

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



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. 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, 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.

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

Merry Christmas!

Celebrating Christmas means remembering that God loves us so much and is so absolutely committed to us and to our story and our destiny that God has entered our lives in a definite way in Jesus, to stay with us, to be with us always no matter what. It also means to recognize that God enters our world and our lives in humble and tender ways, ways that we can easily miss. This is an invitation for us to become aware that God is among us in the very midst of our broken lives working in quiet ways, always healing us, always rekindling the dwindling flame of hope, always moving us to love, always inviting us to joy. Do not look for God in the expected human ways of power and miracles, look for God in the humble unexpected ways, God is always walking with you, God will love you no matter what and God will never give up on you, God has tied God's destiny to yours until the end, you are not doing this alone, God loves you every step of the way!

The holidays can be a difficult time for many, for them we lift up a prayer today, that they will find comfort knowing that God loves them and God is with them. We specially hold in our hearts those that as we celebrate are feeling the pain of not having a loved one with them this season, with them we share this little poem:

*I'm Spending Christmas in Heaven
I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below,
With many lights, like heaven's stars reflecting on the snow.
The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away that tear,*

*Because I'm spending Christmas day with Jesus Christ
this year.*

*I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear
But the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas
choir up here.*

*I have no words to tell the joy their beautiful voices bring,
It is beyond description to hear the angels sing.*

*I know how much you miss me, I see the pain in your heart,
But it's only for a little while that we will be apart.*

*I'll ask Him to light your spirit as I tell Him of your love,
So please pray for one another as you lift your eyes above.*

*I can't tell you of the splendor or the peace here in this place.
Can you just imagine Christmas with our Savior*

face to face?

Please let your hearts be joyful and let your spirit sing.

*I'm spending Christmas in heaven, and I'm walking
with the King.*

We will always be united in God's eternal love!

With my best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,
with all my love and gratitude,

A.M.D.G.,

Father Daniel

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

DECEMBER 24TH, 2019 - 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**, preceded by caroling. Posadas
at the beginning of Mass. **Father Kevin J. Hanlon, M.M.**,
U.S. Regional Superior of the Maryknoll Fathers and
Brothers, Presider and Homilist.

DECEMBER 25TH, 2019 - CHRISTMAS DAY

10:30 am — Mass at **Saint Anthony**.

Father Daniel Ruiz, Presider and Homilist.

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Let Us Adore Him

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

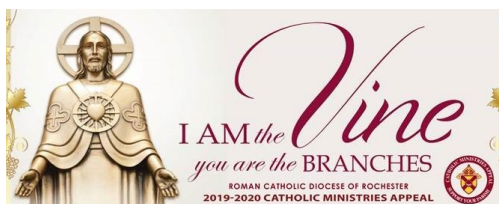
Holy Cross	12/15/19	\$1,477.22
Saint Anthony	12/15/19	No information
All Saints	12/15/19	\$1,301.10

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Pastoral Emergencies,
please do not contact the office.

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

You can make sure you support your Parish no matter where you are!
Donate online today by visiting our website at netcatholic.org/donate

CMA Report



Holy Cross	Goal \$19,449 / 92 Donors	Pledged \$11,700 / 38 Donors
Saint Anthony	Goal \$9,812 / 80 Donors	Pledged \$5,155.00 / 30 Donors
All Saints	Goal \$15,164 / 110 Donors	Pledged \$6,880 / 32 Donors

