



Thank you to all who made our feast day special! Whether you celebrated here with us, or somehow marked the day with your family, thank you! The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, September 14, was celebrated well as a group of pilgrims from our parish made their way to our newly instituted diocesan shrine, St Mary's in Oswego. Together we enjoyed a beautiful journey of prayer and fellowship, bringing with us the intentions of our hearts as well those of our parish community. There have been many graces that have come from this treasured time! We will look forward to commemorating the day next year, too. May the Lord continue to bless our community of Holy Cross!

"In difficult moments, I will fix my gaze upon the silent Heart of Jesus stretched on the Cross, and from the exploding flames of His merciful Heart, will flow down upon me power and strength to keep fighting."
— St. Faustina

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.

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 3rd – 27th Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am Irene & Bernard Kelly/ Their Children
 10:30am Anthnet Moore/ Family
 5:00pm Clinton Carr/ Rita & Peter Bergamo

Monday, October 4th

7:45am Bill Sovik/ Claude & Mary Anne Pilon
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Tuesday, October 5th

7:45am Parishioners of Holy Cross and
 Debi Luke/ Blake Family
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Wednesday, October 6th

7:45am Rosemary Coolican/ Family
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Thursday, October 7th

7:45am Alyce McNamara/ Family
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Friday, October 8th

7:45am Charles Beeler/ Ken & Helen McAndrew &
 Family
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Saturday, October 9th

9:00am Michael Piscitell/ Jack & Marian Glisson
 4:00pm Cara Christensen/ Family
 3:00 to 3:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sun., Oct. 10th – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Jackie Connolly/ Family
 10:30am Andrew Postiglione/ Chele & Al Stirpe
 5:00pm John & Leonora Stach/ Ellen, Jay & Family

Sunday, October 3, 2021
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 2:18-24
Hebrews 2:9-11
Mark 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

“God himself is a communion of persons, an eternal exchange of love, and he has destined us to share in that exchange (CCC 221).”

Our Scripture readings this weekend on human love and the divine plan are consoling, but yet they also quite challenging. Consoling because they present to us the profound truth that—yes, here and now—we can experience a pure, authentic level of communion between man and woman that is reflective of, and a participation in God’s unfathomable union with humanity. Challenging because we know all too well the fractured state of Marriage in our culture and world, and the reality that married life, at times, is very hard.

In a sense, when a man and woman lovingly consent to become “one flesh” with each other united intimately with God, while unspoken, it means consenting to understand that “I am marrying an imperfect person...in sickness and in health, in good times and in bad, I am committed to helping my spouse love the Lord and reach eternal life with God forever...” The total gift of self each spouse makes to the other is to be a reflection of Jesus’ own words when he says, “This is my body...this is my blood...given for you.” This is not easy! It only happens through the generous outpouring of God’s grace.

May we fervently pray for the married couples among us in our faith community, that they may be renewed in living out their vocation that is absolutely essential to the life of the Church.

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives. (cf. Ps. 128:5)

Father Brendan Foley



This weekend’s second collection is:
 Respect Life

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

\$15,606.30 Collection of September 26th

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

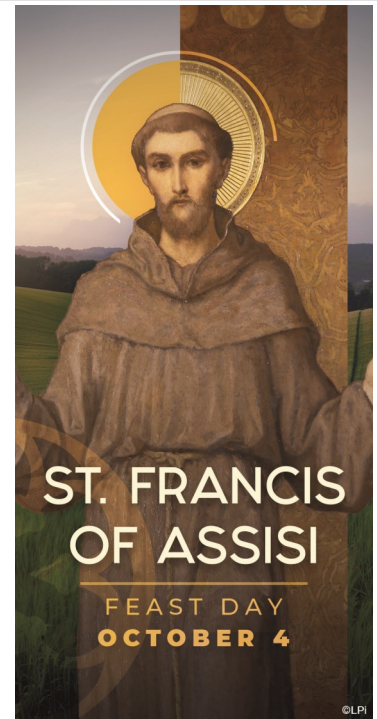
Your support is invaluable. Thank You

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 3, 2021

- Sunday:** Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12
- Monday:** Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
- Tuesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday:** Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4
- Thursday:** Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13
- Friday:** Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26
- Saturday:** Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28
- Next Sunday:** Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27



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, 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.



