

# N.E.T. Catholic

**Holy Cross**



**Saint Anthony**



**All Saints**



North East Tompkins County (N.E.T.) Roman Catholic Parishes  
Dryden/Freeville — Groton — Lansing, New York  
All are welcome!

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## **HOLY CROSS**

375 George Road, Freeville, NY

**Office Hours:** Monday 8:30 am–12 noon

Wednesday 8:30 am–12 noon and 1:00–4:30 pm

**Mass:** Sunday 8:30 am Monday and Wednesday 9:00 am

**Confessions and Adoration:** Tuesday 7:00–8:00 pm

## **SAINT ANTHONY**

312 Locke Road, Groton, NY

**Office Hours:** Tuesday and Friday 8:30 am–12 noon and  
1:00–4:30 pm

**Mass:** Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 2:00 pm

Tuesday 9:00 am and Friday 11:00 am

**Confessions and Adoration:** Saturday 2:45–3:45 pm

## **ALL SAINTS**

347 Ridge Road, Lansing, NY

**Office Hours:** Monday 1:00–4:30 pm,

Thursday 8:30 am–12 noon, and 1:00–4:30 pm

**Mass:** Sunday 10:30 am, Monday 3:00 pm, and Thursday 9:30 am

**Confessions and Adoration:** Thursday 3:00–4:00 pm



December 8, 2019  
**Second Sunday  
of Advent**  
Year A

## **Welcome!**

We graciously welcome all new parishioners and visitors to our community. To register, please fill out a registration form available at church entrances, and drop it in the collection basket or at the office. Or register online at: [netcatholic.org/join](http://netcatholic.org/join). A member of our ministry team will contact you to complete your registration.

### **Baptism**

Baptismal preparation is offered and required for parents of children to be baptized in our churches. Please contact the parish office or fill in the online form at [netcatholic.org/baptism](http://netcatholic.org/baptism), for an initial interview and baptismal preparation.

### **Holy Matrimony**

Couples must contact the parish office at least six months prior to the celebration. Marriage preparation prerequisites must be fulfilled before the celebration of marriage.

### **RCIA/RCIC**

Those interested in becoming Catholic or wishing to complete their Christian initiation through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist are asked to call the parish office or fill in the form at [netcatholic.org/becomingcatholic](http://netcatholic.org/becomingcatholic).

### **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**

This Sacrament is available for individuals upon request, and communal celebrations are scheduled each month at the Groton Nursing Home and on once a year on Holy Thursday morning.

### **Ministry to the Sick**

Please call or email Father Daniel concerning the needs of the sick, hospitalized or shut-ins. Those unable to attend Mass may have Communion brought to them.

## A Note from Father Daniel

### Advent is a time to remember that WE are the People of God, God walks with us, here and now

Our forefathers in the faith, our Jewish sisters and brothers, understood themselves to be the People of God, which meant that God was with them always, and so as they journeyed through the desert, every time they set camp they would build a tent for God. This time of Advent is a time for us to become aware of the same, that we are the People of God and God is ALWAYS among us.

The Church is not a building, not an institution, not a club, not a family (which would necessarily mean that there are some that do not belong to such family, that do not share the same blood or the same last name), the church is a community of sisters and brothers that understand themselves as belonging entirely to God (not God belonging to them) through the sacrifice of Christ and who take upon themselves the Mission shared by Christ of being light and salt in the world as they journey together towards the Kingdom of God.

We understand that such a community is the locus of God's activity, the place where we encounter God and experience God's love and forgiveness, the place in which we become the likeness of Christ by continuing His mission. God is nowhere else to be found, but powerfully present and at work in creation, in our world, in our community. In the church as a people of God, God is present to us in Word and Sacrament, in the poor ("anything you did for one of the least ones you did for me?"), in one another. God is present in our history guiding us in the same way God guided the people of Israel through the desert and because we are God's possession and God is among us, even if we go through many trials our faith remains firm, because we are aware of God's presence, love and guidance always and everywhere.

