

# 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!

**Parish Office:** (607) 241-0821  
**Pastoral Emergencies:** (607) 288-2350  
[www.netcatholic.org](http://www.netcatholic.org)  
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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



## 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 Deacon George

Every family has a history, traditions and family stories. We have stories passed down to us by parents and caregivers, and we, also, have the stories that our parents and caregivers had passed down to them by their parents and caregivers. These stories are part of the fabric of our lives.

During the week of December 8-12, we honor Mary, the mother of Jesus, in her title of the “Immaculate Conception” and as “Our Lady of Guadalupe.” Most of what we know about Mary comes to us from the Bible, but some comes from traditions and stories passed down to us from the Apostles.

Tradition tells us that Mary’s parents were Joachim and Anna. We know that she was born in Nazareth and was of the family of King David. Tradition tells us that Mary was born without original sin, that weakness that we all have that makes us susceptible to temptation. For this reason, we call her the “Immaculate Conception” even though she was conceived in the normal way.

From the Bible, we know that God chose Mary for a special purpose: to give birth to Jesus, God’s Son. She was prepared for this from birth, but God gave her a choice when the angel, Gabriel, appeared to her. She could have chosen not to become pregnant with Jesus. In fact, that would have been an easy out for her. By allowing herself to become pregnant through the Holy Spirit, she opened herself up to a life of hardship. The first hardship was that she was engaged to a relative, Joseph, and she knew that if he and the village found out that she was pregnant before marriage, she could have been taken by the village elders and stoned to death. Young girls in parts of the Middle East and Asia face this same fate even to this day. But, Mary, said “yes”, and Joseph accepted her and her son into his heart.

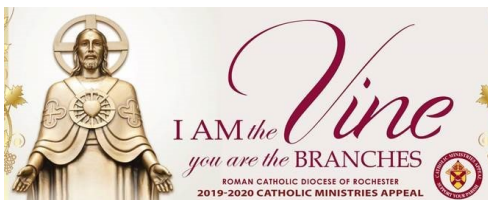
The second hardship was traveling when she was pregnant to Bethlehem and giving birth to Jesus in a stable. Then she and Joseph fled to Egypt to avoid King Herod’s men who sought to kill the child. More hardships followed when she and Joseph lost Jesus when he was twelve in Jerusalem, when Joseph died, when Jesus was arrested, tortured and crucified, and she faced a parent’s greatest tragedy of experiencing the death of one’s child.

Through all of these hardships, she remained true to her faith, and became an example to all of us, and in the end, Mary was awarded when she was assumed to heaven body and soul at her death.

When she was a young girl, an angel came to deliver her a message. Now, she is a messenger of God, herself, appearing to young people and adults all over the world, as she did in 1531 to a Mexican peasant, Juan Diego, on Tepeyac Hill in what would someday become Mexico City. Through miracles, she has made her presence known and has brought her son’s message to a world that needs constant reminders that we must love one another just as God loves us.

I have mentioned in the past that many years ago in my first assignment as a Deacon at Immaculate Conception Church in Ithaca, our Liturgy Committee was once discussing honoring Mary at Christmas time. One of the leaders of our Committee asked: “What does Mary have to do with Christmas?” The answer, of course, is “Everything!” This simple Jewish girl from a backwater little town in an insignificant portion of the world was God’s instrument to bring salvation to the world. So, this Christmas, let us honor Mary who said “yes”, and let her story be one that you pass on in your family.