This week in our Parishes

Sun. Dec. 22	Holy Cross: Community Pancake Breakfast 8:00am / MASS 8:30am / Donut Sunday 9:30am All Saints: MASS 10:30am Saint Anthony: MASS 2:00pm / Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 3:00pm
Mon. Dec. 23	Holy Cross: MASS 9:00am All Saints: MASS 3:00pm
Tues. Dec. 24 N.E.T. Offices closed until Jan. 3	Holy Cross: CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 2:00pm Saint Anthony: Christmas Pageant 3:30pm / CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 4:00pm All Saints: CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 6:00pm
Wed. Dec. 25	CHRISTMAS DAY MASS 10:30am @ Saint Anthony
Thurs. Dec. 26	All Saints: MASS 9:30am / No Coffee Hour / No Adoration and Confessions
Fri. Dec. 27	Saint Anthony: MASS 11:00am / Taking Root Youth Spirituality Gathering 7:00-8:30pm
Sat. Dec. 28	Holy Cross: Rosary 10:00am Saint Anthony: Adoration and Confessions 2:45-3:45pm / MASS 4:30pm
Sun. Dec. 29	Holy Cross: MASS 8:30am / Community Spaghetti Dinner 5:00-7:00pm All Saints: MASS 10:30am Saint Anthony: MASS 2:00pm

A LOOK AHEAD

Jan. 1 **MASS Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation) 11:00am @ Holy Cross**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR: DECEMBER 24 TH & 25 TH , 2019 – CHRISTMAS					
Mass Time	Proclaimers of the Word	E.M.H.C.	Altar Servers	Greeters/Ushers	Gift Bearers
2:00pm - Christmas Eve Holy Cross Homilist: Father Daniel	Lisa Schug (A) Chris Loviglio (B)	(C) Dick Buechel (C) Doc McQuade (H) Nan Lisk	Alex Lamey Wyatt Minarski	Pat Brennan Barney Schug	
2:00pm - Christmas Eve Saint Anthony Homilist: Father Daniel	Rich Morse (A) Keith Randolph (B)	Rich Morse Keith Randolph Andrea Perkins	Wyatt Miller Alexa Miller Weston Miller	Andrea Perkins Mark Robinson Paul Koekebacker	Perkins Family
6:00pm - Christmas Eve Holy Cross Homilist: Father Kevin Hanlon	Sheila Cole (A) Matt Montague (B)	(Ch) Christine Hass (Ch) Monica Ravas Andra Benson Cheryl Casey	Cole Boys	Morgan Boerman Cheryl Casey Randy McDonald John Callister	Sacristan Ann Drake
10:30am - Christmas Day Saint Anthony Homilist: Father Daniel	Linda Bonavia (A) Howard Bonavia (B)	Linda Bonavia Maryalice Scharoun	Volunteers	Maryalice Scharoun	Volunteers

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR: DECEMBER 28 TH & 29 TH , 2019 – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH					
Mass Time	Proclaimers of the Word	E.M.H.C.	Altar Servers	Greeters/Ushers	Gift Bearers
4:30pm - Saturday Saint Anthony Homilist: Father Daniel	Margie LaFrance (A) Jerry Lutkenhouse (B)	Jerry Lutkenhouse Irene Gutchess Andrea Perkins	Wyatt Miller Alexa Miller Weston Miller	Sally Devlen Marie Pollack	Morse Family Nursing Home Karl & Patty Stamm
8:30am - Sunday Holy Cross Homilist: Father Daniel	Cathy Parsons (A) Bill Schickel (B)	(C) RoseMarie Bobnick (C) Mary Marshall (H) Doug Collins	Carlea Davis Maisie Davis	George Muller David Minarski	<u>Oak Hill</u> Cathy Parsons Lynn Hall
10:30am - Sunday All Saints Homilist: Father Daniel	Tom Watts (A) Jenny Cummings (B)	(Ch) Cheryl Casey (Ch) Christine Hass Ed Pasto Anne Drake	Daniel Stallone William Stallone Carter Watts	Anne Drake Matt Montague Charlie Watts Connor Watts	Sacristan Cara Watts
2:00pm - Sunday Saint Anthony Homilist: Father Daniel	Judy Lynch	Maryalice Scharoun	Joe Bishop Abe Bishop	Maryalice Scharoun	Volunteers

Mass Intentions

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
For Amelia Montanaro, by her Grandchildren and Great-grandchildren

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

Monday (December 23), 9:00 am @ Holy Cross
For John West, by Tim West

Monday (December 23), 3:00 pm @ All Saints
For Amelia Montanaro, by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren

