

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

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### **Prayer for Vocations**

*Lord Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant to our young people the generosity necessary to follow Your call and the courage required to overcome all obstacles to their vocation. Give the parents faith, love, and a spirit of sacrifice which will inspire them to offer their children to God's service and to rejoice whenever one of their children is called to the priesthood or religious life. Let your example and that of Your Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph encourage both young people and parents and let Your grace sustain them. Amen.*

### **Are you a new parishioner or visiting for the first time?**

Welcome! Please introduce yourself to one of the priests. We invite you to become an active participant of our parish community and welcome you. Please take a census envelope from the racks at each exit or contact the Parish Office.

**OUR MISSION** "We are a community of Catholics who draw our strength from the celebration of the Eucharist, so that Christ may live in us and we may express the values He taught by our loving service to family, neighbor and society."

### **Stay connected with your parish family!**

We are so glad you are here with us at Holy Cross! We invite you to connect with our community. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to get the latest news, photos and stories or subscribe to our weekly brief delivered right to your inbox. Visit

[www.holycrossdewitt.org/subscribe](http://www.holycrossdewitt.org/subscribe) to see more.



### **Mass Times**

**Daily Mass:** 7:45am

**Saturday:** 9:00am

#### **Reconciliation:**

Wed. 7:00-8:00pm

Sat. 3:00-3:30pm

#### **Sunday Mass**

**Vigil Sat.:** 4:00pm

**Sun.:** 7:30am, 10:30am &

5:00 pm

**View Sunday & Daily Mass on  
online - [holycrossdewitt.org](http://holycrossdewitt.org)**

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Please check page 4 of the  
bulletin for this week's  
events.**

**PLEASE WATCH THE HC  
WEBSITE FOR CURRENT IN-  
FORMATION ON MASSES,  
REGISTRATION OF MASSES  
& DEVOTIONS & REGULA-  
TIONS FOR ATTENDANCE.**



# MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 7:30am In Honor of Timmy & Cathy Langan/  
 Kevin & Karly Mannion (living intention)  
 10:30am John Stach/ Brian & Terri Mullett  
 5:00pm Deceased Members of the Harkins, Relihan &  
 Foraker Families

**Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:45am People of Holy Cross  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:45am Kevin Coates/ Family  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:45am John McNamara/ Family  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion  
 7:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Penance

**Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:45am Margaret Wargo/ Peter & Antoinette Badera  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:45am Susan Halleran/ Maureen Hall & Family  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

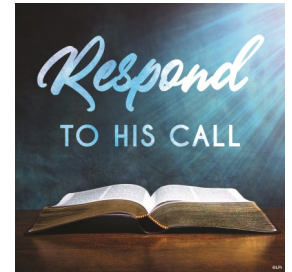
**Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**  
 9:00am Thomas Duggan/ Family  
 4:00pm Charles Leonard Holizna/ Joan & Jack Garbinski  
 3:00 - 3:30pm Penance

**Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 7:30am Robert J. Meier/ Beverly & Gary Trust  
 10:30am Holy Cross School Families & Faculty  
 5:00pm Thomas Ward/ Rita & Peter Bergamo

## Spiritual Reflection for Sunday January 24, 2021

**Jonah 3: 1-5, 10**  
**PS 25**  
**I Corinthians 7: 29-31**  
**Mark 1: 14-20**

The second reading today, from 1 Corinthians, tells us that time is running out. Paul is reminding the people of Corinth that although they may think that they have an unlimited amount of time to amend their lives, that in fact their time is limited. Paul tells them to totally change their ways, to reverse their actions in order that they be made worthy of the promises of Christ.



We too need to hear Paul’s message. Actually, we need to hear the message repeatedly because it is a message that is easily ignored by most people. As individuals we often think that there is more time to accomplish almost any task, and that any deadline can be forgiven or pushed back to accommodate us. Of course, in daily life, this might be true, but in God’s time, that it is not the case. In fact, Paul states, “...the world in its present form is passing away.”

If we truly take to heart what Paul says to the Corinthians and to us as well, then we must begin to change today. The first step in change is to come to grips with who we really are. We must account for what our life has been to this point. We must admit to what direction we are currently heading before we can change course. As we move ever closer to the season of Lent, let us look at our lives and prepare ourselves for the work that lies ahead that we might be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Peace,  
 Fr. John Kurgan



**Week of January 24th**  
**Host, Wine and Sanctuary Lamp**  
*In Memory Of: Angeline Silvestri*  
*Requested By : Karen Silvestri*

### PLANNED GIVING FOR OUR PARISH

Please consider our parish through:

- Your Will or Trust
- Retirement Assets
- Life Insurance Policies

A Life Income Gift which will provide you with payments for life and ultimately will benefit our parish.

#### YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT

\$19,704.88 Average weekly need

The collections of Jan. 10 & 17 will be reported in the next bulletin

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF YOUR PARISH!**

### Your support is invaluable. Thank You

During these uncertain times, please continue to support Holy Cross parish & her ministries & programs through weekly or monthly offerings. Because of your goodness, we have been able to adapt to this changing landscape & provide updated communications, resources, support & programs to our community and to our neighbors in need. Please remember to help support our mission. You may become an online giver by visiting [www.holycrossdewitt.org/give](http://www.holycrossdewitt.org/give). Online giving is through Vanco, which is a secure site. **You have the option of giving using your credit card number or by having an electronic fund transfer. Or mail in your gift to the Parish Office (4112 E. Genesee Street, DeWitt, New York 13214).**

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2021

- SUN 1/24** Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
- MON 1/25** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
- TUE 1/26** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35
- WED 1/27** Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20
- THR 1/28** Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25
- FRI 1/29** Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34
- SAT 1/30** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41
- SUN 1/31** Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2021

- Sunday:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- Tuesday:** Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- Wednesday:** St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Thursday:** St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** BVM
- Sunday:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week



## THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

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### Pray the Rosary Daily



Most mornings after daily Mass a group gathers in the Church to pray the rosary. It is informal, and open to anyone who would like to pray. Please join us!

### Monday Night Prayer

Each Monday Night at 8:00 pm, we will be offering Night Prayer live on our Facebook page. Please join us for this time of prayer and reflection.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

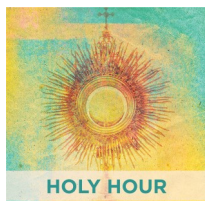


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Garth H. Bishop, Eden & Mackenzie Bishop, Terry Chylinski, Armand Cincotta, Tom Coyne, Mark Cywilko, John Galletta, Stanley Jakimek, Sharon Kieffer, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Monique Missoff, Mary Elizabeth Morgan, Faith Muller, Patricia Pool, and Rita Smookler.

If you would like us to add someone to this list, we ask that only family members call the office or email [Peg@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:Peg@holycrossdewitt.org). We will keep them on for three months unless you notify us otherwise.

Thank you.



### Holy Hour 8:15 to 9:15AM

Join us on Mondays following the 7:45 Mass for a Holy Hour that will be held in the Church.

## HAVE YOU PRAYED TODAY?



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# ANNOUNCEMENT

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Dear Parishioners,

I am happy to announce that Bishop Lucia has appointed me as administrator of Christ our Hope Parish in Boonville NY. As of February 1<sup>st</sup>, I will be reassigned to the linked parishes of St Josephs in Boonville, St Patrick's in Forestport, and St Mary of the Snows in Otter Lake.

My last weekend will be January 31 and my new assignment will begin on February 1<sup>st</sup>. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you here at Holy Cross who have guided me over the last two years of my priesthood. Please know of my prayers for you and I ask that you keep me in prayer as I begin this new chapter in my priestly ministry.

God Bless,  
Fr Matt Rawson

My new address will be:  
Christ Our Hope @ St. Joseph Church  
108 Charles Street  
Boonville, N.Y. 13309-1334

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

- Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00 AM RCIA Session– remote
- Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**  
8:15 AM Holy Hour - Church  
8:00 PM Night Prayer - Live on HC Facebook
- Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00 PM Holy Hour - Church  
7:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel
- Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**  
3:00 - 3:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel
- Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**  
9:00 AM RCIA Session - remote

**All events are subject to change. Please watch the bulletin and check on-line to make sure the event will take place or may have changed to remote or online. Sign up for the bulletin brief and up-to-date information will be emailed to you. You may do this by visiting the Holy Cross website, then go to "News" & "Subscribe".**

### Parish Office is Closed

The parish office will remain closed until further notice as a precaution to protect our staff that will work remotely during this time. You may call (315-446-0473) or email [info@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:info@holycrossdewitt.org). and leave a message.

Holy Cross clergy and staff are following all safety protocols and taking every precaution to continue to provide a safe environment for our parishioners.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. We are so encouraged by the outpouring of support. Know that your safety and well-being is our top priority. You and your family are always in our prayers and inform our actions and plans to provide a safe and caring environment to our community.

## PRE-K ENROLLMENT



**Holy Cross School is beginning Pre-k enrollment for the 21-22 school year. The program is five full days & your child must be 4 by December 1st of that year. Please call (315-446-4890) to set up a private socially distanced tour with your child.**



Catholic Schools Week begins next week (January 31). Although it will be celebrated differently this year, it still will be exciting and meaningful for the students and families. See next week's bulletin for how it will be celebrated. We ask that you continue to pray for our students and our faculty.

