

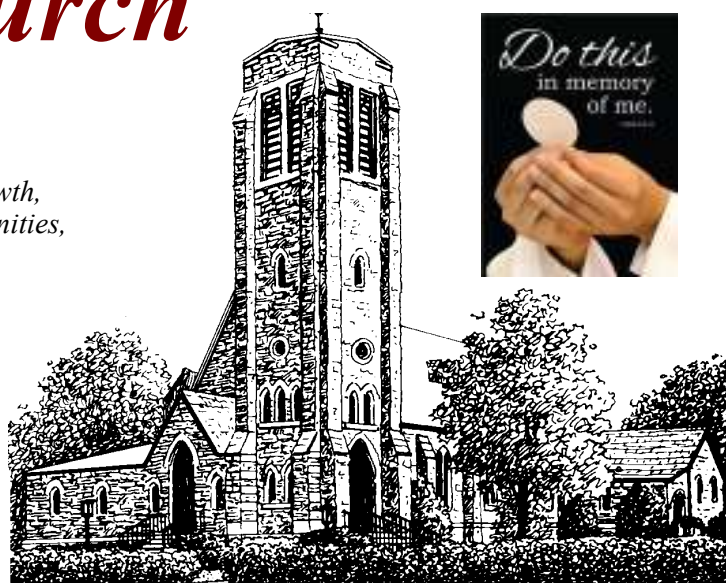
Holy Cross Church of Charlotte

December 10, 2017

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.



**One mightier
than I**
is coming after me.



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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

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 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 mailed out a letter with our Christmas and New Year's schedule. On the back of the letter is your Financial Report for the First Quarter of this Fiscal Year, July 1 through September 30

Thanks for your generosity to our Parish as we continue to improve our financial situation.

Please note that New Year's Day is not a Holy Day this year because it is on a Monday. However, we will make Masses available to you.

Holy Cross Church will be hosting a Penance Service at 2:00 PM on Sunday, December 10. Our neighboring priests will be helping us with Confessions.

This week our Choir will give a concert at the Mother of Sorrows Mens' Club dinner.

We are getting closer to our CMA goal every day. Thanks to all new and returning donors who are participating. Current results are on this page and on the thermometer during the weekend. *It may come down very soon!*

Father Ramirez, Father Reif, Father Wheeland and I attended a lunch at the Sisters of Saint Joseph Motherhouse last Monday. At this event, **Bishop Matano** mentioned to me our success with the annual Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Please note that the History Books about the 150th anniversary of the Diocese of Rochester have finally arrived (see page 6). Before I came here in June, Father Wheeland ordered 350 of these books for our parishioners. They are available at \$30.00 each and will make a good Christmas gift. There are pictures and stories of our diocesan history as well as pictures and stories of each parish.

We officially welcomed two Catechumens who are preparing for Baptism at Easter 2018. They are **Timothy Smith** and **Tiffany Miller**. The ceremony took place at 10:00 AM Mass last Sunday and we will have a picture next week.

Please remember to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We recently put up the new poster of the Diocesan Seminarians to remind us of these men now in preparation to be priests who will serve your grandchildren.

Finally, I hope that many of you will help in the preparation of our church for Christmas, even as we prepare our hearts in Confession. Thank you for your support of the ministry of our great Parish in time, talent and treasure.

Sincerely, Father Gagnier



What is home? Home is anywhere we meet God, face-to-face and hand-in-hand. Home is the assurance that Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, thus proving God's love for us. Home is knowing that we are saved by the grace of God. Home is anywhere that we meet God's people and welcome them in with the love of Christ. *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.**



Participation...NOT Procrastination

As of Wednesday, December 6, 475 donors have pledged \$112,228 or 97.7% of our goal.

And 102 NEW Donors have pledged \$16,098!

Those who have pledged in the last week include:

Mr. Mark Gunther
Mrs. Josephine Bedini
Patrick & Kim O'Connor
John & Molly Jardas
John & Karen Tachin

Bulletin Deadline for latest CMA Donors list is 11:00 AM, THIS Tuesday, December 12.



Interested in sending Fr Wheeland a Christmas Greeting this Season.

You can contact him via his e-mail address, Fr.Thomas.Wheeland@dor.org.

His new address is: Rev. Thomas Wheeland
1477 Long Pond Road, WV 405
Rochester, NY 14626

**Religious Education
Family Day Advent Gathering
Join us THIS Sunday Morning,
December 10, 11:30 AM in the School Gym**

- Create a Family Prayer Table for your home
- Make a “Giving” craft
- We invite families to bring a donation of a canned or boxed food for our parish food cupboard



Advent is the time to prepare our hearts for the upcoming birth of Jesus!



