbearing, forgiving. Help me to leave every bitter word unspoken. Let me return the friendliness I find. God, make me kind.*"

**Please mark your calendars, Tuesday, Dec. 15, 7:00PM for Lessons & Carols. It is a moving, joyful experience in the midst of Advent. Glorious music will fill our Church. You will sing Christmas Carols with the Choir, and experience the joy of the season!**

Ernest Camerota

**Rites of Acolyte and Reader**

Welcome to Bishop Cunningham who is here to confer the Rite of Acolyte & Lector on those preparing for the Permanent Diaconate.

Congratulations to the Candidates and especially to Nathan Gunn from our parish and staff who is receiving this Rite this weekend.



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

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

**Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> - Food Giving Weekend**

10:00AM Breakfast With Santa - Yeazel Hall  
12:30PM AIM Advent Retreat - Youth Room  
7:00PM Third Option - Yeazel Hall

**Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

10:00AM Day of Reflection - Church & Yeazel Hall

**Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

6:50AM High School Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall  
10:00AM Exploring God's Word - room 9  
7:00PM Recovery - room 9

**Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

6:45AM Middle School Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall  
10:00AM Small Christian Community - member's home  
10:30AM Mom's Group - room 5  
7:00PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church  
7:00 PM Night of Eucharistic Adoration & Fellowship - Church

**Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

8:00AM Elementary Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall  
7:00PM Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

**Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

8:00AM Elementary Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall

**Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

11:00AM Altar Rosary Christmas Mass followed by luncheon  
3:15-3:45 PM Penance - Church  
7:30 PM Christmas Pie Concert

**Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

9:00AM-1:00PM Sort & deliver Giving Tree gifts - Yeazel Hall  
10:00AM Sign up for Children's Pageant - Yeazel Hall  
12:30PM AIM Advent Retreat—Youth Room



**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.

**Week of December 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Hosts & Wine**

For the intention of: Bernadine & Victor Becker  
Requested by: The Becker Family

**New Ciborium**

We have one new ciborium that has not been memorialized. If you would like to do so, please see Fr. Yeazel. The are \$450 each.

**Attention Lectors:**

Lector books are now available in the Office. Please pick yours up and check off you name on the sheet. Thank you

**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)

**Breakfast with Santa - Sunday**

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.**



**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 8<sup>th</sup> by calling Rita White 472-1478 or Jo Oliva at 446-3328. Tickets \$25.00. Catered by Kitty Hoyne.

**Christmas Flower Memorials**

Envelopes are available at the church entrances if you wish to memorialize a Christmas Poinsettia. Please return the envelope either in the Sunday collection basket or mail to the church office. Names will be posted as a memorial in the bulletin.



Next weekend's second collection is:  
Cathraticum

## FAITH FORMATION

Kathy Fitzgibbons, DRE  
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Coordinator for PreK - 6  
Kathy@holycrossdewitt.org

Tammy Gunn  
446-0473 x 19  
Coordinator for grades 7-12  
tammy@holycrossdewitt.org

### Christmas Pageant

**Children** ~ would you like to take a special part in our 4pm Christmas Eve Liturgy this year? Any school age child is invited to be in our pageant. Come to Yeazel Hall **Sunday, December 13th** anytime from 10am to 1:30am to sign-up and receive your costume. All pageant participants must attend our only rehearsal on Tuesday, Dec. 22 from 4:00 to 5:30pm.



### Advent Happenings

It's not too late to make this 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 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. 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, December 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. 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**

**Jesus is the the "face of the Father's mercy".** Pope Francis writes: "It is absolutely essential for the Church and for the credibility of her message that she herself live and testify to mercy." **Mercy, he says, is "the beating heart of the Gospel"** (*Misericordiae Vultus*). **To live mercy, we must rediscover both the spiritual works of mercy (counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead), and the corporal works of mercy (feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead). Which spiritual works of mercy might Christ be calling you to practice? Which corporal works of mercy?** Adapted from USCCB.

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception

**Tuesday, December 8**  
(Holy Day of Obligation)



Mass Times: 5:00 PM - Monday (vigil)  
7:45am, 10:30am - Tuesday

### 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](mailto:ddutter@twcny.rr.com).

### Opportunities for Reconciliation

#### ◆ Advent Penance Service

Plan on attending our communal **Advent Penance Service** on Dec. 21 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.

### Christmas and New Year's Schedule 2015

**Christmas Eve Masses** - Thursday, December 24

4:00pm Mass with Pageant

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Christmas Concert and Carols begin at 11:30pm

12:00pm Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day Masses**—Friday, December 25

7:30am, 9:00am, and 11:30am

**New Year's Vigil Mass**

5:00pm - Thursday, December 31

**New Year's Day Masses** - Friday, January 1, 2016

10:00am

### Bulletin Deadlines Changed

- The deadline for the bulletin of December 20<sup>th</sup> will be on **Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 9am.**
- The deadline for the bulletin of December 27<sup>th</sup> will be **Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 9am.** Any notices received after that date will appear in the bulletin of December 6<sup>th</sup>.

