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Mission Statement

*We welcome and love one another as God loves us, with open doors,
open minds, and open hearts.*

Welcome to Holy Family Parish!

Holy Family Parish of North Java, NY is a dynamic faith community of believers who genuinely care *about* and care *for* one another. Joyfully celebrating Mass (Eucharist) on Sunday mornings is the foundation for building and nurturing new and lasting friendships.

Newcomers and visitors are welcomed with warmth and compassion, without judgment. Committed to serving God, each other, and all those we touch with our time, talents, and treasure.

You are most warmly invited to visit, and to participate in the many programs, ministries and other activities here at the parish. Whether you are a lifetime Catholic, a member of a different faith, or exploring your spirituality, you will find a home at Holy Family.

With every blessing,
Holy Family Parish Community

SUNSHINE MINISTRY BRIGHTENS LIVES

If you know about someone's joy or sorrow, please text **Christine Zeilman** at **585-750-8225** with the person's contact information and type of card to be sent. A card will be sent on Holy Family's behalf.

A TOUCH OF LOVE MINISTRY

Looking for volunteers to continue this wonderful ministry that helps provide some meals for those going through a critical time in life.

Responsorial Psalm

*Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of
peace for ever.*

Sunday Mass 10:00 AM

Dec 7 – Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12
+ **Michael Baratta** + **Dan Kirsch**
+ **Bea Johnson** + **Teri Schabloski**
+ **Georgie Higgins**

Dec 14 – Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11
+ **Georgie Higgins** + **Dan Kirsch**
+ **Bea Johnson**

Lector Schedule

Dec 7	Donna Kibler
Dec 14	Donna Becker
Dec 21	Karen Wilson
Dec 28	Tom Kelsey

LOVE BLANKET MINISTRY

This ministry is on pause while the few regulars receive healing and a greater interest grows from others. If you have an interest in helping make blankets and shawls on your time, please contact **Mary Smalley** at **585-535-7720**.

ENTRANCE HYMN

(John 1:6-8)

V. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through Him.

R. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

Prayers of the Faithful Response

Lord, renew our hearts.

Weekly Reflection

It was typical years ago while visiting relatives or friends, that it was important not to touch things that did not belong to you.

As I was growing up, my grandfather lived with us or in the flat above us. This was a great blessing to have a daily father figure since my parents were divorced. Yet, that familiarity did not affect the rule of not touching things.

Among the many collectibles my grandfather had was a ceramic Cuss Box. Even after all these many years I still can remember the message written. On one side it stated:

*Cussin' ain't the nicest thing,
and friends for you, it sure don't bring,
but if you really got to say 'em,
here's how to pay 'em*

Then the message continues on the far side:

*One cuss, just a nickel;
Two cusses just a dime;
Three cusses you really oughta
Put in the box at least a quarta*

Although I found it to be a bit amusing all these years, the message is actually more serious.

In reality, this is a gentle reminder of the foibles we carry with us and that there is usually a cost to our choices.

That message is not much different than what John the Baptist had given when he called the people to repent and be right with God.

May this little story help us remember to keep our focus on the Lord, especially when we seek to embrace our newborn King.

*With love,
Fr. Corey*

MEN'S CLUB

Are you looking for friendship and fun? The men's club gets together in the parish hall every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM.

PARISH HALL AVAILABLE

The hall is available for renting. Please contact **Cheryl** by call or text at **585-689-7338**.

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection - \$787.00

Building - \$

Thank you for your support

ADVENT RETREAT NEXT WEEK

Please join us for some reflections and discussions.

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Meghan George will be part of the Christmas concert, ***Come and Behold Him*** on Dec. 14 @ 6 PM at the Genesee Valley Central School in Belmont. Come and support Meghan and the arts!

A MESSAGE FROM THE DECORATING COMMITTEE

We will be accepting donations for Christmas flowers until Jan. 4. Your generosity is always greatly appreciated. *Thank you.*

CHARLOTTE HOUSE

The annual holiday basket raffle has begun. Tickets are \$10 and you stay in the daily drawing even if you win.

The annual Varysburg Christmas Tree Lighting is Dec, 13th starting at 5 pm with family activities. Tree Lighting is at 7 pm.

Prayer Intentions

Lord, you are the Great Physician and can heal; therefore, we ask for Your healing touch upon those for whom we pray:

John & Jane Aldershoff, Luis Alonzo, Joanne Almeter, Amy, Angela, Aurelia, Barbara, Ken & Edie Barber, Beau from Springville, Carol, Dylan Becker, Randy Blakeslee, West Bonczyk, Hans Boxler Jr., Jaysen Bray & family, Brian, Michael Campagna, Chandler, Jerry Crabb, Dave B, Diana, Cheryl Eckert, Ed, Emmet and family, Ferrino family, Genevieve, Dan George, Shirley George, Alexandra Getz, Logan Good, Dan H., Kathy Hamilton, Dan Hans, Ryan Hardicourt & family, Josh Harloff, Barry Hebrank, Wendel Hessler, Don & Jason Hopkins, Jack, Sandy Janes, Jason & crew, Julie, Justin, Jordan, Theresa Kehl, Jennifer Kelly, Denny Kibler, Ken Kibler, Kim, Tim King, Kirsch Family, Robert Kirsch, Tina Kirsch, Lunn Knight, Ann Leo, Maria Lewandowski, Aiden Lindsay, Allison Long, Kristen Long, Leonard Long, Mary Alice Long, Michael Low, Jen M., Bp. John & Sherry Mack, Teresa Martin, Charlene Mess, Jason Michalek, Janet Miller, Debbie Moore, Teri Mugler, Sharon Newton, Stanley Novak, Jake Noyes, Jason P., Suzanne Palmateer, Andy & Brenda Patrzalek, Mary Petrotto, Dan Quilty, Precious, Richter Family, Rita and family, Rita Marie, Fred Rose, G.R., Guy Rossi, Fr. Don & Yvonne Seekins, Shelly, Rudie & Ted Shiltz, Shorty, Mary & Ionia Smalley, Tom Sonnevill, Matthew Sparling, Stella Rose, Thomas M. Springer, Julie Swiatkowski & family, Davis Swyer, Peter Szemenciak, Valerie Taylor, Terri, Tom, Travis, Kevin Vickers, Gwen W., Wayne, Leo Wesley, Bob Wilson, Dick Wlos, Jim Woods, Woody, Family of Derek A. Zakrzewski, Henry Zwolak, our military & their families, victims & their families who suffer from tragedy & loss, and those whom we hold quietly in our hearts.

If you know someone to be added to our prayer list, please contact Cheryl Foegen.

Hope is our incentive to remove obstacles impeding our relationship with God.