

All Saints Church



Holy Cross Church



St. Anthony Church



December 3, 2017

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year A

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Sacramental Life

Baptism

Baptismal preparation is offered and required for parents of children to be baptized in our churches. Please contact the parish office for an initial interview and baptismal preparation.

Marriage

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.

Reconciliation (Confession)

All are invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession. Thursday 3:00-4:00pm at All Saints; Saturday 2:45-3:45pm at St. Anthony; Tuesday 7:00-8:00pm at Holy Cross; or by appointment.

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

Rel. Ed. for St. Anthony & Holy Cross takes place at Holy Cross Sundays 9:45am; Rel. Ed. at All Saints after Sunday Masses (11:30am). The All Saints Teen Group meets the 1st & 3rd Sunday at 7:00pm. The Holy Cross High School Youth Group meets at various times at Holy Cross.

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

Saturday • December 2 (Dn 7:15-27 Lk 21:34-36)

4:30 pm Mass at **St. Anthony** for Wayne Gutches by Roxann Buck and Joan Gibbons

Sunday • December 3 First Sunday of Advent (Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37)

8:30 am Mass at **Holy Cross** for Casey Carlson by Catherine Flanagan

10:30 am Mass at **All Saints** for Joanne Snyder by the Wheeler Family

2:00 pm Mass at **St. Anthony** for Therese Maher by John & Barb Walpole

Monday • December 4 Advent (Is 2:1-5 Mt 8:5-11)

9:00 am Mass at **Holy Cross** for Benjamin Lewis by Mimi Lewis

3:00 pm Mass at **All Saints** for Shannyn Craig by Christine and Eric Eisenhut

Tuesday • December 5 Advent (Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24)

9:00 am Mass at **St. Anthony** for Fr. John McGrath by Keith Randolph

Wednesday • December 6 Advent (Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37)

9:00 am Mass at **Holy Cross** for Hank Roberts by Muriel & Norm Bartlett

Thursday • December 7 St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27)

9:30 am Mass at **All Saints** for Patricia Ann Curley (mother of Penny Rogers) by Clara Barrett

6:00 pm Mass at **Holy Cross** for the People of our Parishes

Friday, December 8 Immaculate Conception of Virgin Mary (Gn 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38)

11:00 am Mass at **St. Anthony** for Armand Terracciano by Linda Benson

6:00 pm Mass at **All Saints** for the People of our Parishes

Saturday • December 9 Advent (Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8)

4:30 pm Mass at **St. Anthony** for Gerald Carey by the Robinson Family

Sunday • December 10 Second Sunday of Advent (Is 40:1-5, 9-11 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8)

8:30 am Mass at **Holy Cross** for Nina Yantz by the Yantz Family

10:30 am Mass at **All Saints** for Lorne Montague by Joan Hass

2:00 pm Mass at **St. Anthony** for Betty Doppel by Chris & Wendy Montreuil



A NOTE FROM FATHER DANIEL . .

This Sunday we begin the Season of Advent, four weeks which lead us into the Season of Christmas, that will then extend until January 8. Advent and Christmas are such a beautiful time filled with joy, hope, peace and love, in which we celebrate God's profound love for us. We know that God loves us because God gives us God's son.

Knowing that this season is a very busy time with decorations, gifts and gatherings, I want to suggest that in the midst of all the busyness, we can reflect on how these activities express the deep realities of what in faith we celebrate this time of the year and in this way give them some meaning. The busyness itself reminds us that our hope is active, that we should always be watchful and collaborating with God in the work of our conversion. The decorations remind us that as we prepare our houses, we should prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. The gifts remind us that we celebrate the greatest gift of all: God who gives Godself to us in baby Jesus. Our gatherings remind us what it is all about: love, joy and being together.

Even though this is a time of great joy and celebration, it can also be a very difficult time for those who are struggling financially, for those who have lost a loved one this year, for those who are lonely. I ask that we all keep them in our prayers in a special way and that we find ways to reach out to them.