### Moving?

If your future plans include a change of address; would you please contact the Parish Office? You may call 315-446-0473 or email [Peg@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:Peg@holycrossdewitt.org) with your new address.



### 2020 Tax Contribution Statements

If you wish to have a tax statement sent to your home, please fill out the form below. You may put it in the collection box, drop it off at the office or email the information to [Peg@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:Peg@holycrossdewitt.org). Requested statements will be sent out at the end of January.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Looking for a way to put your Faith in Action?

For more information or to volunteer, contact Beth Schafer: 315-416-4576 or [beth@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:beth@holycrossdewitt.org)

*During this time of isolation, do you sometimes wonder... 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or as a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?'*

#### Jail Ministry letters to inmates:

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, visitors are not allowed to visit the downtown jail. Individuals who are confined to the jail are experiencing long delays and hours of isolation until their case can be heard. You are invited to join a letter writing campaign that lets each inmate know that they are not forgotten. If you are interested in joining this compassionate ministry, contact Keith: [jailministry@gmail.com](mailto:jailministry@gmail.com)

#### Online Tutors request:

As part of their Covid-19 response effort, Syracuse University is connecting K-12 and early college students across the city to qualified online tutors. To learn more about free online tutoring: Brice Nordquist: [banordqu@syr.edu](mailto:banordqu@syr.edu) or Emily Winiecki: [ejwicc@syr.edu](mailto:ejwicc@syr.edu)

#### Refugee Assistance Meeting: Monday, January 25th, 7pm

The Refugee Assistance Committee is a group of parishioners who support and get to know refugee families in Syracuse. To join us, contact Beth: [beth@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:beth@holycrossdewitt.org)

#### Laudato Si Circle Online: Saturday, January 30th, 5pm

Join fellow parishioners engaged in energetic discussion about God's gift of creation and the ways we can show our gratitude for that gift. Zoom meetings are scheduled every two weeks. To join the group contact Beth: [beth@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:beth@holycrossdewitt.org)

#### Tuesday Sandwiches: February 2nd

Our regular sandwich ministry has been disrupted by the pandemic restrictions against gathering. Until we can gather again, volunteers are invited to prepare sandwiches at home on Tuesday morning. If you are willing to make 25 or more peanut butter & jelly, tuna, chicken or egg salad sandwiches next week, please contact Beth: (315) 416-4576.

#### Next Samaritan Center Dinner: March 21st

Today parish volunteers will help to serve the first of our scheduled 2021 meals at the soup kitchen. There are now 2 shift options for helping with the Sunday meals: 9am to noon, or noon to 3pm. Just 5 volunteers are allowed for each shift. Masks & social distancing are required in order to serve the take-out meals. If you can't join us next month, another meal is scheduled for April 18th. To sign up for a date & time, contact Rick: [philiprcoughlin@gmail.com](mailto:philiprcoughlin@gmail.com)



### Holy Cross and Care for God's Creation:

#### Did You Know?

Although many parishioners may not realize it, Holy Cross has taken some important steps to better care for God's creation in the spirit of Laudato Si, Pope Francis's 2015 encyclical on Care for Our Common Home:

**Natural Plants** – With the help of knowledgeable plant guides Carol Bieseme and Catherine Landis, Bill & Sue Sovik and Holy Cross volunteers, the **Gardening Angels** have replanted an area around our church with natural plants that are native to Central New York. Tags that mark these plants will be added in the spring.

There is, of course, much more that could be done. What more should you and we be doing as a parish and as individuals? Please take time consider these issues, and please feel free to let us know what you think.

The Holy Cross Laudato Circle



### Giving Tree Thank You - From Organizations

Dear Holy Cross Community,

I just wanted to let you know that through your support of the Jamesville pantry, 71 children will receive a generous gift card to get a gift, 105 families will receive cleaning and household items for family use & 105 families will receive a generous amount of food for Christmas. I just wanted to let you know how much you have all helped support those in need in the community.

Thanks,

Gretchen Brown, Jamesville Ecumenical Food Pantry

To our Holy Cross Community,

With heartfelt gratitude, thank you so much for your incredible generosity in supporting our families this holiday season. In a year like this, it meant so much. Thank you from the depths of our hearts.

Sincerely, Jamesville Dewitt Middle School

### **Have you considered having a Mass requested for the intention of someone in your family or a friend?**

We have two options available to you. The first is to have a Mass requested for either a daily Mass or a weekend Mass - donation is \$10. The second is the Mass League. Your loved one will be remembered at the 7:45am Mass on the First Friday of the month for one year - \$25. Both can be requested at the Parish Office by calling (315-446-0473) or by email ([info@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:info@holycrossdewitt.org)).