This understanding of the Church as the people of God also means the only one in authority is God (This structure that only has one Father who is God is clear in Mark 10:29-30 for example.) The church is not an institution of power trips and power struggles as other human institutions might function. The church can also never be a structure of the laity versus the clergy or the clergy versus the laity. Clergy and Laity are all part of the one people of God, with

different roles, not two "social classes" called to be in conflict, but members of the same body of Christ. Since the clergy act as vicars of Christ, the head and the laity are the members of the Body, any understanding of the church that creates a division between them will only lead to death, as if a head tried to live separated from its body, or a body tried to live separated from its head. The Church as the people of God is formed of many different roles (pope, bishops, priests, religious, lay, ecclesial ministers doing the small job of ministry of healing and sanctification, so that all the lay missionary disciples can be nourished to continue transforming the world into the kingdom of God within their professions and areas of influence and expertise) all subject to the one and only authority of God, to whom we belong. All together, respecting their particular roles within the ecclesial community, to **discern** God's will and do their best, **not** to advance their own agendas or preserve their "traditions", "identities", and "territories", killing the Holy Spirit by resisting change and creativity, but humbly doing what is best for the mission of Christ and following courageously where the Spirit might guide always in new ways.

Each of our parishes have a Pastoral Council which is meant to be that place where the People of God come together to discern God's will, to see where God might be guiding our communities, how we can best fulfil Jesus' Mission in our towns. Our parishes are not an end in themselves, but merely a means to an end. A branch of the universal field hospital that is the Church called to bring glad tidings to the poor. The council is meant to discern how we can make our parishes an effective means for that mission in each time and place. We cannot do that without the participation of the whole people of God. Since God is powerfully at work in our midst, we need to hear from you and what the Spirit might be placing in your heart. If you have ideas as to how we can better fulfil the mission of Christ, please let the council know by placing your ideas in the suggestion boxes at each of our churches.

May God help us to truly be God's people by surrendering our pride and our agendas and guiding our lives by God's will so that we can make God truly present in this world, always among us.

A.M.D.G.,  
*Father Daniel*



## Upcoming G.I.F.T. Dates - All are welcome!

**Whole Community Gathering:** Sunday, December 8th, 4:30pm at Saint Anthony

**Whole Community Gathering:** Sunday, January 5th, 4:30pm at Holy Cross

### Please note that:

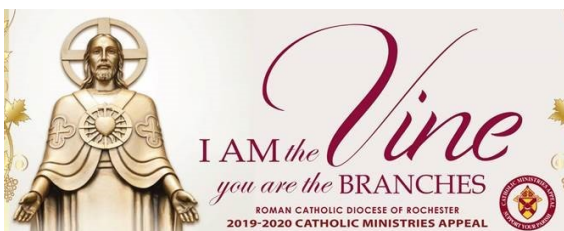
- 4:30pm Mass fulfills Sunday Obligation.
- The meal will be provided and it is not a dish-to-pass. Just bring yourself and enjoy.
- There will be a Nursery service provided during the Faith Talks time for all children under Pre-K. Children Pre-K to 12th Grade will be engage in their own faith formation during that time.

**We know this is a busy season, so there will be no Sunday morning or Saturday evening classes in December. Please make sure you set time aside to come to Mass every weekend, and to do your Advent and Christmas practices at home.**

### Called to Encounter God in Creation

All are welcome! Invite someone else to come with you.

## CMA Report



<b>Holy Cross</b>	Goal \$19,449 / 92 Donors	Pledged \$6,195.00 / 18 Donors
<b>Saint Anthony</b>	Goal \$9,812 / 80 Donors	Pledged \$2,375.00 / 18 Donors
<b>All Saints</b>	Goal \$15,164 / 110 Donors	Pledged \$2,465.00 / 14 Donors

