



1st Sunday OF ADVENT

“Therefore, stay awake!
For you do not know
on which day your Lord
will come.” —Mt 24:42

Readings for the Week of November 27, 2016

Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122/ Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72/ Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18/ Ps 23/Mt 4:18-22
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118/ Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27/ Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/ Ps 147/ Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8

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

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.

Connect with us online!

We are excited to say we are active on the following social media sites and have a freshly pressed website and blog. Friend us, like us, follow us, +1 us, and find out what’s happening here at Holy Cross. Visit us at www.holycrossdewitt.org to see more.



Upcoming Events:

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Masses:
Wednesday, Dec. 7 - 5:00pm
Thursday, Dec. 8 - 7:45 & 10:30
Teen Mass:
Saturday, Dec. 10 at 4pm
Last Day for Giving Tree Gifts: Sunday, Dec. 11

**Sunday, Nov. 27th - The First Sunday of Advent**

7:30 AM James G. Cohen/ Joanne Looney

9:00 AM Michael Sessa/ Sessa Family

11:30 AM Charles Simon/ Family

Monday, November 28th

7:45 AM People of Holy Cross

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

Tuesday, November 29nd

7:45 AM Rebecca/ Jeanine Shahin

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

Wednesday, November 30th

7:45 AM Margaret Schrempf/ Paul & Kathleen Keenan

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

7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, December 1st7:45AM Deceased Members of Cathedral Candle Co./
Cathedral Candle Company

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

Friday, December 2nd

7:45 AM Mass League

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

Saturday, December 3rd

3:15-3:45 PM Penance - Church

4:00 PM Ann & Jim Maio/ Family

Sun, December 4th—Second Sunday of Advent7:30 AM Deceased Members of Colao Family/
The Stewart Family

9:00 AM Rosalind Pristash/ Jerome Pristash

11:30 AM Mary Schmidt/ Monique Missoff

November Mass League Enrollment

Mark Kaminski ~ Debra & Neal Pascale

Frank Arnti ~ Friends

Regina Lombardi ~ Friends

John Maguire ~ Friends

Antoinette Petanzo ~ Friends

For all deceased & living members of Damico Parisi ~ Mary Parisi
For all deceased & living members of the Murabito & Miller Families ~
Mary Parisi

Margaret Ryan ~ Friends

Theres Mahar ~ Anne & Dick Cutia, Marilyn Rayn & Sheila Guinto

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**11/27/2016 [YEAR A]****MUSICAL NOTES**Prelude: **Gottes Sohn ist Kommen (The Son of God
is Coming)** -J. S. Bach**Pro. Hymn: 38 - O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL**
VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

Sung Mass Parts:

Mass of Renewal -Curtis Stephan
863, 867, 869, 871, 872 (Hymnal)**[NO GLORIA DURING ADVENT]**

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

Responsorial Psalm: Pg. 31 (Let us go rejoicing...)

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

Off. Hymn: 73 - CREATOR OF THE STARS OF NIGHT
CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM**Com. Hymn: 399 - THERE IS A LONGING**

CHOIR ANTHEM: (11:30)

He Giveth More Grace

-Hubert Mitchell & Annie Johnson Flint

Rec. Hymn: 39 - COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED**JESUS**

STUTTGART

Postlude: **Hymntune STUTTGART** -Henry J. Gauntlett

CANTORS: 4:00 - Roger Schafer

9:00 - Tom Griffith

11:30 - CHOIR - Tom Griffith

The days grow shorter and darkness surrounds us at this time of year in the Northern Hemisphere as the Church begins a new Liturgical Year with the First Sunday of Advent. We have also completed the three-year Cycle of Sunday Readings or "Propers", and begin "Year A". During the period between Advent and Christmas Day occurs the Winter Solstice, the shortest day of the year. During this dark time of the year, we await the coming of The Lord, Jesus Christ, who is the Light of the world, the newborn King and Messiah!

Please mark your calendars and smart phones so that you might join us on Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00PM for our "Service of Lessons and Carols". It is a beautiful service with scripture readings and music of the Advent and Christmas seasons. We all join in the Christmas spirit and take a breather from the hectic season as the congregation joins the Choir in singing the Christmas Carols. We hope you can join us!

Ernest Camerota

Banns of Marriage

Mallory Jansen & Marty Wisniewski

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.

YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT*Your goodness is exceptional ~ Thank you!*

Collection of November 20th: will be in next bulletin

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

Credit card and electronic donations are now possible through the Holy Cross website: www.holycrossdewitt.org/give

FAITH FORMATION

Kathy Fitzgibbons, DFF
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Share the Bounty:



During the month of November, Faith Formation students are asked to bring in a can or box of non-perishable holiday food to be shared with families in need.

This year our holiday food donations will go to the Eastern Farm Workers Association's holiday food drive. The EFW supports seasonal and migrant farm workers, as well as low-wage service workers throughout 7 counties. Your donations support and give thanks for the people who work to put food on our tables.

Teacher Needed

We are in need of a 10th grade Faith Formation teacher. High school meets on Tuesday mornings from 6:50 to 7:40am. Call Tammy Gunn with questions or for more information 446-0473.

Clip Box Tops for Education for HC School.



Keep an eye out for the Box Tops for Education coupons on the outside packages. Once you've finished with the product, clip the Box Top coupon before you dispose of it.

Then bring them to church and drop the clipped Box Top coupons in the pink box in the vestibule. This is an on-going project. Thank you for your support of Holy Cross School

Holy Cross School - Poinsettia Sale

HC School students will be taking orders for poinsettias until **November 30th**. Price \$13 each/ 3 for \$35. Checks are payable to Holy Cross School PTA. Thank you for your support! Questions email Marie Adornato-Egnoto at info@spybaby.com.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Red Poinsettias: _____ # White Poinsettias: _____

Pink Poinsettias: _____ Total: _____

Please deliver my poinsettias to: _____

Please return this form in the collection basket or church office.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, November 27th

10:15 AM Adult Ministry - room 12

10:15 AM RCIA - room 11

Monday, November 28th

10:00 AM Day of Reflection - Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM AIM - Youth Room

Tuesday, November 29th

6:50 AM High School Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall

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

1:00 PM Monthly Movie - Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM Recovery - room 9

Wednesday, November 30th

6:45AM Middle School Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall

10:30 AM Mom's Group - room 5

4:00 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church

7:00 PM NA & DeWitt Nar-Anon Mtgs.—rms.10,12, & 13

Thursday, December 1st

6:45 AM Men's Group - Choir Room

8:00 AM Elem. Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall

1:00 PM Knitting Group - Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM El Salvador Meeting—Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

7:00 PM Men's Book Club - rooms 12 & 13

Friday, December 2nd

8:00 AM Elementary Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall

Saturday, December 3th - Food Giving Weekend

3:15-3:45 PM Penance - Church

Sunday, December 4th - Food Giving Weekend

9:00 AM Breakfast with Santa - Yeazel Hall

10:15 AM Adult Ministry - room 12

“Exploring God's Word”

We meet weekly on Tuesday mornings at 10:00am in room 9. There still is time to join us. We are studying the “Acts of the Apostles” through the “Ignatius Catholic Study Bible”. This study is filled with inspiring heroes, moving speeches & daring adventures. All are welcomed. Facilitator - Joan Snyder.

FORMED: The Catholic Faith, On Demand

Please visit our parish website www.holycrossdewitt.org for details about this exciting, easy-to-use, resource, overflowing with amazing Catholic content. Check out *OPENING THE WORD* at the top of www.formed.org! To access additional resources, register with our parish code:PCMV2Q

Men's Book Group:

We will meet on **Thursday, Dec. 1. 10 at 7PM** in Yeazel Hall to discuss our faith. We are currently reading The Protestant's Dilemma: How the Reformation's shocking Consequences point to the Truth of Catholicism. The company is excellent and the discussion is enlightening. If you have questions, call Deacon Dare Dutter at 446-0473 or email him at ddutter@twcny.rr.com.

Prayers Are Requested For.....

Our Sick:

Diana Arnold, Beverly Bilbo, Dr. Ann Bishop, Mary Cargin, Regina Cardulis, David Carr, Linda Cote', Kathleen Crouch, Helen Eck, Ricco Gauf, Katie Glisson, Yvonne Grocott, Mary Griffin, Barbara Hayes, Elaine Hill, Monica Hoey, Eddie Johnson, Bill Keohane, Penny Locke, Mary Mayle, Mitzi McDermott, John F. Moltion, Faith Muller, Stephen Oliva, Deanna Peters, Marge Pointek, Patricia Pointek, Mona Rawles, Martha Rossi, Finn S. Schafran, Rosalie Scipione, Stephen Smith, Rita Smookler, Eleanor Sullivan, Liz Thomas, Dr. Jorge Toretto, Shelly Tortora, P.J. Vaughan, Joseph Wilczynski, Brett Young.



