

Parish Profile, 2017

Holy Cross Anglican Church In America

615 Bay Road

Webster, NY 14580

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Holy Cross Anglican Church circa 2000

Overview

Holy Cross ACA was established to maintain original Anglican traditions and values using the 1928 Book of Common Prayer.

The Town of Webster, founded in 1840, is a suburb of Rochester, NY, USA, with Lake Ontario as its northern border. Our building dates back to 1839 as a one-room school house. In 1977, we leased, and eventually purchased, the abandoned school building to house our newly formed Anglican parish. The first official Sunday service was on June 4, 1978 using the 1928 Book of Common Prayer, which we still revere and use today.

We are a congregation that values the church beliefs, music, and prayer in a worship Mass that encourages participation with family and friends based on the 1928 Book of Common Prayer liturgy for Holy Communion and Morning Prayer. We strive for a spiritual and personal relationship with God, interaction with each other and the community surrounding our church.



Fr. David Ambuske “The Sermon on the Stump”, 1978

Participation

There are a variety of ways parishioners may participate in the functioning of God's House. The Vestry is charged with maintaining the temporal aspects of Holy Cross. Two members of the elected Vestry rotate off and two new Vestry members are elected to rotate on at our annual all parish meeting in December. Each member serves for a three year term. The Sr. and Jr. Wardens are elected for a one-year term from within the Vestry at its meeting on the third Sunday in January. The Treasurer and Clerk of the Vestry are appointed for a one-year term at the January meeting of the Vestry.

Our current Vestry members are: Linda Bowen, Sr. Warden (will rotate off December, 2017), Larry Holmes (2017), Brian Shutt (2018), Thomas Stone (2018), Linda VerDouw (2019), Gerald Quenell, Jr. Warden (2019), Wendy Hall (Clerk 2017), Treasurer: Christopher Bowen (2017).

The active committees are: Altar Guild, Archives, Building and Grounds, Caring, Christian Education, Finance (Chaired by the Jr. Warden), and St. Martha's Guild.

The whole congregation is our choir, using the 1940 Hymnal. Our organist accompanies us on our Walker & Sons tracker pipe organ, which had previously been used as a temporary organ at the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields in London, England (the Queen's own church).

Following each Mass or Morning Prayer, we meet in our Fellowship Room for announcements of import, snacks or a sit-down meal. It is a casual time to meet visitors, greet friends, and build and bond with our church family.



Scouts receive Religious Emblem Awards, 2008

Attributes

When we compared the 2012 and 2016 Parish Surveys, the reason(s) why people come to Holy Cross and stay with Holy Cross are very similar.

Our core values are: The word of God is taught in a clear and understandable way; liturgical service based in the 1928 Book of Common Prayer; organ Music selections from the 1940 Hymnal; Sense of community and family among parishioners; Fellowship encouraged through after service coffee and announcements; and Open Vestry meetings as opposed to being closed.

The areas we need to re-evaluate are: Offering Mass and/or Morning Prayer more often; inclusion of Old Testament Reading, Canticles, and/or a second Epistle reading; the use of bells and incense; need Bible and book study groups; increase our Community Out-Reach; include a Healing Service once a month; Priest or Deacon Visitation and Counseling; and build Christian Education for youth, as parish demographics change.



Altar circa 2015

Demographics

Holy Cross:

All the members of Holy Cross have been members for six-plus years ; The average member donates between \$500-\$1000 and multiple hours of service in a variety of church ministries.

Statistics for 2000/ 2010/ 2015:

Number of Voting Members 86/ 32/ 28

Number not confirmed 6/ 12/ 5

Clergy (Priest, Deacons, lay readers) 2/ 2/ 1

Yearly Attendance 2095/ 1283/ 1655

Attendance average 35/ 37/ 32

Yearly church Income 36021/ 38127/ 48851

Yearly church Expenses 38508/ 36911/ 42717

Webster:

Webster is a town in the northeast corner of Monroe County, New York, 14580, USA. The town is named after orator and statesman Daniel Webster. The population was 42,641 at the 2010 census. The town's motto is "Where Life Is Worth Living."

Hotels: 3-star averaging \$158. View hotels

Zip code: 14580

Webster Population: 42,641 (2010 census)

Webster (cont.)

Area code: 585

Unemployment rate: 4.4% (Apr 2015)

Monroe County

County population in 2014: 749,857 (94% urban, 6% rural);
2000:735,343

Population density: 1137 people per square mile (very high).

County owner-occupied with a mortgage or a loan houses and
condos in 2010: 139,489

County owner-occupied free and clear houses and condos in
2010: 53,636

County owner-occupied houses and condos in 2000: 186,458

Renter-occupied apartments: 107,297 (it was 100,054 in 2000)

Land area: 659 sq. mi.

Water area: 706.3 sq. mi.

Living Mar. 2016 cost of living index in Monroe County: 103.5
(near average, U.S. average is 100)

Industries providing employment: Professional, scientific,
management, administrative, and waste
management services(36.1%), Educational, health and social
services (23.0%), Manufacturing
(12.5%).

