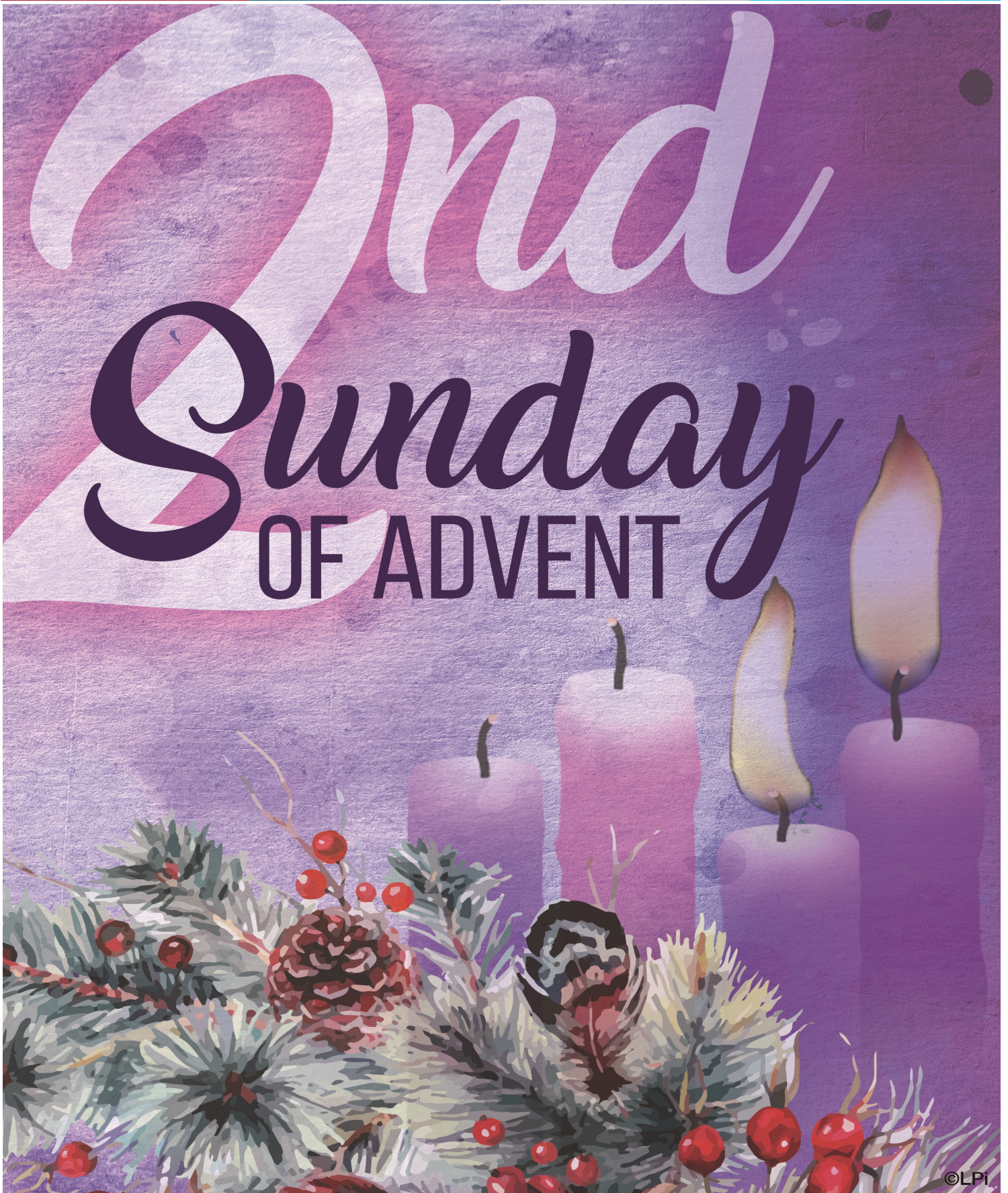




HOLY CROSS PARISH
A CARING COMMUNITY

DECEMBER 10, 2017
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 10th - Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM Colao Deceased Family Members/
Jim & Deborah Stewart
9:00 AM Bernadine & Victor Becker/ Family
11:30 AM Kathryn & William Bergamo/
Rita & Peter Bergamo

