

Holy Cross Church of Charlotte

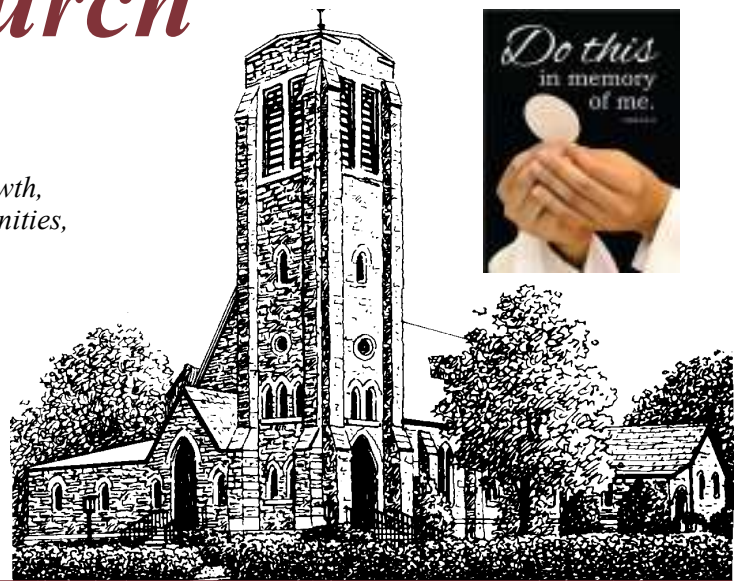
January 14, 2018

Our Eucharistic Community at Holy Cross Welcomes all to faith in Jesus Christ and nurtures their growth, Celebrates and demonstrates God's presence in our communities, And sends forth all to serve God and each other as guided by the Holy Spirit.



“Behold, the Lamb of God.”

The two disciples heard what John said and followed Jesus.



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Reconciliation by appointment or

Saturday 3:30 PM—4:30 PM Eves of First Fridays & Holydays 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 for an appointment with one of the priests.

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! @holycrossroc

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

Holy Cross Church of Charlotte, Rochester New York

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Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday

(Masses of Anticipation)
5 PM

Weekday

(M-F) 7:30 AM & 5:20 PM
(Saturday) 8:00 AM

Sunday

8 AM, 10 AM, & 12 Noon

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 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

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 THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

On Tuesday, we began the Season of Ordinary Time which will be interrupted by the Lent and Easter Seasons and will continue on the day after Pentecost.

This time is characterized by the wearing of the green at Mass which has nothing Irish about it. Green is the Liturgical color of this time in our Church year symbolizing the virtue of hope.

We will have a school event "Celebration of the Green" on Friday March 9. Please mark your calendars.

We are conducting a survey and hope you will take the time to answer it. Details are in the next column. You can do it on-line or on paper.

This month Fr. George and I switch classes in our school. He take grades 2, 4 and 6 while I take Grades 1, 3, and 5, until June. This way all of our Holy Cross students get to have us for a weekly religion class. We are grateful for the cooperation of our Principal, Mary Martell and her Faculty for making this possible.

Last week the Parish Council held their party for Christmas in the Rectory after their meeting. Among other things, we reviewed our parish's excellent performance in the CMA this Fall and discussed ways to improve next year.

We received a CMA thank you letter from Bishop Matano and this will be copied into the Easter Bulletin.

We are in need of shelving for storage of our Christmas decoration. See Page 3 in this bulletin Training of Liturgical Ministers will be on Jan. 27 See next page for details. You are needed!

Pray for **Father William Keenan, OFM** a Franciscan Missionary who died in Bolivia on December 18. He was 90 years old and was a graduate of Holy Cross School in 1941 and of Aquinas in 1945. His memorial Mass will be held in our church on Saturday, January 20 at 10 AM.

Have you gotten your 150th Anniversary Book of the history of the Diocese of Rochester? These are available in the Parish Office.

Sincerely, **Father Gagnier**



Did You Know...

We have a few spiritual groups at Holy Cross? Besides Rosary & Benediction on the first Thursday of every month, September through June, we have Rosary every Thursday at 9:15 AM in church. Fr Jorge will run another Bible Study offered on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday evenings (had one this past fall) beginning in March. We have Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday from 1:00 until 5:00 PM in church. And watch for an upcoming *Living Your Strengths Journey* opportunity.

