




29th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?” Knowing their malice, Jesus said, “Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?” - Mt 22:17b-18

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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

Daily Mass:	7:45am
Saturday:	9:00am
Penance:	Wed. 7-8pm
	Sat. 3:00-3:30pm
Sunday Mass	
Vigil Sat.:	4:00pm
Sunday:	7:30am, 10:30am & 5:00 pm

View Sunday & Daily Mass on TV or online - www.holycrossdewitt.org

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. 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

Monday, October 19th

7:45am People of Holy Cross

9:00am- 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Tuesday, October 20th

7:45am Alyce McNamara/ Family

9:00am- 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Wednesday, October 21st

7:45am Phyllis Jean McGlynn & Kelly Jean McGlynn/
Kevin & Christina McGlynn

9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

7:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Penance

Thursday, October 22rd

7:45am Marilyn Oparil/ Janette Lupone

9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Friday, October 23rd

7:45am Mary Carsello/ Family

9:00am- 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Saturday, October 24th

9:00am Kristen Gerthoffer Woodmansee/
Brenda Casinela

2:00pm Wedding: Cassandra Mills & Colin Flagler

4:00pm Anthony DiBiase, Sr./ Patty & Bruno Schirripa

3:00 - 3:30pm Penance

Sunday, Oct.. 25th-The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Pat Highducheck/ Family

10:30am Edwina Rapp/ Family

5:00pm Bryant & Mary Dates/ Children

Spiritual Reflection for Sunday October 18, 2020
The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5b

Matthew 22: 15-21

Today the Gospel of Matthew reminds us that our primary allegiance is not to any particular nation or group in as much as we belong to God first. God is the creator of all. Many people do not want to be possessed by anyone, let alone God. They want the right to choose to which group to belong. We often forget that God creates us in His image and that He has written His law on our hearts.

In the Gospel, the Pharisees try to entrap Jesus by asking Him if it is legal to pay the census tax to Caesar. Of course, Jesus recognizes their insincerity and asked them whose face is imprinted on their coins. They answer Caesar and Jesus responds "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

God has imprinted himself on our hearts and in our souls as He has created us in His image. Do we repay to God what we possess because it is truthfully God's or do we claim our possessions as fruits of our own labor and refuse to give back to God from our good fortune?

Peace,
Fr. John Kurgan



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

Marriage & Banns **Banns of Marriage**
Cassandra Mills and Colin Flagler

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

Collection of October 4 & 11 will be reported next week.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT
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



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18, 2020

- SUN 10/18** Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b]/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21
- MON 10/19** Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5 [3b]/Lk 12:13-21
- TUE 10/20** Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9]/Lk 12:35-38
- WED 10/21** Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [cf. 3]/Lk 12:39-48
- THR 10/22** Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 [5b]/Lk 12:49-53
- FRI 10/23** Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 12:54-59
- SAT 10/24** Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 13:1-9
- SUN 10/25** Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

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.

Rosary and Benediction

On **Thursday, October 22 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!



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. As part of our **5:00pm liturgy on Sunday, Nov. 1**, we will pray individually for each person who has died since All Souls Day 2019 and a candle will be lit by a family member. **All are asked to register for Mass at www.holycrossdewitt.org.**

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.

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.





Coffee and Conversation

Join us **Tuesday, October 20**, from Noon- 2pm for Coffee & Conversation with Seminarian James Buttner.

James will be sharing his vocation story, talking about growing up as the third of six kids, studying physics at Colgate University, and going through seminary formation in Washington, D.C. Meeting is in Yeazel Hall.

Reservations needed - call Jo 446-3328. Bring your bagged lunch & drink. We will be following social distancing and wearing of your mask. **Please do not bring goodies to share.**



Our next monthly movie will be shown on Tuesday, October 27 at 1:00PM. Selection next week. All are welcome

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!



