



OUR MISSION *“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.”*

Are you a new parishioner or visiting for the first time?

Welcome! Please introduce yourself to one of the priests. We invite you to become an active participant of our parish community and welcome you. Please take a census envelope from the racks at each exit or contact the Parish Office for one.

Mass Times

Daily Mass: 7:45am

Saturday Mass: 4:00pm
Penance at 3:15pm

Sunday Mass: 7:30am
9:00am
11:30am
Choir sings at 11:30 Mass



MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, December 28th - Office Closed Today

7:45 AM Leo Doody/ Family

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Today**Tuesday, December 29th**

7:45 AM Phillip Harris/ Family

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

Wednesday, December 30th

7:45 AM Catherine Calagiovanni/ Rosemary Polimeni

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

7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church

Thursday, December 31st

5:00 PM Michael Schoeneck/ Wife and Family

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

Friday, January 1st - The Solemnity of Mary

10:00AM John Lynn/ Sister

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Today**Saturday, January 2nd**

3:15-3:45 PM Penance—Church

4:00 PM Frank Read/ the Girls at the J.

Sunday, January 3rd - The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 PM Marie Constantina Papalia/ Deanna M. Knapp

9:00 AM Jerry McCormick/ Tom & Paul Bland

11:30 AM Mitchel Lubel/ Wife and Family

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH MUSICAL NOTES

Prelude: **Lullay, Lullay, Thou Little Tiny Child**

THE COVENTRY CAROL

(a cappella Choir at 11:30)

**Pro. Hymn: 81 - ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD
ON HIGH**

GLORIA

Sung Mass Parts:

Mass of the Resurrection

-Randall DeBruyn

855, 856, 859, 861, 863, 864 (Hymnal)

Liturgy of the Word & Propers: Pg. 53 ff.

Responsorial Psalm: Pg. 53 (Blessed are they who dwell...)

Gospel Acclamation: Pg. 54 (Open our hearts, O Lord...)

Off. Hymn: 101 - O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

ST. LOUIS

Com. Hymn: 77 - AWAY IN A MANGER

MUELLER

CHOIR ANTHEM: (11:30)

Lovely Child, Holy Child

-David N. Johnson

Rec. Hymn: 86 - HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS**SING**

MENDELSSOHN

Postlude: **Ding, Dong, Merrily On High**

FRENCH CAROL

CANTORS: 4:00 - Ryan Boyle

9:00 - Tom Griffith

11:30 - CHOIR - Tom Griffith

As the calendar year draws to a close on this Feast of the Holy Family, I wish to thank all of the wonderful folks in the Music Ministry who provide music in our Liturgies. They are truly a “musical family” in our parish: the Holy Cross Choir, one of the finest church choirs, who consistently give of their time and talent all throughout the year; the Soloists, Cantors and Instrumentalists who are among the most gifted musicians in the area; the Funeral Choir who give comfort to the grieving; the Teen Choir and Brigid Clary, who provide joy in the music of the Teen Mass; the Children’s Choir and their parents, who sacrifice to bring the kids to church to rehearse and sing at Mass. I thank each and every one of them with all my heart.

Many thanks to our Pastor, Msgr. Yeazel, without whose support of quality music at our Liturgies, we could not function. Thanks also to Fr. Vavonese, Msgr. Sheehan, Fr. Sogliuzzo, SJ, Msgr. Kopp, Deacon Dutter, Deacon Kirkman, and Sr. Rose Bill, MFIC, and to our entire wonderful staff, who help the work of the Music Ministry in many ways. Read their names in the bulletin! A happy New Year to all!

Ernest Camerota

YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT

Your goodness is exceptional.Collection of December 13th: \$21,641.18

Cathedraticum Collection: \$ 1,655.58

Collection of December 27th 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.



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New Year's Mass Schedule

New Year's Vigil Mass

5:00pm - Thursday, December 31

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

10:00am

Monday, December 28th & Friday, January 1st

- ◆ The Parish Office will be closed
- ◆ No exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Happy New Year!