Monday, December 11th

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

Tuesday, December 12th

7:45 AM Shawna Marzella/ Joyce Lennon
8:15 AM - 3:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, December 13th

7:45 AM Eileen Murphy/ Family
8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, December 14th

7:45 AM Phyllis, Kris & Robert Reed Sr./ Family
8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, December 15th

7:45 AM Marilyn Geraty/ Family
8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, December 16th

11:00 AM Mass for Living & Deceased Member of
Holy Cross Altar/Rosary
4:00 PM Palumb & Wallace Family/ Carol Blake
Sunday, December 17th – Third Sunday of Advent
7:30 AM Fred Bullion/ Family
9:00 AM Vicky Bassett Hoffman/ John & Gail Marchant
11:30 AM Anthony Jastrem/ Wife & Kirkman Family

Week of - December 10th**Sanctuary Lamp****In Memory of:** Vincent D'Agostino**Requested by:** Sister Nicoletta**Host & Wine****In Memory of:** Shawna Marzella**Requested by:** Daniel & Audrey Barr

**This weekend's second collection is:
Cathedralium**

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

12/10/2017 [YEAR B]

MUSICAL NOTES

Prelude: **Improvisation on Hymntune** GENEVA 42
Pro. Hymn: 38 - O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL
VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

Sung Mass Parts:

Heritage Mass -Owen Alstott
883, 885, 888, 889, 890 (Hymnal)

[The Gloria is not said or sung during Advent]

Liturgy of the Word & Propers: Pg. 36 ff.

Responsorial Psalm: Pg. 36 (Lord, let us see...)

Gospel Acclamation: Pg. 37 (Prepare the way of the Lord...)

Off. Hymn: 61 - ON JORDAN'S BANK WINCHESTER NEW**Com. Hymn: 58 - COMFORT, COMFORT, O MY****PEOPLE**

GENEVA 42

COMMUNION MEDITATION:

Quia Fecit Mihi Magna (from *Magnificat*)

-J. S. Bach

(Jacob O'Shea - bass solo)

CHOIR ANTHEM: (11:30)

God So Loved The World

-John Stainer

Rec. Hymn: 63 - READY THE WAYPostlude: **Swiss Noel with Variations**

-Louis Daquin

CANTORS: 4:00 - Jacob Goz

9:00 - Mia Quatrone

11:30 - CHOIR - Mia Quatrone

Please plan on attending "The Service of Lessons and Carols" which will be THIS Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00PM here at Holy Cross. Scripture readings of the season and music by the Choir and Instrumentalists will fill the Church. A special feature of "Lessons and Carols" is that you may sing Christmas Carols with the Choir. You'll feel the warmth and anticipation of the Coming of Jesus into the world. Bring a friend!

Today we hear in the Gospel the words of St. John the Baptist crying in the wilderness to make way for the coming of the Lord. He proclaims that "One mightier than I is coming after me. I have baptized you with water; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." The Communion Meditation is sung by Jacob O'Shea, a bass in the Choir who is a Junior voice Major at the S.U. Setnor School of Music. This aria is from the words that Mary spoke to Elizabeth, her cousin, concerning Jesus' birth, "*For the Mighty One has done great things for me, and Holy is His Name.*" 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 3rd: \$20,959.73

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

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

Advent Happenings

Giving Tree—Return your **unwrapped** gift before or after Mass this weekend. Volunteers will sort and deliver gifts on Sunday Dec. 10th.

Lessons and Carols - Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 7:00 pm. This service includes scripture readings & music of the Advent & Christmas seasons. You won't want to miss this.

Blessing of the Bambinelli (Baby Jesus) - Dec. 16th & 17th.

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!).

