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Reconciliation by appointment or
Saturday Eves of First Fridays & Holydays
3:30 PM—4:30 PM 4:45 PM—5:10 PM
Anointing of the Sick and Communion
In an emergency, call the parish office (663-2244) at any time.
Arrangements for Communion for the sick and infirm can be
made by calling the parish office (663-2244).
Marriage Arrangements must be made at least six months
in advance by calling Deacon Joe Placious for an appointment.
Baptism Baptism is usually celebrated at 1:00 PM on
Sunday afternoon. Every family must be interviewed and have
attended a recent PreBaptism program. Arrangements should be made at least two months prior.

Welcome!  If you are new in the parish, please introduce yourself after Mass or at the Parish Office. We want to know and serve you! Know that your prayers, your presence, and support are appreciated.  www.holycrossrochester.org

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“Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud of great power and glory”

Celebration of the Eucharist
Saturday (Mass of Anticipation)
5 PM
Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM, & 12 Noon
Weekday (M-F) 7:30 AM & 5:20 PM (Saturday) 8:00 AM
Holydays and Lent Please see inside bulletin

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Interested in registering as a parishioner?
Go on-line and download a registration form or contact the parish office at 663-2244 between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday.
Items of parish interest for the bulletin must be submitted to the parish office in writing by Monday, noon. Articles on disk or as an e-mail attachment are preferred.
FROM OUR PASTOR
Dear Parishioners,
Today we begin a new Liturgical Year with the season of Advent. The four Sundays of this season bring us into the spirit of the Old Testament expectation of the promised Messiah.
The Hebrew word Messiah means The Anointed One so that "Christ" is a title while "Jesus" is a Name.
We need volunteers to light the Advent wreath at each weekend Mass.
This Saturday is a Holy Day of Obligation for the Patronal Feast of the United States, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.
Friday evening’s Mass will be at 5:30 PM and the Saturday morning Masses will be at 8:00 and 11:00.
Our Choir & Bell Choir will present its Concert for Christmas on Sunday December 16 at 3 PM.
The Holy Cross School Christmas Concerts will be on Thursday, December 13, 1:15 PM and 6:30 PM in Church.
We continue to make steady progress toward our parish Catholic Ministries Appeal goal. The information in this bulletin is for Wednesday November 28th at Noon. You may find information on the Internet at this address: https://www.dor.org/giving/catholic-ministries-appeal/parish-by-parish/
Thanks to all who have participated in the CMA thus far.
Father Reif and I will be available for Confessions on Monday December 17 and Wednesday December 19, 7:00 to 8:30 PM.

Sincerely, Father Gagnier

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary
A Holy Day of Obligation

THIS Saturday, December 8
Masses will be at 8:00 AM, and 11:00 AM
Mass of Anticipation at 5:30 PM on Friday, December 7.

Results Noon, Weds. Nov. 28, 457 Pledges totaling $102,428 or 96.15% of our $106,530 goal, including 69 new donors this year.

Bulletin Deadline for the next CMA Donors list is 11 AM, Wed., Dec. 5

- 293 Donors gave pledges directly to the parish.
- 161 Donors mailed their pledges to the Diocese.
- 3 Donors gave online and notified us by e-mail.
- 174 Donors raised their pledges by $15,581.00
- Our 69 New Donors have given a total of $6,597.00
- There are still 98 of last year’s donors outstanding who gave a total of $13,264 last year. If everyone who gave last year pledged now we would be $9,162 above our goal!

Below is the list of those Holy Cross donor households who brought their pledges to us since the last publication of our bulletin. New Donors this year are Underlined.

Anonymous Cash $3,804.00 Gina M. Masters
Anonymous (5) $585.00 Carl J. Masters, Jr.
Ken & Janet Azzolina Angela Montalbano
JeanLuc & Gabriela Cipriano Walter & Patricia Rabitz
Rose Fratta Craig & Katherine Roth
Daniel & Denise Giblin Daniel A. Stetzel, Sr.
Mark Gunther George & Rosemarie Streb
Jeffrey & Lori Lukus James VanBrederode
Tom & Jeanne Mack

Prayer Shawl Ministry Gathering
Thursday, December 6 at 10:30 in the Parish Office Conference Room
If you have an interest or talent for crocheting or knitting, the shawls that the group creates are blessed and offered to people for comfort during times of hardship.