**Jamesville Food Pantry**

*Are you or someone you know in need of food?*



If you are living in the 13214 or 13078 zip codes you might be eligible for food assistance from the Jamesville Food Pantry. It is located in the old firehouse on East Seneca Turnpike in the hamlet. **The hours are Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10-1 & the third Saturday of each month from 9-11.** Call 315-469-5093 for eligibility requirements or for more information. Donations

from Holy Cross parishioners help to sponsor the Jamesville Food Pantry.

Thank You!

**A Family Perspective:**

It must have been difficult for Zebedee to watch his sons walk away and follow Jesus. It was the end of “Zebedee and Sons Fishing, Inc.” Our children were never ours. They are only on loan to us. We raise them to let them go.



**EDUCATE - A - KID**

Holy Cross parish has a glorious history of never turning a parish student away who seeks a Catholic Education.

Some of our parents cannot afford the tuition in whole or part. If you are able to help Educate-A-Kid, please help us provide a Catholic Education for a boy or girl. Tuition is \$5,500.00.

We have a Holy Cross School Incorporation that also allows matching funds from many companies. Call the Parish Office for more information. It is “Friends of Holy Cross School, Inc.” – Federal Tax ID is 26-3789417.

Please complete this form if you can help.

God bless you and I know He will for bringing a child closer to Him.

I wish to help a family afford a Catholic education.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Scholarship - Yes, I am interested (\$5,500)

\_\_\_\_\_ Partial Scholarship - Amount of Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Catholic Media - Augustine Institute**

**FORMED** (St. Paul, Jan. 25)

**Study**, True Reformers, Session 6: Saint Francis de Sales

**Listen**, Prayer for Beginners (Peter Kreeft)

**Study**, Footprints of God: Apostolic Fathers

**Watch**, Jesus and His Church

**Study**, Lectio: Philippians

**Spiritual Adoption Program**

**Month Five**

Your spiritually adopted baby weighs over one pound now. The baby’s mother can feel its movements. Before, it was too small for her to feel. Although the baby swam with ease in its watery world, it needed to be big and strong enough to kick hard against the outside wall and dent it - the inside wall of the uterus has no feeling. We are mid-way through the pregnancy now. The baby is about 12 inches in length. Your prayers have helped your baby’s mother continue with her pregnancy and seek the help she needs.



*Spiritual Adoption*

**SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism** ~ Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements  
**Marriage** ~ Please make an appointment with a priest at least 6 months prior to wedding  
**Reconciliation** ~ Wednesday 7-8pm, Saturday 3 - 3:30pm  
 Or by appointment  
 †To request either the **Anointing of the Sick** or **Communion to the Sick** please call the Parish Office.†

**HOLY CROSS PARISH**

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**Holy Cross Parish Staff ~ Name, Title and Phone Extension**

- Rev. John J. Kurgan, Pastor, ext. 15
- Rev. Matthew E. Rawson, Parochial Vicar, ext. 16
- Rev. Charles S. Vavonese, Weekend Homilist
- Deacon Dare Dutter, ext. 13
- James Buttner, Seminarian
- Ernest J. Camerota, Director of Music, ext. 38
- Brette Cooper, Maintenance
- Josh Corcoran, Music Sunday 5pm Mass
- Dan Littlepage, Director of Technology, ext. 33
- Leigh C. Marquis, Director of Finance & Human Resources, ext. 24
- Maureen McManus, Sacristan
- Stephen Nepil, Dir. Faith Formation 7-12 & Dir. Youth Ministry ext. 19
- Peg Olson, Office Manager & Administrative Assistant, ext. 22
- Beth Schafer, Director of Faith in Action Ministry, ext. 21
- Julie Sheridan, Dir. Faith Formation 1-6 & Evangelization, ext. 12
- Matt Stano, Maintenance

**PARISH INFORMATION**

- **Please notify the Parish Office** when a parishioner or family member is confined to home, hospitalized, or entering a nursing home. Hospitals no longer notify us of a patient’s admittance. Also, please notify us with change of: address, phone number or email.
- Bulletin items need to be in the parish office no later than Monday at 9am for the upcoming weekend. (holiday deadlines will change)
- E-mail preferred; please send to: [peg@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:peg@holycrossdewitt.org)
- Hearing impaired ear phones are available in the Robing Room in the front lobby.
- Pregnant and Need Help? Please call Catholic Charities 424-1800

**HOLY CROSS SCHOOL**

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**Staff ~ Name and Title**

- Robert McCrone, School Principal
- Joanne Markert - Administrative Assistant, Nina Walters - Nurse