To help you live these seasons, we have provided in our churches the *Little Blue Books* with daily reflections; we will continue to provide daily inspiration through our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/netcatholic), and we will keep the doors of our churches open (check schedule in *Year of the Eucharist* article below) so you can come in and have a quiet few minutes with the Lord. We will also have an Advent Retreat (see dates and locations below). So that you can plan ahead, I am also providing at this time the schedule for our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses (also below). This year is a little different because the Fourth Sunday of Advent coincides with Christmas Eve on Sunday, December 24. So that you do not have to come to church twice on the same day, we will celebrate three of the Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent on Saturday, December 23rd . . . However, a **short** Mass will also be offered on Sunday, Dec. 24th, at All Saints for the Fourth Sunday of Advent (see schedule below).

Advent Retreat

The Three Comings of Christ with Fr. Daniel

December 9, 11am at Holy Cross

December 13, 7pm All Saints

December 20, 7pm at Holy Cross

4th Sunday of Advent Masses Saturday, December 23

2pm at All Saints
4:30pm at Saint Anthony
6pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, December 24
10:30am Short Mass at All Saints

Christmas Eve Masses Sunday, December 24

2pm at Holy Cross
4pm at Saint Anthony
6pm at All Saints

Christmas Day Mass
Monday, December 25
10:30am at Saint Anthony

A.M.D.G., Fr. Daniel

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST



During this year of the Eucharist, I want to encourage all to visit Jesus, present in the Most Holy Eucharist and reserved in our tabernacles. So that you can come and spend some time with the one who loves you unconditionally, starting on December 4, our churches will be open every week during the following times:

All Saints: Monday 1 – 5 pm and Thursday 9 am – 4 pm

Holy Cross: Monday 8 am – 12 noon and Wednesday 8:30 am – 2 pm

Saint Anthony: Tuesday and Thursday 8 am – 2 pm

There will be a self-guided tour of our churches available, as well as some ideas for your time of prayer with our blessed Lord. He is always waiting for us — let us come and visit and spend some time with Him.

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK IN OUR FAITH COMMUNITIES

Sat., Dec. 2 Rosary 5:30pm @ **St.A.**
Sun., Dec. 3 First Sunday of Advent
 Rel. Ed. **St.A./H.C.** 9:45am **A.S.** 11:30 am
 Donut Day 9:30am @ **H.C.**
 "Catholicism" DVD Series 10:30am @ **H.C.**
 Coffee Hour 3:00pm @ **St.A. McNamara Hall**
St.A. Youth Group Mtg. & Pageant Practice 3:00pm @ **St.A.**
Mon., Dec. 4 Mass 9:00am @ **H.C.**
 Mass 3:00pm @ **A.S.**
Tues., Dec. 5 Mass 9:00am @ **St.A.** (followed by Coffee Hour)
 Confessions 7:00-8:00pm @ **H.C.**
 Adoration 7:00pm @ **H.C.**
Wed., Dec. 6 Mass 9:00am **H.C.**
 Bible Study 10:00am @ **H.C.**
 Regional Advent Penance Service 6:00pm @ **St.A.**
Thurs., Dec. 7 Mass 9:30am @ **A.S.**
 Confessions 3:00-4:00pm @ **A.S.**
 Vigil Mass (for Holy Day) 6:00pm @ **H.C.**
 RCIA Mtg. 7:00pm @ **H.C.**
 Adoration 7:00pm @ **St.A.**
Fri., Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception of Mary — Holy Day of Obligation
 Mass 11:00am @ **St.A.**
 Mass 6:00pm @ **A.S.**
Sat., Dec. 9 Rosary 10:00am @ **H.C.**
 Advent Series 11:00am @ **H.C.**
 Confessions 2:45-3:45pm @ **St.A.**
Sun., Dec. 10 Second Sunday of Advent
St.A./H.C. Rel. Ed. Christmas Party 9:45am @ **H.C.**
 Rel. Ed. **A.S.** 11:30 am

A LOOK AHEAD:

