



## Samaritan Center

Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers that continue to offer your love and support for our neighbors in need in the city of Syracuse.

Once a month, parishioners from Holy Cross serve together as a team at the Samaritan Center preparing and serving Sunday dinner.

The Samaritan Center is an inter-faith effort of community members committed to serving the hungry and those in need in order to promote their welfare dignity and self-sufficiency. Since 1981 the Samaritan Center has worked to fight hunger in the greater Syracuse community by providing nutritious hot meals to anyone in need

7 days a week – no questions asked. Paired with these meals is the case management support and access to services that help guests move on to a more positive future. The Samaritan Center is always looking for help serving meals and support of their mission. Learn more about how you can help at [samcenter.org](http://samcenter.org)

If you'd like to join a parishioners that routinely serve together at the Samaritan Center, be sure to get in touch with us. Our next service date is March 20, 2022.

Thank you to Rick Coughlin for coordinating our volunteers and for sharing these photos of our most recent visit. Have some good news to share with us? Drop us a line at [news@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:news@holycrossdewitt.org)

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COMING SOON

*Lent*  
AT HOLY CROSS

# Readings & Reflection

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2022**

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23  
Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13  
1 Corinthians 15:45-49  
Luke 6:27-38

One of the greatest forces in the world is love. If any of us would seek the Kingdom of God, we must embrace the concept of love in order to accomplish our goal. We know that there is a lot of hate in our world, and that hate is something that is an anathema to love. But God's people must be loving and peaceful people who are tuned in to the words and deeds of Jesus, who is God incarnate. We see examples of how love is accomplished in our readings for today.

In the first reading from Samuel, David has been chased from one end of Israel to the other by the anger of King Saul. He now has an opportunity to put his misery to an end by taking Saul's life. Holding Saul's spear, and watching him sleep, David and his friend Abishai ponder that possibility. But David is moved not by hate and anger, but by love when he decides to take Saul's spear and water jug as evidence of his ability to kill Saul if he had chosen to.

In the Gospel, Jesus lays it all out for us. If we ever needed to be shown how to love, then this passage from Luke's Gospel does it very clearly. We need to do good to those who hate us. We need to pray for those who mistreat us. If someone hits us, we need to invite them to hit us again. These are the acts of someone who loves. These seem like impossible things to do, don't they? But Jesus is not just someone who talks about doing these things, he actually did them. In his passion and crucifixion, we see him beaten mercilessly and he just kept on taking it. He did this to show us that love is not only possible, but it is the only way to defeat hate. We can see that it is a hard thing to do, but, with Jesus' example of love, we can get it done, and earn the joy of heaven as well.

Peace,  
Deacon Dare

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# Mass Intentions

## **Sunday, February 20 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 AM - Sheila Guinto / Rose Tout  
10:30 AM - Wanda Koen / Relihan & Foraker Families  
5:00 PM - Leonard Casciano / Elaine Lostumbo

## **Monday, February 21**

7:45 AM – Alfred J. Cicci / Albert & Joann Paparo  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

## **Tuesday, February 22**

7:45 AM – Joe Farnett / Claude & Maryanne  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

## **Wednesday, February 23**

7:45 AM – Bill Sovik / Leonard Smith  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

## **Thursday, February 24**

7:45 AM – Jack DeSantis / Kathy Kotz  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

## **Friday, February 25**

7:45 AM – Parishioners of Holy Cross  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

## **Saturday, February 26**

9:00 AM – Deceased Members of Cathedral Candle Co.  
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM – Sacrament of Reconciliation  
4:00 PM – Richard T. A'Hearn / Charles Kelly

## **Sunday, February 27 – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 AM - Michael Ferrante / Bernadette Andaloro  
10:30 AM - John Fennessey / Rita & Peter Bergamo  
5:00 PM - Jean Hogan / Holy Cross Staff, Priests & Deacon

### **Host, Wine, & Sanctuary Lamp**

Stephen Oliva, Sr. / Wife & Family

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Andy Agrasto, Meg Barone, Garth H. Bishop, Eden & Mackenzie Bishop, Oliver Brown, Terry Chylinski, Armand Cincotta, Frank Colao, Tom Coyne, Mark Cywilko, Tony Dimento, Joanne & Aidan Gallagher, John Galletta, Stanley Jackimeck, Ann Kronner, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Dinita Machlin, Brianna Messe, Monique Missoff, Elizabeth Mollica, Mary Elizabeth Morgan, Faith Muller, Kathryn Muller, Nancy Patane, Laura Suarez, Stephen Smith, Rita Smookler, John Toole, and Teresa Vita.