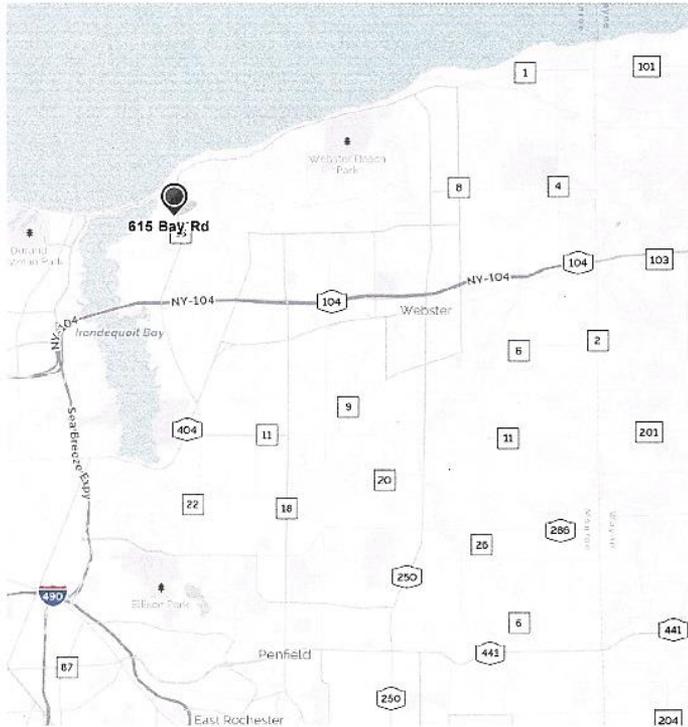
Type of workers:

. Private wage or salary: 63%

. Government: 6%

. Self-employed, not incorporated: 30%

. Unpaid family work: 1%



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Webster area map (Mapquest)

Heritage Time-Line

1839: Adam Hiserodt leased one acre to the Penfield School Board for 999 years.

1840: Webster separated from Penfield

1839-1978: Webster School District #4

1879: New one-room schoolhouse built to replace first schoolhouse.
The original building was replace and housed children until 1970.

1901: Second room and cloakroom added to schoolhouse.

1908: Patron's Association of #4 was formed; raised money with dances, socials, fairs, plays etc.; bought large school bell, obtained piano, built concrete steps and walk, filled in pond and more.

1921. Patron's Association added a pavilion south of the schoolhouse for summer activities.

1930. District bought a school bus; added 1-1/2 acres; installed blackboards.

1930-1957. Use as schoolhouse continued.

1957: New Building for High School opened; old schoolhouse used as part time kindergarten school.

1963. Old schoolhouse used as 5th grade classroom pending completion of the DeWitt Road School.

1967-1970: Served as kindergarten. Closed forever as schoolhouse in Jan. 1970.

1970-1977: The community Used the building as a Senior Center, Teen Center and various other purposes.

1977: abandoned the building.

1977: Joe and Joan Watson approached the Webster School Board about leasing the abandoned school building to house the newly formed Anglican parish, instead of meeting in Bob and Bea Cone's home, along with Charles and Helen Scott.

1978: Leasing is approved and renovations begin. Altar, pews, and other items are obtained from other area church surpluses.

1978: June 04 The first official Sunday service; Father Stuyvesant officiated.

1979: Holy Cross purchases property from Webster School Board. Original school bell is discovered in belfry and is currently used.

1978-2011: Fr. David J. Ambuske, Rector

1977-1980: Numerous renovations and improvements. Pews cut in half to provide center aisle.

1981: Sanctuary false ceiling removed, exposing vaulted ceiling with beams, altar moved providing space for chancel, blackboards removed (chalk trays remain), walls plastered and painted, new ceiling fixtures installed and a new roof put on the building.

1982: Rector's office was created plus storage space for the Altar Guild.

- 1984: Began construction of a large addition and basement extending south from the rear of the building.
- 1985: Eugene VanVoorhis and his mother commission Marilyn Belle-Isle of Webster to design stained glass windows.
- 1987: Addition completed to use as Sunday School room, dining, meeting and place for special events; Handicapped access entry ramp and bathroom were included; kitchen was enlarged.
- 1987: Stained glass windows were installed for church's 10th anniversary.
- 1989: Walker & Sons organ from St. Martins in the Field, England, was generously given by Eugene VanVoorhis. Schoolhouse boys and girls washrooms were removed to accommodate the 500 pipes and front entrance opened to the sanctuary.
- 1994: A 1902 pulpit was found at a flea market, refinished, and placed in service.
- 2003(June08)-2007: Fr. James A. Ayers, Assistant Priest
- 2004: An additional 0.97 acres of land adjoining existing property to the south was purchased for future use.
- 2010: May 10 Holy Cross honored with special plaque and recognition by the Webster Historical Society.
- 2013, May: St. Martha's Guild publishes "In St. Martha's Kitchen: Tried and True Recipes from St. Martha's Guild"
- 2013-2016, August30: Fr. Martin Mahoney, Interim Priest
- 2014-present: Elaina McKie, Organist
- 2016-Present: Fr. Ed Ihde, Priest-in-Charge
- SOURCE: Gleaned from the Holy Cross Archives established by Anne and Stu Hotchkiss.

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2016-2017 Search Committee (SeaCom):

David Chamberlin (Chairman), Jeanne Hoose, Gerald Quenell (Vestry Liaison), Tom Stone, Linda Bowen (Vestry Liaison), Elsbeth Howland, Catherine Shutt, Kate Chamberlin (Scribe).



sketch of old school, circa 1921

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