Dec. 12 **St.A.** Parish Life—Christmas Cookie Assembly @ **St.A.**
Dec. 13 Advent Series 7:00pm @ **A.S.**
Dec. 16 Regional Penance Service 10:30am @ **St. Catherine**
 Advent Open House 3:00-5:00pm @ **H.C.**

FR. DANIEL'S OFFICE HOURS

Mondays at Holy Cross 8:00am—12:00pm
 Mondays at All Saints 1:00pm—5:00pm
 Tuesdays at St. Anthony 10:00am—5:00pm
 Wednesdays at Holy Cross 10:30am—5:00pm
 Thursdays at All Saints 10:30am—5:00pm
 Fridays at St. Anthony 8:00am—11:30am
E-mail: Fr.Daniel.Ruiz@dor.org

ALL SAINTS PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon. 1:00-4:00pm Tues./Thurs. 9:00am-1:00pm

HOLY CROSS PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon./Wed. 8:00am-12noon Fri. 1:00-5:00pm

ST. ANTHONY PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon.—Thurs. 8:00am—2:00pm

ST.A./H.C. PASTORAL ASSOC./FAITH FORM. HRS.

Mon. & Wed. at Holy Cross 9:30am-3:00pm

Tues. & Thurs. at St. Anthony 9:30am-2:30pm

E-mail: Mary.Ann.Kozak@dor.org

DEACON OFFICE HOURS

by appointment

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PASTORAL CARE PHONE NUMBER

⇒ **New!** 607-288-2350

PASTORAL COUNCIL E-MAIL

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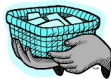
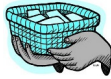
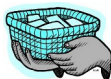
**Bequests to our church become a
final testimony to our families
and friends of how much the Lord meant
to us throughout life.**

What is your testimony?

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR: December 9 & 10, 2017

Mass Time	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers	Greeters / Ushers	Gift Bearers	Sacristans
4:30 pm Saturday ST. ANTHONY	Logan Roberts Jerry Lutkenhouse	Jerry Lutkenhouse Keith Randolph Nursing Home Irene Gutches	Maddie Bishop Maddie Perkins	Sallie Devlen Marie Pollack	Karl Stamm Patty Stamm	Evelyn Rohde Bill Rohde
8:30 am Sunday HOLY CROSS	Erin Harkenrider Lisa Schug	(C) Nan Lisk (C) Dcn. George (H) Doug Collins	Alyssa Salerno Caleb Williams	Felix Abel-Ferretti David Minarski		Oak Hill Cavataio
10:30 am Sunday ALL SAINTS	John Callister Ann Mares	(C) Cheryl Casey (C) Julie Berens (C) Georgia Eastman (C) <i>Choir:</i> Dcn. George	(Cross) Jacob Ouellette (Altar) Dominick Ronsvalle	Anne Drake Miya Kuramoto Maureen Ronsvalle Nathaniel Ronsvalle	Nursery None – please join the nursery team!	Christine Eisenhut

STEWARDSHIP

November 26, 2017 (Week 22)		
All Saints Church Attendance (Adults): 131 (Children): 64	\$ 1,767.00	
Holy Cross Church Attendance (Adults): 107 (Children): 14	\$ 1,787.65	
St. Anthony Church Sat. Attendance (Adults): 83 (Children): 16 Sun. Attendance (Adults): 32 (Children): 0	\$ 1,632.50	

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

Today's second collection is for The Catholic University of America, the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, DC. CUA provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students every year. More than 4,000 students directly receive scholarship aid from the Collection, including many from our diocese. Please be generous.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

This First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. All the readings during this period of waiting and anticipation concentrate on making us aware that it is time for us to awaken our lives as Christians. Jesus opens our Gospel Reading from St. Mark by saying "Be watchful! Be alert!" and closes it with an intense "Watch!" For many Advent and Christmas are times of light, whether it is the light of the candles on Advent wreaths or the lights on a tree or the festive lights which decorate many houses and businesses. Jesus brings light into our worlds, but we must allow this light to permeate our own lives, to enter into the dark and sinful parts of our lives to illuminate and cleanse them. This should be a time of renewed prayer and penance which truly prepares us to "watch" for the Lord, not just at Christmas but throughout our lives. There is a natural wonder among children at this time of year, but sometimes as we age, we lose that sense as if we are sleeping. It is time to awaken. Our minds may say "Let go" but our spirituality tells us to "Awaken." We are filled with spiritual depths. It is time to seek them, find them, and awaken them. It is Advent, time for us to awaken and become aware of the gifts of love we have received from God and others. Or as Jesus reminds us: "Watch."