Tuesday (December 24), 2:00 pm @ Holy Cross
For the People of Our Parishes

Tuesday (December 24), 4:00 pm @ Saint Anthony
For the People of Our Parishes

Tuesday (December 24), 6:00 pm @ All Saints
For the People of Our Parishes

Wednesday (December 25), 10:30 am @ Saint Anthony
For the People of Our Parishes

Thursday (December 26), 9:30 am @ All Saints
For Helen Balvo, by The Eisenhut Family

Friday (December 27), 11:00 am @ Saint Anthony
For John J. McGinnis, by Mr. and Mrs. David Ludlow

Saturday (December 28), 4:30 pm @ Saint Anthony
For Eleanor Carey, by Don and Ann Carey

Sunday (December 29), 8:30 am @ Holy Cross
For Tate MacDowell, by Kathleen and Robert Day and Family

Sunday (December 29), 10:30 am @ All Saints
For Amelia Montanaro, by her Grandchildren and Great-grandchildren

Sunday (December 29), 2:00 pm @ Saint Anthony
For Debra McCaa, by John & Barb Walpole

Liturgical Calendar for this week

This Sunday:

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

Monday: of the Fourth week of Advent Violet
 Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24 / Luke 1:57-66

Tuesday: of the Fourth week of Advent Violet
 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Luke 1:67-79

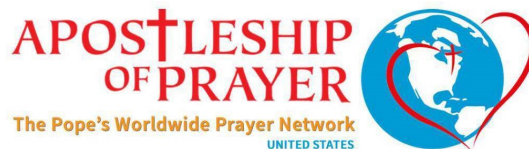
Wednesday: White
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
 Isaiah 9:1-6/Timothy 2:11-14/Luke 2:1-14

Thursday: Feast of Saint Stephen, Red
 the First Martyr
 Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / Matthew 10:17-22

Friday: Feast of Saint John, Apostle White
 and Evangelist
 1 John 1:1-4 / John 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday: Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs Red
 1 John 1:5—2:2 / Matthew 2:13-18

Next Sunday:
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH White
 Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 / Colossians 3:12-17 /
 Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23



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.**

Parish News and Events

Special thanks for the Donation of 2020 Catholic Calendars!

We would like to acknowledge and express our gratitude to the following local Funeral Homes, who generously donated the beautiful 2020 Catholic calendars for our parishes:

- Mike Shurtleff of **Shurtleff Funeral Home** for Saint Anthony
- Kyle Sharp of **Lansing Funeral Home** for All Saints
- Joe Bowers of **Perkins Funeral Home** for Holy Cross

Thank you for your kind support to our Parishes!

Ring the Bells at Christmas Mass!

If you're coming to Christmas Mass on December 24th at Holy Cross or Saint Anthony, bring a small bell with you to ring **during the Gloria**. Join us in joyful song as we sing, "Glory to God in the highest!"

Caroling before Christmas Mass @ St. A and A.S.

Our Christmas celebrations begin early at Saint Anthony and All Saints! We invite you to arrive early to Church to join the Music Ministry at Saint Anthony and All Saints in singing Christmas carols.

- Caroling at Saint Anthony begins at **3:30 PM**
 - Caroling at All Saints begins at **5:30 PM**
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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 this Sunday, December 22. This is a perfect opportunity for anyone who may have considered joining the choir! For more information, contact Julia at julia.phillips@dor.org.

Giving Trees

Gifts from All Saints are due on 12/22. 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!

Volunteers Needed for Spaghetti Dinner @ H.C.

Holy Cross is in need of volunteers for a Community Spaghetti dinner on Sunday, December 29th from 5:00 to 7:00pm for our families in need from the community. If you would like to help, please contact **Lorena Bobnick McIntyre** at (607) 227-6357.

(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.

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.

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's 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 12th (available in paperback and for e-readers.) Sometime during the week of Jan 12th 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.

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).

Teen Retreat in January

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) or at the back of church.



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.

WINTER WEATHER POLICY

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, or our Facebook page: facebook.com/netcatholic or call (607) 288-2350 to learn about any cancellations.