



Come Holy Spirit! Congratulations to the 39 young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday afternoon at Holy Cross. May the strengthening of the Holy Spirit empower you towards a life lived for Jesus and his Kingdom. The Church is in need of saints! God has given you all the gifts now to be able to live this universal call to holiness. We are so proud of you!

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
Saturday 3:00pm

Sunday Mass

Vigil Sat.: 4:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am
10:30am
5:00 pm

Upcoming Events:

Coffee & Conversation
Tuesday, Nov. 19—12:00pm

Refugee Bake Sale
Weekend of Nov. 23 & 24

Giving Tree Tag Pick Up
Nov. 30 & Dec. 1 - 12:00pm

MASS INTENTIONS



Sunday, November 3rd - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Elinore McCarthy/ Family
 10:30 AM Dr. Peter Becker / The Raasch Family
 5:00 PM Catherine Sharak/ Marge Lewush

Monday, November 4th

7:45 AM Brett David Revette/ Family
 8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday, November 5th

7:45 AM Anne LaCasse/ David Rapp
 8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, November 6th

7:45 AM People of Holy Cross
 8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Penance

Thursday, November 7th

7:45 AM Marion Wendel/ Barbara Becker
 8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, November 8th

7:45 AM Donna M. Bonacci/ Husband & Family
 8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, November 9th

9:00 AM Intentions of Margaret Ingraham
 3:00 - 3:30 PM Penance
 4:00 PM Harriet O'Leary/ Friends

Sunday, November 10th - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Irene Fryer/ Nepil Family
 10:30 AM Anthony Jastrem/ Wife & Kirkman Family
 5:00 PM Elinore McCarthy/ Family

Thanksgiving Day Mass:

Thursday, November 28, @ 9:00 AM

Please join us for this special Liturgy, including the Blessing of Bread. All will be invited to the sanctuary during the closing hymn to take a loaf of fresh bread to share with your family and friends for your Thanksgiving dinner table.



**This weekend's 2nd collection is:
 Seminary
 Next weekend's 2nd collection is:
 Military Services Collection**

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.

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

Credit card and electronic donations are now possible through the Holy Cross website: www.holycrossdewitt.org/give

MUSICAL NOTES

Musical Notes will not appear in the bulletin this week but will return next week.



When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." — Lk 19:5-7

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A Family Perspective

Jesus is saying to you what He said to Zacchaeus, "I must stay at your house today." It doesn't matter if in today's gospel Jesus "intended to pass through Jericho to another town." In families we sometimes stop at the wrong places. It is wisdom to "pass through" annoying family situations so we can enjoy the goodness of each other.



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. Cost is \$25 and membership is available by stopping by the Parish Office.

YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT

\$19,704.88 Average weekly need

\$13,787.88 Collection of Oct. 27

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

Confirmation CELEBRATION



We'd like to congratulate the 39 young people who made their Confirmation this Sunday afternoon. We are so proud of you! May the strengthening of the Holy Spirit empower you towards a life lived for Jesus and his Kingdom. The Church is in need of saints! God has given you all the gifts now to be able to live this universal call to holiness. Additionally, Holy Cross would like to express gratitude to Bishop Cunningham who conferred the sacrament and Meg Nepil, Sean & Ann Wayne, Tara Neugebauer, & Steve Fiacco for volunteering as catechists for the students Confirmation preparation this year. We couldn't have done it without you!

Thank You & Congratulations!

I would like to thank all who have worked this past year for the preparation of our young people for Confirmation. Special thanks to Steve Nepil, our Confirmation Director; Julie Sheridan; Dan Littlepage; Peg Olson; Ernest Camerota & the Choir. Also, I would like to thank our catechists, sponsors, volunteers, parishioners, and staff. Congratulations again to the newly confirmed and their parents.

Father Kurgan

RCIA or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Information Session

As a community, we all have a role to play in creating a vibrant parish! If you are interested in learning more about your role in promoting the growth of our parish family, please join an informational meeting on the role of the parish in promoting & encouraging inquiry into the Catholic faith.



All are invited to join the discussion at 11:30am on Sunday, November 3rd in the Chapel after 10:30 Mass.

Please join us!

