



HOLY CROSS PARISH
A CARING COMMUNITY

DECEMBER 31, 2017
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



THE HOLY FAMILY

“For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.”



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 31st – The Holy Family

7:30 AM Special Intention for Anthony/
Betty & John Galletta

9:00 AM Vicky Barrett–Hoffman/
Carol Dwyer & Joseph Wilczynski

11:30 AM James Collins & Catherine Bona Collins/Family

4:00 PM Blessings to the People of Holy Cross

Monday, January 1st - Solemnity of Mary

8:00 AM Bill Byron/ Mom & Dad

10:30 AM Totsie Piselli/ Brenda Casinella & Family

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Today

Tuesday, January 2nd

7:45 AM People of Holy Cross

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Today

Wednesday, January 3rd

7:45 AM Mitchell Lubel/ Wife & Family

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

Thursday, January 4th

7:45 AM John Francis Harrington, Jr/
Dr. Ronald Caputo & Family

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

Friday, January 5th

7:45 AM Mass League

9:15 AM Thomas R. Geiss/ Pat & Elaine Ryan
(School Mass)

6:30 PM Young Adult First Friday Mass

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

Saturday, January 6th

4:00 PM Anthony Fallico/ Rick & Karen Susko

Sunday, January 7th - The Epiphany of The Lord

7:30 AM William Drescher, Sr./ The Wiese Family

9:00 AM Ned Schepp/ Brenda Casinella & Family

11:30 AM Herbert & Angeline Silvestri/ Family

Week of - December 31st**Host**

In Memory of: Frank & Theresa Frydrychowicz

Requested by: Frank & Wilma Frydrychowicz
Wine

In Memory of: Joseph & Anna Stach

Requested by: Frank & Wilma Frydrychowicz

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH 12/31/2017 [YEAR B] MUSICAL NOTES

Prelude: **Il est ne, le Divin Enfant (He is born, the
Divine Infant)** FRENCH CAROL
(Choir at 11:30)

Pro. Hymn: 99 - O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
ST. LOUIS

Sung Mass Parts:
Heritage Mass -Owen Alstott
883, 884, 885, 888, 889, 890 (Hymnal)

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

Responsorial Psalm: Pg. 54 (The Lord remembers...)

Gospel Acclamation: Pg. 55 (In the past God spoke...)

Off. Hymn: 89 - IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT
CLEAR CAROL

COMMUNION MEDITATION:

Mary, Did You Know? -Lowry & Schrader
(Mia Quatrone - vocal solo)

CHOIR ANTHEM: (11:30)

Coventry Carol -arranged by William Ferris

Rec. Hymn: 80 - ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD
ON HIGH GLORIA

Postlude: **Noel with Variations** -Claude Balbastre

CANTORS: 4:00 - Tom Griffith
9:00 - Tom Griffith
11:30 - CHOIR - Ryan J. Boyle

Today we celebrate and give honor to The Holy Family, Jesus, the Messiah and Savior, His Mother, Mary, the Mother of God, and foster father of Jesus, St. Joseph. The Feast of the Holy Family was instituted by Pope Leo XIII in 1892. In Pope Francis' "Angelus Address" on this day in 2013, he stated, **"Let us remember the three key words for living in peace and joy in the family are: "may I?", "thank you", and "I am sorry".** In Pope Francis' Christmas Address, "Urbi et Orbi" ("To the City and to the World"), he said: **"The power of the Child, son of God, Son of God and Son of Mary, is not the power of this world, based on might and wealth; it is the power of love. It is the power which created the heavens and the earth, which gives life to all creation, the power of God."**

I wish to thank all of the Music Ministry; the Choir, the Children's Choir, the Funeral Choir, the Cantors, Soloists and Instrumentalists for their talent and hard work throughout the year, bringing leadership and quality music to our Liturgies. I especially thank our new Pastor, Father John Kurgan for his support of our efforts; to Father Vavonese, and to all the staff and parishioners of Holy Cross Parish for their kind words and support. **A Happy New Year to all!** 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 17: \$18,269.05

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

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

New Year's Schedule 2018

New Year's Vigil Mass

4:00pm - Sunday, December 31

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

8:00 and 10:30am

Holiday Office Hours & Changes for January 1st & January 2nd

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

RCIA Program

The RCIA class will meet **Sunday, January 7** after the 9:00AM Mass in room 11 in Yeazel Hall.

