



HOLY CROSS PARISH
A CARING COMMUNITY

DECEMBER 20, 2015
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4th Sunday OF ADVENT





MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 20th - Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 PM Robert Allen/ Anne & Don LaCasse
 9:00 AM James Walker/ Donna DeFrancisco
 11:30 AM Kathy Antonini/ Pam & Charles Collins

Monday, December 21st

7:45 AM People of Holy Cross
 8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00 PM Penance Service

Tuesday, December 22nd

7:45 AM Paul O'Brien/ John & Betty Galletta
 8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, December 23rd

7:45 AM Jack Murphy/ Friends
 8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church

Thursday, December 24th - Vigil of Christmas

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Today
 4:00 PM John Swanberry/ Family - **Christmas Pageant**
 6:00 PM Fran Vensel/ Friends - **Christmas Vigil**
 12:00 AM Chris Witting/ Friends - **Midnight Mass**

Friday, December 25th—The Nativity of the Lord

7:30 AM People of Holy Cross
 9:00 AM Anton Pataky/ Cousin Gus & Erna
 11:30AM Angelina Silvestri/ Family
 No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Today

Saturday, December 26th

3:15-3:45 PM Penance—Church
 4:00 PM Stephanie Gaeds & Mary Badera/ Peter &
 Antoinette Badera

Sunday, December 27th – The Holy Family

7:30 AM Fred Bullion/ Family
 9:00 AM Robert Reid Sr./ Buckley Family
 11:30 AM James Collins/ Wife & Family

YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT

Your goodness is exceptional.

Collection of December 13th will be reported next week.

Credit 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.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
MUSICAL NOTES**

Prelude: **Noel with Variations** -Claude Balbastre
Pro. Hymn: 38 - O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL
 VENI, VENI EMMANUEL
 (Verses 1, 5, 6, 7)

Sung Mass Parts:

Mass of Renewal -Curtis Stephan
865, 869, 871, 873, 874 (Hymnal)

[The "Gloria" is not sung or said during Advent]

Liturgy of the Word & Propers: Pg. 41 ff.

Responsorial Psalm: Pg. 42 (Lord, make us turn to you...)

Gospel Acclamation: Pg. 42 (Behold, I am the handmaid...)

Off. Hymn: 41 - WAITING IN SILENCE

Com. Hymn: 844 - MAGNIFICAT [MARY'S SONG]
 NEW BRITAIN

CHOIR ANTHEM: (11:30)

In The Bleak Midwinter

-Gustav Holst

Rec. Hymn: 49 - PEOPLE, LOOK EAST

BESANCON

Postlude: **The Sussex Carol**

-English Carol

CANTORS: 4:00 - Mia Quatrone

9:00 - Mia Quatrone

11:30 - CHOIR - Mia Quatrone

This weekend, the last before Christmas, we change focus in the Gospel which has been concerned with the crying in the wilderness of St. John the Baptist concerning the coming of the Kingdom. The focus changes to the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth, the mother of St. John, when he was still in the womb. We hear of Mary's acceptance and awe in the knowledge that she will be the mother of the Messiah. We sing of this in the Communion Hymn. We also sing in anticipation of the Lord's coming at Christmas.

If you plan to attend Midnight Mass, try to arrive by 11:30PM so you may hear and participate in the pre-Mass program of Christmas music, provided by the Holy Cross Choir and Instruments. It will add to your joy in celebrating the Nativity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ!

Ernest Camerota

Vestments

Along with the Chasubles and Deacon Dalmatics, we are purchasing 4 stoles for the Chasubles and 4 stoles for the Dalmatics so when we have concelebration they will match the Celebrant or Deacon.

If you would like to memorialize these 8 items (at \$320) each please call the office or see Fr. Yeazel.

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.