Blessing of Animals

To celebrate the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi we will have the Blessing of Animals on **Sunday, October 3 at 1:00**. All are invited to bring their pets for a special blessing. We will meet near the front of the church. In case of inclement weather we will meet at the school under the tent.

Rosary and Benediction

On **Thursday, October 24 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!



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

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



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.



This Weekend is Respect Life Sunday- Here is one way to participate.....

The National **Life Chain** Event will be held this year at Holy Family Church, Fairmont, on **Respect Life Sunday, October 3, 2021** from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM. This will be one hour of peaceful prayer to take a positive stand to end abortion and to witness to the sacredness of human life. The Knights of Columbus will provide signs; "Stand Up for Life"

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.

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.

**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.**

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES****Sunday, October 3rd - Food Giving Weekend**

9:15 AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13

Monday, October 4th

8:15 AM Hour Hour - Church

Tuesday, October 5th

6:45 AM Faith Formation (HS) - Yeazel Hall

8:15 AM First Tuesday Sandwiches - Yeazel Hall

6:30 PM RCIA Team Meeting - Parish Office

7:00 PM Jason Everett's Purified Event - Church

Wednesday, October 6th

6:45 AM Faith Formation (MS) - Yeazel Hall

5:00 PM Pot Luck Dinner - Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church

7:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church

Thursday, October 7th

7:45 AM Faith Formation (EL) - Yeazel Hall

1:00 PM Knitting Group - Yeazel Hall

Friday, October 8th

7:45 AM Faith Formation (EL) - Yeazel Hall

Saturday, October 9th

3:00 - 3:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, October 10th

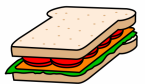
9:15 AM Adult Ministry - Yeazel Hall rooms 12 & 13

**Pot Luck Supper**

Come on **Wednesday, October 6** when Holy Cross will have a Pot Luck Supper starting at 5:00pm. Just bring a dish to pass and your place setting and then sit back and enjoy all the delicious culinary treats from your friends. Call Jo (315-446-3328) to RSVP. All are invited

Sandwich Ministry

The First Tuesday Sandwich Ministry will resume on **Tuesday 10/5 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.

**Knitting Group**

We will meet on **Thursday, October 7th -1PM downstairs in room 12 & 13**. 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.

Holy Cross Monthly Luncheon

All are invited to this month's luncheon on **Wednesday, October 13th at 12:00pm**. Watch for the restaurant location in next weekend's bulletin. Reservations are required. **Please call Jo (315-446-3328) no later than noon on Monday, October 11th** with your reservation.

FAITH FORMATION

Julie Sheridan - DFF grades 1-4
 446-0473 x 12 Julie@holycrossdewitt.org
 Steve Nepil - DFF grades 5-12
 446-0473 x 18 Steve@holycrossdewitt.org

Welcome back! Classes begin this week..

Sr. High (9th - 12th) - Tuesday, October 5 @ 6:45 - 7:40am

Middle School (5th - 8th) - Wednesday, Oct. 6 @ 6:45 - 7:40am

Elementary (1st -4th) -
 Jamesville Elementary & Moses DeWitt on Thursday, Oct 7 @ 7:45 - 8:45am
 Tecumseh & other schools on Friday, Oct. 8 @ 7:45 - 8:45am



If you have any questions, please reach out to Steve or Julie at the contact information above or for more information check out our website... <https://www.holycrossdewitt.org/youth>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are still in need of help in a variety of areas. Teaching, helping with breakfast, door and hall monitors. Please give prayerful consideration if you are interested and available during the time frames listed above. Connect with Steve or Julie for more details.

We give a HUGE thank you to our Pastor, Fr John Kurgan and Fr Brendan Foley along with the office staff and parishioners for your continuous, prayerful, and generous support of this ministry. Please continue to pray for us all! We are excited and looking forward to the year ahead with our families. Peace of Christ!