Catholic Ministries Appeal Glorifying the Lord by Our Lives

St. Anthony

Goal: \$ 9,723 Pledged: \$ 5,362 (55.15%)

Holy Cross

Goal: \$ 19,146 Pledged: \$ 9,820 (51.29%)

All Saints

Goal: \$ 13,800 Pledged: \$ 9,930 (71.96%)

PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR OUR SICK & SHUT-INS



Angelo Alaimo, Elaine Apgar, Jane Baldwin, Pamela Barnes, Ginny Bradshaw, Ron Bradshaw, Chrissy Bravo-Cullen, Karen Brown, Phyllis Campbell, Ian Charles, Donna Cocca, Richard Compton, Paul Conklin, Robert Deely, Jerica Duso, Lois Fahey, Pat Fairbank, Mary Falise, Gordon Gladden, Amy Grosser, Charlene Haskell, Kirsten Hess, Nimr Ibrahim, Autum Kenyon, T.J. Keegan, Diane Kimmich, Steve Kletjian, Dorothy Kubinski, Tate MacDowell, Marcus Martinez, Leah Mayor, Emma Mazingo, Joe McCarey, Betty McCarey, Chris Montreuil, Sara Morse, Barb O'Sullivan, Jim Oswald, Don Palmer, Karen Randolph, Geraldine Rankin, Nancy Rotunda, Beth Schwab, Emilie Searle, Diane Senecal-Shields, Eleanor Sorbello, Lucy Steger, Robert Stewart, Ethel Thomas, Melanie Toolan, Vicky Toro, Maria Unterreiner, Ellen VanSlyke Batzer, Sharon Vincent, Gary Vrabel, Richard Weiss, Jocelyn Woods, & several Special Intentions.

Please keep our area servicemen and women in your prayers.

PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL of Tudy Leitch, whose funeral Mass took place at St. Anthony's Saturday afternoon.

PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL of Richard (Dick) Flaville who passed away on November 15th. Dick and his family were members of Holy Cross Church for many years. Contributions may be sent in Richard's memory to: The Ithaca Free Clinic, 521 W. Seneca St. Ithaca, NY 14850.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLES BURN FOR THIS WEEK FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:

In **SAINT ANTHONY CHURCH** in loving memory of **TUDY LEITCH** (requested by Fr. Daniel)

In **THE EGAN CHAPEL** in loving memory of **PAULA PERKINS** (requested by Fr. Daniel)

In **ALL SAINTS CHURCH** in loving memory of **BETTY FEDORKA** (requested by Fr. Daniel)

In **HOLY CROSS CHURCH** in loving memory of **DICK FLAVILLE** (requested by Fr. Daniel)

ALL SAINTS BOOK OF INTENTIONS



Our prayers from our Book of Intentions during the Mass on **November 26** were: For a special intention / For my special friend / For family, friends and husband! / Family, friends, Ron Ronsvalle and family, Foster's, Batsford's / For the repose of the soul of Thomas Burke, my brother-in-law, who died Nov. 21 / For my daughters / For the safety of travelers / For a co-worker's wife, battling cancer / For my parents, For Carl Nedrow and family.

Sleep in, have brunch . . .

Join us for

Sunday 2 pm Mass

at Saint Anthony in Groton

All are welcome!