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)

### **Brady Bread for sale today!**

Whole wheat raisin bread is for sale after Mass today. Donations of \$3 per loaf will benefit two Brady Faith Center programs: Jail Ministry and Pedals to Possibilities.

### **Caroling Party: Sunday, December 13th, 2-5pm.**

Spread the joy of Christmas with friends and family at Holy Cross! Neighbors Helping Neighbors is hosting a family afternoon of hot chocolate, cookies & caroling. We will begin the party at Holy Cross in Yeazel Hall, with fellowship and caroling practice. At 3:30pm we will take our songs on the road to North Main Street in Syracuse where we will spend time in the community room with residents at PACE Senior Assisted Living. Bring your santa hats if you have them! Please sign up if possible so we can estimate the refreshments: 315-416-4576 / [beth@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:beth@holycrossdewitt.org)

### **Neighbors Helping Neighbors Stories**

Putting away lawn furniture and lifting paint cans can be challenging for people who are restricted from lifting. Recently NHN responded to a request for help that included those activities. After the project, here is the response we received: "Just a note to let you know what a wonderful job (the volunteer) did for me. I think Neighbors Helping Neighbors is a brilliant idea for those of us who have difficulty doing the odd jobs in life."

To make a request or to add your name to one of the email lists, contact Beth: 315-416-4576 / [beth@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:beth@holycrossdewitt.org)

### **Dorothy Day Shelter**

Dorothy Day House, a Catholic Charities emergency shelter for homeless women, recently changed their mission. They now consider homeless women with children their primary focus. Once a month Holy Cross volunteers bring, to this nearby shelter, a hot meal for 24 persons. In addition, Holy Cross partners with Emmaus Ministry at St. James Church to provide the shelter with 24 gift bags filled with toiletries. Thank you to Marilyn Glauber, who will bring the meal on December 19th and to Rose Tout for her faithful dedication to the gift bag ministry. If you would like to participate in our ministry to Dorothy Day House, please contact Beth to sign up.

## 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.

## 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).

### CD highlighted: "I'm Not Being Fed" by Jeff Cavins

Jeff explores and responds to some of the reasons why so many people have left the Catholic Church for evangelical Christianity. As he presents the story of his return to Catholicism, Cavins also builds a case for why the Catholic Church is the Church founded by Christ. A remarkable teaching, one that will inspire and build your faith!

### Opportunity to Help Young Women in Guatemala

Syracuse University's Enactus students will be selling Guatemala Mayan weavers' products after Masses on **December 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>.** Please stop by their table inside the church main entrance and support their efforts to provide scholarships for the Mayan weavers' daughters. The average income for Mayan families in Guatemala is under \$3 a day, and the cost of attending secondary school can reach \$250 a year. As a result, less than one percent of Mayan girls graduate from high school. Since 2007, SU Enactus students have provided over 240 scholarships through the sale of the Mayan weavers' products. Thank you for your support!

## More Announcements

**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.

**From the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception:** Bishop Cunningham will be opening the **Holy Door for the Year of Mercy** on Dec. 13 at 9:45am. All are welcome

**"SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE IN MARRIAGE: Seven Communication Techniques."** Sponsored by **THE THIRD OPTION**, an on-going program to build better marriages. Meeting is Sunday, December 20 - 7:00 to 9:00pm. At Holy Cross Church. Walk-ins welcome. For more information see [www.thethirdoption.com](http://www.thethirdoption.com) or call 472-6728. A Family Life, Hope Appeal program.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE ~ WEEKEND OF December 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<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	Mary Kay Moore	H1 Luana Impellizzeri	CH1	Tia Marshall	Ray Blake
		H2 Terry Dooher	CH2	Charlie Miller	David Jureller
		H3 Betty Galletta	CH3		Claude Pilon
		H4 Lola Gualtieri	CH4		Bill McDevitt
		H5 Susan Klenk			
Sunday, 7:30 AM	Theresa Beaty		CH1	Chris Parker	Ed Coolican
		H2 Paul Demong	CH2	Lauren Parker	Tony Ebersole
		H3 Mary Beth Elmer	CH3		Len Smith
		H4 Ed Flynn	CH4		Charles Stepneski
Sunday, 9:00 AM	J.D. Tessier	H1 Margaret Ingraham	CH1	Connor Gleasman	Tom Kenah
		H2 Kelly Griffith	CH2	Oliver Gleasman	John Kissane
		H3 Christina Hatem	CH3		Ed Purcell
		H4 Kristen Hodge	CH4		Ray Moade
		H5 Teri Skandalis			
Sunday, 11:30AM	Carmen Denny	H1 Linda Mulvey	CH1	Tanner Gunn	Donald Brown
		H2 Karen Kirkman	CH2	Jonathan Gunn	Peter Bergamo
		H3 Sue Judge	CH3		David Rapp
		H4 Ed Judge	CH4		
		H5 Ellyn Lubel			

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**

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Martha O’Leary, School Principal

Joanne Markert - Administrative Assistant, Nina Walters - Nurse

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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

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Maggie Byrne, Director of Young Adult Ministry

Brigid Clary, Youth Minister, ext. 20

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

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