



Listening Session for our Pastoral Care Area



Reminder:

All are invited to participate in a Listening Session with Bishop Lucia as part of the Synodal Process on **November 3rd** from **6:30 to 8:30 pm**, at **Blessed Sacrament Church** located at **3127 James Street** in **Syracuse**.

No registration is required. Come, let us journey together to listen to one another and to the Spirit of God.

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 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

Monday, November 1st –All Saints Day

7:45am Sheila Guinto/ Claude & Mary Anne
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion
 5:30pm Sally Torba/ M/M Timothy Byce

Tuesday, November 2nd - All Souls Day

7:45am Catherine Lynn/ daughter & grandchildren
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion
 5:30pm All The Deceased

Wednesday, November 3rd

7:45am Len Smith/ Jo Oliva
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion
 7:00pm Celebration Mass of St. Martin DePorres

Thursday, November 4th

7:45am David & Pat Bean/ Family
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Friday, November 5th

7:45am Mass League
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Saturday, November 6th

9:00am Intentions of Parish Rosary Group/
 Margaret Ingraham
 4:00pm Madeline Moore/ Mary Kay & Jim Moore
 3:00 to 3:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sun., Nov. 7th - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Sheila Guinto/ Dutter Family
 10:30am Anthony Jastrem/ Allie & Kirkman Family
 5:00pm Hilda Loguidice/ Agnes, Rose & Karen

Sunday October 31, 2021

**Deuteronomy 6:2-6
 Hebrews 7:23-28
 Mark 12:28b-34**

Today, in the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses directs the people to “Fear the Lord, your God, and keep, throughout the days of your lives, all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you and thus have a long life.”



When Moses says, “Fear the Lord,” he does not mean in a cowering way, but in a lively, faith-filled determination to live as God has taught. So many people are in actual fear of God. This is not what God wants, but instead, what the word “Fear” means in today’s Sacred Scripture is respect. The Scripture calls us to respect the commandments of God. If we live according to His commandments then we will lead a successful and happy life in the eyes of God.

The problem arises when our self-determination contradicts what God teaches. We all experience this at times, and we know this as sin. However, if we choose to respond to God’s commandments in a positive way, we remind ourselves that we truly love God because God loves us! Let us return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and truly ask forgiveness for the times our self-determination has led us away from our Creator and into the hands of evil.

May we all respect the Lord our God, and live according to his Word!

Peace,
 Fr. John

Week of October 31

Host, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory Of: Jennie Sala

Requested By: Terry & Bill Middleton



Next weekend’s second collection is:
 Seminary

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

\$16,845.08 Collection of October 24th

**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 31, 2021

- Sunday:** Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34
- Monday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
- Tuesday:** Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40a
- Wednesday:** Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33
- Thursday:** Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10
- Friday:** Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8
- Saturday:** Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [1b]/Lk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44



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 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.

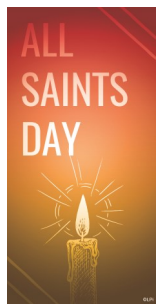
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will not take place at 7pm on Nov. 3.

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



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 at www.holycrossdewitt.org or call the parish office.**

MASS LEAGUE

First Friday Mass League Enrollment

Alfredo Valente ~ Friends

First Friday Mass League

What is the Mass League? Your loved one or intention will be remembered at the 7:45am Mass on the First Friday of each month for one year. Donation is \$25 and membership is available by stopping by the Parish Office.

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.

Faith In Action Opportunities

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.



Food Donation Weekend

November 6 & 7: we will be collecting for our pantries. This month our pantries have asked for many of the usual items: Kiddo cereals; canned fruit and vegetables; spaghetti sauce; kidney, white & black beans; shampoo; body wash; diapers; plus stuffing for turkey for the Thanksgiving baskets. Please grab a bag &/or list for your convenience. The pantries and their clients are most grateful for your generous assistance.



Jamesville Food Pantry

Are you or someone you know in need of food?

If you are living in the 13214 or 13078 zip codes you might be eligible for food assistance from the Jamesville Food Pantry. It is located in the old firehouse on East Seneca Turnpike in the hamlet. The hours are Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10-1 & the third Saturday of each month from 9-11. Call 315-469-5093 for eligibility requirements or for more information. Donations from Holy Cross parishioners help to sponsor the Jamesville Food Pantry.

Thank You!

Knitting Group

We will meet on Thursday, November 7th - 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 dedicated knitters who have been diligently working this past year and have accumulated a total of 766 hours. That is a lot of stitches. Their grand total for the time they have knitted for St. Joseph's Hospital is 14,646.5. We appreciate their service.

Holy Cross Monthly Luncheon

All are invited to this month's luncheon on Thursday, November 11th at 12:00pm. Location will be announced in next weekend's bulletin. Reservations are required. Please call Jo (315-446-3328) no later than noon on Monday, November 8th with your reservation.

Daylight Saving Time ends next weekend. Don't forget to move your clocks back one hour.



THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

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

Monday, November 1st

8:15 AM Holy Hour - Church

Tuesday, November 2nd

8:15 AM First Tuesday Sandwiches - Yeazel Hall

Wednesday, November 3rd

6:45 AM Faith Formation (MS) - Yeazel Hall
6:30 PM Listening Session at Blessed Sacrament
7:00 PM No Adoration & Reconciliation Tonight
7:00 PM Celebration of St. Martin DePorres - Church
7:00 PM PTA Meeting - Yeazel Hall

Thursday, November 4th

7:45 AM Faith Formation (EL) - Yeazel Hall
1:00 PM Knitting Group
7:00 PM Discipleship - Yeazel Hall

Saturday, November 6th - Food Giving Weekend

3:00 - 3:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, November 7th

8:15 AM RCIA - Downstairs
9:15 AM Adult Ministry - Yeazel Hall rooms 12 & 13
2:30 PM First Reconciliation Workshop & Mass



The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, November 10 from Noon to 2:00pm. Please feel free to leave a phone message - 315-446-0473

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:

In a family, children are taught to be respectful if they want to be respected; to share, if they want their fair share, and to listen, if they want to be heard. Family life rescues us from arrogance by teaching us to love others as we love ourselves.



Formed

Watch: Brother Francis: The Saints (11/1 All Saints Day, 11/2 All Souls Day)

Watch: Ready Reasons: Are the Saints Aware of our Prayers?

Read: History of the Catholic Church

Read: Deep Conversion, Deep Prayer

Listen: Heroes of the Catholic Reformation

Listen: Shakespeare and the Grace of Conversion



Volunteers Needed Next Sunday

Volunteers needed to assist with the Food Collection Weekend.

A huge thank you to our October volunteers who showed up on short notice and handled the task with grace and efficiency. Thank you all!

Also an ongoing thank you to our volunteers who regularly haul the donations to the pantries. You are fabulous!

We are currently 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 Mass (except Sunday 5pm) the first weekend of the month. Feel free to try once, or help as often as you can. **Even 15 minutes would be a help.**

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

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@francishouseny.org.



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/>

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. **11/21/2021**. To sign up or questions contact Rick: philiprcoughlin@gmail.com.

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



The Third Option - Mentor Couples Wanted

The Third Option, a marriage enrichment program, is currently looking for couples who have overcome marital difficulties. We need your unique input for an ongoing ministry to other married couples. Please contact Stephanie Stewart at The Third Option at 315-472-6745 ext. 5 or [sstewart@syrdio.org](mailto:ssewart@syrdio.org) if interested. Please see the attached ad for posting and social media.

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 & operating expenses per student exceeds \$7,800.00 annually.

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
- 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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Staff ~ Name and Title

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