

30th SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:52

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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., Oct. 24th - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am Pat Highducheck/ Highducheck Family

10:30am Hilda Loguidice/

Alice Jastrem & Kirkman Family

5:00pm Len Smith/ Dutter Family

Monday, October 25th

7:45am Edwina Rapp/ Family

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

Tuesday, October 26th

7:45am (Living Intention) Roslyn Giufre/ Patricia Perry

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

Wednesday, October 27th

7:45am Parishioners of Holy Cross

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

Thursday, October 28th

7:45am Sheila Guinto/ The Blanchfield Family

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

Friday, October 29th

7:45am Bill Sovik/ David Rapp

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

Saturday, October 30th

9:00am Biagio Vito Russo/ Catanzaro Family

4:00pm Lee & John Stach/ Carol Blake

3:00 to 3:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sun., October 31st - 31st Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am John Passonno/ Wife

10:30am Victor Villani/ Nives & Serafino Marzocchio

5:00pm Roxanne MaAloon Copoli/ Elaine Lostumbo

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.

Reflection for the Weekend of October 23-24**First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9****Psalm: 126:1-2,2-3,4-5,6****Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6**

It's interesting for us to reflect on the fact that Bartimaeus—a man impeded by his lack of sight—is able to recognize who Jesus *really* is (Lord and Messiah)! Bartimaeus knows from what he has heard that Jesus has the power to heal and save. Even though he was repeatedly dismissed and told to be quiet, because of his ability to “see” Jesus for who he is, Bartimaeus refused to miss his chance for an encounter with him. Yet here, through no physical touch of the Lord, no concoction of spit and mud, but rather Jesus says “your *faith* has saved you.” A word from the mouth of Jesus, together with the faith instilled and nourished in the heart of Bartimaeus—healing, sight, and restoration of life are now his.

Juxtapose this now with our first reading...was it really Bartimaeus' initiative to seek out Jesus? Or had Jesus been calling him from within his heart the whole time leading up to that salvific moment? When the crowd finally tells Bartimaeus that Jesus is calling him, wasn't that something that had been true long before that day? In our first reading from Jeremiah, we have beautiful imagery for God's attentive—and **constant**—fatherhood toward us even after we have strayed or been unconscious of his presence:

The Lord has delivered his people...Behold I will bring them back...gathered from the ends of the world...they departed in tears, but I will console and guide them...I will lead them to brooks of water, on level road, so that none shall stumble. For I am a father to Israel. (cf. Jer 31: 7-9)

Are we actively responding to the generosity of God leading us gently to the place where he will ultimately heal us and reclaim us as his own? Are we still waiting for that encounter? Today may we recognize God's intentional activity alive within us, and like Bartimaeus, may we immediately get up and follow after Jesus upon receiving this “sight.”

Fr. Brendan Foley

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**\$15,753.00 Collection of October 17th

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

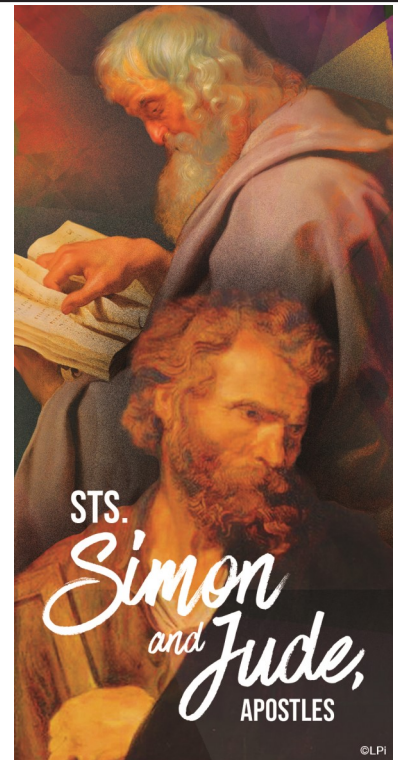
Your support is invaluable. Thank You

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 24, 2021

- Sunday:** Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52
- Monday:** Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/Lk 13:10-17
- Tuesday:** Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21
- Wednesday:** Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30
- Thursday:** Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16
- Friday:** Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
- Saturday:** Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 [14a]/Lk 14:1, 7-11
- Next Sunday:** Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

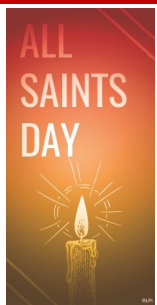


All Saints Day Monday, November 1st

Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation are :

- * 7:45 am
- * 5:30 pm
- * You may watch Mass on-line

There will be no Vigil Mass



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.