Anyone interested in becoming Catholic, Receiving Confirmation or learning more about the faith are welcome to join the group.

For more information call Fr. Vavonese at 315-446-0473



Year of the Family

On the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Bishop Cunningham offers four practical, powerful, and effective ways to form a domestic church within our own families: **prayer and worship, formation, community, and service.** To learn more, we invite you to visit dioceseofsyracuse.org and click on Year of the Family. May the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph be your patrons during this special year & together in our parish communities, may we come to know our true vocation.

Christmas Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with our recent parish activities, from the Breakfast with Santa to the Christmas Delight. We are so fortunate to have so many people involved at Holy Cross who give of their time and talent that enable our events to be a success. We would also like to thank all of you for your participation.

A special thank you to Fr. Kurgan for his encouragement and support.



Merry Christmas
Jo Oliva

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

Cancellation Information

Reminder: When J-D is on a weather DELAY, Faith Formation classes are cancelled.

Parents: Sign up for school delay/closing email/text alert. Go to localsyr.com click on email/text alert to sign up.

Volunteers Needed

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 one half-hour of your 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.

Young Adult Ministry

(for anyone in their twenties and thirties)
Rosemary@holycrossdewitt.org

YAM - First Friday Mass
January 5th at 6:30PM

All Young Adults are invited to the First Friday Mass which will be held in the Chapel at Holy Cross Church. Fellowship will follow downstairs in Yeazel Hall. Questions? Contact Rosemary Avila, Director of Young Adult Ministry rosemary@holycrossdewitt.org.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

May 19, 2018 the Holy Cross PTA will hold their 21st Annual Auction. This year's theme is "Supper Club" and will feature music by Stock Market Swing Orchestra. Watch for more information



Formed

We are still within the Octave of Christmas. We have celebrated the birth of our Lord, Jesus, and January 1st we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. **Watch Mary of Nazareth** as you settle into the much needed quiet of this busy season.

Augustine Institute Catholic Media Kiosk

Discerning God's Will

If you are seeking inspiration and personal growth this CD may be helpful. "How do I know what God wants?" Knowing the will of God can be an intimidating topic for people of all ages. In this talk, Fr. Larry Richards delves into the process of discernment. With personal stories, practical steps, and sound advice, Fr. Larry encourages all of us to dedicate ourselves to living the life that God has planned for us. It is in living this life that we will be truly happy. Amen.

Adoration Hour Before The Blessed Sacrament



Adoration hour that will alternate every other week with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. This will be a time of private prayer. Come for the whole hour or stay for as long as you wish. Adoration Hour will be on Wednesdays from 7 to 8 pm.

Adoration Hour - Jan. 3 ;
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Jan. 10.

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 humankind, especially sinners. If you are interested contact Soraya Andrews (sryazmhash@hotmail.com). or Julie Sheridan (julie@holycrossdewitt.org, 315-446-0473).

Mass League Enrollment

Margaret Fortunato ~ Joe Galvin (Friedman Electric)
In Honor Of Lawrence J. Loomis ~ Friend
Barbara Moore ~ Dorothy Vents

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, Monica Miranda, 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.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Monday, January 1st - Office Closed

Tuesday, January 2nd - Office Closed

8:15 AM First Tuesday Sandwiches - Yeazel Hall

6:30 PM Joy to the World - room 9

Wednesday, January 3rd

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 Hour - Chapel

Thursday, January 4th

7:45 AM Elementary School Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall

