

# 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  
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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 29, 2019  
**The Holy Family  
of Jesus, Mary,  
and Joseph**  
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

### Wishing all a new year filled with gratitude, hope, meaning and humility!

As the year draws to a close we are all prompted to look back and evaluate how we spent this past 12 months and to look into the coming year with plans and resolutions. This prompting to examine our lives is a good thing since an unexamined life is not worth living. The prompting to look into the future and make plans for growth is also a very good thing since it springs from the theological virtue of hope, our trust that things can always be better, and will be better. Yet, these two very good promptings can take us down a treacherous path if we make them all about ourselves. We might end up with a list of failures and shortcomings, a list of all the ways in which we think we have not lived up to our own expectations and the expectations of others, a list of the many ways in which our lives have not turned out as expected, a list of all the things we have lost this past year. We will all be tempted to allow this sense of failure to creep into our end of year evaluations, but we should all instead look back at our year with 4 words in mind: humility, gratitude, hope and meaning. We should look back in gratitude, this is instead of focusing on the negative we should focus on the positive, look back at our year a make a list of concrete, simple, real reasons we have to be grateful that we got to be alive these past 365 days. Maybe we have learned something, maybe we received gestures of love, maybe we were able to be of service and really make a difference in someone's life, maybe we have discovered that we are stronger that we give ourselves credit for because we have faced and survived great trials, maybe our losses have helped us grow, maybe we have welcomed new members into our families, maybe we were truly astonished by the beauty of nature on a given day, maybe we met someone amazing that brought us joy or challenged us, maybe we tried something new and loved it, etc. We should not let this year end without taking the time to write down at least 12 concrete reasons we are grateful for being alive these past 365 days. If we want to make this task easier next year, here is a simple silly practice that will make it easier and bring this attitude of gratitude into each and every one of our days in 2020: get a mason jar and a few pads of post its or a stack of scrap paper, each day of 2020, make sure you take two minutes to write the date and one thing you are grateful for that day on one of those post its and put it in the jar, at the end of the year, or at any point during the year you are running low on gratitude you can pull those papers out and read them and be reminded of what a blessing it is to be alive, no matter how dark some days might be! We look back in humility, this is we look back in truth. Not thinking that we are perfect or expected to be perfect, but knowing that we are loved, that we have grown and that as the work in progress we are, we still have more growing to do. Instead of coming up with a list of reasons to hate ourselves we can look for 3 small ways we have grown this past year, three baby steps we have taken toward being more authentically who we are, 3 small ways we have left our lies, masks and fears behind and find ourselves more free, more honest, more loving. We can also look for the one failure, sin, fear that is hurting us the most right now. What is getting in the way of our relationship with God, ourselves and others, one real concrete thing that is hurting us that we can work on in 2020. We must be humble and not come up with a thousand things to fix this coming year, but pick one, just one that is really hurting and come up with 3 concrete ways we can address that

one thing in our daily lives, our calendar, our behaviors, our inner conversations. Again, only doable, simple, baby steps resolutions to tackle one thing, not a plan to fix everything. We look back at the year with hope, not thinking that everything that is broken and unfinished is a horrible failure, but trusting that in all things God is working out our salvation and knowing that the barren spaces of our lives are the very places God is preparing for great blessing, the very places that keep us longing and open to God. We look back at the barren places of 2019, at the points that seem like failure and we do so with expectation and trust, knowing that God will use them to bring new life and blessing, we do not look at them in despair, anger and bitterness, but in hope. We look back at our year looking for meaning. We look back not looking for success, advancement and accomplishments, ways in which we are wealthier, more powerful, better than others, more "perfect" in the Martha Stewart or Hallmark kind of way. We look back to identify how this year was meaningful, what of this year will people remember when we die?, how were we able to be people of character and integrity? How did we love and sacrifice and give? How did we nourish our relationships? How did we grow in our faith? When we die our wealth and worldly achievements will mean nothing, what were we able to give away this year of ourselves, time, talent and treasure making a difference in our children's lives, in the lives of our spouses, parents, siblings, neighbors and friends, in the lives of the poor, the excluded, the strangers, that made a difference, that brought life and love into this world that will remain after we die? How did we collaborate with God in building a kingdom of love, unity, peace and justice?