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.**

Celebration of Saint Martin De Porres: At 7PM on Wednesday November 3rd

The Holy Cross Men's group is sponsoring a Mass to celebrate the feast day of St. Martin De Porres, a great black saint of the Church. The Mass will be celebrated and preached by Jesuit Father Charles Oduke.

St Martin lived and worked as a member of the Dominican order in Lima, Peru. He experienced great abuse as the son of a white Spanish gentleman and a black slave. Despite the prejudice he experienced, he served the Lord in many ways, starting an orphanage for children of slaves, and ministering to the sick during an epidemic in Lima. Please join us to mark the feast day of such a great saint of our Church.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will not take place at 7pm.



Pray the Rosary Daily

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



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!

Message From Fr. Kurgan

Congratulations to our candidates of 2021 that received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend.

Confirmation brings us the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. The gifts that the Spirit are Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Wonder and Awe. We pray that our Confirmation Candidates allow these gifts to flourish within them, so that when the trials of life come their way, as they do for all people, they will be able to recognize that God is active in their life. Once the gifts of the Spirit are welcomed into our being we begin to recognize the Fruits of the Spirit, and we experience the Joy and Peace that comes from walking with our God.

Father Kurgan

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 but 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 events!



Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Every Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00pm in the Church
- Every Saturday at 3:00 - 3:30pm in the Church
- By Appointment

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, October 24th
 8:15 AM RCIA - Downstairs
 9:15 AM Adult Ministry - Yeazel Hall rooms 12 & 13

Monday, October 25th
 8:15 AM Holy Hour - Church

Tuesday, October 26th
 6:45 AM Faith Formation (HS) - Yeazel Hall

Wednesday, October 27th
 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 28th
 7:45 AM Faith Formation (EL) - Yeazel Hall
 7:00 PM Discipleship - Yeazel Hall

Saturday, October 30th
 3:00 - 3:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, October 31st
 8:15 AM RCIA - Downstairs
 9:15 AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13
 10:30 AM Newly Baptized Families Mass, Social & Workshop - Church & Yeazel Hall

Sandwich Ministry

The First Tuesday Sandwich Ministry will be meeting on **Tuesday 11/2 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.



Sunday Morning Adult Ministry



We are a group of parishioners who are interested in learning more about our faith. **We meet on Sunday downstairs in rooms 12 & 13 at 9:15am**. We are starting a book called The Story Of A Soul, the autobiography of St. Terese of Liseux. Please join us.

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 _____

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. **Bring your completed pledge card to Mass 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:

When Jesus asked the blind man, “What do you want from me?” he asked for sight. If Jesus asked you the same question, what would you say? Okay, that is your prayer.



Formed

Lectio: Evangelization
Book: You Can Understand the Bible
Children: Watch: Cat Chat: Building the Kingdom, Learning about the Saints
Watch: A Bible Study on the Glorious Mysteries (5-Part Series)
Watch: A Study of Sacred Art - Various subjects



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Food Giving Weekend Volunteers Needed

Volunteers needed to assist with the Food Collection Weekend. Each month Holy Cross collects pantry items to send to 2 inner-city pantries, and our own Jamesville Food Pantry.



We are looking for hands to help unpack the donations, sort by category, prep the empty bags, and repack bags per instructions from the receiving pantries. This occurs after each Mass (except Sunday 5pm) usually the first weekend of the month. Feel free to try it once, or help as often as you can. Even 15 minutes would be a help.

Also, we could use some brown paper bags each month, it makes re-packing more efficient. We will add bags to the needed items list that is posted the week before Giving Weekend.

Please feel free to ask questions by contacting the office. No need to sign up, just follow the groceries to Yeazel Hall.

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.

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.

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!

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: jp pace@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.

Married Couples - RESTORE REKINDLE RENEW

You're invited to a Weekend of Discovery, a Lifetime of Love at Worldwide Marriage Encounter on November 12 - November 14 in Canandaigua, New York. Discover that WWME can help married couples turn a good marriage into a great marriage! Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend for married Christian couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. Attend WWME weekend and learn the tools needed to keep your marriage strong. Call Mike & Ann Marie Hurley with questions or to register at 585-703-5259 or register at <https://wwme.org/for-couples/>

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 in part. Your contribution will help us provide a Catholic Education for a boy or girl. Tuition is \$5,650.00.

Holy Cross School is incorporated, it 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 interested.

God bless you. 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 (\$5,650)

_____ Partial Scholarship - Amount of Donation \$ _____

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. Brendan Foley, 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
- 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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School Office – Phone: 315 446-4890, FAX: 315 446-4799

Website: hcschooldewitt.org

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Staff ~ Name and Title

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