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

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

Confessions on Wednesday Evenings

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 Church and the forgiveness of our Savior.



We will not be having a flu shot clinic at Holy Cross this year as we were unable to secure a provider since Rite Aid closed.

Prayers Are Requested For...



Diana Arnold, Frank Blizzard, Leana Mae Bonnell, David Carr, Linda Cote', Betty Galletta, Ricco Gauf, Katie Glisson, Richard Griffin, Yvonne Grocott, Virginia

Grosso, Mason Hallenbeck, Adriana Hampel, Daniel C. Healy, Elaine Hill, Susan Keller, Jane Koszulka, Kathy Kotz, John Laura, Rory Lennon, Penny Locke, Edward Loftus, Dominick M., Austin & Tres Mahan, Mary McArdle, Gail Moloney, Angela Martin, Mary Mayle, Monica Miranda, Faith Muller, Al Paparo, Deanna Peters, Jane Pigott, Wayne Queror, Mona Rawles, Micah Schwiezer, Brian Semerao, Dawn Simmonds, Kay Simon, Joseph Smith, Stephen Smith, Rita Smookler, Eleanor Sullivan, Shelly Tortora, Steve Wafer and Kristen Woodmansee.

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.

Notify the Parish Office

If a loved one has been admitted to the hospital, please inform the parish office of which hospital and their room number. The priests or deacon would like to make a pastoral visit, but that cannot happen without being notified by the families. Due to HIPPA laws, the hospitals cannot share that information with the parish. In addition, if a loved one is admitted to a nursing home or rehab facility, please notify the office. Thank you.

Homebound and Nursing Home Ministry:



We are looking for volunteers to help fellow parishioners who are homebound or Nursing Home residents.

Our parish needs people to visit our fellow parishioners & people to call them on the phone to assess their current situations. If God is moving your heart to provide either of these services, please contact Claude Pilon by email at cpilon@twcny.rr.com or call the parish office 446-0473.

Mass for Homebound

Sunday Mass for the ill and home-bound is available each week on TV on Sunday at 6:30am on channel 9 and on the Syracuse Catholic Television YouTube channel. For a complete list of channels & air times, visit [facebook.com/syracuseCTV](https://www.facebook.com/syracuseCTV). Televised Mass is made possible by your generous donations to the HOPE Appeal.



Saturday Morning: 9:00 am
Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm
Sunday Masses: 7:30 am & 10:30 am
And 5:00 pm

Congratulations to HC Knitters

Recently our Knitting Group was acknowledged at the St. Joseph's Health Center's Volunteer Luncheon. They have tallied 13,000 hours in service. These women are so faithful in this ministry and they certainly deserve this recognition!



New Knitters - Welcome



We will meet on Thursday, November 7th -1PM downstairs in Yeazel Hall. New knitters are always welcome. Stop by even if you are a beginner and want to learn more or if you want help with ongoing projects such as knitting hats for newborns in the hospitals.

Holy Cross Monthly Luncheon - Nov. 14th

All are invited to this month's luncheon on **Thursday, Nov. 14th at 12:00pm**. The restaurant will be announced in next weekend's bulletin. **Please call Jo (315-446-3328) no later than Monday morning, Nov. 11th** to let her know you will be coming. She will need a count for the restaurant reservations.

CATHOLIC MEDIA - AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

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CD: "Who Am I to Judge? Responding to Relativism with Logic and Love"

Discussing moral issues with family and friends can be a challenge in a culture that strongly promotes the idea that there is no objective truth. Dr. Edward Sri provides 5 "keys" to enable Christians to oppose with logic and love what Pope Benedict XVI called the "dictatorship of relativism." He also clarifies the proper understanding of what it means to judge, and the importance of making good judgments.

FORMED:

Have you signed up for FORMED yet? It is new and even more exciting than before. Enrich your faith with this free to you, online, get it on any computer or digital device, Catholic media. Just go to formed.org and click Sign Up. Follow the easy instructions to get into your parish information, create a password and a world of Catholic movies, studies, books and audios are yours. They have recently updated the whole website so if you are familiar with FORMED, sign back in and explore all the new media that awaits you!

