



Searching For and Maintaining Peace

A PARISH BOOK STUDY & REFLECTION

This Lent, we wanted to do something that connected us as an entire parish community and spoke to the restlessness in our world today.

It has been an incredibly challenging few years full of unknowns, suffering, loss, and stress. 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 can take the place of the confidence and peace which ought to be ours.

Join us this Lent in reading Father Jacques Philippe's *Searching For and Maintaining Peace – A Small Treatise on Peace of Heart*.

Parishioners will be able to pick up a copy of the book this weekend. Please limit one book per household. Fr. Foley and Steve Nepil will lead us in weekly reading guides and opportunities for Adoration and reflection throughout Lent.

We hope you will journey with us this Lent as a parish family. May the peace of Christ be with you!

To watch a brief introduction from Fr. Foley and Steve Nepil, visit our website at

holycrossdewitt.org/lent

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COMING SOON



Readings & Reflection

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2022

Sirach 27:4-7
Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Luke 6:39-45

Nothing like setting the tone for our entrance into Lent this week! The readings this Sunday invite us to grow in humility and have a mirror held up to ourselves. Of course, this is never easy, nor is it a comfortable experience to endure. Yet, if we are honest with ourselves, we always have a need for our hearts to be purified by the Lord. There's always an invitation before us to put sin behind us and live more virtuously.

Without much noticing or intention on our part, we can slip into selfishness, pride, or entitlement, especially in our interactions with others. It's just a reality of our humanity. Without much noticing, even our language in conversations can be a source of negativity or cynicism that can take root in our hearts. Unfortunately, it doesn't take much for a 'wooden beam' to form in our eye either (cf. Luke 6:42).

Our Scripture readings today particularly relate this important truth with imagery of growing trees: "The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind" (Sirach 27:6). "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit" (Luke 6:43-44). We are challenged to genuinely evaluate the fruit from the tree that is our life, and what kind of care we are allowing this tree to actually receive.

Over time if we let what might otherwise seem like "small vices" of ours to become deeply rooted habits in our lives (use of harsh words, hardness of heart, harboring bitterness/unforgiveness etc.) we unwittingly build up barriers that block our ability to receive and grow in God's grace. Holiness alive in us is essentially our imitating and enacting the life and words of Jesus—even if this is uncomfortable for us at times. There's nothing fun about recognizing beams in our eyes when we are naturally experts at finding splinters in the eyes of others.

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, February 28

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

Tuesday, March 1

7:45 AM – Christian Hall / Maureen Hall & Family
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

Wednesday, March 2 - Ash Wednesday

7:45 AM – Doris Celi / Jo Olivia
9:15 AM – Jesse Porter / Barbara & Neil Bourey
5:30 PM – Maureen McManus / Tom & Mary Lee Muench
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

Thursday, March 3

7:45 AM – Ronald G. Kinney / Wife
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

Friday, March 4

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

Saturday, March 5

9:00 AM – Beverly Fayette / Joyce Kotch
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM – Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00 PM – Brenda Dollinger / Kathleen & Steve Schill

Sunday, March 6 – First Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM - Alice Jastrem / Marybeth Dutter & Linda McHerron
10:30 AM - Frank Loguidice / Family
5:00 PM - Noel Williams / Kiesa Family

Host, Wine, & Sanctuary Lamp

Deceased Members of the Colao Family / Stewart 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, Kathleen Crouch, 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

Knitting Group

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2022 | 1:00 PM

The Knitting Group will meet on Thursday, March 3 at 1:00 PM. Please join us downstairs in Room 12 & 13. New knitters are always welcome. Questions? Please call Rita at (315) 472-1478 or Jo at (315) 446-3328.

Lenten Day of Reflection

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022 | 10:00 AM

If you are looking for a way to immerse yourself in a faith-filled pursuit this Lent, look no further than our Lenten day of reflection. For years, parishioners of Holy Cross Church have begun their Lenten experiences with a day where they examine a topic of spiritual importance. This year, we will be examining the "High Priestly Prayer" of Jesus from John's Gospel, Chapter 17, as a way to understand the truths of His ministry, sacrifice and resurrection. The date is Monday, March 7, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We will begin the day with morning prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. Please bring your own brown bag lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Deacon Dare at dare@holycrossdewitt.org.

IGNITE Catholic Men's Conference

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2022

"I would like to invite you to join me for the IGNITE 2022 Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, March 26, 2022. The theme invites us to "Live in His Presence" and this will be developed by a great slate of speakers: Matt Birk, Fr. Jim Walsh, and Bob Rice, who was recently ordained a permanent deacon. This year, we will gather at a new venue: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Baldwinsville. As we continue to balance the value of meeting in person and health concerns of the pandemic, we will also provide an opportunity for individuals to join us by streaming from home. Register today and I look forward to seeing you on March 26th!"

— Most Rev. Douglas J. Lucia

Sign up at ignitecatholicmen.org and contact our parish captain Anthony Grasso at anthonyjgrasso@yahoo.com with any questions and to connect with men attending from our parish. Register before March 8 for the early bird rate!

IGNITE 2022
CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE



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 email peg@holycrossdewitt.org. You will need to provide your name and address.