## CMA Report



<b>Holy Cross</b>	Goal \$19,449 / 92 Donors	Pledged \$9,335.00 / 33 Donors
<b>Saint Anthony</b>	Goal \$9,812 / 80 Donors	Pledged \$4,600.00 / 28 Donors
<b>All Saints</b>	Goal \$15,164 / 110 Donors	Pledged \$5,380 / 30 Donors

## Our Ministry Team

<b>Father Daniel Ruiz, Pastor – fr.daniel.ruiz@dor.org – (607) 288-2350</b>	
<b>Dawn Burdick</b> , N.E.T. Catholic Pastoral Associate and Faith Formation Coordinator	dawn.burdick@dor.org / (607) 288-2476
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<b>Jeanne Pellerin and Barb Ivers</b> , Holy Cross Music Ministry	

## This week in our Parishes

<b>Sun. Dec. 15</b>	Mass 8:30am @ H.C. Mass 10:30am @ A.S. Mass 2:00pm @ St. A.
<b>Mon. Dec. 16</b>	Mass 9:00am @ H.C. Mass 1:30pm @ Oak Hill Manor Mass 3:00pm @ A.S.
<b>Tues. Dec. 17</b>	Mass 9:00am @ St. A. Mass with Anointing of the Sick 2:00pm @ Groton Nursing Home Adoration and Confessions 7:00-8:00pm @ H.C.
<b>Wed. Dec. 18</b>	Mass 9:00am @ H.C. Bible Study 10:00am @ H.C.
<b>Thurs. Dec. 19</b>	Mass 9:30am @ A.S. Coffee Hour 10:15am @ A.S. Adoration and Confessions 3:00-4:00pm @ A.S.
<b>Fri. Dec. 20</b>	Mass 11:00am @ St. A.
<b>Sat. Dec. 21</b>	Knots of Love 10:00am @ A.S. Rosary 10:00am @ H.C. Adoration and Confessions 2:45-3:45pm @ St. A. Mass 4:30pm @ St. A.
<b>Sun. Dec. 22</b>	Community Pancake Breakfast 8:00am @ H.C. Mass 8:30am @ H.C. Donut Sunday 9:30am @ H.C. Mass 10:30am @ A.S. Mass 2:00pm @ St. A. Christmas Pageant Rehearsal @ St. A.

### A LOOK AHEAD

<b>Dec. 24-Jan 3</b>	N.E.T. Offices Closed
<b>Jan. 10-11</b>	Teen Retreat @ Camp Casowasco

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



#### All Saints

12/8/2019 \$2,896.00



#### Holy Cross

12/8/2019 \$1,367.76



#### Saint Anthony

12/8/2019 \$1,159.50

### Online Donations

November 1-30, 2019

Holy Cross - 18 Users

**Total Online Donations: \$4,985.00**

St. Anthony - 12 Users

**Total Online Donations: \$1,859.00**

All Saints - 15 Users

**Total Online Donations: \$6,780.00**

You can make sure you support your

Parish, no matter where you are!

Donate online today by visiting our website at [netcatholic.org/donate](http://netcatholic.org/donate)

For Pastoral Care and  
Pastoral Emergencies,

please do not  
contact the office.

**Instead, text or leave  
a voice mail at: 607-288-2350**

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR: DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> & 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2019 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Time	Proclaimers of the Word	E.M.H.C.	Altar Servers	Greeters / Ushers	Gift Bearers
<b>4:30pm – Saturday</b> <b>Saint Anthony</b> Homilist: Father Daniel	Linda Bonavia (A) Howard Bonavia (B)	Linda Bonavia Keith Randolph Cathy Bishop	Dylan Sedorus	Fran Sovocool Nancy Brown	Sally Devlen Marie Pollack <b>Nursing Home</b> MaryAnn Beno
<b>8:30am – Sunday</b> <b>Holy Cross</b> Homilist: Father Daniel	Janna Lamey (A) Mike Ianello (B)	(C) Mimi Lewis (C) AnnMarie Streeter (H) Tony Salerno	Alex Lamey Maisie Davis	Tom Harkenrider David Minarski	<b>Oak Hill</b> Doreen Dineen Aggie Binger
<b>10:30am – Sunday</b> <b>All Saints</b> Homilist: Father Daniel	Matt Montague (A) Randy McDonald (B)	(Ch)Andra Benson (Ch) Dave Lippert Jolanda Pandin Pat Wheeler	Alejandra Benson Rafaela Benson	Morgan Boerman John Callister Ed Pasto Brayden Hewitt	<b>Sacristan</b> Matt Connolly
<b>2:00pm – Sunday</b> <b>Saint Anthony</b> Homilist: Father Daniel	Rich Morse	Rich Morse	Joe Bishop Abe Bishop	Morse Family	Volunteers

