



3rd Sunday OF ADVENT

“The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.” —Mt 11:5

Observances for the Week of December 11, 2016

- Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Tuesday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
- Wednesday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Friday: Las Posadas begin

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:

- Advent Evening of Reflection:**
Dec. 12 at 7pm
- Lessons & Carols:**
Dec. 13 at 7pm
- “Light Is On”
(Sacrament of Recollection)**
Monday, Dec. 19 - 4-7pm



**Sunday, December 11th - The Third Sunday of Advent**

7:30 AM Bernadine & Vector Becker/ Family

9:00 AM Frank Borer/ Virginia Albanese

11:30 AM Michael Parziale/ Family

Monday, December 12th

7:45 AM People of Holy Cross

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

Tuesday, December 13th

7:45 AM Henrietta Simeon/ Friends

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

Wednesday, December 14th

7:45 AM Phyleis & Kris Reid/Family

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

7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thurs., December 15th

7:45AM Joseph A. Monteleone, Sr./ Rosemary Kolhurst

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

Friday, December 16th7:45 AM Janice Lenhardt & Michael Lenhardt/
Michael & Jeanne Donovan

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

Saturday, December 17th

3:15-3:45 PM Penance - Church

4:00 PM Maureen Louer/ Anne & Don LaCasse

Sun, December 18th—Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM Fred Bullion/ Family

9:00 AM Stephanie Gaeds & Mary Badera/
Peter & Antoinette Badera

11:30 AM Mary Schmitt/ Maryse Wharall

Week of - December 11
Hosts, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of: Mitchell Lubel
Requested by: Wife Ellyn

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT***[GAUDETE "REJOICE" SUNDAY]*

12/11/2016 [YEAR A]

MUSICAL NOTESPrelude: **The Coventry Carol** -English Tune**Pro. Hymn: 38 - O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL**

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

(Verses 1, 3, 6)

Sung Mass Parts:

Mass of Renewal

-Curtis Stephan

863, 867, 869, 871, 872 (Hymnal)**[NO GLORIA DURING ADVENT]**

Liturgy of the Word & Propers: Pg. 38 ff.

Responsorial Psalm: Pg. 39 (Lord, come and save us...)

Gospel Acclamation: Pg. 39 (The Spirit of the Lord...)

Off. Hymn: 46 - BEYOND THE MON AND STARS**Com. Hymn: 320 - LET US BREAK BREAD****TOGETHER**

LET US BREAK BREAD

CHOIR ANTHEM: (11:30)

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming -Michael Praetorius

COMMUNION MEDITATION: (11:30)

The Prayer

-Carole Bayer Sager & David Foster

(Ceara Windhausen & Liam Fitzpatrick)

Rec. Hymn: 52 - ALLELUIA! HURRY, THE LORD**IS NEAR**Postlude: **Es ist Ein' Ros' Entsprungen (Lo, How A****Rose E'er Blooming)**

-Johannes Brahms

CANTORS: 4:00 - Mia Quatrone

9:00 - Ryan J. Boyle

11:30 - CHOIR - Ryan J. Boyle

The Latin word "Gaudete" translates "Rejoice" which is the theme of this Sunday. The Entrance Antiphon on page 38 of the Hymnal/Missal says: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice! Indeed, the Lord is near.

The Communion Meditation, so popular and often requested by our congregation, "The Prayer" is sung by Ceara Windhausen, soprano and Liam Fitzpatrick, tenor. It is a wonderful Advent meditation on our assurance of God's love for us, and Jesus' unending mercy in our lives.

This Tuesday at 7:00PM is our annual "Service of Lessons & Carols". It is a joyful and spiritual time to hear the music of the season. You will hear Scripture and sing the Christmas Carols. Don't miss it!

