



“COME TO THE FEAST.”
— MT 22:4BC

28TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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NOVENA PRAYER FOR AN END TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O Mary, full of grace, Patroness of this nation and Mother of the Church, in this time of illness and world-wide need we seek your intercession for the human family before your Son's throne of grace and mercy. We ask for strength in adversity, health in weakness, and comfort in sorrow. Help us, O Blessed Mother, to be filled with confidence and trust in the tender compassion of our God. Let us not be afraid, like our own Saint Marianne Cope, who entrusted her life and ministry among the outcasts of society into the care of our Divine Physician. Continue to watch over all who are sick as well as those who care for them and give wisdom to all who are seeking a cure. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. 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 to see more.



Mass Times

View Sunday & Daily Mass on TV or online. We'll share resources at www.holycrossdewitt.org

You can find daily Mass with Bishop Lucia at youtube.com/syrdio &

Sunday Mass at 6:30 & 9:30am on channel 9

Upcoming Events:

Please check page 4 of the bulletin for this week's events. Check the Holy Cross Web site www.holycrossdewitt.org for up to date information.



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Sunday, Oct. 11th–The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Filomena & Nicola Colantone/
Angela & Nick Mastrogiovanni
10:30am Brett Helmer/ Altar Rosary Members
5:00pm Paul K. Michaels/ Janette Lupone

Monday, October 12th

7:45am People of Holy Cross

No Private Prayer & Devotion today

Tuesday, October 13th

7:45am Theresa Ares/ Manuel
9:00am- 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Wednesday, October 14th

7:45am Stanley Blanchfield/ Wife
9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion
7:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Penance

Thursday, October 15th

7:45am Phyllis, Robert Sr. & Kris Reid/ Family
9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Friday, October 16th

7:45am Louise Ferrante/ Maio Family
9:00am- 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Saturday, October 17th

9:00am John McNamara/ Family
4:00pm Jeanne Kirkman/ The Dutter Family
3:00 - 3:30pm Penance

Sunday, Oct. 18th-The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Nicolina & Francesco Mastrogiovanni/
Angela & Nick Mastrogiovanni
10:30am Frank Cappelletti/ Family
5:00pm Phyllis McGlynn/ Mrs. R. Chait

Sunday October 11, 2020

Isaiah 25:6-10a
Psalm 23
Philippians 4:12-14,19-20
Matthew 22:1-14

Many are invited; few are chosen!
These are the final words of the Gospel we hear this weekend. I am not sure about you, but these words give me a chill every time I hear them. Does it make you wonder why God would invite you and not choose you? Every time I hear this Gospel, I begin to think of a particular word that I often reflect on. That word is “worthy.”

Are we worthy to be in the presence of God: worthy of His love; worthy to receive Him in the Eucharist? These questions come up in my mind as well as people ask me them often. If we reflect on being worthy, we can ask ourselves: are we doing our best to be worthy disciples of Christ? The better question to ask ourselves this week is: are we ready to receive his presence, His love, and His very being in the Eucharist? Many times, we get so caught up in wondering if we are worthy or not, when we must remember that He gives us all those things freely. Let’s take a look this week at our readings. In the book of Isaiah, we hear that the Lord of hosts will provide for all people, while St Paul’s letter to the Philippians reminds us that God will supply whatever you need... you have been called to the banquet of the Lord knowing that He will provide for you even in what you lack. None of us are complete. We come to the Lord with all our baggage and difficulties and lay them at His feet. We recognize that none of us are completely worthy, but He gives of Himself freely each time we come to Him in prayer and adoration. Take some time this week and reflect on how you can become closer to God and accept His presence in your lives this week.



Fr. Matt Rawson



Week of October 11th

Host, Wine and Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory Of: Stephen Oliva
Requested by : Wife and Family

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

\$15,921.00 Collection of September 20
\$14,221.00 Collection of September 27
\$ 464.00 Holy Land Collection
Collection of October 4 will be reported next week.

OF YOUR PARISH!

What about Mass Offerings?

We encourage you to 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 updates communications, resources, support, & programs to our community and to our neighbors in need. To help support this mission, become an online giver by visiting www.holycrossdewitt.org/give or mail in your envelopes to the Parish Office (4112 E. Genesee Street, DeWitt, New York 13214).