Thursday, December 6
School Mass at 9:00 AM
Saint Nicholas was born during the third century in the village of Patara (present day Turkey). He became known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need, his love for children, and his concern for sailors and ships.
**Music**

**MINISTRY MUSINGS**

**An Advent Playlist for you!**

Dear Friends,

The season of Advent challenges us to focus on what matters most. Our lives are an Advent, a prelude if you will, to our life with God to come. A journey in which every experience and struggle is a new revelation of God’s mercy and presence in our lives.

Advent music reflects this joyful anticipation and humble repentance. Unfortunately, outside our church walls, you will not hear it - not in the mall stores or while shopping for groceries.

So, I’ve compiled this playlist of songs by contemporary artists that are tailored to the season. They can be found through Google or YouTube. We hope they help you experience more fully this season of preparation and expectation.

- O Come Redeemer of the Earth – Keith and Kristyn Getty
- O Come O Come Emmanuel – Barlow Girl
- Be Born In me – Francesca Battistelli
- Almost There – Michael W. Smith, Amy Grant
- Magnificat (with Wexford Carol) – Keith & Kristyn Getty
- Awake O Sleeper – Marty Haugen
- Somewhere in Your Silent Night – Casting Crowns

And of course, join in with our choirs at mass each week to sing together the beautiful hymns and anthems that usher in the glorious birth of our Savior! **May we always be instruments of God’s love and truth.** - Janis Reed

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**Holiday Schedule**

**Coming Up Soon…**

**So Save the Dates & Invite a Friend!**

- **School Christmas Concert**
  Thursday, December 13, 1:15 PM and 6:30 PM in Church

- **Make up Holiday Baskets**
  Saturday, December 15 from 9:30 AM—Noon

- **Deliver Christmas Baskets**
  Sunday, December 16 at 10:00 AM

- **Sr Hi Christmas Party**
  Sunday, December 16 at 1:00 PM in Convent

- **Advent/Christmas Concert**
  Sunday, December 16, 3:00 PM in Church

- **Youth Carol at Shore Winds**
  Monday, December 17 at TBA

- **Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation**
  Monday Dec. 17 & Wednesday, Dec. 19 7:00-8:30 PM

- **School Penance Service**
  Wednesday, December 19 at 9:00 AM in Church

- **Seniors & Friends**
  Thursday, December 20 at 1:30 PM in Parish Center

- **School Nativity Prayer Service**
  Thursday, December 20 at 9:00 AM in Church

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**A prayer for each day while lighting the Advent Candle**

Advent is a time of waiting and hoping. We wait for the day when we celebrate again the birth of Jesus. We hope that everyone will come to know God and to worship God.

*From umcdiscipleship.org*

**Lighting the Advent Wreath in Church**

As we begin this Advent Season, we need people and/or families to light candles on our Advent Wreath at each of the Masses during Advent. We especially invite any individual or family who has joined our parish within this past year, or any who are just visiting, to light our candles this season. There is a sign-up sheet in the parish center foyer. You may also call (663-2244) or e-mail Mary Jo DiNoto at Mary.Jo.DiNoto@dor.org.

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**Holy Cross Annual Christmas Concert**

**Sunday, December 16 at 3:00 PM in Church**

All are invited to attend the Holy Cross Annual Christmas concert. Come enjoy an afternoon of carols, featuring our Adult Choir and Bell Choir.

These ensembles will be led by Music Director, Alessio Giacobone. **Free-will offerings accepted.**
Holiday Angels Needed to Make & Deliver Food Baskets

Christmas Baskets: Make on Saturday, Dec 15 at 9 AM
Deliver on Sun., Dec 16 at 11 AM
We are in need of volunteers to
make up the food baskets and to
deliver food baskets to needy fami-
lies in our community. Sign up by
calling Sheila Metzger, 621-8711,
if you are able to help us deliver
2-3 baskets!

Consider an Extra Turkey or Ham!
We are gratefully accepting donations of turkeys & Hams.
You can drop them off to church by Saturday, Dec 16.
If you plan to donate please contact: Sheila Metzger, 621-8711
so we may adjust or order accordingly.