In the past we have had DVD or Book discussions over a 4 to 6 week period, once or twice a year, lead by a volunteer parishioner (who is no longer available) assisted by Father Reif. **If you are interested in leading a prayer group with discussions in the future, please contact the parish office, 663-2244.**



Holy Cross Church - Parish Survey 2017-18

Thank you to the 204 parishioners who have already responded!

If you do not have access to the internet, please stop by the parish office and pick up a hard copy to complete and return. We want to hear from you. Your voice counts!

If you have not already received an e-mail invitation to take the *brief, anonymous* survey, please use the link below. Also find it on our website and facebook page.

We appreciate your valuable feedback. Please share the link below with anyone else you know who would like to comment, **especially anyone who has left Holy Cross or has stopped attending Mass.** Visit

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J5ND3N2>

We will report our results in early February of 2018 and begin discussing/planning any necessary future actions.

Seniors & Friends!

SAVE THE DATE!
THIS Thursday, January 18
1:30 PM in the Parish Center
Soup Day

Please bring a can of soup for our Food Shelf.

Soup for lunch will be provided. BINGO will be our entertainment.

Donations of desserts and snacks will be gratefully accepted and enjoyed!

Questions?

Please call Mary Jo DiNoto, 663-2244.



Parish Office
CLOSED this
Monday,
January 15



Why is the Church Locked?

Do to security concerns, we are finding it necessary to keep the church locked at this time. However, if you would like to go in to the church to pray, just stop by the parish office and we will gladly open the door for you. In addition, the doors to the parish center foyer have been affected by the freezing temps (sidewalk heaving) and are on the "To Fix" list along with the handrail at the North entrance.

We apologize for any inconvenience this causes and thank you for your patience.



Liturgical Ministers (Re)Training for all Ministers at Mass

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, January 27

Please mark your calendar so you can attend your session.

Liturgical Coordinators: 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
Lectors: 12:30 – 1:00 PM
Ministers of Communion: 1:30 – 2:30 PM

All training will take place in church.

Stewardship

Have you ever been somewhere public and days later others said they saw you there? You can find yourself surprised that they saw you and didn't say hello. However, at least they saw you. You, on the other hand, didn't even have any idea they were around you. You may have been oblivious to what was going on or those crossing your path on that day. You may have been forsaking that moment thinking about another time to come down the road.

Imagine being one of those who first encountered Jesus as he began his ministry. Would you have noticed? I would like to think that I would have rushed over to him to introduce myself. But on that day when he passed on by I

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just might have been caught up in life, unaware of all that was intersecting with my place in the world.

An everyday steward strives to live mindfully. The more mindful we are of all that is around us, the more grateful we find ourselves because we take things less for granted and the more open we are to the call of Jesus Christ. Every day Jesus crosses our path in the form of others. They may be in need or they may have a gift to offer us. Either way, without living in the present and taking in all that God has provided for us in the day, we can miss it. I would not want to hear afterwards that Jesus saw me and I was not paying attention enough to what was around me to notice.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Stewardship of Time & Talent Volunteer & Ministry Opportunities

In Need of Shelving for Christmas Decor

We would like to get all of our church Christmas decorations organized in one place in the church basement. Do you have a shelving unit at home that you would like to get rid of? Can you donate a shelving unit? Can you volunteer to build shelving for us? **If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, please contact Mary Jo DiNoto at the parish office, 663-2244, or via e-mail at Mary.Jo.Dinoto@dor.org.**

We Need Help Maintaining Our Website

We update our website with current content once a week. Right now we have two volunteers who manage this and have been doing so for many years. No need to know HTML. Training will be provided. It takes approximately 1 to 2 hours per week. You need a computer and access to the internet. Many hands make light work. We really need your assistance. **Contact Jenny Ertel, 663-5468 or via e-mail at jenny.ertel@dor.org.**

Seeking Volunteer Organist/Pianist

We are in need of a Volunteer Organist/Pianist to accompany the Adult Choir rehearsals on Wednesday evenings and on Sundays at the 10:00 AM Masses. The Adult Choir is active from September through June and performs two concerts—one before Christmas and one during the Easter season. **If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, please contact Mary Jo DiNoto at the parish office, 663-2244, or via e-mail at Mary.Jo.Dinoto@dor.org.**