## This week in our Parishes

<b>Sun. Dec. 8</b>	<b>Mass 8:30am @ H.C.</b> <b>Mass 10:30am @ A.S.</b> <b>Mass 2:00pm @ St. A.</b> <b>G.I.F.T. Whole Community Gathering 4:30pm @ St. A.</b>
<b>Mon. Dec. 9</b>	<b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</b> Holy Day of Obligation <b>Mass 9:00 am @ H.C.</b> <b>Mass 3:00 pm @ A.S.</b> <b>Mass 6:00 pm @ St. A.</b>
<b>Tues. Dec. 10</b>	<b>Mass 9:00am @ St. A.</b> <b>Adoration and Confessions 7:00-8:00pm @ H.C.</b>
<b>Wed. Dec. 11</b>	<b>Diocesan Day of Penance</b> <b>Mass 9:00am @ H.C.</b> <b>Bible Study 10:00am @ H.C.</b>
<b>Thurs. Dec. 12</b>	<b>Mass 9:30am @ A.S.</b> <b>Coffee Hour 10:15am @ A.S.</b> <b>Adoration and Confessions 3:00-4:00pm @ A.S.</b>
<b>Fri. Dec. 13</b>	<b>Mass 11:00am @ St. A.</b>
<b>Sat. Dec. 14</b>	<b>Knots of Love 10:00am @ A.S.</b> <b>Rosary 10:00am @ H.C.</b> <b>No Adoration and Confessions @ St. A.</b> <b>Mass 4:30pm @ St. A.</b>
<b>Sun. Dec. 15</b>	<b>Mass 8:30am @ H.C.</b> <b>Mass 10:30am @ A.S.</b> <b>Pageant 12:00pm @ A.S.</b> <b>Mass 2:00pm @ St. A.</b>

### A LOOK AHEAD

<b>Dec. 22</b>	<b>Christmas Pageant Rehearsal @ St. A.</b>
<b>Jan. 10-11</b>	<b>Teen Retreat @ Camp Casowasco</b>

**Our Sacrificial Offering for  
the fulfillment of the Mission  
of Jesus Christ**



**All Saints**

12/1/2019      No information



**Holy Cross**

12/1/2019      No information



**Saint Anthony**

12/1/2019      \$1,064.25



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**Pastoral Emergencies,**  
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contact the office.

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a voice mail at: 607-288-2350**

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR: DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> & 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Time	Proclaimers of	E.M.H.C.	Altar Servers	Greeters/Ushers	Gift Bearers
<b>4:30pm – Saturday Saint Anthony</b> Homilist: Father Daniel	Margie LaFrance (A) Ed Neuhauser (B)	Ed Neuhauser Andrea Perkins Linda Benson	Maddie Perkins	Mike Perkins Mark Robinson	Barb Walpole Joan Walpole <b>Nursing Home</b> Irene Gutches
<b>8:30am – Sunday Holy Cross</b> Homilist: Father Daniel	Cathy Parsons (A) David Minarski (B)	(C) Roger Pellerin (C) Nan Lisk (H) Dick Buechel	Armando Gonzalez Antonio Gonzalez	Pat Brennan Dennis Lynch	<b>Oak Hill</b> Bette Minarski Kathy Lanigan
<b>10:30am – Sunday All Saints</b> Homilist: Father Daniel	Jenny Cummings (A) Sheila Cole (B)	(C) Julie Berens (C) Monica Ravas (H) Dave Lippert	Farren Snyder Cole Boys	Brayden Hewitt Julie Berens Maureen Ronsvalle Dominick Ronsvalle	<b>Sacristan</b> Anne Drake
<b>2:00pm – Sunday Saint Anthony</b> Homilist: Father Daniel	Janna Lamey	Irene Gutches	Alex Lamey	Irene Gutches	Volunteers

## Mass Intentions

Saturday (December 7), 4:30 pm @ Saint Anthony  
**For Mary Carey, by Dan & Ann Carey**

Sunday (December 8), 8:30 am @ Holy Cross  
**For Dan West, by Tim West**

Sunday (December 8), 10:30 am @ All Saints  
**For Lorne Montague, by the Hass Family**

Sunday (December 8), 2:00 pm @ Saint Anthony  
**For Erlinda Baliza, by Rick and Margie LaFrance**

Sunday (December 8), 4:30 pm @ Saint Anthony  
**For the People of Our Parishes**

Monday (December 9), 9:00am @ Holy Cross  
**For the People of Our Parishes**

Monday (December 9), 3:00pm @ All Saints  
**For the People of Our Parishes**

Monday (December 9), 6:00pm @ Saint Anthony  
**For the People of Our Parishes**

Tuesday (December 10), 9:00 am @ Saint Anthony  
**For Elizabeth Doppel**

Wednesday (December 11), 9:00 am @ Holy Cross  
**For Bernice Ivers, by Barb and Jim Ivers**