Purified with Jason Evert

October 5 at Holy Cross Church from 7-9pm

PURIFIED: A family-based event that invites parents as well as teens to learn about God’s plan for love. It combines Jason Evert’s presentation on chastity for the family, with a time of prayer, adoration, and the sacrament of reconciliation for everyone. We will also be distributing free resources to every attendee so that every member of the family can take items home to help them live out this lifestyle. . Registration is free but seats must be reserved at Chastity.com/Purified. This event is open to parents and teens (13+) but grandparents, aunts, or uncles may also accompany teens. Questions? Please contact Jennifer Brown in the Family/Respect Life Office jjenniferbrown@syrdio.org or 315-472-6754 x.7.



OUR LADY of FATIMA ROSARY RALLY at HOLY CROSS
October 16th @ 12 pm

Weather permitting, we will be outdoors before her statue; in the event of inclement weather we will be in the church.

Sign-up sheets in main foyer of the church. Deacon Dare Dutter will be leading us and we are so grateful to have him with us.

The Diocese would encourage all to bring a mask in the event that we meet inside the church. Your discretion is greatly appreciated. Any questions, you may call me (Barbara Cangelo) at 315-469-1270

Faith In Action Opportunities

The Season of Creation

St. Francis’s Call

Reflection: It was more than 800 years ago that St. Francis of Assisi was called by God to “go and repair my house which you see is falling into ruin” and yet still many millions life and suffer in conditions of poverty and need while our common home is increasingly beset by human-caused ecological degradation and catastrophe. How can we together best address these entwined social and environmental crises?



Prayer: “Christ our Lord, both divine and human, You lived among us and died for our sins. Help us to imitate your love for the human family by recognizing that we are all connected—to our brothers and sisters around the world, to those in poverty impacted by environmental devastation, and to future generations” (from the Prayer to Care for Our Common Home, USCCB)

Action:

- Take the St. Francis Pledge to pray and advocate for the care of creation and the poor with the Catholic Climate Covenant.
- Make some time to read from *Laudato Si’*, maybe with a family member or friend.
- There are many groups working to make Central New York a better home for all by addressing issues ranging from a lack of safe housing and food to environmental injustice to refugee assistance. How can you best use your talents to contribute to these efforts?

Invitation from the Diocesan Caring for Our Common Home Task Force

You are invited to join **Bishop Lucia** as we celebrate the closing of Season of Creation on **Sunday, October 3rd at 11:30 am** in the outdoor **Grotto at Our Lady of Hope**, 4845 South Salina St, Syracuse. Celebrated annually, the Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with God our Creator, with all of creation and with one another. Pope Francis tells us *"This is the season for letting our prayer life be inspired anew, to reflect on our lifestyles, to undertake prophetic acts for creation. It's a time to call for courageous decisions and direct our planet toward life."*

Food Giving Weekend is This Weekend

Thank you for your food items and your contributions ! If you forgot to bring in your donations you may bring them next weekend.

Many thanks to everyone who donated food or money over the past few months. It was so appreciated by the Jamesville Food Pantry.



Formed

- Watch:** Therese
- Watch:** Lukas Storyteller: Saint Therese of the Child Jesus
- Listen:** Therese: The Story of a Soul (10/1 St. Therese)
- Watch:** Best Parenting Advice: Guardian Angels (10/2)
- Watch:** The Birth of the Franciscans (St. Francis 10/4)
- Audio:** The Second Greatest Story Ever Told (St. Faustina 10/5)
- Movie:** The Traditional Catholic Rosary (Our Lady of the Rosary 10/7)

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 Lisieux. Please join us.

Weekly Bible Study

We are looking for someone who would like to teach or co-teach our weekly day-time 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.



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

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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- Deacon Dare Dutter, ext. 13
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- Ernest J. Camerota, Director of Music, ext. 38
- Brette Cooper, Maintenance
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- 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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