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Tuesday 8:00 am – 1:30 pm at Saint Anthony

Wednesday 8:00 am – 1:30 pm at Holy Cross

Thursday 8:00 am – 1:30 pm at All Saints

Sunday 9:00– 10:30 am at Holy Cross

11:00 am—12:30 pm at All Saints

1:00—2:30 pm at Saint Anthony



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19-20, 2020 — Year B

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve: 3 pm at All Saints, 4 pm at Saint Anthony, 5 pm at Holy Cross, 6 pm at All Saints and 10 pm at Holy Cross. **Christmas Day:** 11 am at Saint Anthony. **Online: Christmas Eve: 4 pm, 6 pm, 10 pm. Christmas Day: 11 am.**

Mass

Tuesday 10:30 am at Saint Anthony, Wednesday, 10:30 am at Holy Cross, Thursday 10:30 am at All Saints

Saturday 2:30 pm at All Saints and 4:30 pm at Saint Anthony

Sunday 8:30 am at Holy Cross, 10:30 am at All Saints, 2:00 pm at Saint Anthony and 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

In-person attendance at Mass **by sign-up only (please sign up online or call the office)**. All live-streamed Masses available at www.facebook.com/netcatholic and www.youtube.com/c/netcatholic.

Confessions:

Scheduled time for Confessions (and Adoration) without an appointment as follows: Second Saturday of the Month 11am-1 pm at Holy Cross, Third Saturday of the Month 11am-1 pm at All Saints, Fourth Saturday of the Month 11am-1 pm at Saint Anthony or by appointment on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 11:30 am – 8:30 pm.

Adoration

Online Thursday 8:30 – 9:30 pm. **In person Adoration** at the same times and locations as scheduled Confessions above.

Baptisms, Holy Matrimony, Communion Visits, Pastoral Care and Anointing of the Sick: please contact Fr. Daniel

A note from Father Daniel

Merry Christmas!

This is not an easy column to write. What can you say about Christmas in a world that in the last year has been through wild fires, hurricanes, a pandemic, etc.? What can you say to those that this year are grieving a loved one, or have lost their job, or are still trying to get over lingering effects of having been sick? What can you say to those that have been alone for 9 months and now have to face the holidays alone as well?

As I go through all these thoughts hoping that I will be able to say a word of comfort, hope, joy, peace and love it daunts on me that I do not have to find the words, for Christmas is about the WORD, the Son of God, the WORD through whom all was created in the beginning, the WORD through whom everything will come to fulfillment, the WORD that becomes incarnate, becomes human FOR US!

So the words that I have to speak to you today are not mine, but the WORD that God speaks always over a broken world, over a world afraid and lonely, over a world lost and in distress.

For in the fullness of time the Three Divine Persons (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) looked upon the world in all its confusion and suffering and decide to send the Angel to Mary so that the Son can become incarnate.

The WORD that God speaks over our suffering world is the sending of the Son as the WORD incarnate.

What does this WORD mean? That when God sees our sinfulness, confusion and distress, God's answer is not judgment or punishment, but renewed commitment, love, compassion, and empathy. God loves us and suffers with us and is willing to give it all to help us. God's love endures forever and God's commitment to humanity, humanity's well being and salvation is **eternal** with no conditions and no limits.

God's WORD over our suffering world is a WORD of blessing, the greatest blessing there is, that God becomes human so that all of God's grace and blessing enters this world forever.

God's blessing is not far from us, but always with us. If we look at the Gospel passages the church has selected for each of the Masses that celebrate Christmas (Vigil Mass, Mass during the night, Mass at Dawn, and Mass during the day) we will see even more what is that WORD that God speaks over our suffering world, over each one of us, today as we prepare to celebrate Christmas and as we celebrate Christmas.

