



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 20, 2022


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AT HOLY CROSS

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Readings & Reflection

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2022

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15
Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Luke 13:1-9

Exodus Chapter 3 (our first reading today) offers us a remarkable gift. While we are usually familiar with this story, we can easily take for granted its implications. Moses encounters the Lord who speaks to him through the burning bush—a bush out in the wilderness that is engulfed in flames, yet the bush remains unharmed, unburned. It is from this encounter that the Lord sends Moses to be his instrument of liberation for His enslaved and oppressed people in Egypt. Also in this fascinating passage, Moses asks the Lord for his name—and the Lord responds! He allows himself to be known by name!

“By revealing his Name,” Pope Benedict XVI says, “God establishes a relationship between himself and us. He enables us to invoke him, he enters into relations with us and gives us the possibility of being in a relationship with him. This means that God gives himself, in a certain way, to our human world, becoming accessible, as if he were one of us. He faces the risk of the relationship, of being with us. What began in the burning bush in the desert is accomplished in the burning bush of the Cross where God, having become accessible in his Son made man, really became one of us, is put into our hands and, in this way, realizes the liberation of humanity. On Golgotha, God, who during the night of the flight from Egypt revealed himself as the One who frees us from slavery, revealed himself as the One who embraces every human being with the saving power of the Cross and the Resurrection and liberates him from sin and death, accepts him in the embrace of his love.”

Ultimately what we gain from the Pope’s thoughtful reflection is that God—who is all powerful—chose to humbly enter into our existence in a way that doesn’t crush or destroy us, but rather comes within us and among us. He illumines us and as a result his light can shine through us. Like the burning bush, God sets us aflame in a manner that doesn’t leave us burned but rather makes us fully alive!

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 20 – Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM - Michael Ferrante / Mr. & Mrs. John Andaloro
10:30 AM - Genevieve Walker-Falso / Bill & Sandy Walker
5:00 PM - Rod & Nanette Groat / Hall Groat Family

Monday, March 21

7:45 AM – Margaret Robinson & Kathy Quinn / Elaine Lostumbo
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

Tuesday, March 22

7:45 AM – Mario Monterastelli / Children & Grandchildren
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

Wednesday, March 23

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

Thursday, March 24

7:45 AM – Beverly Fayette / Carol Holt
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

Friday, March 25

7:45 AM – Alyce McNamara / Family
8:15 AM – Stations of the Cross
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion
7:00 PM – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 26

9:00 AM – Deceased Members of Cathedral Candle Co.
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM – Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00 PM – Jenny Picciano / The Agrosto Family

Sunday, March 27 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM - Don Foster / Family
10:30 AM - Maureen Gridley / Annette Krisak
5:00 PM - Alice Jastrem & Frank Kirkman / Elaine Lostumbo

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, 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.

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News & Events

Monthly Movie

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022 | 1:00 PM

This month's feature will *Apostle Peter and the Last Supper*. Two jailers at the Mamertine Prison in Rome take custody of Simon Peter of Galilee, an apostle and disciple of Jesus. Elderly Peter recounts his life as a fisherman and his work as a leader in the Christian faith. The movie is free to attend and will be shown in Yeazel Hall.

Knitting Group

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2022 | 1:00 PM

The Knitting Group will meet on Thursday, March 24 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.

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!"

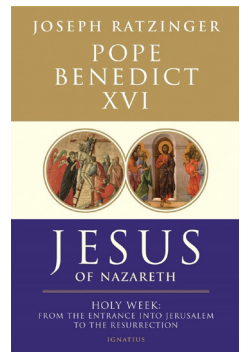
— Most Rev. Douglas J. Lucia

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.



Lenten Study on the Passion

This Lent you are invited to gain a more profound meaning on the mystery of the Passion of our Lord and Savior. Come on Mondays from 7:00 to 8:30 PM for two sessions. They will be on March 28 and April 4 to delve into chapters 8 and 9 of Pope Benedict XVI's book, *Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week*. The studies will be on the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus. The book can be purchased ahead of the meetings from Ignatius Press. There are also a limited number of books that can be purchased at the parish office with a check made out to Holy Cross Church for \$18.00. Our next session will focus on chapter 8, "The Crucifixion and Burial of Jesus." David Hines will be the facilitator of the studies. Please email David at DVHines51@aol.com or call the parish office to sign up.



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.

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.



MASK UPDATE

For updates on policies and procedures at Holy Cross regarding COVID-19, please visit our website at holycrossdewitt.org/coronavirus.

Reflection

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He willingly takes on the risk of being connected to us knowing full well of our ability to let him down. Yet, the question before us remains, do we still see the Lord somehow as being in competition with us? That in order for us to give of ourselves to Him, that we somehow have to lose? Or rather, are you able to be a burning bush at his service that results in you becoming more alive than ever because of his life radiating in you? Food for thought!