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 Smokler, 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



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.

Thank You to All!

Thank you for your presence, participating in our first **Blessing of the Bambinelli!** The community of Holy Cross is truly an inspiring, caring community. Just as Baby Jesus came to us—a gift from God and a blessing to us all, you are each a gift to Holy Cross and to one another. Thank you for being present, sharing God's LOVE and Mercy with all.

New Year's Message From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

The New Year is a marvelous opportunity to be all that Jesus' coming among us intended us to be - namely His hands, His feet, His voice, His ears to make the world a better place in which to live.

A beautiful way of looking at that challenge is summed up in a Christmas card I received:

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.*

Gandhi as well challenged us all "Be the change we hope to see in the world"

That is my wish for us all ~ that we find the great satisfaction that comes from being Christ to others in 2016.

God bless you all and may the New Year be a blessing for you in every way.

Msgr. Yeazel

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.

*The gift of Love.
The gift of Peace.
The gift of Presence
The gift of Joy.
The gift of Hope.*

*May all these be yours at Christmas
and a blessing to you all year through.*

FAITH FORMATION

Kathy Fitzgibbons, DRE
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Kathy@holycrossdewitt.org

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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!

A Family Perspective



Today's gospel contains this truth about parenting: "but his parents did not know." One of the reasons parenting is so difficult is because our children don't tell us everything. If the Holy Family had trouble with their teenager, why do we think it will be easier for us?

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Monday, December 28th - Office Closed

Tuesday, December 29th

7:00PM Recovery - room 9

Wednesday, December 30th

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

10:30AM Mom's Group - room 5

7:00PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church

Friday, January 1st - Office Closed

Saturday, January 2nd - Food Giving Weekend

3:15-3:45 PM Penance - Church

Sunday, January 3rd - Food Giving Weekend

7:00 PM Third Option - Yeazel Hall

CYO Basketball News

We are happy to announce the members of our 2015-16 CYO Basketball League Junior Varsity team :

Ahmed Aldy	Eric Antosh
Jackson Brang	Jake Brang
Manish Duggal	Jakob Ellithorpe
Joshua Greenway	Marcos Gil-Taylor
Sabri Hafizuddin	Jack Little
Noah Mandelis	Luke Overdyk
Devin Sarno	Tim Skevel

Coaches: JD Tessier and Sean

Please drop in to the school gym to support these young men.

Lighthouse Catholic Ministries Kiosk

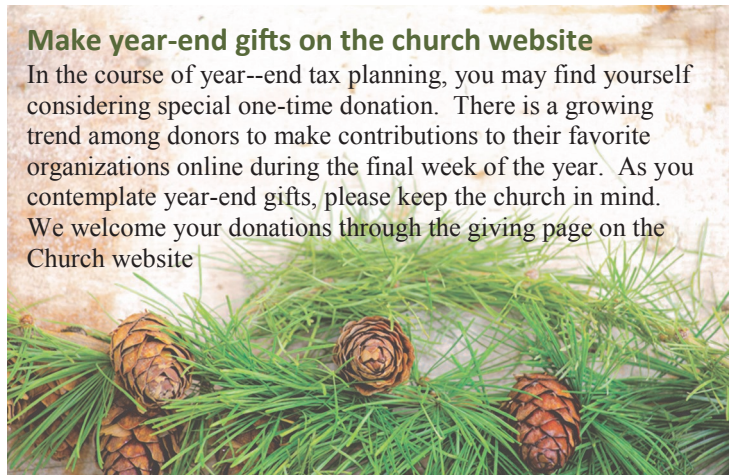
New CD's and Books for the Advent and Christmas Season! (Suggested donations for materials are listed on the kiosk. NOTE: All books \$4 ea.).