Holiday Food Baskets
Items still needed for Christmas food baskets.
The list is as follows:
- Instant potatoes
- Cranberry sauce
- Gravy
- Stuffing mix
- Cake/brownie mixes
- Frosting
- Instant pudding/jello
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Applesauce
- Peanut butter/jelly
- Hot choc/tea/coffee
- Toilet paper/paper
towels/Kleenex

*We cannot use out-dated products. Please check dates on cans, jars, and boxes.*

Rosary & Benediction
THIS Thursday, December 6
7:00 PM in Church
Please join Father John Reif and fellow parishioners in prayer and thanksgiving for the grace-filled devotion to the Rosary and Benediction of Mary’s Son and our Divine Lord.

Christmas Liturgical Ministers
Monday, December 24 at 5 PM & Midnight
Tuesday, December 25 at 8 AM, 10 AM & Noon

Liturgical Coordinators, Ministers of Communion,
Lectors & Ushers: Please consider which Mass you
may be attending for Christmas. We will need many
Liturgical Ministers, especially at the 5:00 PM Mass.

Because Christmas is a Holy Day, this is by Special
Assignment. Sign up sheets will be in the parish center
foyer or contact the parish office at 663-2244, or e-mail
Mary Jo at Mary.Jo.DiNoto@dor.org
Please sign up!

Sprucing Up Our Church
Tues, December 18 at 12:30 PM
In preparation for Christmas, we like
to give a super house cleaning to
the church. Contact the Parish
Office at 663-2244 or e-mail
rholycross@dor.org if you are able
to help at this time.
Drop-ins are always welcome!

Decorating the Church
Sunday, December 23 at 2:30 AM
Please join us to decorate the Church for Christmas.
The beauty of the Church at Christmas doesn’t just
happen. We need your help. If you can come for just an
hour, we can put you to work. More details to come.
**Masses for the Week, Dec. 1—Dec. 9**

**SAT, December 1 First Sunday of Advent**
5:00 †Jacqueline Eblacker 3rd Anniversary by John Eblacker

**SUN, December 2 First Sunday of Advent**
8:00 †Sara Sturmiick by The Taccone & Sharpe Families
10:00 †Sylvia Singer by Jack & Anne O’Donnell
12:00 †Joe Siriani by Daniel West & Karen Kurtz

**MONDAY, December 3 St. Francis Xavier, Priest**
7:30 †Weekly Mass for the Living & Deceased Members of Holy Cross Church
5:20 †Cheryl DeCamella 2nd Anniversary by Nancy

**TUESDAY, December 4 St. John of Damascus**
7:30 †Joseph LoGiudice by The East High Gang
5:20 †George, Grace, Dick, Joan, Wayne & Marilyn by Shirley & Family

**WEDNESDAY, December 5 Advent Weekday**
7:30 †Andrew Lyng
5:20 †Joan Gensler & Neal Kavanaugh by The Cousins

**THURSDAY, December 6 St. Nicholas, Bishop**
7:30 All Souls’ Intention
9:00 †Renee Hogle-Meacham by Glen & Martha Grant
5:20 †Mary Weiland 52nd Anniversary by The Family

**FRIDAY, December 7 St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of Church**
7:30 †Brian Oster on his 40th birthday by His Dad, Mom & Sister
5:30 †George Haungs by The Family

**SATURDAY, December 8 Immaculate Conception of Mary**
8:00 †Lucy Kahn by Joanne & Tom
11:00 †Weekly Mass for the Living & Deceased Members of Holy Cross Church

**SATURDAY, December 8 Second Sunday of Advent**
5:00 †June Jones by John & Joan Powers

**SUNDAY, December 9 Second Sunday of Advent**
8:00 †Joseph Cavallaro by Kim Cavallaro
10:00 †Bernie Fay & Ronald Fay by Nancy & John Owens
12:00 †Andrew Ricigliano by Joe & Linda Madonia

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**This Week at a Glance:**

**SUNDAY, December 2**
11:00 AM Coffee Hour – Parish Center
11:30 AM Religious Ed—School
1:00 PM Teens & Tweens—Convent

**MONDAY, December 3**
6:00 PM High School Basketball – Gym
7:00 PM RCIA Meeting—Conference Room

**TUESDAY, December 4**
1:00 PM Bible Study—Parish Center
6:00 PM Girl Scouts—Girl Scouts
7:00 PM Bible Study—Parish Center
7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal – Church

