



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” - Mk 10:43-45

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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. May your example and that of Your Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph encourage both young people and parents to consider a vocation and let Your grace sustain them. Amen.

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.”

Would you like to join us as new parishioner?

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

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

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
 Watch Masses online at holycrossdewitt.org

Upcoming Events:

Please check page 4 of the bulletin for information on the events.

Check holycrossdewitt.org for the latest information on Masses, events, & changes in safety protocols. For information call the office at 315-446-0473.



Sun., October 17th– 29th Sunday In Ordinary Time
 7:30am Michael Whalen/ Relihan & Foraker Families
 10:30am Lucy McLean/ Ralph Torrillo & Family
 5:00pm Jules Pagano/ Kathleen Pagano
Monday, October 18th
 7:45am Nace Jo Geiger/ Maio Family
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion
Tuesday, October 19th
 7:45am Parishioners of Holy Cross
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion
Wednesday, October 20th
 7:45am Filomena Javier/ Pio & Ebeneza Oliverio
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion
Thursday, October 21st
 7:45am Sheila Guinto/ Loretta Nowicki
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion
Friday, October 22nd
 7:45am Mary Sullivan/ Jo Oliva
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion
Saturday, October 23rd
 9:00am Andrew Postiglione/ Chele & Al Stirpe
 1:00pm Sacrament of Confirmation
 4:00pm Edward Fillback/ Peter & Rita Bergamo
 3:00 to 3:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sun., Oct. 24th - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30am Pat Highducheck/ Highducheck Family
 10:30am Hilda Loguidice/
 Alice Jastrem & Kirkman Family
 5:00pm Len Smith/ Dutter Family

Reflection for The Weekend of October 16-17

Isaiah 53:10-11
 Psalm: 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22
 Hebrews 4:14-16
 Mark 10:35-45 or 10:42-45




Many of us want the best for ourselves. We want the nicest houses, the best job, the tastiest food and so on. We believe that we deserve it, saying to ourselves; “I have worked hard and suffered a lot to get where I am today, why shouldn’t I get the best stuff that is available to me?” There is nothing wrong with this kind of thinking, but when we look at it in light of the sufferings that Jesus experienced for our sins, then having the best stuff might not seem so important to us.

We are not the only ones who want the best for ourselves. Our Gospel today tells us about two of Jesus’ apostles, James and John, who want some preferential treatment from Jesus. They seem to think that somehow they deserve a special place in the coming Kingdom of God. They certainly have and will continue to suffer for the Kingdom, but so will the other apostles as well. Even thinking about their request for a special place in the coming Kingdom betrays some disordered thinking on their part. They approach Jesus as if he were some kind of wish-granting Genie who could give them whatever they want. Jesus does not work like that for them, and not for us either.

The one thing that characterizes Jesus’ life on this earth is humble service. He is God and as such, is heir to all the power of God. Yet he gave that power up to come to earth and serve us. As he says; “The one who wishes to be first among you will be your servant.” In this way of thinking, we should offer all the best stuff to others and be satisfied with whatever humbleness comes to us. Only through humility can we learn to be the servant of those we come across in the world. Only through service can we obtain the Kingdom of God.

Keep the faith,
 Deacon Dare

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all! The collection supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious & lay leaders who offer the Lord’s mercy & concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope’s missions. Thank you for your generosity.



Week of October 17
Host, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory Of: Stephen Oliva Sr.
Requested By : Wife & 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

\$16,203.10 Collection of October 10th

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF YOUR PARISH!

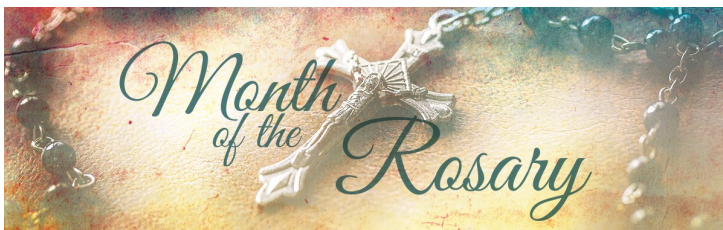
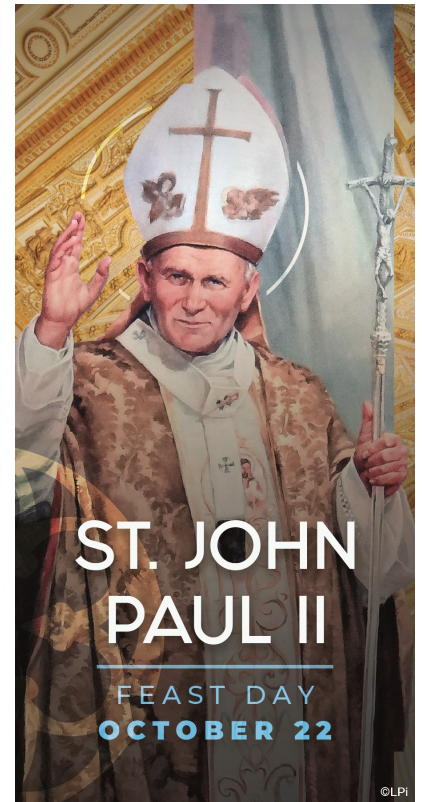
Your support is invaluable. Thank You