Christmas and New Year's Schedule

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

Martha Almanzi, Jeffrey Baker, Anna Mary Barnaba, Dr. Ann Bishop, Catherine Bona, Barbara Boyle, Susan Boyle, DeDe Calkins, Mary Cargin, Mary Dougherty, Helen Eck, Bill Fitzpatrick, Vince Genecco, Katie Glisson, Amanda Goodhines, 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, Laura Smith, Rita Smookler, 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



Week of December 20th

Sanctuary Lamp

For the intention of: The Deceased Members of the Seubert & Byrne Families
Requested by: Martha Byrne

Wine & Hosts

For the intention of: The Deceased Members of the Colao Family
Requested by: The Stewart Family

Advent Happenings

Blessing of the Bambinelli (Baby Jesus) and 'Welcome Sunday' this weekend! – the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

This blessing of "Baby Jesus" is an honored tradition of children gathering with their families in St. Peter's Square for ***Bambinelli Sunday***. The children bring with them figures of the Christ Child for their family's nativity scene. During the noontime Angelus prayer, the pope blesses the children and the figurines they have brought. (If you don't have one – we will have one for you!) Thank you for participating in this special blessing.

We thank you for being present among us, celebrating Liturgy together, offering a friendly smile and a Christmas greeting. We invite all to enjoy refreshments at Mass weekend, encouraging all to slow down and give a few moments to be present to those around you, perhaps welcome someone new to our faith community. Just as Baby Jesus came to us as a gift from God and a blessing to us all, we too are gifts to one another. Our gift of being present enhances our time together as we share God's LOVE and mercy with all.

Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy –

Encounter Mercy. Extend Mercy.

Live the Year of Mercy day by day with the Year of Mercy Calendar. Each day of the week provides helpful suggestions to live a more merciful life.



- **Sabbath Sunday**
- **Make a Difference Monday**
- **Transforming Tuesday**
- **Wisdom Wednesday**
- **Thirsting Thursday**
- **Fasting Friday**
- **Selfless Saturday**

6 WAYS TO GET THE YEAR OF MERCY CALENDAR... Text, Email, Facebook, Twitter, Order a free calendar, or Download. Visit our Livemercy.org or link thru Holy Cross website. *The Year of Mercy Calendar is a collaborative effort of the Diocese of Steubenville and the Diocese of Syracuse. It is intended to be a free resource that helps people encounter and extend God's mercy during this Extraordinary Jubilee. The Year of Mercy Calendar may not be put up for sale or changed in any way.

Additional information on the Year of Mercy, along with prayer cards of Pope Francis' Prayer for the Jubilee of Mercy are available in the vestibule.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 - 8:00pm in the church.

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

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

Kathy Fitzgibbons, DRE
446-0473 x 12
Coordinator for PreK - 6
Kathy@holycrossdewitt.org

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

FAITH FORMATION CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

“Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into the harvest.” Matthew 9:37-38 Advent is a time for renewal as we prepare to celebrate Christmas. We take this journey with our families, friends and members of our Holy Cross Parish family. WE ARE THE LABORERS JESUS IS CALLING TO THE HARVEST and also to minister to and with our young children and youth.

Needed:

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT

DIRECTOR - We are looking for a volunteer to take over the direction of the annual Children’s Christmas Eve Pageant. We would love to have someone get involved this year and learn the ropes, so they can be off and running in 2016! All you need are some good organizational skills and the love of children full of Christmas spirit.

5th GRADE CATECHIST - We need a volunteer to teach a class Wednesdays 7 am – 7:45 am from January to end of March.

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEER - We are looking for an adult, or responsible teen, to teach or assist the teacher for our 3, 4, 5 yr. olds on Sunday mornings during the 9 am Mass.

If you are interested in any of these, contact Kathy (see above)

Youth Ministry

Facebook.com/HolyCrossFHC
Brigid Clary, Youth Minister

In July 2016, a group of students from Holy Cross will be journeying to Poland for two weeks. While there we will be serving in an orphanage alongside Polish teenagers. We will have the opportunity to live out the corporal works of Mercy in new and very real ways during this week. Then we will be traveling to Krakow for the celebration of World Youth Day with Pope Francis. There we will learn about and experience the joys of Mercy during this Jubilee Year.

We are asking for support from the Holy Cross parish. We are looking to raise \$25,000, so that every student who wants to attend will be able to. If you would like to donate, please make checks out to Holy Cross and send them to Brigid here at Holy Cross with "youth - WYD" as the memo.

As always, we are grateful for your prayers and support. Thank you!