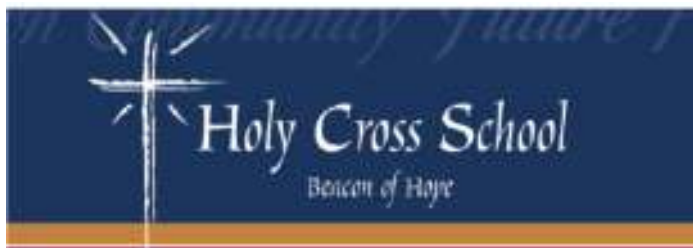


The Rochester Catholic Women's Conference

Save the Date! March 10, 2018

Aquinas Institute, 1127 Dewey Ave, Rochester, NY

This year's theme is "*The Power of the Eucharist, Glorifying God and Sanctifying the World.*" Great gift idea for your wife, mother, daughter, sister, grandmother, aunt, or best friend! She will appreciate the opportunity to be refreshed spending time with other Catholic women. Her day will include a continental breakfast and lunch, Mass with our Bishop, national speakers, praying the rosary, opportunity for Reconciliation, and perusing Catholic vendors. **Registration is now open. Please visit the website at Rochestercwc.org for conference details.**



*Join our
Family of Families at
Holy Cross School
Pre-K through Grade 6
Call 663-6533
2018-19 Registration
Information Available Soon!*



**Catholic Schools' Week Begins
the Weekend of January 27/28**

We Celebrate Catholic Schools in Our Parish

12:00 PM School/Parish Mass with School Choir

**Wear your uniform to Mass this weekend!*

Student Readers & Volunteers

Book Fair Open before & after Mass

Continental Breakfast @ School following Mass

***New Family, Parishioner & Alumni Open House
1:30-2:30 PM***

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, March 9

**Celebration of the Green 2018
with Shamrocks & Shenanigans**

More details to follow.



Calling all Catholic School Students

On Sunday, January 28 at the Noon Mass, we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week. We would like to have students from our parish (who also may go to Catholic high schools, junior high schools or other K-6 parish schools) attend in their uniforms and participate in the Mass.

If anyone would like to greet, serve, bring up the offertory gifts, or speak about your experience with Catholic Education after Communion at this Mass or any of the other weekend Masses, please contact Mary Jo DiNoto at 663-2244 by noon on Wednesday, January 24. *Let us celebrate this great ministry of the church!*

CYO SPORTS

Holy Cross 2nd Grade Bomber Basketball & Cheer Game Night

In Conjunction with Catholic Schools Week

*This wonderful evening is sponsored by
our CYO & Holy Cross School*

SAVE THE DATE!

Monday, January 29

5:00 PM with a 5:30 PM Tip Off

Holy Cross Gym

All proceeds raised will go to the Ashley Nagel Holy Cross Preschool Scholarship. We will also award this year's scholarship.

- 50-50 raffle and Prizes!
- The Concession stand will be open for Bomber Dogs, Pizza, Nacho's etc. – eat your dinner at the GYM!



For more information please contact Coach Ed DiPonzio at 370-3940 or by email: ediponz@gmail.com
Or Melissa Urban at 750-9373 or by email: coachmel711@yahoo.com

Please join us in a Great Night of Bomber Fun! GO BOMBERS!

Masses for the Week, January 14—21**SATURDAY, January 13**

5:00 †Uncle Bosh by Uncle Frank

SUNDAY, January 14

8:00 †Terri Masters by Gina, Melissa, & Michael

10:00 †Joseph & Thomasina Cicatelli by Their Children

12:00 †Matt O'Donnell by Margaretmary Zeh

MONDAY, January 15 Martin Luther King Jr Day7:30 †Weekly Mass for the Living and Deceased
Members of Holy Cross Parish