As we look forward into the new year we do so with gratitude, humility, hope and meaning. Embracing each new day as a blessing and not a burden, looking at each challenge as an opportunity to give and grow and not a punishment, welcoming everything with Mary's attitude of gratitude: may it be done to me according to your will. We look into the new year, with Mary's hope, keeping all things in our heart, the joys and the sorrows that might come, we hold peacefully in our heart knowing that in all things God is with us, loving us into the fullness of life even if we cannot see it or understand it right now. We look into 2020 with humility avoiding huge resolutions that will only bring a sense of failure and simply setting one resolution for ourselves to humbly work each day in practical ways to bring change, growth and healing to whatever attitude, behavior or situation is hurting as the most right now. We look into the new year with a sense of meaning. Not coming up with resolutions that will mean nothing when we die, such as losing weight (other than for serious health reasons), etc. but coming up with simple realistic resolutions that will make a difference in what actually matters and brings meaning into our lives, such as setting our devices aside for 30 minutes each day so we can truly be present to the people we live with, or growing our relationship with God by taking up the 10 minute challenge: 10 minutes each day of talking to God as a friend or simply sitting in silence and experiencing God's love. We can all come up with good simple doable little things to invest more of 2020 in the things that will matter once we die and less in the nonsense races we get ourselves into over power, money, pride, etc. that only take our lives away.

May Mary help us all look peacefully at the year that ends and embrace the new year in joyful expectation,

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



### Upcoming G.I.F.T. Whole Community Gathering - All are welcome!

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.

## This week in our Parishes

Sun. Dec. 29	MASS 8:30am @ Holy Cross / Community Spaghetti Dinner 5:00-7:00pm @ Holy Cross MASS 10:30am @ All Saints MASS 2:00pm @ Saint Anthony
Mon. Dec. 30 N.E.T. Offices closed until Jan. 6	MASS 9:00am @ Holy Cross MASS 3:00pm @ All Saints
Tues. Dec. 31	NEW YEAR'S EVE - No Masses No Adoration and Confessions @ Holy Cross
Wed. Jan. 1	MASS Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation) 11:00am @ Holy Cross
Thurs. Jan. 2	MASS 9:30am @ All Saints / No Coffee Hour / No Adoration and Confessions Catechists Meeting 7:00pm @ Holy Cross
Fri. Jan. 3	MASS 11:00am @ Saint Anthony
Sat. Jan. 4	Rosary 10:00am @ Holy Cross Adoration and Confessions 2:45-3:45pm @ Saint Anthony / MASS 4:30pm @ Saint Anthony
Sun. Jan. 5	MASS 8:30am @ Holy Cross / G.I.F.T Whole Community Gathering 4:30pm @ Holy Cross MASS 10:30am @ All Saints MASS 2:00pm @ Saint Anthony

### A LOOK AHEAD

Jan. 9	Pastoral Council 7:00pm @ All Saints
Jan. 10-11	Youth Ministry Confirmation Retreat @ Camp Casowasco
Jan. 11	Knots of Love 10:00am @ All Saints

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

Holy Cross  
Saint Anthony  
All Saints

Financial information from December 22nd through January 5th will be published after January 12th.

For Pastoral Care and 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](http://netcatholic.org/donate)

#### LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR: JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2019 – SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Mass Time	Proclaimers of the Word	E.M.H.C.	Altar Servers	Greeters/Ushers	Gift Bearers
11:00am - Wednesday Holy Cross Homilist: Father Daniel	Cas Flanagan (A) Lisa Schug (B)	(C) Roger Pellerin (C) Kathy Muller (H) Mimi Lewis	Alex Lamey Adrian Finney	Barney Schug Dennis Lynch	

#### LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR: JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Mass Time	Proclaimers of the Word	E.M.H.C.	Altar Servers	Greeters/Ushers	Gift Bearers
4:30pm - Saturday Saint Anthony Homilist: Father Daniel	Cathy Bishop (A) Margie LaFrance (B)	Linda Benson Chuck Rankin Cathy Bishop	Wyatt Miller Alexa Miller Weston Miller	Patrick Vrooman Phylis Vrooman	Monica Carey Cathy Howard <b>Nursing Home</b> Cathy Bishop
8:30am - Sunday Holy Cross Homilist: Father Daniel	David Minarski (A) Cathy Parsons (B)	(C) Mimi Lewis (C) Nan Lisk (H) Doug Collins	Adrian Finney	Dennis Lynch Pat Brennan	<b>Oak Hill</b> Cathy Parsons Lynn Hall
10:30am - Sunday All Saints Homilist: Father Daniel	Andra Benson (A) Gerry McDonough (B)	(Ch) Dave Lippert (Ch) Ed Pasto Monica Ravas	Giovanna Clark Lucia Clark	Cheryl Casey Randy McDonald Logan McDonald	<b>Sacristan</b> Christine Eisenhut
2:00pm - Sunday Saint Anthony Homilist: Father Daniel	Connie Wilcox	Jerry Lutkenhouse	Joe Bishop Abe Bishop	Volunteers	Volunteers

## Mass Intentions

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 and Barb Walpole**

Monday (December 30), 9:00 am @ Holy Cross  
**For Amelia Montanaro, by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren**

Monday (December 30), 3:00 pm @ All Saints  
**For Amelia Montanaro, by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren**

Tuesday (December 31) @ N.E.T Catholic  
 NO MASSES

Wednesday (January 1), 11:00 am @ Holy Cross  
**For the People of Our Parishes**

Thursday (January 2), 9:30 am @ All Saints  
**For James Balvo, by the Eisenhut Family**

Friday (January 3), 11:00 am @ Saint Anthony  
*No intention requested*

Saturday (January 4), 4:30 pm @ Saint Anthony  
**For Edward Carey, by the Jim and Mary Carey Families**

Sunday (January 5), 8:30 am @ Holy Cross  
**For Carole Ann Andola, by the Yantz Family**

Sunday (January 5), 10:30 am @ All Saints  
**For Chuck Benson, by the Benson Family**

Sunday (January 5), 2:00 pm @ Saint Anthony  
**For Barb O'Sullivan, by Mark Robinson**

Sunday (January 5), 4:30 pm @ Holy Cross  
**For the People of Our Parishes**

## Liturgical Calendar for this week

**This Sunday:**

**SOLEMNITY OF 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

**Monday:** Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord White  
 1 John 2:12-17 / Luke 2:36-40

**Tuesday:** Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord White  
 1 John 2: 18-21 / John 1:1-18

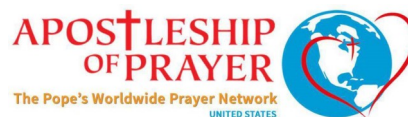
**Wednesday:**  
**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD** White  
 Numbers 6:22-27 / Galatians 4:4-7 / Luke 2:16-21

**Thursday:** Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church White  
 1 John 2:22-28 / John 1:19-28

**Friday:** Christmas Weekday White  
 1 John 2:29—3:6 / John 1:29-34

**Saturday:** Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious White  
 1 John 3:7-10 / John 1:35-42

**Next Sunday:**  
**SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD** White  
 Isaiah 60:1-6 / Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Matthew 2: 1-12



**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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## News and Events

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### 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!

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### Volunteers Needed for Spaghetti Dinner @ H.C.

Holy Cross is in need of volunteers for a Community Spaghetti dinner this 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.

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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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### 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 Christmas season?

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 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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### 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](http://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](mailto:dawn.burdick@dor.org).

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### Save the Date - Notre Dame HS OPEN HOUSE

Notre Dame High School, Grades 7-12 is hosting an OPEN HOUSE on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 from 6:30-8 p.m. as part of Catholic Schools Week. Visitors can meet faculty, take a student-led tour, and hear presentations on admissions and financial aid. Busing from the Ithaca area is available for interested students daily to/from Notre Dame. Notre Dame High School is located at 1400 Maple Avenue, Elmira.

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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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## Our Ministry Team

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