Child Care

During the 9am Mass, we have Child Care in our toddler room #5 (downstairs). Fun loving teens, with adult supervision, are just waiting to play with your little ones so you can enjoy & be fully present at Mass.

THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, December 20th - Welcome Sunday Weekend

10:15AM Confirmation 2016 Session - Yeazel Hall

7:00PM Third Option - Yeazel Hall

Monday, December 21st

7:00PM Penance Service - Church

7:00PM AIM Christmas Party - Youth Room

Tuesday, December 22nd

6:50AM High School Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall

4:00 PM Practice for Children’s Pageant- Yeazel Hall & Church

7:00PM Recovery - room 9

Wednesday, December 23rd

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

Saturday, December 26th

3:15-3:45 PM Penance - Church



Enjoy the Breakfast with Santa photos which are now on our web site:

www.holycrossdewitt.org.

Bulletin Deadline Changed

- The deadline for the bulletin of January 3rd will be **Monday, December 21st at 9am.**

Any notices received after that date will appear in the bulletin of January 10th. Thank you

Moms’ Group

We are a group of moms who get together for fellowship and to let our little ones run around together in a nurturing and fun environment. We would love to invite anyone with children to join us in this small, unique group! We meet on Wednesday mornings (usually at 10:30am) in room #5.

Make year-end gifts on the church website

In the course of year--end tax planning, you may find yourself considering special one-time donation. There is a growing trend among donors to make contributions to their favorite organizations online during the final week of the year. As you contemplate year-end gifts, please keep the church in mind. We welcome your donations through the giving page on the Church website



Faith in Action

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

Used Coat Drive for Refugees: January 3rd through 16th

During the first few weeks of 2016, the Holy Cross Refugee Assistance Committee will collect clean, used coats for children and adults. Next month, please leave your coat donation in the closets downstairs next to the elevator.

First Tuesday Sandwiches: January 5th, 8:15am

Our sandwich ministry requires no sign-ups. Join us on the first Tuesday of each month at 8:15am. We prepare over 300 sandwiches made with chicken, tuna or egg salad in addition to peanut butter & jelly. Additions to our sandwich donation often include beverages, cookies & fruit. If you want to visit the shelter, you can sign up once or twice a year to deliver the sandwiches at 9:30 am on Tuesday morning or hand sandwiches out at the shelter at 5:30pm on Tuesday evening. Contact Beth to sign up.

Men's Shelter Pancake Breakfast:

Sunday, January 17th, 6am

A visit to the men's shelter gives me a deep sense of gratitude for the daily life I sometimes take for granted. It takes under 2 hours, but my presence there is a message of care and concern for the often forgotten men served by Catholic Charities Emergency Shelter. The men are offered a bed, a shower & a chance to wash their clothing before they head out onto the streets for another winter day. To sign up for the breakfast, or to provide donations of coffee, juice, fruit or pancake syrup, contact Beth: 416-4576/ beth@holycrossdewitt.org

Visit to the Center for New Americans: Saturday, January 16th

Refugee families usually arrive in Syracuse in the middle of the night. After perhaps a 36 hour flight from a much warmer climate, they are greeted by Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement. Families are welcomed and given warm coats for each person. They are taken to a basic, furnished apartment & given a hot, ethnically appropriate meal.

You are invited to carpool with a group of parishioners to the Northside CYO building at 527 N. Salina St. We will spend the morning learning about the place upon which refugees, newly arrived in Syracuse, depend. We will work in the clothing closet and in the computer lab, meet refugees learning English, applying for jobs, and visiting with friends. Contact Beth to sign up: 315-416-4576/ beth@holycrossdewitt.org

"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 or call 472-6728. A Family Life, Hope Appeal program.

God hears every prayer ~

even when it's just a whisper of the heart.

Lighthouse Catholic Ministries Kiosk

New CD's and Books for the Advent and Christmas Season! (Suggested donations for materials are listed on the kiosk).