Thank you



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11, 2020

- SUN 10/11** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/
Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
- MON 10/12** Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [cf. 2]/
Lk 11:29-32
- TUE 10/13** Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48 [41a]/Lk 11:37-41
- WED 10/14** Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Lk 11:42-46
- THR 10/15** Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2a]/Lk 11:47-54
- FRI 10/16** Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13 [12]/Lk 12:1-7
- SAT 10/17** Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7 [7]/Lk 12:8-12
- SUN 10/18** IIs 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b]/1 Thes 1:1-5b/
Mt 22:15-21

New Holy Hour at Holy Cross Begins on Monday, October 19th



*Holy Hour
Mondays
Following
Mass
8:15-9:15
Main Church*



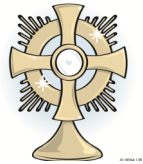
PRAYER REQUESTS

Diana Arnold, Frank Blizzard, Leana Mae Bonnell, David Carr, Terry Chylinski, Vince Cichello, Armand Cincotta, Linda Cote', Mark Cywilko, Ricco Gauf, Katie Glisson, Richard Griffin, Yvonne Grocott, Virginia Grosso, Mason Hallenbeck, Adriana Hampel, Daniel C. Healy, Elaine Hill, Macey Horbauch, Stanley Jakimek, Sharon & Joe Kieffer, Susan Keller, Jane Koszulka, Kathy Kotz, Rory Lennon, Penny Locke, Edward Loftus, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Dominick M., Austin & Tres Mahan, Gail Moloney, Angela Martin, Mary Mayle, Monica Miranda, Tracey Montague, Faith Muller, Al Paparo, Deanna Peters, Joanne Pistello, Patricia Pool, Mona Rawles, Micah Schwiezer, Brian Semerao, Billy Sheridan, Dawn Simmonds, Kay Simon, Joseph Smith, Stephen Smith, Rita Smookler, Shelly Tortora, and Steve Wafer.

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. We will keep them on for three months unless you notify us otherwise. Thank you.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00 - 8:00pm on Wednesdays.

Please register online as you do for Mass if you are planning on attending. We begin the hour in the church with Adoration & will conclude with Solemn Benediction.



Confessions Wednesday Evenings – Chapel

Sacrament of Reconciliation is being offered every **Wednesday between 7 & 8pm**. The peace of mind and soul which this sacrament imparts to us is one for which there is no substitute. Come enjoy the quietness of our Chapel and the forgiveness of our Savior.

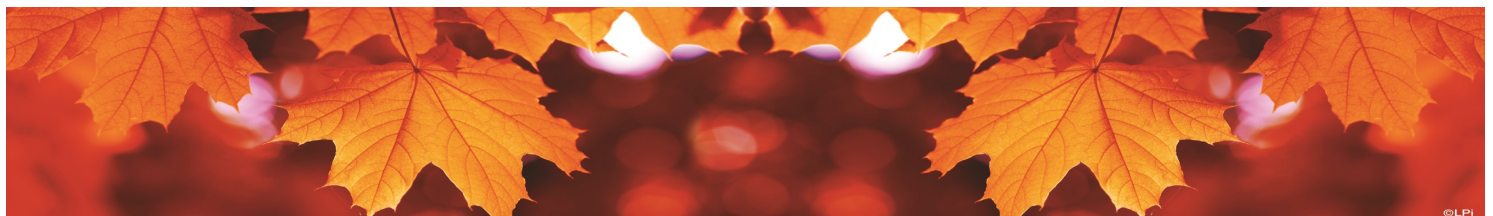
Have you considered having a Mass requested for the intention of someone in your family or a friend?

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.



Banns of Marriage

Cassandra Mills and Colin Flagler



HOPE Appeal 2020

Last weekend we began our 2020 drive. You should have received a letter from Bishop Lucia asking for your support.

Father Kurgan is asking all parishioners to contribute to this year's HOPE Appeal. In an effort to meet our goal, I am asking every family in the parish to consider a minimum gift of \$325.00 (less than \$0.90 a day or less than \$27 a month). If you are able to contribute more, I prayerfully encourage you to do so. If you are not able to make the minimum gift, please give something. Your gift, no matter the size, whether it is a pledge or a one-time gift, is important.

If we all give, we will easily meet Holy Cross' 2020 HOPE Appeal goal of \$101,362.59, which is our parish share of the support for HOPE Appeal-funded ministries, programs, and services. **If we exceed our 2020 HOPE Appeal goal, 100 percent of the excess will be returned directly to our parish. Normally, we keep 50% of the excess but this year the Diocese wants each parish to keep any amount collected in excess of the goal.** We plan to use these funds to continue the mission of Holy Cross Parish.

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their HOPE Appeal pledge card! If you haven't made your decision about your gift, please prayerfully consider your HOPE pledge and review the HOPE Appeal brochure that was included in the Bishop's mailing. **Please bring your completed pledge card to Mass next weekend and drop it in the box along with your weekly contribution. Your may also drop it by the office or mail it to the parish office.** If you would rather pledge your gift you may do so at syrdio.org.

Together, when we pledge our gift to the Annual HOPE Appeal, we are giving thanks to Christ for the innumerable gifts we've been given and helping our friends and neighbors who benefit each year from the diocesan good works funded through our annual appeal.