A joint service by the East Greece/Charlotte parishes:

Holy Cross – Our Mother of Sorrows
St. Charles Borromeo – St. John the Evangelist

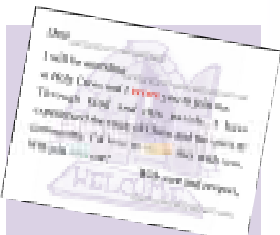
THIS Sunday, December 10 at 2:00 PM
Holy Cross Church, 4492 Lake Avenue

Readings . Homily
Examination of Conscience . Individual Confession

Experience God’s gift of restorative grace in Reconciliation.

Opportunities to Share Your Faith

Want to share the joy and peace that you experience through your faith, but don’t know how? Have you been wanting to invite a relative, friend, or neighbor to Holy Cross? Now is the perfect time! Invite them to an Advent Mass, the Christmas Concert, Seniors & Friends, or Christmas Mass. Encourage them to join you when you help out with making or delivering the Christmas Food Baskets.



Look for these cards in the entrances to church. Detach the invitation portion, personalize it, and then hand it to, or mail it to that person.



The Sounds and Stories of Christmas

NEXT Sunday, December 17

3:00 PM in Church

All are invited to attend the Holy Cross Annual Christmas concert, featuring our *Adult Choir, Contemporary Music Ensemble, Bell Choir, and Holy Cross School Choir*

Free-will offerings accepted.

**Holy Cross Annual Christmas Caroling
Monday, December 18, 5:30—6:30 PM**

Put on your Best Holiday Smile while bringing Joy into this Holy Season for some very special residents at Shore Winds. Wear something Christmassy....but remember it’s warm in there.

We will meet all tweens & teens at the nursing home at 5:15 PM and parents may pick them up at 6:30 PM. Parents are welcome to stay and sing with us too. The feeling that comes from this is what this season is all about. Questions? Call 621-8133.

Please fill out the permission slip from the December 3 bulletin or print out the slip from our website and have your child bring it with them the night of caroling.



TeenScene

Christmas 2017 ..



Teen Christmas Party
NEXT Sunday, December 17
at 12:30 PM w/ \$5 grab bag gift

Christmas Carol at Shore Winds
Monday, December 18 at 5:30 PM

Time, Talent & Treasure Stewardship Giving, Volunteer & Ministry Opportunities



PLEASE RETURN GIFTS WRAPPED and WITH THE ORNAMENT TAG ATTACHED ON THE OUTSIDE. Please check the ornament tag and note that many gifts MUST be returned under the tree by THIS Sunday, December 10. We will be giving to Shore Winds Nursing Home, The Bethany House, Mercy Residential Services (formerly Melita House), Community Place Foster Grandparents program, Holy Cross Families and City School District Families. *Thank you in advance for your generosity.*

SAVE THE DATES! Sprucing Up Our Church Tues, December 19 at 12:30 PM

In preparation for Christmas, we like to give a super house cleaning to the church. Contact the Parish Office at rholycross@dor.org or 663-2244 if you are able to help. Invite friends and family to help too! There will be plenty to do, even if you can only help for half an hour or so. We will have some cleaning supplies on hand, but if you can bring any, that is appreciated. *(Drop-ins are always welcome!)*



Holiday Angels Needed to Create and Deliver Food Baskets

Christmas—Make THIS Saturday, Dec 16 at 9 AM; Deliver NEXT Sunday, Dec 17 at 11 AM. We are in need of volunteers to make up the food baskets and to deliver food baskets to needy families in our community. What a rewarding way to get into the holiday spirit! **Sign up by calling Sheila Metzger, 621-8711, if you are able to help us deliver 2-3 baskets.** *Thank you so much.*

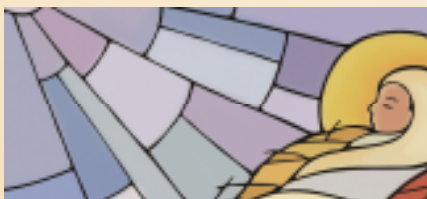


Consider an Extra Turkey

We are gratefully accepting donations of turkeys. You can drop them off to church **THIS Saturday, December 16.** God Bless! *Sheila Metzger, 621-8711*

Decorating the Church Saturday, December 23 at 9:30 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. *Note change of time.*



Holiday Food Baskets

The Social Ministry Committee is having a food drive to collect items to be used for the Christmas food baskets. We have about 60 families who are in need. We are asking for the following items so that they may have an enjoyable holiday dinner.

- Instant potatoes
- Cranberry sauce
- Gravy
- Stuffing mix
- Instant pudding/jello
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit/applesauce
- Peanut butter/jelly
- Cake/brownie mixes/frosting
- Hot chocolate/tea/coffee
- Toilet paper/paper towels/Kleenex

Donations* for Christmas are needed by THIS Saturday morning, Dec 16. Please leave your food donations at the Church entrances.