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.”* (1Corinthians 3:9)

THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES

- Sunday, October 18th**
9:15 AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13
- Monday, October 19th**
8:15AM Holy Hour - Church
10:30AM Christ The King MMP
8:00PM Night Prayer - Live on HC Facebook
- Tuesday, October 20th**
8:15AM Third Tuesday Sandwiches
10:00 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study - room 12 & 13
12:00 PM Coffee & Conversation - Yeazel Hall
- Wednesday, October 21st**
7:45 AM Fellowship of Believers—Yeazel Hall
7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church
7:00 PM Penance - Church
- Thursday, October 22nd**
10:00 AM Divine Mercy Cenacle - rooms 12 & 13
6:00 PM Rosary & Benediction - Church
7:00 PM Discipleship - Yeazel Hall
- Saturday, October 24th**
3:00 PM Penance - Church
- Sunday, October 25th**
9:15 AM Adult Ministry - room 12

Private Prayer Hours

The Main Church will be open for Private Prayer and Devotion between 9am and 3pm - Monday to Friday.
When visiting the church, you are required to wear a mask and to use social distancing.
These hours may change so check the website.

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 with your new address.

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 \$ _____

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.



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, LeMoyne's 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 Please join our next Laudato Si Circle Meeting: Saturday, Oct 31st, 5pm in Yeazel Hall!*



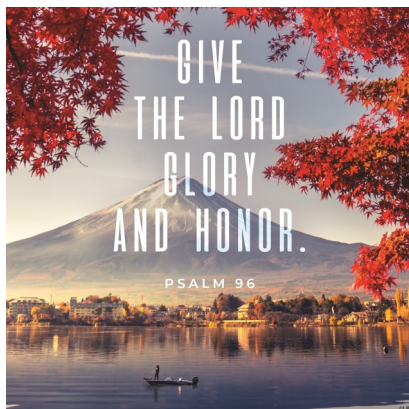
Samaritan Center Teams:

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 Resegregation 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



HOPE Appeal 2020

Walk With Us on this Journey of Faith

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, I strongly encourage 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' 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.

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.



Going Away for the Winter?

If you are planning on going away this winter would you please fill out 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 _____

Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

FORMED

Book: Four Witnesses lives of four great saints of the early Church: Clement of Rome, Ignatius of Antioch (10/18 feast), Justin Martyr, and Irenaeus of Lyons.

Book: You Can Understand the Bible by Peter Kreeft

Audiobook: The Gospel of Luke (10/18)

Program (Fr. Michael Gaitley): 33 Days to Morning Glory,

Week 5: Pope John Paul II (10/22)

Movie: John Paul II: I Kept Looking for You -documentary

Bulletin & Scheduling Information

- If you would like to submit an item for the bulletin please send the item in to the parish office before the deadline on Monday at 9am for the upcoming weekend. Deadlines will change when there is a holiday. Preference is given to Holy Cross events and are approved by Fr. Kurgan. If there is extra room, other announcements will appear. Send your announcements by E-mail to: peg@holycrossdewitt.org. All announcements are subject to editing.

- Anyone who would like to hold an event or activity at Holy Cross should contact Peg at the parish office. Yeazel Hall and classrooms are open to parishioners for meetings & special events. Any others may submit a request. Priority is given to parish events, parishioners & diocesan events. For non-parish groups, proof of insurance may be required. All requests must be approved by Fr. Kurgan prior to getting placed on the Holy Cross calendar.

Job Opportunity

Christ the King Retreat House has begun recruiting for a part-time Maintenance/Groundskeeper position for 24 hours per week. Interested candidates may forward their resume to Chris Spilka at cspilka@syrdio.org.

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 formationforministrysyrdio.org or call Eileen Ziobrowski: 315-470-1479.

Annual Celebration

It is with great joy and gratitude that the Brady Faith Center invites parishioners, their family, and friends to our virtual 26th Annual Celebration Mass and God Love Ya Award on Sunday, October 25, 2020. Registration and Online Payments begin October 1st. Go to bradyfaith.home.qtogo.net. Invitation and Sponsorship materials are attached.

Annulment Information Session

Confused or have questions about the Annulment Process? Separated/Divorced Ministry will be hosting a **FREE ONLINE** session on October 20th, 6:30-8:30pm through Zoom. Msgr. Timothy Elmer and staff from the Syracuse Diocese Marriage Tribunal will present an informative overview of the annulment process. For more information contact Deacon Dean Brainard at 315-472-6754 ext. 5. mail dbrainard@syrdio.org, or visit us online at www.syracusediocese.org and click on the Family/Respect Life tab. All are welcome to attend.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism ~ Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements
Classes required for 1st child's Baptism
†To request either the **Anointing of the Sick** or **Communion to the Sick** please call the Parish Office. †

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

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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

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