In keeping with the expiration of the mask mandate in most public places in New York State, the Diocese of Syracuse will no longer mandate that masks be worn in diocesan churches and offices. The Diocese of Syracuse will continue to follow the mask requirements for schools. Although not mandated, the faithful are encouraged and welcome to wear masks out of concern for the health and safety of others. The diocese is not mandating masks for Eucharistic Ministers, but it is encouraged. It is necessary that all non-vaccinated individuals continue to wear a mask in offices and churches. If you forgot to bring one, masks (adult and child sizes) are available in the central Gathering Area. If you need help, please ask a staff member for assistance. For updates on policies and procedures at Holy Cross regarding COVID-19, please visit our website at holycrossdewitt.org/coronavirus.

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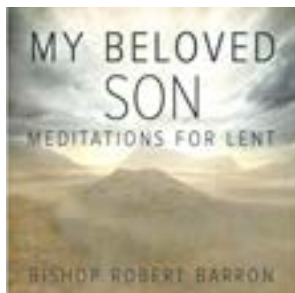
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MARCH 2: ASH WEDNESDAY

MY BELOVED SON: MEDITATIONS FOR LENT BY BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

Lent is a season of discipline where we focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In five riveting homilies, join Bishop Barron as he describes the spiritual disciplines we undertake during Lent.



Find this and other timely content at watch.formed.org/pick-of-the-week

Reflection

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With these remaining days before beginning our Lenten journey, let's take some intentional moments in prayer to ask Jesus what he desires to purify from our hearts. May we have the grace not only to sincerely ask this question in prayer, but also the grace to respond with humility and courage upon receiving his response, whatever it may be. Fortunately for us, Jesus knows the human heart, he is an expert gardener (if you will), and he can bring new life out of any tree that may otherwise seem dead.

Peace,

Fr. Brendan Foley

Outreach

Sandwich Ministry

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022 | 8:15 AM

The Tuesday Sandwich Ministry will meet on Tuesday, March 1 at 8:15 AM. Please join us in Yeazel Hall following daily Mass to prepare a variety of sandwiches to be delivered to the Catholic Charities' homeless shelter.

Food Donation Weekend

MARCH 5-6

The pantries are asking for women's personal hygiene items, as well as laundry detergent, dish soap, hand soap, lotion, and toothpaste.

They are also in need of typical staple items: children's cereal, canned fruits, vegetables, canned diced tomatoes, beans (all varieties), tuna, chicken, coffee, tea, hot cocoa, peanut butter, jelly, soups, pasta, tomato sauce, pancake mix, and maple syrup.

Thank you for all you do and give! The pantries are so appreciative and impressed!

Next weekend, we are in need of volunteers:

- Before Mass to cart the food to Yeazel Hall.
- After 4:00 PM and 7:30 AM Mass to separate and bag the donations per the receiving pantries' request.
- 9:15 to 9:45 AM on Sunday to load the donations for transport.

Lenten Reminders

Catholics ages 14 and older are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday (March 2) and Good Friday (April 15) as well as on all Fridays during Lent.

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are required to fast (eat only one full meal; two smaller meals may be taken but may not be equal to the one full meal) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. When possible, the fast from Good Friday should continue until the Easter Vigil. This is called the "Paschal Fast." It is done to enter into the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare more fully to celebrate his Resurrection.

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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 & 5:30 PM. There is also a liturgical service at 12:00 PM.

Mass at St. Anthony's is at 7:00 PM



Bread & Soup 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

Pick up a book (one per household) this weekend in the Gathering Area. Join us for weekly reflections and Adoration on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM. Check out more information on Page 1.

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, email DVHines51@aol.com before March 9, or call the parish office.

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



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. Stations of the Cross are also available at 7:00 PM at St. Anthony's in Syracuse.

EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 14, 2022

7:45 AM - Morning Prayer with Seminarian James
7:00 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper at Holy Cross
7:00 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper (bilingual) at St. Anthony's

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 (bilingual) at St. Anthony's

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED: \$19,704.88
COLLECTION FOR FEBRUARY 20: \$16,995.19

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Helpful Info

Prayer Requests

If you or someone you know would like to be included on our prayer list in this publication, please have a family member or the individual contact us to have the prayer request included in the next bulletin. Send an email to news@holycrossdewitt.org. The request will be included for three months unless notified otherwise.

Communications Request

If you would like to include an item for consideration in this publication, contact news@holycrossdewitt.org with all pertinent details and information. Deadline to be included for consideration is Mondays at 12:00 PM for the upcoming weekend. Deadlines are subject to change for certain holidays. Content is subject to editing for length, formatting, and style and must be approved by the pastor. Publication is not guaranteed.

New to Holy Cross?

We are so glad you are here with us and invite you to learn more about our community and faith tradition. Welcome Packets are available at all of the entrances of the church, or visit us at holycrossdewitt.org/welcome for a helpful guide to Holy Cross Church. Please introduce yourself to our priests at Mass.

New to Catholicism?

If you're new to the Catholic faith, curious about the Church, or just checking it out, we'd love to partner with you on your journey. We have Catholics from all walks of life and all with a different story on finding their faith. If you have questions or would like some helpful resources on Christianity, Catholicism, and the Church, drop us a line at 315-446-0473, send us a message via email at hello@holycrossdewitt.org, or on Twitter/Instagram/Facebook at [@holycrossdewitt](https://www.instagram.com/holycrossdewitt), or drop by the parish office. Be sure to ask us about our RCIA program.