Ernest Camerota

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 December 4th:

\$22,120.19

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

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

Prayers Are Requested For.....**Our Sick:**

Diana Arnold, Beverly Bilbo, Dr. Ann Bishop, Mary Cargin, Regina Cardulis, David Carr, Linda Cote', Ricco Gaufr, Katie Glisson, Yvonne Grocott, Elaine Hill, Bill Keohane, Penny Locke, Edward Loftus, Mary Mayle, John F. Moltion, Faith Muller, Stephen Oliva, Deanna Peters, Mona Rawles, Martha Rossi, Finn S. Schafran, Rosalie Scipione, Stephen Smith, Eleanor Sullivan, Dr. Jorge Toretti, 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

**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.

**Young Adults & Families**
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Fellowship
December 14th**

Young Adults and Families! Join us each 2nd Wednesday of the month for an hour of adoration, prayer, and fellowship! We will be praying for our community and special intentions. We invite you to stay for fellowship in Yeazel Hall [starting at 8:10pm](#) with other young adults & young families from our community. Contact Rosemary Avila at rosemary@holycrossdewitt.org if you have questions or would like to know more about our Young Adult Ministry.

Christmas Flower Memorials

Envelopes are available at the church entrances if you wish to memorialize a Christmas Poinsettia. Please return the envelope by **December 19** either in the Sunday collection basket or mail to the church office. Names will be posted as a memorial in the bulletin.

Lighthouse Catholic Media Kiosk Feature

Meet Your Mother: An Introduction to Mary

In this talk, Dr. Mark Miravalle covers all the major Church teachings about our Blessed Mother. This talk is not only great for the person who has little knowledge about Our Lady but also meant for someone looking to renew their existing knowledge and love for the woman who Jesus gave personally to every human being. Dr. Miravalle is a professor of Theology at Franciscan University of Steubenville and has written and taught about Our Blessed Mother for over 25 years.

Following the main presentation, Dr. Mark Miravalle provides an inside look into the Marian devotion of "Our Lady Undoer of Knots."

Visit our kiosk for thoughtful, thought-provoking Christmas gifts!

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**Sunday, December 11th - Meet & Mingle Weekend**

10:00 AM Christmas Pageant Sign Up & Practice
10:15 AM Giving Tree gift sorting - Yeazel Hall
10:15 AM Adult Ministry - room 12
10:15 AM RCIA - room 11

Monday, December 12th

7:00 PM AIM - Youth Room
7:00 PM Advent Evening of Reflection - Church

Tuesday, December 13th

6:50 AM High School Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall
10:30 AM Menorah Park Liturgy - Menorah Park
7:00 PM Lessons & Carols - Church
7:00 PM Recovery - room 9

Wednesday, December 14th

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 Young Adult Adoration & Fellowship- Church
7:00 PM NA & DeWitt Nar-Anon Mtgs.—rms.10,12, & 13

Thursday, December 15th

6:45 AM Men's Group - Choir Room
8:00 AM Elementary Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall
1:00 PM Knitting Group - Yeazel Hall
7:00 PM School Christmas Concert - Church
7:00 PM Men's Book Club - rooms 12

Friday, December 16th

8:00 AM Elementary Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall

Saturday, December 17th

3:15-3:45 PM Penance - Church

Sunday, December 18th

10:15 AM Adult Ministry - room 12
10:15 AM RCIA - room 11
10:30 AM Confirmation Class—rms 6,7,8,9,10

Knitting Group will meet Thursday, December 15th -1PM downstairs in Yeazel Hall.
All are welcome to join us!

**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

HC Men's Group

Did you know that Dr. Nathan runs a Men's Group that runs on Thursday mornings at HC? We've been meeting for nearly 10 years - and there has been some great fruit in our lives from getting together, talking about life and faith. It's open to all at any point. We meet at 6:45am and are out by 7:45. Feel free to come by and check it out. Our next date is December 15

Banns of Marriage

Mallory Jansen & Marty Wisniewski

Happening This Weekend

Opportunity to Help Young Women in Guatemala

Syracuse University's Enactus students will be selling Guatemala Mayan weavers' products after Masses on **December 10th & 11th**. Please stop by their table in the church gathering area & support their efforts to provide scholarships for the Mayan weavers' daughters. The average income for Mayan families in Guatemala is under \$3 a day, & 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 280 scholarships through the sale of the Mayan weavers' products. Thank you for your support!

Christmas Pageant

Children ~ would you like to take a special part in our 4pm Christmas Eve Liturgy this year? All school age children are invited to be in our pageant. Come to Yeazel Hall for practices on:



- **Sunday, December 11th** from 10am to 11:30am
- or **Sunday, December 18th** from 10am to 11:30am.
- **Tuesday, Dec. 20** from 4:00-5:30pm this is a **mandatory rehearsal**.