"The Light is On For You" - In every church in the Diocese of Syracuse confessions will be heard on Monday, December 18th from 4-7pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Tuesday, December 19th from 4-7pm.
- Every Saturday in December at 3:00pm in the church.

Christmas and New Year's Schedule 2017

Sunday Mass Schedule - 4:00 vigil, 7:30, 9:00 & 11:30am

Christmas Eve Masses - Sunday, December 24

3:15pm Pageant

4:00 pm Mass

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Christmas Concert and Carols begin at 11:30pm

12:00am Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Masses - Monday, December 25

8:00am, and 10:30am

New Year's Vigil Mass

4:00pm - Sunday, December 31

New Year's Day Masses - Monday, January 1, 2018

8:00 and 10:30am

Attention Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

Given our unique holiday schedule for the Christmas and New Year's weekends, we are posting sign-up sheets for any Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers that are able to serve the regular weekend mass schedule and/or the holiday schedule. Please sign up for any of the Masses that you are able to serve.



Young Adults & Families

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Fellowship December 13th

*Adoration 7:00- 8:00pm *Fellowship 8:10pm Yeazel Hall

Young Adults and Families! Join us 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 and young families from our community. Please contact Rosemary Avila at rosemary@holycrossdewitt.org if you have questions or would like to know more about our Young Adult Ministry.

FAITH FORMATION

Julie Sheridan - DFF grades 1-6

446-0473 x 12 Julie@holycrossdewitt.org

Steve Nepil - DFF grades 7-12

446-0473 x 18 Steve@holycrossdewitt.org

We are in need of volunteers on Friday AM to monitor the entrance—for the safety of the children. Please contact Carla if you are able to give half-hour of time Friday mornings. If you have any questions, or missed the opportunity to sign-up, call Carla #315-446-0473 ext.32. Thank you to all who responded to our need for Volunteers.

Blessing of the Bambinelli:

NEXT WEEKEND during all the Masses

Please bring your Baby Jesus from your family crèche with you to Mass next weekend for a special blessing. Please join us in participating in this tradition, bringing blessings into your home. The Blessing of the Bambinelli is a Roman tradition, celebrated by the Pope each year on the third Sunday of Advent. Families bring the Baby Jesus (Bambinelli, in Italian) from the family nativity scene for a blessing.



Year of the Family

Most Rev. Robert J. Cunningham, Bishop of Syracuse, is pleased to declare a **Year of the Family** that commenced the first week of Advent & concludes the Feast of Christ The King.

For more information or to sign up to receive Year of the Family messages visit syracusediocese.org and click sign up to receive weekly video messages from Bishop Cunningham, practical suggestions for strengthening your family's Catholic faith, and more. It's free to join and you can unsubscribe at any time.

World Marriage Day Celebration

33rd Annual World Marriage Day will be celebrated on **Feb. 11, 2:30pm**, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse. The Most Reverend Robert J Cunningham will celebrate Mass and invite all couples in attendance to renew their commitment to Holy Matrimony. He will honor couples who will celebrate their 25th, 50th, and beyond 50th anniversary in 2018.

If celebrating your 25th, 50th or 50+ anniversary in 2018, please contact your parish office to register. **All married couples and their families are invited to attend!**



Eucharistic



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00 - 8:00pm in the church.

We begin the hour on Wednesday, **December 13th** 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 16th



Please
Join Us

All are welcome to this event starting with Mass at 11:00 and followed by lunch in Yeazel Hall. Please make your reservations by **Monday, December 11th** tickets available at the office or call Jo Oliva 446-3328. Tickets \$22. Catered by Karen's Catering. Questions call Catherine 446-7759

**Christmas Delight Luncheon
Coffee and Conversation**

Men & women are invited to join us for **Christmas Delight Luncheon** (which will replace Coffee and Conversation) this month at **12:00pm** on **Tuesday, December 19th** in Yeazel Hall. We will be doing an exchange of \$5 gift cards from any store among those present if you want to participate. Also, we will have pizza for lunch (\$5 donation). Please make your reservation by Dec. 18th by 9:00am with Jo Oliva at 446-3328.