9:00 AM Divine Mercy Cenacle - room 9

1:00 PM Knitting Group - Yeazel Hall

6:30 PM Divine Mercy Cenacle - room 9

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Friday, January 5th

7:45 AM Elementary School Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall

Saturday, January 6th

3:00 PM Penance - Church

Sunday, January 7th - Food Giving Weekend

10:00 AM RCIA - room 11

10:15 AM Adult Ministry - room 12

10:30 AM Confirmation Group Session - Yeazel Hall

5:15 PM Third Option Reception - Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM The Third Option - rms. 10,12,13

CYO Basketball Schedule

Thurs., Jan 4

St. Michael's at HC - 6:30 JV; 8:00 Var.

Jr. High 6:30 at St. Joes

Sunday, Jan. 7

IC Jr. High at HC—5:30

Tuesday, Jan. 9

HC at IHM - 6:30 JV; 8:00 Var.

Thurs., Jan. 11

Sacred Heart Jr. High at HC - 8:00

OLP JV at HC - 6:30

Sunday, Jan. 14

HC Jr. High at St. Lucy's - 3:00

Knitting Group

We will meet on Thursday, January 4th -1PM downstairs in Yeazel Hall.

All are welcome to join us!



Thank You!

To everyone at Holy Cross who supported Team Guatemala, thank you so much!

You purchased \$1,400 of the Guatemalans weavers' merchandise the weekend of December 2 and 3. This money goes a long way, as it is a little less than 250 dollars per young woman to attend high school each year. Your support will provide 6 scholarships and help to break the cycle of poverty for these young Mayan women.

Thank you for bringing us in with a warm welcome and providing immense support!!

Sincerely,

The SU Enactus Team Guatemala at Syracuse University.

Faith in Action

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

“What is a hero? A hero is a person who takes action to help people. That is what the Holy Spirit calls us to do. When the Spirit descended on Mary after the angel Gabriel told her she was to be the mother of Jesus, what did she do? She took action. She packed her things and journeyed to her cousin Elizabeth. To do what? To serve her. When the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus after his baptism by John, what did he do? He took action and did what? He began his ministry and began serving. When the Spirit descended on the apostles at Pentecost, what did they do? They relinquished fear and began serving the people. Not just one group of people but all people, of all nations.

We too are called to serve, to not be afraid. With the Holy Spirit already dwelling in us, there is no time to waste. We need to take action now and assist those around us, whether it's a family member, a friend, a coworker, a stranger on the street, our environment, our nation, or our world.”

from The 15-Minute Prayer Solution by Gary Jansen

Each month Holy Cross Faith in Action offers an opportunity to take action as a group on behalf of an outreach organization in the Syracuse Community. Last year our parishioners volunteered together at the Samaritan Center, Catholic Charities Men's Shelter, Road to Emmaus Ministry, Dorothy Day House & Refugee Resettlement.

Opportunities to support the environment—and local families in need of healthy food choices— included Matthew 25 Farm, Brady Urban Farm, Town of Dewitt Earth Day & Tree Stewardship events. Our Refugee Assistance Committee collected coats for the Refugee Closet & introduced the parish to our befriended Refugee Family. Holy Cross parishioners provided assistance to the family, and also helped Joseph's House, Mothers & Children in Crisis, Road to Emmaus Ministry, Jail Ministry & Pedals to Possibilities. Neighbors Helping Neighbors, our parish email network offered prayers & support for our parishioners physical and prayer requests, and finished the year with Christmas Carols at a local home for seniors.

Thank you for all you do to follow the invitation to bring joy to your life by serving others! Check our weekly bulletin invitation to join Faith in Action activities or see above.