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, November 28th, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm** in Yeazel Hall. Cost is \$12 (lunch included). Please join us by calling Jo Oliva at 446-3328.

**Advent Evening of Reflection with Fr. Jason Hage
"The Infant Jesus: The Face of Mercy"**

This powerful evening will lead families and individuals through Pope Francis' work, "The Name of God is Mercy." This evening will change your life as the depths of God's mercy for the human race is exposed in the Nativity of the Lord. All are welcome to come to Holy Cross on **Monday, December 12 at 7pm**.

Opportunities for Reconciliation

◆ **"The Light Is On For You"**

In every church in the Diocese of Syracuse, confessions will be heard on Monday, December 12 from 4-7pm.

◆ **Confessions**

Every Saturday in December (except December 24) at 3:15pm in the church



**Eucharistic 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.

**Altar Rosary Christmas Mass & Lunch
Saturday—December 10th**

All are welcome to this event starting with Mass at 11:00 and followed by lunch in Yeazel Hall. Please make your reservations by **Friday, December 2nd** by buying your ticket at the office or call Jo Oliva 446-3328. Tickets \$22.00. Catered by Kitty Hoynes. Questions call Catherine 446-7759



Breakfast with Santa



Plan to join us in Yeazel Hall on **Sunday, December 4 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.**

Monthly Movie

This month's feature will be "Lovely to Look At" starring Kathryn Grayson, Red Skelton & Howard Keel. This 1952 musical features the music of Jerome Kern. Come on **Tuesday, November 29 at 1PM in Yeazel Hall**. Bring your friends.



Knitting Group will meet Thursday, December 1st -1PM downstairs in Yeazel Hall. All are welcome to join us!

Parish Giving Tree



Our 33rd annual Parish Giving Tree will be in the Gathering Area the weekend of December 3rd and 4th. Please choose a tag and purchase the requested gift—**be sure to fill in the "this box contains" portion of the tag**. Return your **wrapped** gift before or after Mass on December 10th and 11th. Volunteers will sort and deliver gifts that Sunday. Thank you for your generosity and for helping those in need celebrate a happier Christmas!

Mark Your Calendars With These Events

- **Birth of the Messiah Reflection** with Fr. Vavonese, Tuesday, Dec. 6 -6pm
- **Syracuse Vocal Ensemble Concert & Pie Reception** - Dec. 10 at 7:30pm
- **Lessons and Carols** - Tuesday, Dec., 13 - 7pm

Watch the bulletin for more details.

Faith in Action

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

In Gratitude for all of Creation

Our insistence that each human being is an image of God should not make us overlook the fact that each creature has its own purpose. None is superfluous. The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God. The history of our friendship with God is always linked to particular places which take on an intensely personal meaning; we all remember places, and revisiting those memories does us much good. Anyone who has grown up in the hills or used to sit by the spring to drink, or played outdoors in the neighborhood square; going back to these places is a chance to recover something of their true selves.

from #84 - Laudato Si, by Pope Francis

Refugee Assistance Committee

Due to the ongoing need for warm clothing, our Refugee Assistance Committee will continue to collect your clean, gently used clothing for the clothing closet at Refugee Resettlement. Winter coats, blankets, cold weather gear and children's clothing are in great demand as refugees arrive from warmer climates. Clothing donations can be placed in the downstairs closet by the elevator.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors: Save the Date!

Last year we formed a caroling group that enjoyed cider & Christmas cookies while practicing, then hit the road to entertain seniors in a nursing home with familiar tunes and Christmas cheer. This year we will carol at Maple Downs in Fayetteville. Geoff & Angela will return to accompany us with their keyboard. Save the date and plan to join us on Saturday, December 10th!

Samaritan Center:

We are seeking volunteers, individuals or families, to join a team from Holy Cross at 11:30 am to 3pm on a Sunday afternoon. Contact Carol Dwyer to sign up: ca.dwyer@outlook.com or (315)378-4194.