Peace,

Fr. Brendan Foley

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MARCH 25: SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

A BIBLE STUDY ON THE ANNUNCIATION

In this video, Dr. Ben Akers leads us through a brief study of Luke 1:26-38, highlighting some of the key Old Testament passages evoked by Gabriel's words. The reflection concludes with some thoughts on how we can imitate Mary's Yes in our own life, especially in this time of suffering.

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

SCHOOL NEWS

Support the 2022 School Auction

Holy Cross School is collecting gift certificates to restaurants and local businesses for their annual Dinner Auction on May 14, 2022. Gift certificates can be dropped off at the school or church office during regular business hours. Please include your name and address with your donation. Any questions please contact Samantha Herron at donations.hcschool@gmail.com.

Outreach

Refugee Assistance Committee Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022 | 6:30 PM

The next meeting of the Refugee Assistance Committee will be on Monday, March 21 at 6:30 PM in Yeazel Hall. We will be discussing ways to support new refugees to the Syracuse area.

All are welcome and we hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact Liz Lawler at elizabethjlawler@yahoo.com.

Helpful Info

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 the entrances of the church, or visit holycrossdewitt.org/welcome for a helpful guide to Holy Cross Church. Please introduce yourself to our priests at Mass.

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.

LENT



Lenten Book Study

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM

Join us this Lent in reading Father Jacques Philippe's *Searching For and Maintaining Peace*. Read along each week and then join us at Holy Cross on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM for a reflection on the selected week's passage led by Fr. Foley and Steve Nepil. Then spend some time in prayer and Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

Audio recordings of the reflections will also be available on our website in case you cannot attend in person.

READING SCHEDULE

- **WEEK 3** (March 17 - 23): Pages 20-40
- **WEEK 4** (March 24 - 30): Pages 40-60

Follow us on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter for weekly reading reminders and extra content related to *Searching For and Maintaining Peace*. [@holycrossdewitt](https://www.instagram.com/holycrossdewitt)

Evening Prayer

SUNDAYS AT 4:30 PM

Join us for Evening Prayer on Sundays at 4:30 PM prior to the 5:00 PM Mass, starting on March 20, 2022.

- March 20
- March 27
- April 3
- April 10

TENEBRAE

THURSDAY, MARCH 31 | 7:00 PM

Through scripture readings and music we experience the events of the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ.



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 | 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.

EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 14, 2022

7:45 AM - Morning Prayer

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

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

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)

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

MONDAY, MARCH 21

7:45 AM - Daily Mass, Church
8:15 AM - Holy Hour, Church
3:00 PM - Journalism Club, Yeazel Hall
6:30 PM - Refugee Committee, Yeazel Hall

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

6:45 AM - FF (High School), Yeazel Hall
7:45 AM - Daily Mass, Church
1:00 PM - Monthly Movie, Yeazel Hall
7:30 PM - Parent Alpha, Online

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

6:45 AM - FF (Middle School), Yeazel Hall
7:45 AM - Daily Mass, Church

WEDNESDAY CONTINUED

6:30 PM - Lenten Book Reflection, Church
7:00 PM - Adoration, Church
7:00 PM - Reconciliation, Church

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

7:45 AM - FF (Elementary), Yeazel Hall
7:45 AM - Daily Mass, Church
1:00 PM - Knitting Group, Yeazel Hall

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

7:45 AM - Daily Mass, Church
8:15 AM - Stations of the Cross, Church
7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross, Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

9:00 AM - Daily Mass, Church
3:00 PM - Reconciliation, Church
4:00 PM - Vigil Mass, Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

Parent Alpha Mini Retreat, Church
7:30 AM - Mass, Church
8:15 AM - RCIA, Downstairs
9:15 AM - Adult Ministry, Rms 12 & 13
10:30 AM - Mass, Church
5:00 PM - Mass, Church

"For it is in giving that we receive."

- ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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FINANCIAL REPORT

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED: \$19,704.88
COLLECTION FOR MARCH 13: \$16,704.05
COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE: \$15,930.00

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Safe Environment

All children, young people, and vulnerable adults have the right to be safe and protected from harm in all environments. Holy Cross follows all policies set forth by the Diocese of Syracuse that embraces this right and promotes that protection by taking steps to create safe environments to prevent the sexual abuse of children, young people, and vulnerable adults. We will continue to take steps to create safe environments through continued education, building awareness, and maintaining a commitment to keeping all children, young people, and vulnerable adults safe. To learn more about the Diocese of Syracuse Safe Environment program, please visit www.syracusediocese.org/safe-environment/.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

All diocesan, parish, and school employees and volunteers working with children, young people, or vulnerable adults must attend initial safe environment training, and subsequent recertification every 5 years. If you have any questions, and for assistance in signing up for an upcoming training session, contact Julie Sheridan (julie@holycrossdewitt.org), Safe Environment Coordinator for Holy Cross.