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

Sunday, October 11th

9:15 AM Adult Ministry - room 12

Monday, October 12th - Columbus Day

Parish Office is Closed

No Private Prayer & Devotion today

Tuesday, October 13th

10:00 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study - room 12 & 13

7:00 PM Catholic Book Club - rooms 12 & 13

Wednesday, October 14th

7:45 AM Fellowship of Believers—Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church

7:00 PM Penance - Church

Thursday, October 15th

10:00 AM Divine Mercy Cenacle - rooms 12 & 13

1:00 PM Knitting Group - Yeazel Hall

Saturday, October 17th

8:00 AM Pro Life Leadership Conference - Yeazel Hall

3:00 PM Penance - Church

Sunday, October 18th

9:00 AM Pastoral Council Meeting - Yeazel Hall

9:15 AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13

Knitting Group

We will meet on **Thursday, October 15th -1PM downstairs in Yeazel Hall.** New knitters are always welcome. Please do not bring food to share and wear your mask. **Reservations are required;** call Jo 315-446-3328 to reserve.

**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.

**HOLIDAY INFORMATION**

- **The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, Oct. 12th to observe Columbus Day**
- **Private Prayer & Devotion will not take place on October 12th**
- **Daily Mass will be at 7:45am October 12th**

Upcoming Events

Here are some of the events coming up this month. Watch the bulletin for more details.

- Knitting Group - October 15 at 1pm
- Coffee & Conversation - Oct. 20 at Noon - Seminarian James Buttner will be our guest speaker
- Rosary and Reflection - Oct. 22 at 6:00pm
- Monthly Movie - Oct. 27 at 1:00pm

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

Tuesday Sandwiches: Oct 20th, 8:15 am

Join us downstairs in Yeazel Hall to prepare peanut butter & jelly sandwiches for Catholic Charities Men's Shelter. Pre-registration is not necessary but sign-in, masks, gloves and social distancing are required. Contact Beth for more info.

Emmaus Ministry Wednesday afternoon: Oct 14th, 1-2:30pm

Sheila Austin is looking for a regular team of volunteers from Holy Cross who are willing to prepare sandwiches each week on Wednesday afternoon, 1-2:30 pm. Protocols will include masks, social distancing and contact limited to a small group of volunteers. For more information contact Beth: beth@holycrossdewitt.org

Laudato Si Circle Meeting: Saturday Oct. 17th, 5pm

Join us outdoors at the picnic tables behind Holy Cross School for prayer, reflection and action regarding the Holy Father's 2015 Encyclical *Laudato Si'*. Bring a chair for socially distanced seating. Contact Beth: beth@holycrossdewitt.org

Online learning about the Spirituality and the Science of Laudato Si:

To learn more about Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical, the Syracuse Diocese created a two-part webinar series called *Laudato Si' at Noon*. The first webinar is entitled *The Scripture and Spirituality of Laudato Si'* with Rev. Timothy Taugher, Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Binghamton. The second is entitled *The Science of Laudato Si': The Threat to Our Common Home* with Dr. Larry Tanner, LeMoynes Professor of Biology and Environmental Sciences. The link may be found here: <https://syracusediocese.org/being-catholic/pope-francis/laudato-si/> Sponsored by the Laudato Si' Task Force and the Office of Catechesis. Questions? Contact David Babcock at dave.babcock21@gmail.com

Samaritan Center Teams: October 25th & November 15th, 11:30-2:30pm

A few of our Samaritan Center volunteers were able to return to the soup kitchen to help with a Sunday afternoon meal last month. Rigorous sanitary safety protocols were in place. Procedures are adjusted with the goal of limiting the spread of the virus while feeding our hungry neighbors. Volunteers must be over 18 years of age and will wear a mask. If you are interested in volunteering for a meal, please contact Rick: philiprcoughlin@gmail.com

Race Matters Online Book Group: Oct 26, 7pm

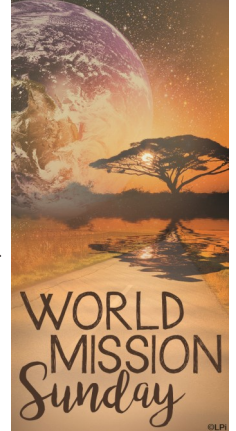
Join the ACTS October book discussion about *Can We Talk about Race? And Other Conversations in an Era of School Re-segregation* by Beverly Daniel Tatum. Holy Cross parishioner Linda Mulvey, retired Chief Academic Officer for the Syracuse City School District will be the lead facilitator for this discussion. Contact Peter Sarver to register: peterfsarver@gmail.com

Next weekend's 2nd collection is: World Mission Sunday

Next week is World Mission Sunday. We are called through our Baptism to be part of the Church's missionary efforts, through prayer, self-sacrifice, and support of the Mission Church through material aid. This year, Pope Francis asks us to respond to that call, saying, "Here I Am, Send Me!" To "send" ourselves, we can:

PRAY for the Church's worldwide missionary work

OFFER financial HELP and CHARITY through the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.