Thursday (December 12), 9:30 am @ All Saints  
**For Thomas Brown, by His Family**

Friday (December 13), 11:00 am @ Saint Anthony  
**For Josephine Walpole, by Marie Bancroft, Lona, and Lisa**

Saturday (December 14), 4:30 pm @ Saint Anthony  
**For Barb O'Sullivan, by Mark Robinson**

Sunday (December 15), 8:30 am @ Holy Cross  
**For Tate MacDowell, by Grace and Fred Farah**

Sunday (December 15), 10:30 am @ All Saints  
*No intention requested*

Sunday (December 15), 2:00 pm @ Saint Anthony  
**For Thomas Casey, by John and Barb Walpole**

## Liturgical Calendar for this week

**This Sunday:** SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Violet  
 Isaiah 11:1-10 / Romans 15:4-9 / Matthew 3:1-12

**Monday:** White  
 SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE  
 CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED  
 VIRGIN MARY  
 Genesis 3:9-15 / Ephesians 1:3-6 / Luke 1:26-38

**Tuesday:** of the Second week of Advent Violet  
 Isaiah 40:1-11 / Matthew 18:12-14

**Wednesday:** of the Second week of Advent Violet  
 Isaiah 40:25-31 / Matthew 11:28-30

**Thursday:** Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe White  
 Revelations 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab / Luke 1:26-38

**Friday:** Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Red  
 Isaiah 48: 17-19 / Matthew 11:16-19

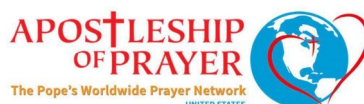
**Saturday:** Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church White  
 Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 / Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

**Next Sunday:** THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Violet / Rose  
 Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 / James 5:7-10 / Matthew 11:2-11

### The Sanctuary Candles burn this week for the following intentions

*At All Saints*  
**For Ronald Ronsvale**  
 Requested by  
 Father Daniel

*At Saint Anthony*  
**For the recovery of Grant Bonavia**  
 Requested by St. Anthony's  
 Ministry Team



**Please join the Pope in praying** for the following intention during the month of December 2019: **The Future of the Very Young** – That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.



### Prayer Requests For Our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Angelo Alaimo, Jane Baldwin, Grant Bonavia, Ginny Bradshaw, Chrissy Bravo-Cullen, Karen Brown, Phyllis Campbell, Ian Charles, Donna Cocca, Paul Conklin, Robert Deely, Jerica Duso, Janice Ehresman, Richard "Dick" Fagan, Lois Fahey, Pat Fairbank, Mary Falise, Gordon Gladden, Amy Grosser, Francis Hertel, Kirsten Hess, Nimr Ibrahim, Jeremiah, Autum Kenyon, Steve Kletjian, Valerie Kuramoto, Mr. Liggett, Marcus Martinez, Leah Mayor, Emma Mazingo, Joe McCarey, Betty McCarey, Lee McGill, Fred Mellberg, Sara Morse, Dennis Osika, Jim Oswald, Kathy Pumphrey, Karen Randolph, Geraldine Rankin, Emilie Searle, Eleanor Sorbello, Lucy Steger, Phyllis Stewart, Robert Stewart, Ethel Thomas, Melanie Toolan, Vicky Toro, Maria Unterreiner, Ellen VanSlyke Batzer, Sharon Vincent, Tom Walpole, Richard Weiss, Ryan White, Jocelyn Woods, and several Special Intentions.

**Please keep our area servicemen & women in your prayers.**

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## WINTER WEATHER POLICY

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**DURING THE WEEK**, when the school district in each town is delayed or closed, the activities in the corresponding Parish will be cancelled up to the time the school is delayed, or for the whole day if the school is closed for the whole day. This includes Masses, confessions, meetings, and office hours.

**DURING THE WEEKEND**, if there is a weather advisory in effect, please check our website: [www.netcatholic.org](http://www.netcatholic.org), or our Facebook page: [facebook.com/netcatholic](https://facebook.com/netcatholic) or call (607) 288-2350 to learn about any cancellations.

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## Parish News and Events

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Would you like to know more about Catholicism? Have you thought about becoming Catholic? Do you know someone that might be interested in

Catholicism? If so, contact Dawn Burdick at (607) 288-2476 or at [dawn.burdick@dor.org](mailto:dawn.burdick@dor.org).