Holy Cross is so blessed to have such generous parishioners. Thank you very much...God's blessings to you.

**We cannot use out-dated products. This is a County Health Order. So please check dates on cans, jars, and boxes.*

Christmas Liturgical Ministers Sunday, December 24 at 5:00 PM & Midnight

Monday, December 25 at 8:00 AM, 10:00 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.**



PRAY: the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at the 3:00 hour for the gift of empathy
CONSIDER: to whom in my life do I need to be more compassionate
ACT: encourage someone who is struggling and counsel someone who is doubting

Masses for the Week, Dec 9—17

SATURDAY, December 9—2nd Sunday of Advent
5:00 †Catherine Messineo by Karen & Gary Conderman

SUNDAY, December 10—2nd Sunday of Advent
8:00 †Joseph Cavallaro by Kim Cavallaro
10:00 †Phillip Interlichia by John & Lisa Bennett
12:00 †Rose Ardino by Patricia & Larry Conklin

MONDAY, December 11 *St Damasus I*
7:30 †Andrew Ricigliano by Linda
5:20 †Weekly Mass for the Living and Deceased
 Members of Holy Cross Parish

TUESDAY, December 12 *Our Lady of Guadalupe*
7:30 †Don Dawson by The Smith Family
5:20 †Keith Sauers
 by Linda Pioli & Dominic D'Ambrosio

WEDNESDAY, December 13 *St Lucy*
7:30 †Guy Cutuli by Brian, Colleen, Clare, & Quinn
5:20 †Sandy Cocilova by The Family

THURSDAY, December 14 *St John of the Cross*
7:30 †Deceased Members of the Taccone Family
 by Shirley & Family
5:20 †Andrew Lyng

FRIDAY, December 15 *Advent Weekday*
7:30 †Joseph, Mary, Josephine, & Margaret
 by The Family
5:20 †Deceased members of the Marinucci & Lyng Families

SATURDAY, December 16 *Advent Weekday*
8:00 †James Fusilli *49th Anniversary* by Rachel & Rock

SATURDAY, Dec 17—3rd Sunday of Advent
5:00 †Philip Laloggia by Paula & The Tops Club #632

SUNDAY, December 18—3rd Sunday of Advent
8:00 †Brenda Bennett by Angie, Shirley, & Terri
10:00 †Mary Lanzafame by HC Choir
12:00 †The Turtu Family
 by Their Children, Nieces & Nephews

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

 *Rest in Peace*

*Pray for the deceased, especially:
 Samuel J. Papa and Angelo Scarantino*

This Week at a Glance:**SUNDAY, December 10**

11:00 AM Family Advent Gathering – Gym
 11:30 AM Religious Ed – School
 2:00 PM E Greece/Charlotte Penance Service – Church
 2:30 PM CYO Basketball Games – Gym

MONDAY, December 11

4:00 PM CYO Basketball Practice – Gym
 7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting – Parish Center

TUESDAY, December 12

1:00 PM Bible Study – Parish Center
 4:00 PM CYO Basketball Practice – Gym
 7:00 PM RCIA – Parish Center
 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal – Church

WEDNESDAY, December 13

8:30 AM Preschool Craft Day – Parish Center
 1:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration – Church
 4:00 PM CYO Basketball Practice – Gym
 6:00 PM Cub Scouts – Beacon Place
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal – Church
 7:00 PM Fr Jorge Support Group – Conference Room

THURSDAY, December 14

9:15 AM Rosary – Church
 1:00 PM School Concert – Church
 4:00 PM CYO Basketball Practice – Gym
 6:30 PM School Concert – Church
 7:00 PM Contemporary Music Ens Rehearsal – PC
 7:00 PM Bible Study – Beacon Place

FRIDAY, December 15

4:00 PM CYO Basketball Practice – Gym

SATURDAY, December 16

8:00 AM CYO Basketball Games – Gym
 9:00 AM Make Holiday Food Baskets – Garage

SUNDAY, December 17

11:00 AM Deliver Holiday Food Baskets – from Garage
 11:30 AM Confirmation Level I – School
 11:30 AM Confirmation Level II – School
 11:30 AM Religious Ed – School
 12:00 PM CYO Basketball Games – Gym
 12:30 PM Teen Christmas Party – Convent
 3:00 PM Christmas Concert – Church

Seniors & Friends!

SAVE THE DATE! 

Christmas Party

**Thursday, December 21, 1:30 PM
 in the Parish Center**

Special Demonstration of
The Magic of Christmas by Joe Castillo
 Please bring a snack or appetizer to share.

Is your heart ready?

Blessings of Financial Stewardship

Dec Goal: \$ 67,647.10 . Total Collected: \$ 15,418.58

Please help by increasing your weekly Sacrificial Gift.