Gardening Angels Update



Your Gardening Angels continue weeding, will next separate the Iris plants for a June bloom & add Native Plants to the south wall garden. They've removed the overgrown trees along the north side of the Church to be replaced soon. They have put down mulch around the gardens, islands &

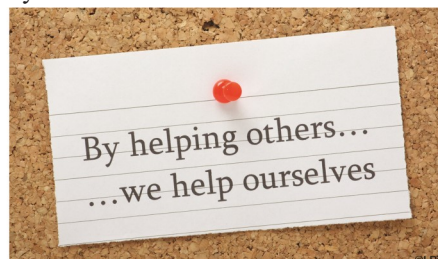
along Paddock Drive. The September plan for the Angels to replant the Daffodils and Narcissus for blooming in Spring is done. A final Fall clean-up will happen over the coming weeks. God's House surely is looking great for Advent. For next Spring, there will be simple work & admiration of our Fall planting. Contact Sue Sovik by phone 315 445-8980 to join the Angels now, & for next year. "For we are God's co-workers, you are God's field, God's building." (1 Corinthians 3:9)

Spiritual Adoption Program

Month Two - Developing Baby

"I can suck my thumb now!" The developing baby is now called a "Fetus" (Latin for "little one"). The child is making rapid progress developing all external and internal organs. During the second month baby teeth form, and fingers and toes are developing. The ears, nose, lips and tongue can now be clearly seen.

Brain waves can be recorded. The skeleton changes from cartilage to bone. The central nervous system is now functioning, and so forty muscle sets begin their first exercises. By 8 weeks all baby systems are present. This little one can now suck its thumb and is about two inches long. Thank you for praying for this precious little baby!



Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

FORMED

Movie: Assisi in Silence - a refuge for Jews during WWII
Watch: Movie: John XXIII: The Pope of Peace - starring Ed Asner
Watch: Program: Divine Mercy, Episode 6: Fatima - the 103rd anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun
Watch: Children/Family: Movie: The Day the Sun Danced
Watch: Program: Divine Mercy, Episode 2: Behold, This Heart - Jesus' appearance to St. Margaret Mary Alcoque (Feast 10/16) giving her the Sacred Heart devotion for the world

DIVINE MERCY CENACLE:

The Divine Mercy Cenacle will meet each Thursday at 10:00am in Yeazel Hall. All are welcome to join. If you are new to the group, please contact Eileen Cariseo (315-469-7128) to secure materials used during the sessions.



FFM Workshop, Catholic Social Teaching, November 7th, 9 am-3 pm

You are invited to an all day workshop here in Yeazel Hall to develop a deeper understanding of Catholic Social Teaching, it's origins and implications for today's world. This Formation for Ministry workshop is open to anyone interested for \$35. Register at formationforministrysy.org or call Eileen Ziobrowski: 315-470-1479.

Pro-Life Leadership Conference

Saturday, October 17, 2020, 12-5PM at Holy Cross Church, DeWitt. Open to students in grades 9-12
 The Pro-Life Leadership Conference is more than just a day to learn about pro-life issues - it is a chance to learn how to apply the issues to your life after the conference. Learn how to discuss these difficult conversations with family members and peers and to be confident while doing so.
 Sessions will be lead by our passionate pro-life speakers, Hannah Hall and Steve Nepil.
 Cost is \$75/person **Scholarships Available**
Individual Registration: <https://for.ma.gle/dY5a8KZAgBpeDypm8>
Group Registration: <https://forms.gle/MiFvhHB4pGPgZ3WF6>

A Family Perspective:



Today's gospel speaks about "unworthy wedding guests." What makes a "worthy" guest? Presence and presents are not enough. The greatest gift we can give is support to the couple as they voyage through life together because marriage naturally contains within it the fields of disappointment. Think of the weddings you have attended. Have you been a "worthy guest?"

Are you curious about Formation for Ministry?

Are you discerning the diaconate? Join the Offices of Formation for Ministry and Deacon Formation for an information seminar Sunday, Oct. 18, from 1:00 to 3:30 at Holy Trinity, Fulton. This information session will include an overview of the Formation for Ministry program leading to commissioning as a lay ecclesial minister (1:00-2:00) and an overview of the process for becoming a deacon (2:00-3:30). You may attend one or both sessions. **Note Formation for Ministry is a prerequisite for becoming a deacon.** Those interested in the diaconate should attend with their wives if married. Register at formationforministrysy.org or call 315-470-1479.

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
Penance ~ 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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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
- 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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