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 _____

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, November 3rd - Food Giving Weekend

- 9:15 AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13
- 11:30 AM RCIA Information Meeting - Chapel
- 3:00 PM Faith Formation/Discipleship - room 1 & 2
- 6:30PM Third Option - rooms 12 & 13

Tuesday, November 5th

- 8:15 AM First Tuesday Sandwiches - Yeazel Hall
- 10:00 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study - room 9

Wednesday, November 6th

- 6:45 AM Middle School Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall
- 10:00 AM Small Christian Community - Member's Home
- 6:00 PM STEP Meeting - room 11
- 7:00 PM NA & Nar-Anon Mtgs. - Yeazel Hall
- 7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church
- 7:00 PM Penance - Church

Thursday, November 7th

- 7:45 AM Elementary Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall
- 9:00 AM Divine Mercy Cenacle - room 9
- 1:00 PM Knitting Group - room 6
- 7:00 PM HC Men's Group - rooms 12 & 13
- 7:00 PM HS Faith Formation/Discipleship - Youth Room
- 7:00 PM MS Faith Formation/Youth Group - rms. 10-13

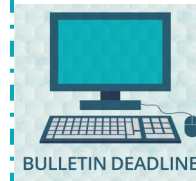
Saturday, November 9th

- 3:00 PM Penance - Church

Sunday, November 10th

- 9:15 AM Adult Ministry - room 12
- 3:00 PM Faith Formation/Discipleship - Youth room & rm. 2
- 3:30 PM Confirmation Group Session - Yeazel Hall

Upcoming Bulletin Deadline Changed



The deadline for the bulletin of **Nov. 24th** will be **Wednesday, November 13th at 9am**.

All notices received after this deadline will be published in the following bulletin of December 1st. **Watch the bulletin for more deadline changes.** Thank you!

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 \$5,250.00.

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 _____

Partial Scholarship _____

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

Holy Cross Parish Corporal Works of Mercy Collection

This November, our Faith Formation students will be learning about an important facet of their Catholic faith: the Corporal Works of Mercy. The Gospel teaching, derived from Jesus' words and example, encourages us to support the physical needs of our suffering brothers & sisters. To reinforce the lesson, a parish-wide collection is planned. We hope it will be witness to our children of our love and concern for each person's dignity & physical well being.

Faith Formation students will be encouraged to bring a toiletry or paper product donation to class. If you don't have a student in Faith Formation please leave your donation in the marked bins by the front door--a list with suggestions is available near the collection bins.

Feed the hungry & give drink to the thirsty

First Tuesday Sandwiches: November 5th, 8:15-9am - downstairs by the kitchen--drop ins welcome.

Emmaus Thursday, Thursday, Nov 14th-4-6:30pm--
4335 S. Salina Street. To sign up, contact Beth (see above)
Samaritan Center Soup Kitchen, Sunday, Nov. 17th-11-12:30
(Under 12 yrs) or 12:30-3pm--215 N. State St.

To sign up, contact Rick: philiprcoughlin@gmail.com

Give clothes to the naked

Refugee Clothing Closet: Winter clothing donations

Please consider donating your gently used clothes (clean & in good repair): coats, boots & shoes & clothing for all ages. Please leave donations in the closet downstairs.

Shelter the homeless

Men's Homeless Shelter: Sunday, Nov 10th, 6:15am
Contact: Beth@holycrossdewitt.org

Visit prisoners

Marked donation baskets on the tables by the front doors for prison visitors:

Colorless Chapstick Collection for Sr Maura's Jamesville Prison Ministry

Hard Candy collection for the Justice Center-Jail Ministry Christmas Bags

Care for the Sick

Pastoral Care Ministry at Holy Cross: Volunteer to visit our homebound parishioners. For more info, Contact Claude: cpilon@twcnv.rr.com

Bury the Dead:

Funeral Luncheon Committee: Serve meals to bereaved families--Call Sue to join the Funeral Luncheon Committee: bsovik@twcnv.rr.com

Food Giving Weekend is This Weekend

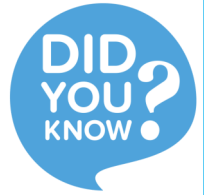
Thank you for any food items that were brought in today! If you forgot to bring in your donations you may bring them next weekend.



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.



LIFE MATTERS

Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia in NY?

