



Come Holy Spirit! Congratulations to the 46 candidates who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, October 23 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! Thank you Bishop Cunningham for being with us and conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation on us! Look for photos from Confirmation on our website. at holycrossdewitt.org.

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.

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., 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

Monday, November 8th

7:45am Donna Bonacci/ Family
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Tuesday, November 9th

7:45am Parishioners of Holy Cross
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Wednesday, November 10th

7:45am Sheila Guinto/ Jo Oliva & Family
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Thursday, November 11th

7:45am Tom Giufre/ Patricia Perry (living intention)
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Friday, November 12th

7:45am James Collins / Wife & Children
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Saturday, November 13th

9:00am Stanley Blanchfield / Family
 4:00pm Bill Sovik/ Carol Dwyer
 3:00 to 3:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sun., November 14th - 33rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am Michael Whalen/ Diane Cecero & Michael Whalan
 10:30am Anthony Jastrem/ Family
 5:00pm Edward & Viola DeStefano/ Leonard & Marie

Reflection for Sunday, November 7

1 Kings 17:10-16
Psalm 146:7,8-9,9-10
Mark 12:38-44

One of the most spiritual (and sorrowful) places to be in the world is in the position of a widow. When you have dedicated your life to someone in matrimony and then have lost them, it is a very powerful loss. We see the experience of widows in our readings this weekend.

Losing your husband is a tragic and sorrowful experience. But in Jesus' time there were some added burdens to bear. A woman was pretty much without any power or influence in Jewish society, which was patriarchal to the extreme. Unless a widow had brothers or sons who could mitigate their affairs, there was very little that could be done in terms of working or ownership. This meant that widows would be among the poorest of the poor. That is why God had such a special place in His heart for those women who were in the state of widowhood.

In the first reading from first Kings, Elijah the prophet meets a widow who is about to cook the last meal for herself and her son before they die of hunger in the midst of a great famine. Elijah asks her to make him something and blesses her to the point where her flour jar will not go empty and her jug of oil will stay full until the famine is over. It is significant that Elijah offers this blessing to a widow because of God's love.

In the Gospel Jesus is watching the people put their money into the temple treasury and sees a widow give a very small amount. He makes the important distinction that she is giving from her poverty while those who give great amounts are giving from their plenty.

Let us all remember the special place that widows hold in God's heart. We know that when we suffer, we can be brought close to the sufferings that Jesus experienced for us. There is no suffering like that experienced by a widow.

May God's peace be with you,

Deacon Dare

This 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

\$13,646.00 Collection of October 31st

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

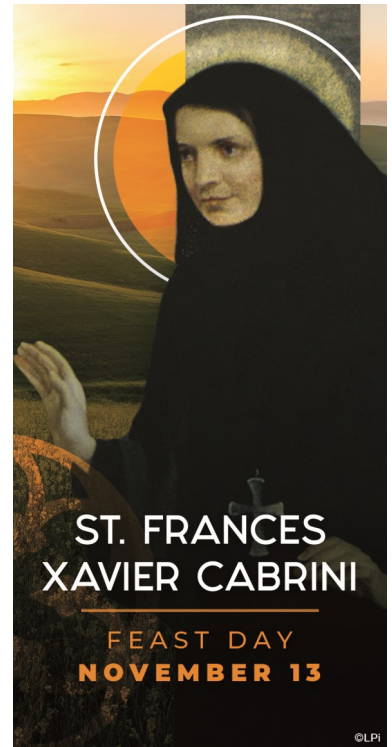
Your support is invaluable. Thank You

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 NOVEMBER 7, 2021

- 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
- Monday:** Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 [24b]/Lk 17:1-6
- Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
- Wednesday:** Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 17:11-19
- Thursday:** Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 [89a]/Lk 17:20-25
- Friday:** Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Lk 17:26-37
- Saturday:** Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 [5a]/Lk 18:1-8
- Next Sunday:** Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32



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.

Holy Hour—8:15 to 9:15AM

Join us on Mondays following the 7:45 Mass for a Holy Hour that is held in the Church.

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!



To get reminders for Mass, scripture readings, and daily reflections from our clergy, sign up for **The Daily Bread newsletter** — nourishment for each day's journey.

To sign up, visit our website at holycrossdewitt.org/subscribe

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.



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.



Private Prayer Hours

The Church will be open for Private Prayer & Devotion between 9am and 3pm Monday thru Friday.

Faith In Action Opportunities

Food Donation Weekend

Volunteers needed to assist with the Food Collection Today

We are in need of helping hands at all Masses:

- Before Mass to cart the food to Yeazel Hall & place on tables
- After Mass (except 5pm Sunday) unpack the donations, sort by category, prep the empty bags, and repack bags per instructions from the receiving pantries. Even 15 minutes would be a help.
- Monday morning at 9am to finish up. We are providing our donations to 4 pantries each month and this necessitates organizing so we can get the groceries out quickly.



Thank you for contributing!

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.