## Mass Intentions

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  
**Dorothy McCarthy, by Joan Hass**

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

Monday (December 16), 9:00am @ Holy Cross  
**For William R. Legott, by Bill and Trina Schickel**

Monday (December 16), 3:00pm @ All Saints  
**For Ron Ronsvalle, by Chris and Clara Barrett**

Tuesday (December 17), 9:00 am @ Saint Anthony  
**For Christine Snyder, by John and Barb Walpole**

Tuesday (December 17), 2:00 pm @ Nursing Home  
**For the People of Our Parishes**

Wednesday (December 18), 9:00 am @ Holy Cross  
**For John and Rose Riester, by Nan Lisk**

Thursday (December 19), 9:30 am @ All Saints  
**For Chuck Benson, by Chris and Clara Barrett**

Friday (December 20), 11:00 am @ Saint Anthony  
**For Eleanor Carey, by her nieces and nephews**

Saturday (December 21), 4:30 pm @ Saint Anthony  
**For George Foster, by David, Theresa, and Michael Foster**

Sunday (December 22), 8:30 am @ Holy Cross  
**For Donna Cole Fagan, by her Parents**

Sunday (December 22), 10:30 am @ All Saints  
**Amelia Montanaro, by her Grandchildren and Great-grandchildren**

Sunday (December 22), 2:00 pm @ Saint Anthony  
**For Denis Casey, by John and Barb Walpole**

## Liturgical Calendar for this week

### This Sunday:

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

**Monday:** of the Third week of Advent Violet  
 Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a / Matthew 21:23-27

**Tuesday:** of the Third week of Advent Violet  
 Genesis 49: 2, 8-10 / Matthew 1: 1-17

**Wednesday:** of the Third week of Advent Violet  
 Jeremiah 23:5-8 / Matthew 1:18-25

**Thursday:** of the Third week of Advent Violet  
 Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a / Luke 1:5-25

**Friday:** of the Third week of Advent Violet  
 Isaiah 7:10-14 / Luke 1:26-38

**Saturday:** of the Third week of Advent Violet  
 Zephaniah 3:14-18a / Luke 1:39-45

### Next Sunday:

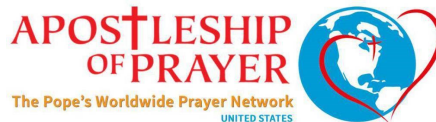
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Violet  
 Isaiah 7:10-14 / Romans 1:1-7 / Matthew 1:18-24

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

*At All Saints*  
**For Chuck Benson**  
 Requested by  
 Father Daniel



*At Holy Cross*  
**For Bernice Ivers**  
 Requested by  
 Jim and Barb Ivers



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, 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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### 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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### 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 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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### Volunteers Needed for Community Pancake Breakfast and Spaghetti Dinner @ H.C.

Holy Cross is in need of volunteers for a Community Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, December 22nd from 8:00 to 10:00am, and a Community Spaghetti dinner on Sunday, December 29th from 5:00 to 7:00pm; both events for our families in need from

the community. If you would like to help, please contact **Lorena Bobnick McIntyre** at (607) 227-6357.

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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. 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.

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### Free Window Sashes at A.S.

At All Saints we are replacing all of the Parish Center windows the week of 12/16. Many of the windows themselves (the window sash) are in good shape. These window sashes could be useful for garden greenhouses, sheds, cold frames, etc. If any parishioners from our 3 churches have an interest in a few, please contact **Chris Miller** ([sixmillers94@gmail.com](mailto:sixmillers94@gmail.com)) immediately so we set them aside for you.