We believe "every human person must be respected in law, including the woman facing an unplanned pregnancy, the innocent unborn child she carries in her womb, the **elderly person** facing severe or even terminal illness, and the prisoner on death row." (NYS Catholic Conference).



"The so-called "**Medical Aid in Dying Act**" (S-3947 Savino/A.2694 Paulin) would reverse New York's long-standing ban and **allow** physicians to prescribe lethal drugs to certain terminally ill adults that formally request such drugs. Physician-assisted suicide represents a complete abdication of our moral responsibility to persons who are suffering from terminal illnesses. Rather than caring for such persons with the utmost sensitivity and compassion, this bill would have us simply expedite their demise. The State of New York must do better." (NYS Alliance Against Assisted Suicide).

See more at: <http://www.patientsrightscouncil.org/site/>

Team Guatemala Sale **Weekend of November 16 & 17**

Enactus at Syracuse University will be returning for their sale of handmade Guatemalan jewelry, bags, baskets & more! Plan to stop by after Mass!

Concert at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

The Cathedral presents Todd Thomas, baritone, Philip Phillion, organist & Lindsay Groves, cellist in concert on Friday, Nov. 8 at 7:15pm. Three nationally known artists will present a full program of Varied music that will feature wonderful ensembles for voice, cello & the 1892 Roosevelt-Schantz pipe organ. Admission is free & open to the general public.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE ~ WEEKEND OF November 9th & November 10th

<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EUCH. MIN.</u>	<u>EUCH. MIN.</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>USHERS -A</u>
Saturday, 4:00 PM	Joan Laura	H1 John Passonno	CH1 Mary Relihan	Simon Farranto	Dennis Cole
		H3 JoAnn Wallace	CH2 Deacon	Kaitlin Houglan	Claude Pilon
		H4 Lola Gualtieri		Ashlynn Johnston	Michael Krisak
Sunday, 7:30 AM	Melody Foster	H1 Robert Brunette	C1 Teresa Koulouris	Riley Biddlecome	Ed Coolican
		H3 Kelly Griffith	C2 Leonard DeStefano	Volunteer Needed	Tony Ebersole
		H4 Marie DeStefano		Volunteer Needed	Len Smith
Sunday, 10:30 AM	Karen Kirkman	H1 Ron Deluca	CH1 Joan Snyder	Cecila Lombardi	Neil Bourcy
		H3 Mary Lee Muench	CH2 Deacon	Meghan Malay	Don Brown
		H4 Rita Bergamo		Finn O'Brien	Peter Bergamo
Sunday, 5:00PM	Confirmation	H1 Volunteer Needed	C1 Margaret Ingraham	Declan Reed	
		Peer Leader	H3 Elaine Ryan	C2 Pat Ryan	Rayna Reed
			H4 Volunteer Needed		

OUR PCA MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

St. Matthews:

- Daily Mass: M~TH~F 6:45am
- Weekend Masses: Sat. 4:30pm (vigil); Sunday 8:00am
- Confessions: Thursday 5-6pm
- Reconciliation: Wednesday 5-6pm

St. Francis of Assisi (Bridgeport)

- Weekend Mass: Sunday 9:30am

St. Mary's of the Assumption (Minoa)

- Weekend Mass: Sunday 11:00am

St. Vincent de Paul

- Daily Mass - M~TU~Wed. 12:00pm
- Weekend Mass: Sat.. 4pm; Sun. 9:30am

Blessed Sacrament

- Daily Mass: Chapel M - F 8:00am
- Weekend Masses: Sat. 5:00pm (vigil) Sun. 7:30, 9:30, 11:30am
- Reconciliation: Saturday 4 - 4:45pm

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, 3:00PM

HOLY CROSS PARISH

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 Rev. Matthew E. Rawson, Parochial Vicar, ext. 36
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 Deacon Dare Dutter, ext. 16
 Ernest J. Camerota, Director of Music, ext. 38
 Brette Cooper, Maintenance
 Josh Corcoran, Music Sunday 5pm Mass
 Patty Kirwan, Administrative Assistant ext. 10
 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. 18
 Peg Olson, Office Manager & Administrative Assistant, ext. 22
 Beth Schafer, Director of Faith in Action Ministry, ext. 13
 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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