Divine Mercy Cenacle

In January, a group will be forming for a weekly study on Divine Mercy using the Diary of St. Faustina. Jesus appeared to Sr. Faustina Kowalska and shared with her His great love and mercy for all mankind, especially sinners. If you are interested contact Soraya Andrews (sryazmhash@hotmail.com) or Julie Sheridan (julie@holycrossdewitt.org, 315-446-0473).

Formed

Study: *Opening the Word* - Second Sunday of Advent

Listen: The Healing Power of Confession. Give a gift, get a gift. "The Light is On" so give Jesus the gift of your desire for reconciliation and he will give you His love and mercy. "The Light is On" is December 18 at Holy Cross and at other churches around the Diocese. Also, Holy Cross will have confessions on December 19, 4 to 7pm.

Listen: Brother Francis: *The Story of Christmas*

Formed provides Catholic studies, audios, videos and books for the family. Are you registered? Check your parish bulletin or website and look for a link or the code PCMV2Q.

Breakfast with Santa Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who helped and attended the Breakfast with Santa last weekend. Also, we would like to thank Father Kurgan for his support.

We would like to acknowledge members of the Confirmation Class:

Jacob Barry	Alex Pomeroy	Connor Ball
Hunter Ball	Sam Ellis	Kenny Hildreth
Hayden Braun	Ryan Vespi	Tyler Brang
Nick Kemmis	Matt Kemmis	Matthew Cieplicki
Gabby Stickle	Sydney Cline	

Teachers: Keith & Kristin Cieplicki

Adults:

Jo Olivia	Rita White	Mary Dougherty
Ann Kronner	Ellyn Lubel	Stella LaParme
Jo Rabideau	Catherine Muller	Mary Haley
Joe Head	Dave Rapp	Peter Bergamo
Ron Rabideau		

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**Sunday, December 10th**

9:00AM Giving Tree Sorting
10:15AM Adult Ministry - room 12
10:15 AM Pageant Meeting - Church
2:00 PM Christmas Caroling meet in Yeazel Hall
7:00 PM The Third Option - rms. 10,12,13

Monday, December 11th

7:00 PM AIM - Youth Room

Tuesday, December 12th

6:45 AM High School Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall
10:00 AM Exploring God's Word - room 9
7:00 PM Lessons and Carols - Church

Wednesday, December 13th

6:45 AM Middle School Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall
10:00 AM Small Christian Community - Member's Home
10:30 AM Mom's Group - room 5
6:00 PM Step Meeting - Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM NA & Nar-Anon Mtgs. - Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church

7:00 PM Young Adult Adoration & Fellowship - Church

Thursday, December 14th

7:45 AM Elementary School Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM HC School Christmas Concert - Church

Friday, December 15th

7:45 AM Elementary School Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall

Saturday, December 16th

11:00 AM Altar - Rosary Mass & Luncheon - Church/Yeazel Hall

3:00 PM Penance - Church

Sunday, December 17th - Bambinelli Weekend

10:15 AM Samaritan Center Volunteer Mtg. - Chapel

10:15 AM Adult Ministry - room 12

CYO Basketball Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 10 - JV - St. Joe's II at Holy Cross - 5:30

Tues., Dec. 12 - Varsity - St. Patricks at Holy Cross - 6:30

Thurs., Dec. 14 - HC Varsity at MHR - 6:30

JV - Holy Family at HC - 6:30

Sun., Dec. 17 - HC JV at EA Seton - 4:30

Tues., Dec. 19 - Varsity - St. Mary's at HC - 6:30

Thurs., Dec. 21 - HC Varsity at Holy Family - 6:30

JV - MHR at HC - 6:30

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.

Upcoming Bulletin Deadline Changes

- The deadline for the bulletin of Dec. 17th will be **Wednesday, Dec. 6th at 9am.**
- The deadline for the bulletin of Dec. 24th will be **Wednesday, Dec. 13th at 9am.**
- The deadline for the bulletin of Dec. 31st will be **Monday, Dec. 18th at 9am.**

All notices received after these deadlines will be published in the following bulletin.