TO ADD TO OUR PRAYER LIST, SEE **PAGE 6**

# News & Events

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## Girl Scout Cookie Sale

**FEBRUARY 19-20**

The Holy Cross Cadette Girl Scouts will be selling cookies before and after each Mass on February 19 and 20. They will be donating 10% of all sales to the Holy Cross Educate-a-Child fund. People wishing to purchase cookies and then donate them may do so.

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## Parish Office Closed Monday

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2022**

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, February 21 in observance of Presidents' Day. Daily Mass will still take place at 7:45 AM.

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## Monthly Movie

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022 | 1:00 PM**

This month's feature will be announced the day of. The movie is free to attend and will be shown in Yeazel Hall.

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## Pray the Rosary Daily

Join us Monday through Friday after 7:45 AM Mass (around 8:15 AM) to pray the rosary. It is informal and open to anyone who would like to pray.



## Collecting Palms

As we approach the beginning of Lent in a couple weeks, we will be collecting old palms. If you would like to bring in your palms from last year, we will have containers in the Gathering Area for you to put them in. We will burn the palms and make ashes for Ash Wednesday.



## 2021 Tax Contribution Statements

If you wish to have a tax statement sent to your home, please contact Peg Olson by calling the parish office at (315) 446-0473 or you may also email [peg@holycross-dewitt.org](mailto:peg@holycross-dewitt.org). You will need to provide your name and address.

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### **FEBRUARY 22: FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE**

#### **FORMED NOW: THE NEXT POPE**

As we celebrate the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter this week, join Dr. Tim Gray and George Weigel as they discuss the past, present, and future of the papacy!

Find this and other timely content at  
[watch.formed.org/pick-of-the-week](https://watch.formed.org/pick-of-the-week)

### **Racial Justice**

There is a group of parishioners at Holy Cross who are interested in exploring the Christian concept of racial justice. We have an opportunity to join the parishioners of All Saints Church in this worthy endeavor.

If you are interested in working to make our church a more inclusive and just place to worship the Lord, please contact Deacon Dare at (315) 446-0473 or at [dare@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:dare@holycrossdewitt.org).

## Pastoral Council

Holy Cross Pastoral Council (HCPC) met on January 27, 2022

### **REVIEW OF OLD BUSINESS:**

- Soliciting input from parishioners regarding future planning. A survey will be conducted in April.
- Youth program interaction with parishioners and HCPC.

### **NEW BUSINESS INCLUDED:**

- Hope Appeal exceeded the goal of \$92,000, reaching \$170,000. The overage will be returned to the parish.
- Scheduling council member elections.
- Distribution of Lenten booklets by Holy Cross School students.
- Synod Listening Session topics which have been brought up within diocesan sessions:

Latin Mass, bringing the Word to young families, non-Catholics receiving Communion, promoting the sacredness of the earth, increased role of Laity in church (especially women), ecumenical councils, PCA roles in communities, welfare of young priests, sense of church community, lapsed Catholics, shortage of priests/vocation promotion, Church's tradition, priest's responsibilities, Old and New Testament, Catholic beliefs, educating people, inclusion and diversity, tradition vs. change to meet the needs of Catholics (what to keep and what to let go of), LGBTQ, sacraments, respect for the Eucharist, family catechesis and faith formation.

### **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

- Re-organization, Mass attendance, Wednesday Holy Hour and Confessions, Lenten schedule, Catholic Schools Week, RCIA, Finance, Greeters (Hospitality)

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Upcoming Pastoral Council Meetings will be held on Thursdays at 5:30 PM in Yeazel Hall on March 10 and May 12. All parishioners are welcome to attend. If you are considering an application/nomination for council membership, we will be conducting elections for new council members in late March/April. The council invites those in the school and youth groups to consider membership and voice on the council.