CD Highlighted: "The Miracle of Divine Mercy" by Kitty Cleveland an award-winning singer, songwriter and actress. This CD features the Divine Mercy Chaplet set to music written by Kitty and sung by her with a children's choir, as well as songs from a selection of her CDs. A bonus segment from Kitty's stirring testimony follows.

Comment: *I have been taking a 10-week course on Divine Mercy, but your CD enriched what we have been learning and provided new insight and understanding on the joy of Jesus' merciful love! I highly recommend this CD to anyone who not only wants to learn about Divine Mercy, but what it truly means to love!"*
John, PA

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

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Caroling Party: Thank you!

Thank you to all who attended the Story & Song Caroling Party on December 14th. The NHN Steering Committee celebrated the Christmas season with friends, including a few friends from another church, Angela &



Geoff, who provided strong voices & valuable keyboard accompaniment. Some HC choir members and NHN email recipients lent their voices. We shared cocoa & cookies while rehearsing for our caroling debut at PACE's Malta House. The assisted living seniors were a receptive audience; we won them over with our cookies, santa hats, reindeer ears, and jingling bells.

Used Coats & Boots for Refugees: January 3rd through 16th

During the first weeks of 2016, the Holy Cross Refugee Assistance Committee is collecting clean, used coats for children and adults. In addition, Holy Cross School is collecting used, clean boots for children to be donated to the Refugee Apostolate. Please leave your coat or boot donation in the closets downstairs next to the elevator.

Men's Shelter Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, January 17th, 6am

It takes under 2 hours, but your presence there is a message of care and concern for the men served by Catholic Charities Emergency Shelter. 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, 9am

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 meet some refugees. Contact Beth to sign up: 315-416-4576/ beth@holycrossdewitt.org

Food Donation Weekend ~ January 2nd & 3rd

Next weekend is our Food Donation Weekend. 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 donation.

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.

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.

More Announcements

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 Rd., 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. Register at 472-6752 or faithformationevents.weebly.com

- **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.

- **Blood Drive at Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church** on Saturday, Jan., 9 from 8am to 1pm. Come in to donate and receive a \$5 Dunkin' Donuts gift card. Call 1-800-Redcross or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

Going Away for the Winter?

If you are planning on going away this winter would you please notify the office so we can stop your envelopes while you are out of the area. Even if your mail is forwarded, your envelopes come back to us & cost us extra in postage. Thank you

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date you will be leaving _____ Date returning _____

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE ~ WEEKEND OF January 2nd & 3rd

<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	Luana Impellizzeri	H1 JoAnn Wallace	CH1	Charlie Miller	Randy Elder
		H2 Alan Andrews	CH2	Tia Marshall	Don Lacombe
		H3 Brenna Brown	CH3		Dennis Cole
		H4 MB Domachoske	CH4		Bill McDevitt
		H5 Terry Dooher			
Sunday, 7:30 AM	Paul Mooney		CH1	Chris Parker	Ed Coolican
		H2 Teresa Koulouris	CH2	Lauren Parker	Tony Ebersole
		H3 Mary Malay	CH3		Len Smith
		H4 Maureen McManus	CH4		Charles Stepneski
Sunday, 9:00 AM	Steve Lindermann	H1 Terry Essel	CH1	Grace Evans	Tom Kenah
		H2 Tim Conan	CH2	Meghan Evans	John Kissane
		H3 Robert Brunette	CH3	Ryan Evans	Ed Purcell
		H4 Patrick Canale	CH4		Ray Moade
		H5 Micheline Gleasman			
Sunday, 11:30AM	Susan Jereb	H1 Charles Craig	CH1	Sofia Grasso	Donald Brown
		H2 John Fix	CH2	Tanner Gunn	Neil Bourcy
		H3 Cora Chirco	CH3	Johnathan Gunn	Peg Foraker
		H4 Ron Deluca	CH4		
		H5 Jane Flanagan			

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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Website: holycrossdewitt.org ■ E-Mail: info@holycrossdewitt.org

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

E-Mail: moleary@syrdiocese.org

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