Knights of Columbus Buttons

The Knights of Columbus are offering "Keep Christ in Christmas" buttons in the gathering area before & after each Mass for the upcoming weekends. Get them and wear them!

Eucharistic Minister Sign-Up

This weekend be sure to stop by the table near the chapel to sign up to be a Eucharistic Minister for our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses.



Thank you!

Msgr. Yeazel is Retiring

Help us tell the Chancery what Holy Cross is looking for in our new Pastor! Msgr. Yeazel is retiring in June, and the search is on for our new Pastor over the next 3-4 months. Your voice is always heard and important. Surveys will be distributed during Masses this weekend. Members of the Pastoral Council will be available after each Mass for questions.

We welcome all new parishioners.....

and we look forward to meeting you. We hope you will become involved in the life of Holy Cross parish. We warmly welcome the following new members who have registered during the last few months:

We are happy to have you as part of our faith family!

Mrs. Sanford Gunn	Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Hoffman
Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Kotcher	Mr. Robert Sansone
Ms. Yen Pham	Mr. & Mrs. Brian Thompson
Mr. & Mrs. Jason Thorpe	Mr. & Mrs. Brian Ward

Advent Happenings

Giving Tree—Return your **wrapped** gift before or after Mass on December 10th & 11th. Volunteers will sort and deliver gifts that Sunday.

Blessing of the Bambinelli (Baby Jesus) - Dec. 10th & 11th. M & M Weekend (previously known as Welcome Sunday). This is a beautiful Roman tradition celebrated by the Pope each year during Advent. Please mark your calendar! 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!).

Syracuse Vocal Ensemble Concert & Pie Reception - Sat., Dec. 10 at 7:30pm. The concert will feature Ariel Quintana's Three Christmas Motets, three Nativity Carols of Stephen Paulus & works of Mendelssohn, Robert Shaw & Kirby Shaw. Tickets are adults \$20, students 12 & up \$19, under 12 free. Information 450-7887.

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.**



Lessons and Carols - Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 7:00 pm. This service includes scripture readings & music of the Advent & Christmas seasons. You won't want to miss this.

"The Light is On For You" - In every church in the Diocese of Syracuse confessions will be heard on Monday, December 19 from 4-7pm.

Confessions

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

Christmas and New Year's Schedule 2016

Christmas Eve Masses - Saturday, December 24

4:00pm Mass with Pageant

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Christmas Concert and Carols begin at 11:30pm

12:00am Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Masses—Sunday, December 25

8:00am, and 10:30am

New Year's Vigil Mass

4:00pm - Saturday, December 31

New Year's Day Masses - Sunday, January 1, 2017

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

Bulletin Deadlines Changed

• The deadline for the bulletin of **December 25** will be **Wednesday, Dec. 14th at 9am.**

• **The deadline for the bulletin of January 1** will be **Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 9am.**

All notices received after these deadlines will appear in the following weekend's bulletin. Thank you.

Faith in Action

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

Dorothy Day gift bags: Thursday, December 15th at 11am

Join us to prepare gift bags of toiletries for our local shelter for women & children. Gift bag contents are donated by The Road to Emmaus Ministry. We will gather at 11am in Yeazel Hall to assemble the gift bags for the Catholic Charities Dorothy Day Emergency Shelter for Women & Children.

In addition to the gift bags, a hot meal is provided monthly to the shelter. Thank you to Angie Rigdon & her family for preparing and delivering the meal this month on behalf of Holy Cross Parish. If you would like to be part of our ministry to this shelter, please contact Beth (see above)

CYO Sandwiches— Saturday, December 17th

CYO basketball teams will donate supplies & prepare sandwiches for the Men's shelter next Saturday. Thank you JD Tessier, Mary Ellen & Ed Michalenko & the all of HC CYO coaches for creating this opportunity for our basketball teams to express their care & concern for homeless men in our community.