Holy Cross CYO Basketball teams help families at Golisano Children's Hospital:

Holy Cross Boys CYO basketball teams (modified, JV & Varsity) will be collecting quarters for pediatric families in need of laundry service at the Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital. CYO teams will be collecting quarters, & packaging them with laundry pods and fabric sheets to donate to families of patients. Each bag will contain \$2.00 in quarters. If you would like to help the CYO by donating quarters for this effort, contact Mary Ellen Michalenko, 315-464-7627 / michalem@upstate.edu

In January:

- **First Tuesday Sandwiches: January 2 & 16, 8:15am**
- **Men's Shelter Breakfast: Sunday January 14th, 6:30am**

LIFE MATTERS

Every year in January, many brave souls, young & old, travel to Washington DC for the annual **March For Life**.



For adults & families, our Diocese offers a **1-day bus trip** departing from Wegmans on Thurs.. eve Jan 18th & returning on Friday night. For more details call 315-472-6754; or visit <https://marchforlife.eventbrite.com> to save a place.

Finally, for the rest of us, the **Syracuse March for Life** is on Sat. Jan. 20 starting at the MOST, downtown at noon. Info. at 315-546-BABY (SRTL). Cocoa & donuts. Meet great people.

Look for Flyers on the above our HC Respect Life display or contact: Joe S. at: spadaroj2@gmail.com or 315-446-2042.

Food Giving Weekend is Next 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 donations.

This is your open invitation to the 8th Annual Holy Cross Church Goal Planning Session (HCC GPS)

“The object of a New Year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul and a new nose; new feet, a new backbone, new ears, and new eyes. Unless a particular (wo)man made New Year resolutions, (s)he would make no resolutions. Unless a (wo)man starts afresh about things, (s)he will certainly do nothing effective.

– **George K. Chesterton**

If that makes sense to you, then your 2018 journey can commence on Saturday morning, January 20th. Your moment begins at 8:45 am in Yeazel Hall on Saturday 01/20/18. Your commitment is only about 40 minutes to write down your ambitions, aspirations and yearnings for 2018. For your endeavor, a 2018 goal strategy will appear from inside your core to the written page. It's certain to be interesting and fun. It is that simple. All the specific, time-tested tools will be provided for you. Bring your own pen and coffee. Bring an available family member or a friend. HCC GPS is all confidential and anonymous. Please email me bsovik@twcny.rr.com to register by 01/09/18 for the head count.

Setting goals is the first step in turning the invisible into the visible. - **Tony Robbins**

The secret of getting ahead is getting started. - **Mark Twain**

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 January 6th & 7th

<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	Kay Sgarlata	H1 JoAnn Wallace	CH1 Mary Dougherty	Sophia Kosty	
		H2 Priest	CH2 Carol Dwyer	Nora Gross	Dennis Cole
		H3 Judith Burrer	CH3 Deacon	Ryan Walker	David Jureller
		H4 Terry Dooher	CH4 Betty Galletta		Michael Krisak
Sunday, 7:30AM	Theresa Beaty	H1 Mary Touchette	CH1 Kathleen Bullion	Lindsey Parker	Ed Coolican
		H2 Priest	CH2 Al Highducheck	Lauren Parker	Tony Ebersole
		H3 Richard Wright	CH3 Deacon	Caden Parker	Len Smith
		H4 Robert Brunette	CH4 Jullie Johnson		Charles Stepneski
Sunday, 9:00 AM	Matt Lumia	H1 Kathleen Gibson	CH1 Margaret Ingraham	Adriana DiFlorio	Tom Kenah
		H2 Priest	CH2 Michele Kretsch	Francesca DiFlorio	Ray Moade
		H3 Michaline Gleasman	CH3 Deacon		John Kissane
		H4 Kelly Griffith	CH4 Brigid Ristau		Ken Kirkman
					Joe McCaffrey
Sunday, 11:30AM	Ellyn Lubel	H1 Mary Haley	CH1 Linda Mulvey	Owen Demetros	Donald Brown
		H2 Priest	CH2 Beth Schafer		Neil Bourcy
		H3 Sue Judge	CH3 Deacon		Peg Foraker
		H4 Karen Kirkman	CH4 Nancy Tourville		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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 Church Office – Phone: 315 446-0473, FAX: 315 446-7608
 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. 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