5:20 †Andrew Lyng

TUESDAY, January 16 Weekday

7:30 †Deceased members of the Violette Family by The Family

5:20 †Donald Murphy by Joe & Linda Madonia

WEDNESDAY, January 17 St Anthony

7:30 †Deceased members of the Marinucci & Lyng Families

5:20 †James L. McGrath by The Family

THURSDAY, Jan 18 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

7:30 †Larry Seager by Clara Seager

5:20 †Andrew Lyng

FRIDAY, January 19 Weekday

7:30 †Deceased members of the Marinucci & Lyng Families

5:20 †Rita Foy by The Family

SATURDAY, January 20 Sts Fabian & Sebastian

8:00 †Joan Boehler by Ron & Barb Clavette

SATURDAY, January 20

10:00 †Memorial Mass for Fr William Keenan OFM

5:00 †Jean Swartwout by Her Family

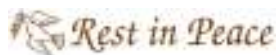
SUNDAY, January 21 Ecumenical Sunday

8:00 †Amy LeBerth by The Family

10:00 †Mr & Mrs Michael Bennett and Michael Jr
by The Family

12:00 Salvatore Montalbano by The Family

**Wills/Bequests/Memorials—
Please Remember Holy Cross Parish
and Holy Cross School**



**Pray for the deceased, especially:
Linda Saurini, Mary Keenan,
Fr. William Keenan, OFM, Jean Davison,
and Norma Cunico**

This Week at a Glance:**SUNDAY, January 14**

11:00 AM Coffee Hour – Parish Center

12:00 PM CYO Basketball Games – Gym

MONDAY, January 15 Martin Luther King Jr Day**Parish Office CLOSED**

4:00 PM Basketball Practice – Gym

TUESDAY, January 16

4:00 PM Basketball Practice – Gym

7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal – Church

7:30 PM RCIA – Office Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, January 17

1:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration – Church

4:00 PM Basketball Practice – Gym

6:00 PM Cub Scouts – Beacon Place

6:30 Social Ministry Meeting – Office Conference Room

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal – Church

THURSDAY, January 18

9:15 AM Rosary – Parish Center

1:30 PM Seniors & Friends – Parish Center

4:00 PM Basketball Practice – Gym

7:00 PM Contemporary Music Ens Rehearsal – PC

FRIDAY, January 19**SATURDAY, January 20**

8:00 AM Basketball Games– Gym

SUNDAY, January 21

11:00 AM Coffee Hour – Parish Center

11:30 AM Religious Ed – School

11:30 AM Confirmation Level I – School

11:30 AM Confirmation Level II – School

12:00 PM CYO Basketball Games – Gym

**Very Limited Holy Cross Church Stained Glass Window Books Available**

Really look at all of the 50 beautiful windows in our church!

As of Tuesday, January 10, we have 1 copy left.

The book sells for \$25. Stop by the parish office to get your copy.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

Unity. What does “unity” mean? For those of us who claim Christ as our model of living and savior of humanity, it means we are one. This year the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has as its theme the Scripture citation 2 Corinthians 5:14-20. The first line contains our mission statement... “For the love of Christ impels us, once we have come to the conviction that one died for all; therefore all have died.” If that is not a mandate for unity, then there is none. We are one in the death of Christ and therefore live in unity with all other Christians.

Blessings of Financial Stewardship

Jan Goal: \$ 54,117.68 . Total Collected: \$ 15,111.00

Please help by increasing your weekly Sacrificial Gift.

Mass Attendance.....	621
Loose Monies.....	\$ 15,111.00
Using Envelopes.....	
Electronic Transfer*.....	\$ 3,772.33
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January 7.....	\$ 15,111.00
Collection Amt needed per week	\$ 13,529.42
Weekly Average since July 1, 2017.....	\$ 11,844.70

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

Running Shortfall in collections since July 1, 2017. (\$ 47,267.83)

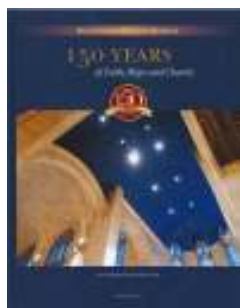
Thank you for using your envelopes!

Special Collections

THIS Week, January 14 Capital Improvement/Debt Reduction
NEXT Week, January 21 Energy

2017 Contributions

All Parishioners will receive a statements of his/her 2017 contributions via mail at the end of January. No need to call the office and request it.



Diocese of Rochester 150 Years of Faith, Hope, and Charity

Discover the history of the Diocese of Rochester in this richly illustrated book. A number of copies are available for sale in the Parish Office during regular business hours. Books are \$30 each and checks may be

made payable to: *Holy Cross Church*. A sample book and order forms are available on the table in the Parish Center Foyer.