Refugee Closet update

Thank you for the generous donations of winter clothing for the Refugee Closet! Newly arrived Refugees are welcomed with warm coats that are sorted and arranged by members of our Parish Refugee Assistance Committee. Thank you to Trish Lowney and Meg Aufmuth for their time and dedication to this ministry. They collect your donations weekly and bring them to the closet where they sort & arrange them for the refugees & caseworkers at Refugee Resettlement's CYO Building on North Salina Street. If you would like to help by taking parish donations to the closet, or by sorting the clothing, please contact Beth (see above).

Neighbors Helping Neighbors:

Our email list of volunteers willing to help our fellow parishioners is just over 2 years old. We have requested your updated contact info & we are seeking feedback via a poll of our members. Please check your email and respond. If you have not received the request, but are interested in helping a neighbor in need occasionally, please fill out a pew card or email helpingneighbors@holycrossdewitt.org.

Chapstick Collection: A gift of hope in the Season of Advent

The Chaplaincy program at Jamesville Penitentiary provides a listening ear for over 500 inmates. They notice that a small token of care makes a big difference in the lives of prisoners serving time. We are invited to donate colorless chapstick tubes for the prisoners. Please donate one or more new tubes of chapstick and leave them in the marked box in the gathering space by next Sunday. Everyone deserves the gift of hope, it may provide hope & change a life.

Box Tops for Education

Clip Box Tops for Education for Holy Cross 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. Then bring them to church & 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.



We are told to question and explore Life but where do we begin? Why am I here? What is my purpose? Am I good enough? Join us for a unique 7-week experience!

DISCOVERING CHRIST 2017

This program has enriched over 1,100 people's lives! There will be a delicious meal, an inspiring talk and a small group discussion.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Free Babysitting in your home, if needed

Discovering Christ will take place on Tuesdays, Jan 10 – Feb. 21 from 6:00-8:15pm (mini retreat Feb 11, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm).

Questions? Go to holycrossdewitt.org

To register, visit holycrossdewitt.org, click on Formation, then Programs.... by January 8.

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.

- Mission Division, strategic senior level non-profit executive—background in successful fundraising, financial planning and team building. Proven track record.
- A gentleman seeking Home Health Care Management position with experience in that area.
- 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.
- 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.

Substitute Nurse & Teachers Wanted

- Holy Cross School is seeking substitute nurses. The individual must be a Registered Nurse, currently certified and Virtus trained. Please send a resume to the Principal at moleary@syrdioocese.org
- The school is also in need of substitute teachers. The individual must be certified teacher and Virtus trained. Please send resumes to moleary@syrdioocese.org

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



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE ~ WEEKEND OF December 17th & 18th

<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 Carol Dwyer	CH1	Sophia Kosty	Ray Blake
		H2 Judith Burre	CH2	Nora Gross	David Jureller
		H3 M.B. Domachoske	CH3		Claude Pilon
		H4 John Passonno	CH4		
		H5 Mary Dougherty			
Sunday, 7:30 AM	Kathy Wiese		CH	Lindsey Parker	Ed Coolican
		H2 Leonard Distefano	CH2	Lauren Parker	Tony Ebersole
		H3 Marie Distefano	CH3		Len Smith
		H4 Ed Flynn	CH4		Charles Stepneski
Sunday, 9:00 AM	Julian Modesti	H1 Mary Lee Muench	CH1	Adriana DiFlorio	Tom Kenah
		H2 Christina Hatem	CH2	Francesca DiFlorio	John Kissane
		H3 Judith Hughes	CH3	Colin Smith	Ray Moade
		H4 Margaret Ingraham	CH4		Geoff Ristau
		H5 Michele Kretsch			
Sunday, 11:30AM	Robert Baldwin	H1 Jane Flanagan	CH1	Owen Demetros	Donald Brown
		H2 Cora Chirco	CH2		Peter Bergamo
		H3 Ron Deluca	CH3		David Rapp
		H4 Ellyn Lubel	CH4		Wayne Queor
		H5 John Fix			

SACRAMENTS

Baptism ~ Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements

Marriage ~ Please make an appointment with a priest at least 6 months prior to wedding

Penance ~ Saturday, 3:15PM

Classes required for 1st Baptism

†To request either the **Anointing of the Sick** or **Communion to the Sick** please call the Parish Office.†

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

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, 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

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Dan Littlepage, Director of Technology, ext. 33

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