The Gospel for the Vigil Mass is Matthew 1:1-25 the Genealogy of Jesus Christ. As we go through this list we see that: 1) Jesus is a descendant of David, the promised eternal king and Messiah, 2) A number of significant names in the history of salvation appear. 3) A number of names of known sinners and even non-Jewish people appear. 4) We see that this messy list of holy and not so holy human beings is neatly organized into 3 groups of 14 generations each. From these points we learn the Jesus, the WORD is really our Savior, the fulfillment of God's plan. We learn that this WORD of God becomes one with us, through a long process, God works slowly and patiently almost

imperceptibly, so even when we do not see a lot of progress God is always at work for us, in us and through us. We learn that God's WORD works even through sinful people and messy situations and God has the power to bring blessing from this brokenness, the same is true for us and our world. We learn that even when things in the surface look like chaos, like everything is going wrong, under the surface God is writing straight with crooked lines and when we can look back we will see order and beauty in the coming of the WORD.

The Gospel for the Mass during the night is Luke 2:1-14. The Christmas story we all know of the baby born in a stable and the announcement of the Angels to the Shepherd. From this passage we learn that the WORD does not only become human, he becomes human in poverty and humility. God comes first and foremost for the poor and the excluded, God comes as poor and humble so that he can reach all of us, and be close to all of us. God's WORD of blessing is pronounced over ALL of us.

The Gospel for the Mass at dawn is the visitation of the Shepherds Luke 2: 15-20. The first invited to visit the WORD of God in human flesh are the shepherds, the poorest among the poor. When we are poor, materially, spiritually, etc., we are God's priority, we are the first invited into God's love. As we struggle through this year, those grieving and alone are the first for whom God's WORD, God's love, enters this world.

Finally the Gospel for Mass during the day is John 1:1-14: "In the beginning was the WORD and the WORD was with God...and the WORD became flesh and made his dwelling among us..." Jesus is truly God and God has truly given up being God to become human and be with us. God has entered the world to never leave again so that the world can be healed, have light and be made whole.

There is no question that this year we have walked in darkness in so many ways, yet this celebration of Christmas reminds us that God is not indifferent, that God has pronounced God's WORD of love and blessing over us, as the Son becomes one of us. That we are not alone, we are loved, Light has entered us and this world and it is and will continue to work to heal all wounds and dispel all darkness. Today, more than ever we need to hear the message of Christmas, we are loved with an everlasting love, God dwells among us, all shall be well.

It is my hope that we can all turn decisively to God and God's love this Christmas and find comfort, refuge, peace, hope, joy and love in Him who will never leave us, nor give up on us.

May your Christmas be a happy and blessed one, not because everything is fine, but because we are certain that even in the darkness God is with us, and God is at work! With my special prayers for all who will not be able to join us in person this year and all who are suffering in different ways, **Merry Christmas to all!!!**

A.M.D.G., Father Daniel

P.S. I will not find the time to send out Christmas cards, but please know that I am deeply grateful for all the ways in which you support our parishes and me personally. You are a blessing, you are loved and I pray for you daily.

Sharing the Joy of Christmas, through a gift donation

In order to engage the joy of service and giving in these Advent and Christmas seasons, we are inviting you to help us get gifts for 40 Migrant families. You can do this very safely from the comfort of your home through an Amazon Wishlist. You can also get one of these gifts in someone else's name and then print a gift acknowledgment card by going to www.netcatholic.org/advent. If any of you were planning on giving Father Daniel, Christmas gifts, cards, meals, baked goods, etc. we encourage you instead to get a gift from this Wishlist in his name. You can find the Wishlist at <https://tinyurl.com/migrantbrethren>. Gifts will be shipped directly to the parish. Since Santa does not go to countries without a winter season, the Three Kings are the ones that bring gifts to Mexico and Central America. Our Migrant Families traditionally receive Christmas Gifts on the Epiphany (Visitation of the Wisemen). We will be delivering gifts the week of Epiphany (Jan. 6) so **the last day to purchase gifts will be December 31, 2020**. Thank you! If you have any questions please contact Dawn.

Christmas flowers

Every year we invite you to make donations towards the Christmas flowers in memory of those you love. If you want to contribute you can find envelopes marked "Christmas Flowers" in the back of the church. Make sure you write the names of those you want to remember on the space provided on the envelope. We will publish the names in our bulletin after the Christmas Season (bulletin of January 17). Thank you for your generosity.