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. 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 OCTOBER 17, 2021

- Sunday:** Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/
Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45
- Monday:** 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9
- Tuesday:** Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 [8 and 9]/
Lk 12:35-38
- Wednesday:** Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/Lk 12:39-48
- Thursday:** Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53
- Friday:** Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/Lk 12:54-59
- Saturday:** Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9
- Next Sunday:** Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52



Rosary and Benediction

On **Thursday, October 21 at 6pm** we will have the recitation of the Rosary followed by Benediction. We are so blessed to have Deacon Dare Dutter with us for this devotion to our Blessed Mother. This is a great experience & a time of great blessing for all. Come pray with us!



"Pray the Rosary Every Day"

On May 13, 1917, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared in Fatima, Portugal to three shepherd children. She urged the children to "Pray the Rosary every day, in order to obtain peace for the world, & the end of the war (WWI)." Mornings after daily Mass & on weekends a group gathers to pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy. It is informal, & open to anyone who would like to pray.



Mass at St. Mary's

On Monday, October 25 there will be a Mass at 10:00am at St. Mary's Church in Jamesville. All are welcome!



PRAYER REQUESTS

Meg Barone, Garth H. Bishop, Eden & Mackenzie Bishop, Barbara Boyd, Oliver Brown, Terry Chylinski, Armand Cincotta, Tom Coyne, Mark Cywilko, Tony Dimento, Joanne & Aidan Gallagher, John Galletta, Walt Hiscox, Sharon Kieffer, Ann Kronner, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Dinita Machlin, Monique Missoff, Mary Elizabeth Morgan, Faith Muller, Nancy Patane, Patricia Pool, Stephen Smith, Rita Smookler, Rev. Georg Stockert, John Toole and Jon Zubieta.

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 include them for three months unless you notify us otherwise. Thank you.

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

We begin the hour in the church with Adoration & conclude with Solemn Benediction.

Eucharistic

Confession Wednesday Evenings – Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered every **Wednesday from 7 to 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 Church and the forgiveness of our Savior.



Calling all married couples with young children!
Sunday, October 31—following the 10:30am Mass,
join us for a very special opportunity!

With help from our awesome team at Holy Cross and our diocesan Office of Family & Respect Life, Fr. Foley will be offering a short workshop for families who have recently celebrated the sacrament of Baptism!

Are you wondering how to enhance your life of faith at home, or how to better pray and stay united as a family however you don't feel equipped to share or pass on the faith?? Then please join us! Hear testimony from other parents, get real-life, practical suggestions to implement into the chaos of your family life - and most importantly, come to simply meet other couples and families who are sharing the similar challenges of parenting and passing on the faith!



Please **RSVP by Friday 10/29** so we can provide lunch after Mass! Email Fr. Foley at bfoley@syrdio.org or call the parish office and leave him a message if you are interested or have questions. The event will be held downstairs following 10:30am Mass and will conclude about 1pm with plenty of time for Halloween to happen after!

Special Liturgy for All Souls

November is the month that we as a church & faith community remember those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. We will have a special liturgy on **Tuesday, Nov. 2 at 5:30pm**. We will pray individually for each person who has died since All Souls Day 2020 and a candle will be lit by a family member. **All are asked to register for Mass at www.holycrossdewitt.org or call the parish office.**



Private Prayer Hours

The Church will be open for Private Prayer & Devotion between 9am and 3pm Monday thru Friday.

Going Away for the Winter?