Faith in Action

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

Neighbors helping Neighbors (NHN)
Annual Christmas Caroling today! 2pm practice,
4pm performance

All parishioners are invited to join us in spreading Christmas cheer to our neighbors at Maple Downs in Fayetteville. Refreshments and rehearsal in Yeazel Hall at 2pm Sunday, and we will carpool to Maple Downs for one hour of Christmas Carols at 4pm.



Neighbors Helping Neighbors is an email list of volunteers who are willing to help with occasional needs of our community. We help with meals, an occasional visit or household help. We take prayer requests and invite our email list to pray for your intention. If you have a prayer request, are in need of help or would like to add your name to our email database, please fill out the card in your pew and drop it in the collection basket or email: helpingneighbors@holycrossdewitt.org

Gift bags for Dorothy Day Shelter: Dec. 11th, 11am

Join a merry crew at Emmaus Ministry, 4335 South Salina St. to pack toiletry gift bags for women & children staying nearby at the local emergency shelter. Packing the bags takes about an hour; after refreshments, volunteers have the option of taking the bags to shelter. Contact Beth if you plan to join us!

December Collections: Socks & Chapstick

This month Holy Cross is collecting donations of clean, new socks for Emmaus Ministry and colorless chapstick for Jamesville Prison Ministry. Please leave donated packages of socks in the marked bins in the gathering space, and chapstick can be placed in the baskets near the front door. Thank you for your generosity - a small item can make a big difference when one is struggling with life's difficult challenges.

Save the Date: Men's Shelter Breakfast:
Sunday, January 14th, 6:30am

Prayers Are Requested For.....



Diana Arnold, Anna Barbra, Dr. Ann Bishop, Leana Mae Bonnell, Margaret Bridges, Roseann Brown, Mary Cargin, David Carr, Evelyn Carroll, Sue Ciccone, Mary Cook, Linda Cote', Donald Conan, Christopher DeChick, Bob Egan, Ricco Gauf, Katie Glisson, Richard Griffin, Yvonne Grocott, Lola

Gualtieri, Paula Giuliano, Elaine Hill, Monica Hoey, Nancy Hogan, Ethan Johnson, Susan Keller, Jane Koszulka, Brian Letiecq, Austin & Tres Mahan, Gail Moloney, Rory Lennon, Penny Locke, Edward Loftus, Dominick M., Angela Martin, Mary Mayle, Lucy McLean, John F. Moltion, Faith Muller, Stephen Oliva, Belva Owen, Deanna Peters, Jane Pigott, Wayne Queor, Mona Rawles, Martha Rossi, Jennifer Satalin, Finn S. Schafran, Ruth Schafran, Rosalie Scipione, Dawn Simmonds, Kay Simon, Joseph Smith, Stephen Smith, Rita Smooker, Eleanor Sullivan, Christine Suski, Maureen Tessier, Shelly Tortora, Martin Vasick, P.J. Vaughan, Joseph Wilczynski, Kristen Woodmansee, Steve Yarnell, Jr.

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.

Holy Cross School News

Substitute Nurses Needed

Holy Cross School is looking for substitute nurses. If you are an R.N and all your certifications are up to date please send your resume to moleary@syrdiocese.org

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.

A Family Perspective

Why is it so hard to forgive, yet so easy to get even? Listen to John the Baptist in today gospel and repent of the anger and ugly feelings, which block your ability to forgive. This Christmas give a gift, which make a difference. Give forgiveness.



Christmas Flower Memorials



Envelopes are available at the church entrances if you wish to memorialize a Christmas Poinsettia. Please return the envelope by **December 18** either in the Sunday collection basket or mail to the church office. Names will be posted as a memorial in the bulletin.