Book Highlighted: "Knowing the Love of God: Lessons from a Spiritual Master" by Fr. Garrigou-Lagrange

"I urge you to read this book—and learn from a true master of the spiritual life. It is the most mature and accessible work of one of the greatest spiritual theologians of all time. His teaching formed saints, including John Paul II, who went to Rome to do his doctoral studies under this brilliant and beloved teacher." - Dr. Scott Hahn

Experience...the practice of Centering Prayer

Come on Thursday, Jan. 7 from 7:00-9:00 pm to the Western Region Office of Faith Formation, 6651 Kirkville Road, E. Syracuse. Unlike many forms of meditation during which attention is given specifically - to a point, the breath, a mantra, a Scriptural scene - centering prayer is a prayer of intention during which the practitioner seeks to let go of all thoughts in order to be in God's presence. Join Sister Lois Barton,csj as we learn this practice of prayer.

To register call 472-6752 or visit faithformation-events.weebly.com

More Announcements

- **"The Birth of Jesus"** - Franciscan Mystery Play will be offered at Sacred Heart Church in Cicero on Dec. 20 at 6pm. Renew the real meaning of Christmas and get a real sense of peace during the usual busy & hectic holidays. Due to some topics, this may not be suitable for small children.
- **Living Nativity** - Dec. 20 at 2pm at the Church of the Assumption on N. Salina St. All are welcome to experience the wonder of Christmas with a living nativity just like Saint Francis of Assisi did in 1223 in Greccio, Italy. Christmas Carols, live animals & refreshments are included.
- **New Year's Eve Day of Reflection**, Thurs., Dec. 31, 10am to 3pm at Christ the King Retreat House 446-2680; as we enter into a New Year, this day will be an opportunity to look back over the previous year to name the obvious ways in which we may have cooperated with the movement of grace and God. Presented by Fr. John Rose. Mass will be celebrated. Lunch included. Offering \$35 call to reserve.
- **Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage** to Rome, Assisi & Siena September 27 to Oct. 3, 2016. All—inclusive, Airfare from Syracuse, Exceptional knowledgeable guides, Centrally located choice hotels, All meals except lunch, All admissions, tips, taxes & land transportation, Two priest Chaplains For information contact Fr. John Manno 488-8139 or Fr. Charles Vavonese 470-1491 or email pilgrimage@syrdio.org.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE ~ WEEKEND OF December 26th & 27th

<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	Betty Galletta	H1 Ben Vahey	CH1	Annie Kilmartin	Ray Blake
		H2 Mary Relihan	CH2	Nora Kilmartin	David Jureller
		H3 Gayle Resetarits	CH3	Noah Mandelis	Claude Pilon
		H4 Kay Sgarlatta	CH4		Bill McDevitt
		H5 Claudette Tanner			
Sunday, 7:30 AM	Ed Michalenko		CH1	Joey Pi8cciano	Ed Coolican
		H2 Leonard Distefano	CH2	Lizzy Smith	Tony Ebersole
		H3 Marie Distefano	CH3		Len Smith
		H4 Julie Johnson	CH4		Charles Stepneski
Sunday, 9:00 AM	Teri Skandalis	H1 Sue Boone	CH1	David Griffith	Tom Kenah
		H2 Nancy Thompson	CH2	Jessica Griffith	John Kissane
		H3 H.D. Tessier	CH3	Nora Gross	Ed Purcell
		H4 Rani Ristau	CH4		Ray Moade
		H5 Corrina Wilcox			
Sunday, 11:30AM	Cora Chirco	H1 Grace Bahia	CH1	Logan Demetros	Donald Brown
		H2 Mary Haley	CH2	Owen Demetros	Peter Bergamo
		H3 Maureen Wagner	CH3		David Rapp
		H4 Al Bahia	CH4		
		H5 Judith Hughes			

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

Sheila R. Guinto, Receptionist, ext. 10

Nathan Gunn, Mentor for Scripture/Leadership, ext. 36

Tammy Gunn, Director Religious Ed. 7 – 12, ext. 19

Dan Littlepage, Director of Technology, ext. 36

Leigh C. Marquis, Director of Finance & Human Resources, ext. 24

Maureen McManus, Sacristan

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

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

Julie Sheridan, Director of Evangelization, ext. 18

Matt Stano, Maintenance

Cathy Young, Coordinator of Maintenance