Mass Attendance.....	828
Loose Monies.....	\$ 830.66
Using Envelopes.....	\$ 11,152.00
Electronic Transfer*.....	\$ 3,435.92
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December 3.....	\$ 15,418.58
Collection Amt needed per week	\$ 13,529.42
Weekly Average since July 1, 2017.....	\$ 11,695.31

Catholic University..... \$ 838.25

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

Running Shortfall in collections since July 1, 2017.(\$ 42,184.42)

Thank you for using your envelopes!

Special Collections

**From THIS Past Friday, December 8 Immaculate Conception
THIS Week, December 9/10 Christmas Flowers
NEXT Week, December 16/17 School Fund**

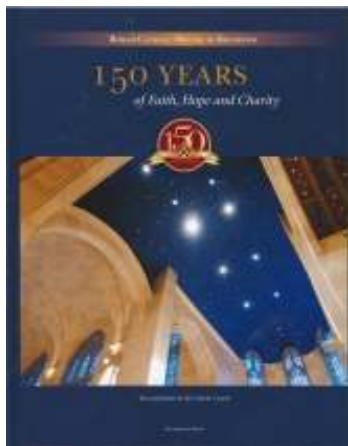


Attention All!

Do you have any used instruments collecting dust in your closet or attic? Please consider donating them to Holy Cross School.

We are looking for all types of instruments including violins, flutes and trumpets to mention a few. Your donation will help some students be able to take lessons with Mr. Paruta!

Thank you!



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

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

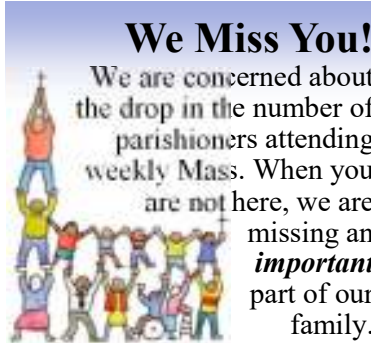
checks may be made payable to: **Holy Cross Church.** Bring cash or your check book **NEXT weekend, December 16/17 to pick up a copy.** A sample book and order forms are available on the table in the Parish Center Foyer **THIS weekend, December 9/10.**

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



Celebrated Mass with Our Parish Family		
Week	Dec '16	Dec '17
1	913	828
2		
3		
4		
5		

When you are not here, we are missing an **important** part of our family. *Father Gagnier*



RPO and Holy Cross Church Gala Holiday Pops Concert!

102 Seats Sold-to-Date ! More Seats Opened Up!

GREAT NEWS! We have sold our 100 seats reserved in the mezzanine although there are a few single seats available. We have opened up lower balcony seats to accommodate the demand for the concert!

Please use the NEW link below. This will take you directly to the order page. You can also go to the Holy Cross Facebook page or web page to get the link as well.

<https://ev12.eventue.net/cgi-bin/ncommerce3/SEGetGroupList?prc=HOLY&caller=PR&linkID=rpo&RDAT&RSRC>

You will have several options to obtain your tickets. You can print at home, have mobile device delivery, or have them mailed to your home. If you wish or need to purchase your tickets via phone, please call a Jenni Kohler, direct sales manager at 585-399-3697 and she will take your order over the phone. Jenni is handling our group and is a pleasure to work with!

If you have any questions on the Holy Cross end of this, please call Ed DiPonzio at 585-370-3940 or email him at ediponz@gmail.com. This new process simplifies the ticket ordering for everyone and you will be able to pick your own seat!

Thank you and join us in celebrating Christmas just 3 days prior to our Savior's birth!

Liturgical Ministers Week of December 17 (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	Mary Jo Jesmer	Contemporary Music Ens	E Sak, L Pettis NEED SERVER, NEED SERVER	
8 AM	Pat Gunther	Deb Hodges, David Kommeth, Jim Cinelli	Terri Sharpe	Karen Cavacos	A Muratore, T Norton	
10 AM	Tracy O'Brien	Mary & Lou D'Angelo, Caitlyn Stahovic, Margaretmary Zeh, Annemarie Caricchio	Doug Escher	George Mathis	B Dornberger, J Stoklosa	Karen Lebeck
12 PM	Molly Jardas	Josie Baccoli, John Jardas, Jerry & Patricia Palermo	Fred Amato	Dick Lawrence	NEED SERVER, NEED SERVER	

Liturgical Ministers Week of December 17 (3rd Sunday of the Month)**December 20**

Children's Liturgy	Coffee Hour	Small Altar Linens	Clean Church	Shore Winds
Eldred	Robin Maloney	Kathy Magee	H Farrell, E Lupo, K Fursa	Tom Ferrera

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>

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