If you are planning on going away this winter, please complete the form below & return it to the office so we can stop your envelopes while you are out of the area. Even if your mail is forwarded, your envelopes come back to us & cost us extra in postage. Thank you!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date you will be leaving _____ Date returning _____

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

- Sunday, October 17th**
 8:15 AM RCIA - Downstairs
 9:15 AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13
 11:45 AM to 4:00 PM Confirmation Interviews - Church
- Monday, October 18th**
 8:15 AM Holy Hour - Church
 3:00 PM Confirmation Interviews - Church
- Tuesday, October 19th**
 6:45 AM Faith Formation (HS) - Yeazel Hall
 8:15 AM Third Tuesday Sandwiches - Yeazel Hall
 12:00 PM Coffee & Conversation - Yeazel Hall
 6:30 PM RCIA Team Meeting - Parish Office
- Wednesday, October 20th**
 6:45 AM Faith Formation (MS) - Yeazel Hall
 7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church
 7:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church
- Thursday, October 21st**
 7:45 AM Faith Formation (EL) - Yeazel Hall
 1:00 PM Knitting Group - Downstairs
 6:00 PM Rosary & Benediction—Church & Yeazel Hall
- Friday, October 22nd**
 7:00 PM Confirmation Rehearsal - Church & Yeazel Hall
- Saturday, October 23rd**
 1:00 PM Sacrament of Confirmation
 3:00 - 3:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Sunday, October 24th**
 8:15 AM RCIA - Downstairs
 9:15 AM Adult Ministry - Yeazel Hall rooms 12 & 13

Coffee and Conversation
October 19

Holy Cross parishioner Michael Affleck will be our guest at the next Coffee and Conversation. Mike is a graduate of the Franciscan School of Theology at the Graduate Theology Union in Berkeley CA and served on the faculty at the University of Notre Dame. Mike has taught Bible studies extensively at the Oasis program here in Syracuse.

Our topic will be: "The Baptist Movement & the Kingdom Movement: the story of John and Jesus".

Join us **Tuesday, October 19**, from Noon- 2pm in Yeazel Hall for Coffee & Conversation Bring your bagged lunch & drink. We will be following social distancing and wearing of your mask. **Please do not bring goodies to share.**

Knitting Group

We will meet on **Thursday, October 21st -1PM downstairs**. New knitters are always welcome. Please do not bring food to share. If you have questions call Rita 315-472-1478 or Jo 315-446-3328.



Thank You to our sponsors

HOPE Appeal 2021
“Your Are The Salt Of The Earth”

Thank you to all who have pledged their support to the HOPE Appeal ministries, programs, and services that benefit so many throughout Central New York, including many in our own parish.

Father Kurgan is asking all parishioners to contribute to this year’s HOPE Appeal. In an effort to meet our goal, he is asking every family in the parish to consider a minimum gift of \$325.00 (less than 90 cents per day ~ less than the cost of a bottle of water or coffee!). If you are able to contribute more, he strongly encourages you to do so. If you are not able to make the minimum gift, please give something. Your gift, no matter the size, is important. If we all give, we will easily meet Holy Cross’ 2021 HOPE Appeal goal of \$92,649.06, which is our parish share of the support for HOPE Appeal-funded ministries, programs, and services.

If we exceed our 2021 HOPE Appeal goal, 100 percent of the excess will be returned directly to our parish. We plan to use these funds to continue the mission of Holy Cross Parish.

Please prayerfully consider your gift to this year’s HOPE Appeal. You may bring your completed pledge card to Mass next weekend **and drop it in the box along with your weekly contribution. You 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.



A Family Perspective:

“Advice” books abound on marriage and parenting. Jesus tells us in today’s gospel the real secret: satisfying relationships depend on how well we sacrifice our needs to serve others. It is not about “getting,” it is about “giving” ourselves. If you feel like you are a servant to your children and spouse, then you are doing it right.



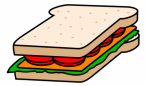
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- Program:** True Reformers, Episode 5: Saint Teresa of Avila
- Book:** Mission of the Messiah (Oct. 18 St. Luke)
- Program:** Divine Mercy (Pope John Paul II 10/22)
- Audio:** Saint John Paul the Great
- Program:** Consoling the Heart of Jesus (St. Margaret Mary Alcoque 10/16)

Faith In Action Opportunities

Sandwich Ministry

The Third Tuesday Sandwich Ministry will resume on **Tuesday 10/19 at 8:15 AM**. Please join us in Yeazel Hall after daily Mass to prepare our usual variety of sandwiches for Catholic Charities homeless shelter. New volunteers are always welcome.