ADVENT

THE THREE COMINGS OF CHRIST

- with Fr. Daniel

⇒ 15-minute talk and 25-minute guided prayer exercise

Wednesdays at 7 pm

- ♦ Dec. 13 All Saints "In this way, incarnate anew"
Spiritual Exercises #109
- ♦ Dec. 20 Holy Cross "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" John 1:14

Saturdays at 11 am

- ♦ Dec. 9 Holy Cross "In this way, incarnate anew"
Spiritual Exercises #109

CATHOLICISM DVD AT HOLY CROSS

⇒ Bishop Barron's Catholicism DVD continues for Advent at Holy Cross

Episode 7 of the celebrated Bishop Barron's "Catholicism" DVD will be shown after Donut Day at Holy Cross today. It continues next Sunday, Dec. 10 with Episode 8: "A Vast Company of Witnesses: The Communion of Saints." Stay and watch for a perfect way to begin your Advent during this Year of the Eucharist.

REGIONAL ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES



- * Wed., Dec. 6, at St. Anthony at 6:00pm.
- * Sat., Dec. 16, at St. Catherine of Siena at 10:30am.
- * Several priests will be available for confessions.

PARISH LIFE

HOLY CROSS ADVENT COFFEE HOUR & OPEN HOUSE

Holy Cross parish warmly invites everyone to an Advent Coffee Hour and Open House in Cleary Hall on **Saturday, December 16**, 3:00 - 5:00 pm. In addition to good coffee, hot cocoa and homemade holiday treats, the occasion will feature live piano, gingerbread tree ornament decorating, and the chance to enjoy together some of the joyful spirit of anticipation that comes with the Advent season. Please save the date on your calendars and feel free to help spread the word. (For those who may need a ride to the event, please call 607-592-6830.) All are welcome!

COFFEE HOUR(S) AT ST. ANTHONY

- ⇒ Coffee Hour is held immediately after our 2:00pm Mass each Sunday. Please join us in McNamara Hall for some fellowship!
- ⇒ Coffee Hour will also be held immediately after our Tuesday 9:00am Mass this week (Dec. 5). Please join us.

CHRISTMAS

HOLY CROSS GIVING TREE

This year at Holy Cross, Ann Marie Streeter and Lisa Schug are organizing the gift baskets for the needy families of our community.

1. Each tag will list one item only. Please help yourself to as many tags as you would like.
2. Gifts may be brought to church at any time. Please return the gifts to church by **Sunday, 12/10**.
3. Tags need to be attached securely to the **unwrapped** items.
4. Items should be placed in the boxes near the entrance of the church.
5. If you are interested in helping with delivery, that will happen after 10:00am on Sunday, 12/17. Please contact Ann Marie Streeter (844-3525) or Lisa Schug (345-2688 or lisa.schug1222@gmail.com) if you are able to help.

Thank you for making the Christmas holiday special for the less fortunate of our community!

SAINT ANTHONY'S GIVING TREE

Tags are available on the Giving Tree in the vestibule, representing children from Groton Elementary School, as well as our Catholic residents at the Groton Nursing Home. Nursing home residents can use anything warm, such as socks, sweatshirts/pants, sweaters. The cards are labeled on the back with the size. Please wrap your gift and securely attach the tag to the outside of the package—and return gifts to the church by next weekend, **December 10**.



ST.A/H.C. REL. ED. CHRISTMAS PARTY

The St. Anthony/Holy Cross Religious Education Christmas Party will take place next Sunday at 9:45am at Holy Cross.

CHRISTMAS COOKIES ASSEMBLY



St. Anthony's Parish Life Committee will be assembling cookie platters for our Sick and Shut-ins, as well as our Catholic Nursing Home residents, on Tuesday, Dec. 12, immediately after the 9:00am Mass. Please join in — bring some cookies and help out at this festive event!

The St. Anthony Jr. High Youth Group is making cards for the cookie platters.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation toward Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one, please place your donation in a marked envelope in the offertory basket by **December 17**.