As always, if you have any suggestions, concerns, or comments, please share them with a council member or online at [holycrossdewitt.org/hcpc](https://holycrossdewitt.org/hcpc) – Karen Markoff, Secretary

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# LENT



## Ash Wednesday

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022**

Ash Wednesday is a holy day of prayer, fasting, and repentance. It marks the beginning of Lent. Masses on Ash Wednesday are at 7:45 AM, 9:15 AM, & 5:30 PM. There is a liturgical service at 12:00 PM. There is Mass at St. Anthony's at 7:00 PM

## Soup & Bread Supper

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022 | 6:00 PM**

Following the 5:30 PM Mass on Ash Wednesday, join us as we break fast as a family with a simple (and delicious) soup and homemade bread meal. We've got something for everyone. To help support our food ministry for the poor, we're asking for a \$5 per person donation.

## Parish Book Study

This Lent, we wanted to do something special as an entire parish community. Fr. Foley will be leading a parish wide study of *Searching For and Maintaining Peace – A Small Treatise on Peace of Heart* written by Father Jacques Philippe.

We live in a day and age characterized by an extraordinary amount of agitation and lack of peace. This tendency manifests itself in our spiritual as well as our secular life. In our search for God and holiness, in our service to our neighbor, a kind of restlessness and anxiety take the place of the confidence and peace which ought to be ours. This is what is taught in this simple, yet profound little treatise on peace of heart. It feels now more timely than ever given the restlessness of the past few years.

Parishioners will be able to pick up a copy of the book at the start of Lent. Fr. Foley will lead us in weekly reading guides and opportunities for Adoration and reflection throughout Lent.

## Lenten Small Group Study

This Lent, you are invited to gain a more profound meaning on the mystery of the Passion of our Lord and Savior. Join us for three sessions, Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM, March 14, 28, and April 4 to delve into three chapters (7, 8, 9) of Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI's book, *Jesus of Nazareth, Holy Week*. David Hines will facilitate.

If you have questions or would like to register, please email [DVHines51@aol.com](mailto:DVHines51@aol.com) before March 9, or call the parish office.

## Stations of the Cross

**FRIDAYS DURING LENT | 8:15 AM & 7:00 PM**

The Stations of the Cross began as the practice of pious pilgrims to Jerusalem who would retrace the final journey of Jesus Christ to Calvary. Please join us Fridays during Lent as we travel through the stations and identify with Jesus' journey to Calvary. Stations are on Fridays at 8:15 AM (following 7:45 AM Mass) and at 7:00 PM. Bi-lingual Stations of the Cross are also available at 7:00 PM at St. Anthony's in Syracuse.

## The Light is On

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

- Monday, April 11, 4 - 7 PM at Holy Cross
- Tuesday, April 12, 4 - 7 PM at Holy Cross
- Tuesday, April 12, 4 - 6 PM at St. Anthony's

## HOLY WEEK

**HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 14, 2022**

7:45 AM - Morning Prayer with Seminarian James  
7:00 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper

**GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 15, 2022**

7:45 AM - Morning Prayer with Seminarian James  
2:30 PM - Liturgical Service at Holy Cross  
7:00 PM - Stations at Holy Cross  
7:00 PM - Liturgical Service (bilingual) at St. Anthony's

**HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 16, 2022**

9:00 AM - Morning Prayer with Seminarian James  
8:00 PM - Easter Vigil Mass at Holy Cross  
8:00 PM - Easter Vigil Mass at St. Anthony's (bilingual)

**EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 17, 2022**

7:30 AM - Easter Mass at Holy Cross  
10:30 AM - Easter Mass at Holy Cross  
5:00 PM - Easter Mass at Holy Cross  
9 AM - Easter Mass at St. Anthony's (English)  
11 AM - Easter Mass at St. Anthony's (Spanish)

"For it is in giving that we receive."

- ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

## Thank You For Your Generous Support

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### FINANCIAL REPORT

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED: \$19,704.88

COLLECTION FOR FEBRUARY 13: \$15,868.13



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## Helpful Info

### Prayer Requests

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## Holy Cross Pastoral Council

The Holy Cross Pastoral Council exists to assist the pastor of Holy Cross in executing on the needs and developing direction and goals of the parish. They also serve as a communication conduit for the parish community to represent your voice. Council meetings are open to the public, and meeting minutes are available online. Visit us online at [holycrossdewitt.org/hcpc](https://holycrossdewitt.org/hcpc)

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