More Announcements

- **Breakfast with Santa** - The DeWitt Fire Department will be hosting their annual Breakfast with Santa at the DeWitt Fire Station, 4500 E. Genesee St, on **December 17th**, from 8:00-11:00AM. Cost \$5 with all proceeds benefiting the Food Bank of CNY
- **Advent Day of Reflection** with Bishop Emeritus Matthew Clark - "Voices of Hope in Troubled Times." - Dec. 12, 10am-3pm at Christ the King Retreat House. \$30 includes lunch, call 446-2680 for reservation.
- **Pancake All You Can Eat Breakfast** at JD High School - on 12/16 from 10-1, cost \$8. You can have an unlimited number of pancakes with topping. If you wear an ugly Christmas sweater, you get \$1 off.
- **Living Nativity** at Assumption Church on Dec. 17 at 2:00pm. All are welcome to come experience the wonder of Christmas with a living nativity just like St. Francis of Assisi did in 1223 when he celebrated the first Christmas crèche at Greccio, Italy. Christmas Carols, Live Animals, refreshments

Moving?

If your future plans include a change of address; would you please contact the Parish Office? You may call 315-446-0473 or email Peg@holycrossdewitt.org with your new address.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE ~ WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 16th & 17th

<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	Carol Dwyer	H1 Lola Gualtieri	CH1 John Passonno	Conor Gleasman	
		H2 Priest	CH2 Mary Relihan	Oliver Gleasman	Dennis Cole
		H3 Luana Impellizzeri	CH3 Deacon	Joshua Gleasman	Claude Pilon
		H4 sub	CH4 Gayle Resetarits		Michael Krisak
Sunday, 7:30AM	Kathy Wiese	H1 Peter Demlein	CH1 Teresa Koulouris		Ed Coolican
		H2 Priest	CH2 Mary Malay		Tony Ebersole
		H3 Charlene Hughes	CH3 Deacon		Len Smith
		H4 Julie Johnson	CH4 John Rosser		Charles Stepneski
Sunday, 9:00 AM	David Thompson	H1 Catherine Boule	CH1 Cookie Dunham	Max Wysocki	Tom Kenah
		H2 Priest	CH2 Marilyn Engle	Jack Wysocki	Ray Moade
		H3 Tim Conan	CH3 Deacon		John Kissane
		H4 Charles Craig	CH4 Terry Essel		Ken Kirkman
					Jason Brault
Sunday, 11:30AM	Karen Kirkman	H1 Nancy Tourville	CH1 Ron Deluca	Tanner Gunn	Donald Brown
		H2 Priest	CH2 John Fix	Jonathan Gunn	Peter Bergamo
		H3 Rita Bergamo	CH3 Deacon		David Rapp
		H4 Cora Chirco	CH4 George Given		Wayne Queor

SACRAMENTS

Baptism ~ Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements
Classes required for 1st child's 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, 3:00PM

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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. Hospitals no longer notify us of a patient's admittance. Also, please notify us with change of: address, phone number or email.
■ 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.
■ 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. John J. Kurgan, Pastor, ext. 15
Rev. Charles S. Vavonese, Weekend Homilist
Deacon Dare Dutter, ext. 16
Deacon Nathan Gunn, ext. 16
Rosemary Avila, Young Adult Ministry ext. 20
Ernest J. Camerota, Director of Music, ext. 38
Kathy Darcy, Maintenance
Tammy Gunn, Youth Ministry, ext. 19
Patty Kirwan, Administrative Assistant ext. 10
Dan Littlepage, Director of Technology, ext. 33
Leigh C. Marquis, Director of Finance & Human Resources, ext. 24
Maureen McManus, Sacristan
Stephen Nepil, Dir. Faith Formation 7-12 & Confirmation ext. 18
Peg Olson, Office Manager & Administrative Assistant, ext. 22
Beth Schafer, Director of Faith in Action Ministry, ext. 13
Carla Semmel, Faith Formation Assistant, ext. 32
Julie Sheridan, Dir. Faith Formation 1-6 & Evangelization, ext. 12
Matt Stano, Maintenance
Cathy Young, Maintenance