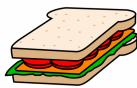
Together, when we pledge our gift to the Annual HOPE Appeal, we are giving thanks to Christ for the innumerable gifts we've been given and helping our friends and neighbors who benefit each year from the diocesan good works funded through our annual appeal. If you are not able to make the minimum gift of \$325.00, please give your best gift. If we all give, we will easily meet Holy Cross' 2021 HOPE Appeal goal of \$92,649.06. **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 or mail it by the office. If you would rather pledge your gift online you may do so at syrdio.org. **We would like to wrap up this year's drive in the next few weeks.**



Sandwich Ministry

The Third Tuesday Sandwich Ministry will be meeting on **Tuesday 11/16 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.



THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, November 7th - Food Giving Weekend

8:15 AM RCIA - Downstairs

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

2:30 PM First Reconciliation Workshop & Mass

Monday, November 8th

8:15 AM Holy Hour - Church

Tuesday, November 9th

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

Wednesday, November 10th

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

7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation - Church

Thursday, November 11th - Veterans Day

12:00 PM Monthly Luncheon - Olive Garden

Saturday, November 13th

3:00 - 3:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, November 14th

8:15 AM RCIA - Downstairs

9:15 AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13

4:30 PM Confirmation Group Session - Church & Yeazel Hall

HOLIDAY INFORMATION

- The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, November 11th to observe Veterans Day.
- Private Prayer & Devotion will take place from 9am to 4pm.
- Daily Mass will be at 7:45am.



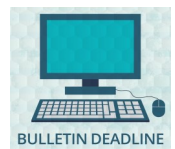
The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, November 10 from Noon to 2:00pm. Please feel free to leave a phone message - 315-446-0473



Deadline Changes for Upcoming Bulletins

Please make note of the following changes:

- The deadline for the bulletin of November 21 is Wed. November 10
- The deadline for the bulletin of November 28 is Mon., November 15



All notices should be received by 9am on the deadline date. Notices after this deadline will be published in the following weekend's bulletin. Thank you!

Currently we are not taking donations of clothing. Please do not bring any clothing articles to church since we are not able to store them at this time. Thank you!



Meet Our New Employee

My name is Josh Corcoran, and I am thrilled to join the Holy Cross staff as Administrative Assistant for Technology and Communications. I've had the pleasure of meeting and getting to know some of you already because for the past three years I have provided the music for the 5 PM Sunday Mass. Beginning this weekend I will also be the Director of Music at St. Anthony of Padua in Syracuse. Prior to coming to Holy Cross full time, I served at St. Joseph's Church in Camillus as Director of Music and Liturgy for seven years. I live in Camillus with my wife, Courtnee, our son, Nico, and our two dogs, Jake and Ginger. Please introduce yourself if you stop in the office during the week!



Holy Cross Monthly Luncheon

All are invited to this month's luncheon on **Thursday, November 11th at 12:00pm**. We will be meeting at the Olive Garden this month. Reservations are required. **Please call Jo (315-446-3328) no later than noon on Monday, November 8th** with your reservation.

Bulletin Information

- If you would like to include an item for the bulletin, please submit the article 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.

Scheduling Information

- 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 inclusion on the Holy Cross calendar.

Thank You

Coffee and Conversation
November 23

Join us **Tuesday, November 23**, from Noon- 2pm in Yeazel Hall for Coffee & Conversation. Father Brendan Foley will be our guest speaker. Bring your bagged lunch & drink. We will be following social distancing and wearing of your mask. **Please do not bring goodies to share.**

Knitting Group

We will meet on **Thursday, November 18th – 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.



**Knights of Columbus
are back!**
Join us on
Sunday, November 7th
8am ~ 1pm
St Mary's Parish Center



Adults	\$10
Kids 7-12	\$6
6 and under	FREE

A Family Perspective:

The widow in today's gospel gave only a little, but it counted for a lot. In our homes, there are many **LITTLE MOMENTS**, which can have great significance and glue the family together. Seize the moments.



Thanksgiving Day Mass:
Thursday, November 25,
9:00 AM

Mark you calendar and plan to join us for this special liturgy.

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AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE NEW APP: Amen: Catholic Meditation is the free Catholic app that brings you beautiful prayers, faithful meditations and nourishing Scripture to draw your mind, body and soul to rest in God. Includes Daily Mass Readings, Catholic Meditations, Bible in a Year, The Life of Christ, Opening the Word, Daily Reflections, One Minute Inspirations, Pray the Rosary, Evening Psalms & Stories for Sleep, Catholic Prayers, Truth & Life Audio Bible, Family Content. Find it in the Play Store and Apple apps.

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 _____

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/>

Safe Environment

Training sessions continue to be in-person. 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

**Christ the King Retreat House Fundraiser-
"Matilda" Syracuse Stage-December 12**

Join us for a special matinee performance of "Matilda" at Syracuse Stage, 820 E. Genesee St. The show starts at 2 pm. Some refreshments in the lobby from 12:30 pm and take a chance on beautiful gift baskets. Tickets: \$60 per person or \$40 for under 17. If you would like to be a sponsor or contribute to our gift basket raffle or if you need more information, give us a call at 315-446-2680. Proceeds will benefit the Retreat House.

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. 21

James Buttner, Seminarian

Ernest J. Camerota, Director of Music, ext. 38

Brette Cooper, Maintenance

Josh Corcoran, Administrative Assistant for Technology &

Communications & Music Sunday 5pm Mass, ext. 13

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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