School Collecting Plastic bags for Animal Service League

If anyone has plastic bags (Wegmans, Tops, etc.) waiting to be recycled, please drop them in the box in the parish center foyer. The Animal Service League is in dire need of them! To learn more about this organization, visit www.animalserviceleagueny.org

Please help us keep our prayer list of those serving in our Armed Forces up to date. Let us know if any have safely returned home or have been deployed.



Let us keep in our prayers those who are serving our country in the Armed Forces;

Maj Paul B. Bock-USMC, E6 Dominick Caito USAF, Army, David Hendershott, Brandon Jackson, Ian Lindamood USAF, Pvt. Blake Manfredi, Chief Christopher Manfredi, SRA Jon McHugh, Cody Miller, Steven Moll, Sgt. Irv Ogdenski, Tyler Owen, Maj Kevin J. Smith, Janine Swanson, and Charles Williams, U.S. Navy

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.

Celebrated Mass with Our Parish Family
Week Jan'17 Jan'18

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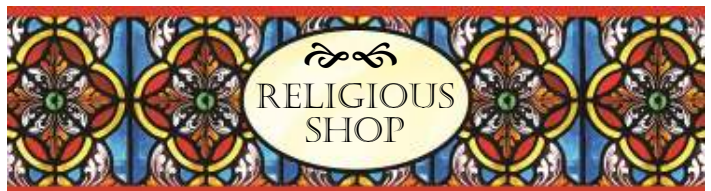
family. *Father Gagnier*

Attendance at Christmas Mass 2017

We have had many calls to the parish office regarding the attendance at Christmas Masses. The figures above only ever represent the weekend Masses.

The last 2 figures of last weekend's chart represented December 23/24 and December 30/31.

This Christmas we had approximately 2,022 people attend over the 5 Masses.



Divine Mercy Religious Shop Ministries

65 Martha St., Spencerport

As a result of the efforts of many people, we are very pleased to announce that the **Divine Mercy Religious Shop Ministries**, is now open to the public, having leased the space in the St. John the Evangelist school building in Spencerport, formerly occupied by the St. John's Religious Shop.

The new shop's phone number is 585-352- 5485.

Regular hours are:

- Tuesday from 10 AM to 4 PM
- Wednesday from 10 AM to 1 PM
- Thursday evening from 3 PM to 8 PM
- Friday from 10 AM to 1 PM
- Saturday from 10 AM to 4 PM

Liturgical Ministers Week of January 21 (3rd Sunday of the Month)

	Coordinators	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Cantors	Altar Servers	Streamed Mass
5 PM	Anthony Reale	Maria Ciminelli, Jim DiPaola, Elaine Veltre, Martha Reale	Jim Bauch	Contemporary Music Ens	N Campbell, H Goertel, E & L Lukus	
8 AM	Pat Gunther	Deb Hodges, David Kommeth, Jim Cinelli	Terri Sharpe	Bev Empey	A Muratore, T Norton	
10 AM	Tracy O'Brien	Mary & Lou D'Angelo, Caitlyn Stahovic, Margaretmary Zeh, Annemarie Caricchio	Kevin Monaghan	Barb Giordano	B Dornberger, J Lombardo, B Tortorice	Karen Lebeck
12 PM	Molly Jardas	Josie Baccoli, John Jardas, Jerry & Patricia Palermo	Fred Amato	Ray Lazafame	NEED SERVER, NEED SERVER	

Liturgical Ministers Week of January 21 (3rd Sunday of the Month)**January 24**

Children's Liturgy	Coffee Hour	Small Altar Linens	Clean Church	Shore Winds
Eldred	Michelle Slattery	Kathleen Dalheim	L Borovitzky, H Geist, L Thomas	Dorothy Gerstner

Weekday Altar Servers

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:30 AM	<i>Need Server</i>	<i>Need Server</i>	<i>Need Server</i>	<i>Need Server</i>	<i>Need Server</i>
5:20 PM	<i>Need Server</i>	<i>Need Server</i>	<i>Need Server</i>	<i>Need Server</i>	<i>Need Server</i>