**WEDNESDAY, December 5**
1:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration – Church
5:30 PM Cheerleading Practice -Gym
6:00 PM Cub Scouts – Beacon Place
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal – Church

**THURSDAY, December 6 St. Nicholas Day**
9:00 AM Rosary
9:00 AM School Mass– Church
10:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry– Conference Rm
6:00 PM Cheerleading—Gym/ BP
7:00 PM Rosary & Benediction— Church
7:00 PM Contemporary Music Rehearsal—Ch/PC

**FRIDAY, December 7**
5:30 PM Mass of Anticipation —Church

**SATURDAY, December 8 Holy Day of Obligation**
8:00 AM Immaculate Conception Mass—Church
8:30 AM High School Basketball – Gym
10:00 AM Grade 2 Bomber Practice – School Gym
11:00 AM Immaculate Conception Mass– Church

**SUNDAY, December 9**
11:00 AM Coffee Hour – Parish Center
11:30 AM Religious Ed—School
11:30 AM Confirmation Level 1 & 2 Mtgs– School
1:00 PM Teens & Tweens—Convent
7:00 PM Pre-Baptism Class—Parish Center

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**Sanctuary Gifts:**

**Week of December 2—8**

The Altar Wine in Church will be Offered in Memory of **Brian Natalie by Rose Marie Veltre**
The Altar Bread in Church will be Offered in Memory of **Brian Natalie by Rose Marie Veltre**
The Candle in Church will Burn in Memory of **Brian Natalie by Rose Marie Veltre**

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**Pray for the deceased, especially:**

*Sue Rogers Mrzywka and David Cornelia*
Missed Mass? Going on Vacation? Sign up TODAY at www.holycrossrochester.org!

November Goal: $48,944  Total Collected: $40,779.79

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*Electronic Transfers take place on the 5th, 10th, and 25th.

Running Shortfall in collections since July 1, 2018 ($-39,927.29)

**Special Collections**

THIS Week, December 1/2  Catholic University of America

NEXT Week, December 8/9  Christmas Flowers

We Miss You!

We are concerned about the drop in the number of parishioners attending weekly Mass. When you are not here, we are missing an important part of our family.

Father Gagnier

Thank you for using your envelopes!

Save the Date!

Friday, July 19, 2019
Annual Holy Cross Terri Masters Golf Tournament Deerfield Golf and Country Club

THE 3RD ANNUAL BEST OF CHARLOTTE 2018
When: Sunday, December 2nd 2:00 to 5:00 PM
Where: Roger Robach Community Center at 188 Beach Ave. Rochester, NY

The Best of Charlotte is the largest fundraiser event for the Charlotte Community Association, Inc. There will be wine, brewery and cider tasting stations from wineries throughout our region. Also, back by popular demand, is the wing tasting contest from local restaurants. All tickets include the wine and wing tasting.

Expect tons of raffle gifts, door prizes, a 50/50 raffle and great music. Also, the first 100 ticket holders through the door will receive one (1) outdoor, solar powered and motion censored security light. You can purchase your tickets at www.charlottecca.org TODAY for a donation of $10 each or you may buy the tickets at the door.

Tutors Needed Notre Dame Learning Center
Volunteer tutors are urgently needed for Grades 1-8 in ELA Reading and Math
* No teaching experience required, all lesson materials provided.
  Can you commit to about an hour a week to help a student succeed? Contact Sister Evelyn Breslin at Notre Dame Learning Center (585) 254-5110. We have students waiting so please act today! Thank You!

Columbiettes in the Diocese of Rochester
A new council of the Columbiettes has formed in the Diocese of Rochester. The Columbiettes is a Catholic women’s organization that supports many different charities. They are involved in community activities, as well as working collectively with our Brother Knights of Columbus, to promote faith and unity. Our patronesses are our Blessed Mother, St. Therese of Lisieux, and St. Joan of Arc. Membership is open to all practicing Catholic women over the age of seventeen. Our meetings are held on the third Monday of every month at 7:00 PM at St. Jerome’s Church meeting hall, 207 Garfield Street, East Rochester.

If this interests you, please contact Christa Stewart for more information at (585) 406-3777.
**Liturgical Ministers Weekend of December 8/9 (2nd Sunday of the Month)**

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