Samaritan Center Volunteers Needed!

The need for volunteers to serve a monthly dinner at the Samaritan Center is ongoing. We have just one shift, which runs 2.5 hours (12:30-3:00) for the Sunday meals. This shortage of volunteers has been exacerbated by Covid. In order for us to continue to help with this ministry, please consider volunteering on one or more of the following dates. **10/17/2021, 11/21/2021**. To sign up or questions contact Rick: philiprcoughlin@gmail.com.

We need your help! Looking for Volunteers!

Francis House, a vibrant, warm and loving home for persons who are terminally ill, is in need of volunteers. As a volunteer you can help meet the needs of our residents by working in our kitchen area where you will be responsible for cooking, cleaning and assisting our residents with meals. Also available are shifts in the reception area. It is a most rewarding ministry and there are a variety of opportunities for service that may interest you. Currently, we have a big need during all shifts on weekends (8-12/12-4/4-7) and have openings during the week. Please call Rea Carver for information at 315-475-5422 or you can email her at rcarver@franchishouseny.org. Thank you!

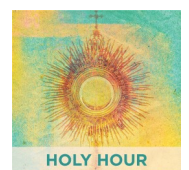
Weekly Bible Study

We are looking for someone who would like to teach or co-teach our weekly daytime Bible Study that is held at Holy Cross. We use materials that make it easy to lead the study. If several people are interested we could possibly rotate each week. Please call Susan at 315-882-5604 for more details.



Holy Hour—8:15 to 9:15AM

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



Safe Environment

Training sessions continue to be in-person however, online training will still be an option. Initial Safe Environment training and recertification training will be offered throughout the Diocese of Syracuse. Find the complete schedule of available training sessions & registration links on the Diocesan Safe Environment webpage: <https://syracusediocese.org/safe-environment/> Registration is required—Walk-ins will no longer be permitted. Any questions - contact Julie Sheridan (315)446-0473

Crossing Guard Needed

The DeWitt Police Department is seeking to hire a Crossing Guard to cross students safely at Holy Cross School,

Schedule: Monday – Friday (5 days per week)
8:15am-9:00am & 2:30pm-3:15pm (3 hours total daily)

When: November 1st – April 1st

Also: Availability to substitute from April 1st through the end of school year as needed.

Pay Rate: \$12.50 per hour

Requirements: Applicants must be at least 21 years old, reliable, professional and personable.

Interested candidates are asked to submit their resume to:

Lt. Jerry Pace, DeWitt Police Department
5400 Butternut Drive, East Syracuse, NY 13057
Or by email to: jpace@townofde Witt.com

Prayerful Witnesses at Syracuse Planned Parenthood

Come on any Saturday mornings from 10:30-11:15 (rain or shine) and pray the holy rosary and other prayers outside Syracuse Planned Parenthood— 1120 East Genesee St. Please prayerfully consider joining others witnessing to the sanctity and dignity of life for both mother and child.

2021 Syracuse Catholic Women's Mini Conference

Saturday, Oct. 23rd at Sacred Heart Basilica, Syracuse
Sr. Jane Dominic Lauel, a Dominican Sister, teacher and author will be the guest speaker. She is the founder of the Catholic Faith & Culture Program at the University of Dallas. Conference is from 8:30am to 12:30pm and includes Rosary, Mass, Speaker Presentation, Eucharistic Adoration/ Confessions and Benediction. Tickets are \$15 (\$20 walk-in at the door). Register at www.SyracuseCatholicWomen.org

Formation for Ministry/Deacon Formation Information Seminar October 24, 1:00 - 3:30, Holy Trinity, Fulton.

*Is God calling you to serve the church as a lay minister or deacon? Find out how Formation for Ministry and Deacon Formation can help you answer that call by attending an information seminar. Seminars include an overview of the Formation for Ministry program leading to commissioning as a lay ecclesial minister and an overview of the process for becoming a deacon. **Formation for Ministry is a prerequisite for becoming a deacon.** Those interested in Deacon Formation should attend with their wives, if married.*

Liturgy for the Opening of the Diocesan Synod

Bishop Douglas Lucia will celebrate a liturgy opening the Diocesan Synod on **Sunday, October 17** at 5:10p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Syracuse. All are welcome either in person or via livestream on our Catholic Youtube channel (Diocese of Syracuse web site).



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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Deacon Dare Dutter, ext. 13
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Brette Cooper, Maintenance
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Maureen McManus, Sacristan
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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
- 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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