Eastern Farm Workers Food Collection:

Eastern Farm Workers (EFW) is a free, voluntary unincorporated membership organization that serves migrant & seasonal farm workers, service workers and low-wage workers & their families. Faith Formation classes collected nonperishable food for holiday food baskets to be distributed to families and individuals at local farms and households living in poverty. Thank you to the families and children who donated for this worthy effort to show gratitude to those whose labor provides food for our tables.

Attention - Lectors

Lectors - You may find your copy of the Workbook on the table by the Chapel. Your name is on the book (one per Lector please).

Job Club

Our Holy Cross Job Club has a number of parishioners seeking employment. If your company has an opening in any of these areas, please contact Fr. Yeazel for a resume. If you, in your kindness, would give it to HR and ask for an interview—you would be a blessing to these family people.

- A. Mission Division, strategic senior level non-profit executive—background in successful fundraising, financial planning and team building. Proven track record.
- B. A gentleman seeking Home Health Care Management position with experience in that area.
- C. A person with much experience in Supply Chain Management and Procurement/ Purchasing. Has managed inventory control/ auditing/ IT; warehousing, distribution/ shipping & logistics. Was down-sized
- D. A gentleman with 40 years experience in industry. Looking for part-time work as consultant for electric power/ utility industry in distribution design, standards, construction & maintenance, system protection, asset management, labor relations & human resources.



Food Donation Next Weekend ~ December 3 & 4

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.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are looking for BABYSITTERS! If you enjoy children & would like to volunteer to babysit for a young family in their home, allowing parents to have a "night out", give us your name & contact information emailing: Julie@holycrossdewitt.org.

Discovering Christ is a 7 week session that begins January 10th & ends February 17, 6:00 to 8:30pm. We will offer your services to families that register for these sessions. The need for babysitters will be determined after the registrations are received.

This can be a 'Win-Win' for everyone! You get to spend time with awesome youngsters (with the potential for additional paid babysitting opportunities). You can add this to your list of service for school/Confirmation.

Lighthouse Catholic Media Kiosk

Right Here, Right Now: Always Be Ready to Share Your Faith

When someone needs to find their way to the Lord, are you ready to help? Your words may be just enough for them to continue to seek the Lord. Are you comfortable with this topic? It is profound to consider what hangs in the balance when we share our faith with others. Patrick Madrid, in his highly engaging manner, speaks from a lifetime of experience helping Catholics effectively share the truth about Christ & His Church whenever the opportunity arises. If you have not yet plunged into listening to others speak of our faith, this would be a good place to start. This CD could be a great companion as you drive along on your next trip; it is thought provoking yet entertaining. Discover your own thoughts on this topic.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE ~ WEEKEND OF December 3rd & 4th

<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	Kay Sgarlatta	H1 Lisa Nardone	CH1	Nora Kilmartin	Ray Blake
		H2 Carla DiBiase	CH2	Emmit Kilmartin	David Jureller
		H3 Martha O’Leary	CH3		Bill McDevitt
		H4 John Marchant	CH4		Claude Pilon
		H5 Mary Relihan			
Sunday, 7:30 AM	Karl Schindler		CH	Lindsey Parker	Ed Coolican
		H2 Theresa Beaty	CH2	Lauren Parker	Tony Ebersole
		H3 Deacon Dutter	CH3		Len Smith
		H4 Kathleen Bullion	CH4		Charles Stepneski
Sunday, 9:00 AM	Christina Hatem	H1 Mary Engle	CH1	Luke Boule	Tom Kenah
		H2 Robert Brunette	CH2	Allie Boule	John Kissane
		H3 Catherine Boule	CH3	Ryan Walker	Ray Moade
		H4 Patrick Canale	CH4		Geoff Ristau
		H5 Tim Conan			
Sunday, 11:30AM	Ellyn Lubel	H1 Linda Mulvey	CH1	Carlos Nojaim	Donald Brown
		H2 Sue Judge	CH2		Peter Bergamo
		H3 Emily Hauser	CH3		David Rapp
		H4 Karen Kirkman	CH4		Wayne Queor
		H5 Alyssa Moskowitz			

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. (holiday deadline will change)

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, ext. 16

Deacon Nathan Gunn, ext. 16

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

Seminarian Rev. Mr. Matt Lyons

Rosemary Avila, Young Adult Ministry

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

Brigid Clary, Youth Minister, ext. 36

Kathy Darcy, Housekeeper

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

Sheila R. Guinto, Receptionist, ext. 10

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

Dan Littlepage, Director of Technology, ext. 33

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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