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### WEB) Weekend Backpack Program

Holy Cross Church is collecting **100% Juice Boxes** for the month of December. Please look for a collection basket in the back of the church.

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### Calling all St Anthony Heavenly Bakers!

Tuesday, Dec 10 we will be assembling cookie plates for our nursing home and home bound parishioners after the 9 AM Mass. Please bake for us and help us put these yummy plates together, or maybe you could just drop off cookies at the parish office on Tues. Dec 10 by 9AM. Thanks for helping us spread the Christmas spirit!

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### Christmas Mass Times

#### Christmas Eve:

**2 pm** — Mass at **Holy Cross**, Father Daniel Ruiz, Presider and Homilist (Children's Homily).

**4 pm** — Mass at **Saint Anthony** (preceded by Christmas Pageant and caroling) Father Daniel Ruiz, Presider and Homilist.

**6 pm** — Mass at **All Saints**, Father Kevin J. Hanlon, M.M., U.S. Regional Superior of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, Presider and Homilist (preceded by caroling. Posadas at the beginning of Mass).

#### Christmas Day:

**10:30 am** — Mass at **Saint Anthony**, Father Daniel Ruiz, Presider and Homilist.

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### Setting up for Christmas at Holy Cross

We will be setting up the Manger December 11 after the Wednesday morning Mass. We will be setting up everything else, Sunday December 22 after the 8:30 am Mass. That day we will also have Donut Sunday, so all can stay, help decorate and enjoy some treats.

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### Call for Singers: Christmas Choir @ All Saints

Would you like to sing with the All Saints choir at the Christmas Eve Mass? You are invited to join us for rehearsal at 7pm on December 1, 15, and 22. This is a perfect opportunity for anyone who may have considered joining the choir but didn't feel they could make the time commitment. For more information, contact Julia at ([julia.phillips@dor.org](mailto:julia.phillips@dor.org)).

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### Giving Trees

The giving trees are up in each of our parishes, please consider taking some of the tags and sharing with someone in need this Christmas. Gifts are due back at each of the churches the weekend of December 14-15 at Holy Cross and Saint Anthony, and the weekend of December 22 at All Saints. Please make sure you bring the gift back to the church where you got the tag, they are different lists. Thank you for your generosity!

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### Share the Warmth at N.E.T. Catholic

'Tis the season for donating coats, gloves, mittens, hats, scarves and boots to the annual Share the Warmth drive. You'll find collection bins around the area in grocery and other stores, and on the campuses. Tubs to collect items for **Share the Warmth** may be found in the Parish Hall at All Saints, under the coat rack next to the Parish Office. In the back of the church near the Nursery at Holy Cross and in the Narthex at Saint Anthony.

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### Looking for some inspiration during the Advent and Christmas seasons?

Then you are invited to join an Adult Book Club and read **Radical Hospitality, Benedict's Way of Love**. It is an engaging discussion of the Rule of St. Benedict that offers spiritual growth and a way to invigorate our church. To join you simply need to read the book between now and January 12<sup>th</sup> (available in paperback and for e-readers.) Sometime during the week of Jan 12<sup>th</sup> we will meet at **All Saints** to discuss the book. Please consider giving yourself the gift of some spiritual reading during this holy season of Christmas. If you need help ordering the book, please contact Diane Schafer at [diane3@twcny.rr.com](mailto:diane3@twcny.rr.com).

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### Saint Anthony Christmas Pageant

All children in grades pre-k through 12 are invited to take part in the St. Anthony Christmas pageant which will happen just before the 4pm Mass on Christmas Eve. There will be one rehearsal on December 22, at 3pm. Contact Dawn if you have any questions ([dawn.burdick@dor.org](mailto:dawn.burdick@dor.org)).

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### Teen Retreat

Young people in grades 7-12 are invited to join us for an overnight retreat at Camp Casowasco on January 10-11. Give yourself the chance to step away from the busy-ness of life and take some time to be with God and friends. The retreat will be facilitated by Father Daniel and Dawn. Contact one of them with questions. Registration info can be found on our website ([netcatholic.org](http://netcatholic.org)) or at the back of church.