Advent and Christmas music

Looking for some music to accompany your decorating, baking and other holiday tasks? We've created a special

Spotify and YouTube playlist to help you out. Find them on our Advent page of our website: www.netcatholic.org/advent

Setting Up for Christmas at All Saints and Holy Cross

SAVE THE DATE! You are invited to stay after Mass and help us..... As we approach the celebration of Christmas we will gather **after the morning Sunday Mass December 20** to set up all the Christmas decorations (trees, wreaths, lights, flowers, etc.). Once the Christmas Season comes to a close with the Baptism of the Lord on **January 10**, we will gather after the morning Sunday Mass to take down all the Christmas decorations.

Collection Envelopes

Our collection envelopes for 2021 are on their way. In order to keep everyone safe we will mail them to the homes of all that receive them by December 30. Thank you for your generosity and patience.

Offices Closed December 21—January 4

In observance of the Christmas Holiday our offices will be closed December 21—January 4. This means that there will be no office, phone or email hours. For life or death emergencies please contact Fr. Daniel at (607) 288-2350 by leaving a voicemail or texting or via email at fr.daniel.ruiz@dor.org.

Thank you for Our Calendars!

We thank **Perkins Funeral Home** in Dryden, **Shurtleff Funeral Home** in Groton and **Lansing Funeral Home** in Lansing for providing the 2021 Calendars for our parishioners. Pick one up after Christmas Mass, or any day after that in the back of the church 8 am-8pm.

Growing in Faith Together (G.I.F.T.) News



Your At Home Ritual

As you continue to use the first two pieces of your at home ritual, this week we invite you place the baby Jesus peg doll in the Manger on Christmas. From then until January 9 (the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, and the end of the Christmas season) we suggest that each day, either as a family or as individuals, you hold the baby Jesus and talk with him. You can tell him about your day, what's worrying you, whatever is on your mind, etc. Just as we can't build and maintain a friendship without talking to the other person, our relationship with God grows and develops with communication. This action of spending some time talking with baby Jesus is meant to help us with this practice.

"Let us hold the Child Jesus tightly in our arms; let us place ourselves at his service. He is the font of love and serenity. It would be beautiful this season if each day, when we get home, we would go to the nativity scene and kiss the Baby Jesus and say: 'Jesus, I want to be humble like you, humble like God' and to ask him for this grace." - Pope Francis

You can store the Advent Wreath, but make sure to keep the candle holders handy—you'll need them in January to use for the third part of the at home ritual.

Fourth Week of Advent: Love

God, we have learned to love from being loved by you. And so today, let us enact that love. Let us live that love. We know that what the world needs most now is more love. Help us to remember how much you love each one of us and we must share that love with others. Amen.

This week in our Parishes (Schedule, Mass Intentions and Liturgical Calendar)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT — Violet

Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12,14a, 16 / Romans 16:25-27/ Luke 1:26-38

Saturday, December 19

10:00 am **Rosary @ Holy Cross**

11:00 am—1 pm **Adoration** in person and **Confessions** without appointment **@ All Saints**

2:30 pm **MASS (Sunday Vigil) @ All Saints** — For **Donna Shattell**, by Linda Benson

4:30 pm **MASS (Sunday Vigil) @ Saint Anthony** — For **Wayne Fox**, by Lewie and Fran Sovocool and Joan Kenyon

Sunday, December 20

8:30 am **MASS @ Holy Cross** — For **Amy O'Brien**, by Linda Benson

10:30 am **MASS @ All Saints** — For **Bert Mullenback**, by Sophie Stark

2:00 pm **MASS @ Saint Anthony** — For **Molly O'Brien**, by Linda Benson

4:30 pm **MASS @ Holy Cross** — For **Gordon Smeals**, by Linda Benson

Monday, December 21

Advent Weekday-Violet

Offices Closed December 21-January 4

no office hours, phone or email service

For life or death emergencies contact Fr. Daniel

Readings:

Song and
Songs 2:8-14
Luke 1:39-45

No Activities Scheduled

Tuesday, December 22

Advent Weekday –Violet

8:30 am **Rising in Joy with Music** — Join us on Facebook

10:30 am **Mass @ Saint Anthony**– For **Michael Smeals**, by Linda Benson

12:00 noon **Angelus** — Join us on Facebook

3:00 pm **Finding Refuge in the Sacred Heart**—Join us on Facebook

6:00 pm **Ignatian Retreat with Dawn** —Join us on Facebook and YouTube

Readings:

1 Samuel 1:24-
28
Luke 1:46-56

Wednesday, December 23

Advent Weekday– Violet

8:30 am **Rising in Joy with Music** — Join us on Facebook

10:30 am **MASS @ Holy Cross** — For **Anna Myskow**, by Sophie Stark

12:00 noon **Angelus** — Join us on Facebook

3:00 pm **Finding Refuge in the Sacred Heart** — Join us on Facebook

6:00 pm **A reflection on Sunday's Scripture for the Young Church with Dawn** —Join us on Facebook and YouTube

Readings:

Malachi 3:1-
4,23-24
Luke 1:57-66

Thursday, December 24

The Nativity of The Lord
– White

8:30 am **Rising in Joy with Music** — Join us on Facebook

12:00 noon **Angelus** — Join us on Facebook

3:00 pm **Finding Refuge in the Sacred Heart** — Join us on Facebook

3:00 pm **Mass @ All Saints**– For **The People of Our Parishes**

4:00 pm **Mass @ Saint Anthony**- For **The People of Our Parishes**

5:00 pm **Mass @ Holy Cross**– For **The People of Our Parishes**

6:00 pm **Mass @ All Saints**– For **The People of Our Parishes**

10:00 pm **Mass @ Holy Cross**– For **The People of Our Parishes**

Readings:

Isaiah 9:1-6
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14

Friday, December 25

The Nativity of The Lord
– White

11:00 am **Mass @ Saint Anthony**– For **The People of Our Parishes**

Readings:

Isaiah 52:7-10
Hebrews 1:1-6
John 1:1-18

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH — White

Readings: Genesis 15:1-6; 21; 1-3/ Colossians 3:12-17/Luke 2:22-40

Saturday, December 26

10:00 am **Rosary @ Holy Cross**

11:00 am—No Confessions and Adoration

2:30 pm **MASS (Sunday Vigil) @ All Saints** — For **Lon Frocione**

4:30 pm **MASS (Sunday Vigil) @ Saint Anthony** — For a **Special Intention**

Sunday, December 27

8:30 am **MASS @ Holy Cross** — For a **Special Intention**

10:30 am **MASS @ All Saints** — For **Chuck Benson**, by Andra Benson

2:00 pm **MASS @ Saint Anthony** — For **John McGinnis**, by Mr. and Mrs. David Ludlow

4:30 pm **MASS @ Holy Cross** — For a **Special Intention**



For Health Care Professionals and First Responders

We thank you Lord for their generosity in service at this difficult time and we pray that you keep them safe and give them strength and peace.

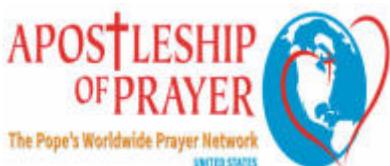
Kiersten Chambers - police officer in NYC, Brandi Senter; Stephanie Notar, Niki Cornelius and all the health care workers at Guthrie Medical in Cortland, and Mikayla Perkins, RN at Cayuga Medical Center. Also Anne Cornelius RN, Dr. Tim LaFrance, Dr. Russ LaFrance, Richard LaFrance PT, Jussie Street PT, Dr. Michelle Carley, Dr. Brian Nicholas, nurse Melissa Carley, Matt Youngs hospital worker, Dr. Grant Bonavia. Ben Cramer, Betsy Kane, Phil Thomas, Markus Hardt, Connor Moore, Johnelle Keck, Chris Keck, Susan McCarthy, John Nolan, Ellen Nolan, James Lafler, Maggie McDonald, Carrie McColester, Kevin McCormick, James Mona Dali and all the staff at Cayuga Medical Center, Megan Drake and Rebecca Drake, Carrie Stock, Katie Stevens, Don and Maria Gentry, Dr. Brendan Barrett, Jonathan Burdick, Patricia Brown, Mark Romond, Liz Nadziejko- Rankin, Michael Rankin, Dr. Douglas Fetterman