CHRISTMAS CARDS

If you would like to send Christmas blessings to Fr. Daniel and Dcn. George & Mary Ann Kozak, please use the following addresses:

Rev. Daniel Ruiz
St. Anthony Church
312 Locke Rd.
Groton, NY 13073



Dcn. & Mrs. George Kozak
7 Jennings Pond Rd.
Spencer, NY 14883

VOLUNTEERS

ALL SAINTS NURSERY — VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our parish at All Saints is in need of volunteers to help out with our nursery Sunday mornings. If you are a parent of a young child who would benefit from this service or would just enjoy interacting with the children, please consider donating a small amount of your time so others with young children may also enjoy our Sunday service with Father Daniel.

SOCIAL JUSTICE & MINISTRY

(WEB) Weekend Backpack Program

Holy Cross Church is collecting **Peanut Butter** for the month of December. Look for a collection basket at the back of the church.

SHARE THE WARMTH

COATS, THERMALS, BOOTS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Help keep folks warm this winter! Please consider donating new or gently used coats, snow pants, thermal underwear, boots, hats, gloves, scarves and blankets to the annual Share the Warmth collection drive. From now until December 12, the “red box” bins will be found at many locations around Tompkins County, including: Dryden Rite Aid, Island

Health & Fitness, Ithaca College Campus Center, Wegmans, and locations around the Cornell campus. Collection baskets are also available in our NET parishes . . . Please look for them in the back of your church / vestibule / narthex. Larger-sized clothing (2X and up) and large-sized boots (13 and up) are especially needed. Items collected will be distributed free of charge at Catholic Charities in Ithaca, Monday through Friday during the weeks of December 4-15 from 9:00am-4:00pm To volunteer with this effort, please contact Michaela at 607-272-5062 ext. 17 or Michaela.Cortright@dor.org.

ARTISAN FAIR TRADE GIFTS SALE AT ALL SAINTS

On December 3, 10 & 17 after Sunday Mass, there will be an Artisan Gifts Sale at All Saints during coffee hour. All items are Fair Trade crafts from Serrv, a division of Catholic Relief Services. Sales benefit the artisans and their communities around the world, CRS, and of course All Saints! Remember your checkbooks or cash—items are limited this year and will go quickly! And yes, there will be chocolate from Divine Chocolate!

CHRISTMAS DINNER FIXINGS FOR NEEDY FAMILY

St. Anthony's will be collecting food items for a local needy family, who may be struggling to keep up with the demands of the holiday season. If you would like to supply food items so that they can enjoy a nutritious Christmas Dinner, please keep watch for the brown paper bags in the vestibule. Purchase the items indicated on the tag, and return the filled bag TBD. Thank you for helping to make Christmas more joyful for those who are less fortunate than you.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE *Blessed Virgin Mary* GLP

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS SCHEDULE

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- ◇ Thursday, Dec. 7 — Vigil Mass 6:00pm at Holy Cross
- ◇ Friday, Dec. 8 — 11:00am Mass at St. Anthony
- ◇ Friday, Dec. 8 — 6:00pm Mass at All Saints

GIVING THANKS

ST. ANTHONY'S BAKE SALE

Thank you to all our **Heavenly Bakers!** We made \$278.50 on the Thanksgiving Bake Sale at the Bank!

NET CATHOLIC RCIA NEWS

RITE OF WELCOMING — At the 8:30am Mass at Holy Cross, we are celebrating the Rite of Welcoming for our candidates, Janna and Tim Lamey and May Olson in the NET Catholic RCIA process.

THE NEXT RCIA MEETING will be on Thursday, December 7th at 7:00pm at Holy Cross.

DIOCESAN NEWS

CATHOLIC COURIER TO HOLD PHOTO CONTEST

The Catholic Courier is holding a photo contest for children ages 7-12 and teenagers ages 13-18. Details for each contest can be found at: <http://www.catholiccourier.com/articles/the-2017-catholic-courier-coloring-and-photo-contest>



Catholic Courier 2017 Advent Calendar

Remember anticipating a daily surprise behind the windows of childhood Advent calendars? Relive that experience and introduce it to your children, grandchildren or students with the Catholic Courier's online Advent Calendar! Filled with multimedia treats, the calendar is designed to help families and individuals prepare for the birth of Christ. Visit each day beginning Dec. 3 at www.catholiccourier.com/adventcalendar2017.