"Let us pray for them and their families. I thank God for the heroic example that they have given us in their care for the sick,"
—Pope Francis

For Our Sick & Shut-Ins

Angelo Alaimo, Jane Baldwin, Bobby Berrido, Ginny Bradshaw, Chrissy Bravo-Cullen, Bob Bretzlaff, Karen Brown, Phyllis Campbell, Madeline Carey, Ian Charles, Donna Cocca, Paul Conklin, Robert Deely, Jerica Duso, Lois Fahey, Pat Fairbank, Mary Falise, Gordon Gladden, Amy Grosser, Kirsten Hess, Angela Hughes, Nimr Ibrahim, Jeremiah, Autum Kenyon, Steve Kletjian, Valerie Kuramoto, Mr. Liggett,, Miguel Marte, Marcus Martinez, Leah Mayor, Emma Mazingo, Joe McCarey, Betty McCarey, Lee McGill, Chavonne McKenna, Fred Mellberg, Sara Morse, Dennis Osika, Jim Oswald, Kathy Pumphrey, Karen Randolph, Geraldine Rankin, Thelma Rusak, Lourdes Santana, Emilie Searle, Eleanor Sorbello, Lucy Steger, Phyllis Stewart, Robert Stewart, Ethel Thomas, Melanie Toolan, Vicky Toro, Shelly Tripanny, Ellen VanSlyke Batzer, Sharon Vincent, Tom Walpole, Richard Weiss, Ryan White, Jocelyn Woods, Bob and Agnes Zavaski, and several Special Intentions.

Please keep our area servicemen & women in your prayers.



Please join the Pope in praying for the following intention during the month of December 2020:

For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

The Sanctuary Candles this week burn for the following intentions:

At All Saints, for Chuck Benson by Andra Benson

At Holy Cross, for Robert Block



The Altar Bread and Wine this week are offered for the following intentions:

At Saint Anthony: For the intentions of Kathleen Martin

At All Saints: For Chuck Benson by the Benson Family

N.E.T. Catholic Christmas Masses

CHRISTMAS EVE

3PM AT ALL SAINTS (FR. KEVIN)
 4PM AT SAINT ANTHONY (FR. DANIEL)
 5PM AT HOLY CROSS (FR. KEVIN)
 6PM AT ALL SAINTS (FR. DANIEL)
 10PM AT HOLY CROSS (FR. DANIEL)

CHRISTMAS DAY

11 AM AT SAINT ANTHONY (FR. DANIEL)

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BRING BELLS FROM HOME TO RING DURING THE GLORIA

If you prefer to join us online **we will be streaming some of our Masses** on Facebook and YouTube. Here are the Masses that will be online (recordings remain online after services): on Christmas Eve: 4 pm from Saint Anthony, 6 pm from All Saints and 10 pm from Holy Cross. Christmas Day: 11 am from Saint Anthony.

We strongly encourage you to join us in person. This year we have doubled the number of Masses we offer for Christmas so that all can join us in person safely. To make this possible Fr. Kevin Hanlon, M.M. will be presiding at two of the Masses. Fr. Kevin is a Maryknoll priest. He was a missionary in Japan and is currently the Superior of Maryknoll in the US.

In order to keep you as safe as possible attending Mass in person, we will be functioning at **15% occupancy** (85 people at All Saints, 75 people at Holy Cross and 65 people at Saint Anthony), this allows us to keep **social distance** at all times. This also means that our attendance limits will not be affected in any way if our region were to transition into yellow, orange or red zone designations. We are also asking that people **sign up** to attend so that we can keep these limits and we can readily and effectively do contact tracing if it becomes necessary. To keep you safe, we ask all to **wear a mask** and **sanitize** their hands upon arrival, we **disinfect** all surfaces before each Mass and we have upgraded our **HVAC filtration** systems. We also have a very **careful Communion distribution procedure**.

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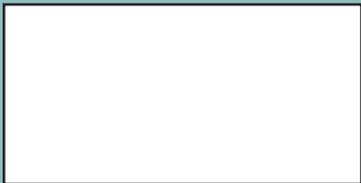
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