



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 3, 2022


LENT
AT HOLY CROSS

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Readings & Reflection

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
Philippians 3:8-14
John 8:1-11

Today our readings bring us to the brink of the holy week events. The message, even in the midst of the gloom that overshadows the coming crucifixion of Jesus, is one of joy, of love, and of life that can only be described in the words of God that we hear through the prophet Isaiah: "See, I am doing something new!"

Since we started the season of Lent, we have reflected on the wonderful things that God accomplished in the lives of his people through the ministry of Jesus Christ. The dead are raised, the blind see, and the miracles of Jesus bring some clarity to the confusion and lack of faith that have been nurtured by the wrong-headed teachings of the Jewish leaders, who are only interested in preserving their continued prosperity off of the backs of their flocks. But today, we hear Jesus apply the love he has spoken of to an actual Pharisee-incited problem. When they ask him to pronounce judgment on a woman who was caught in the very act of adultery, they are trying to see if he will choose the law of Moses or allow her to continue to live her sinful life. Jesus' loving manner comes to the forefront for all to see when he suggests that anyone who is without sin can begin the stone throwing. As the people realize their own sinfulness, they drop their stones and walk slowly away, perhaps pondering the truth that Jesus has spoken to them about righteousness and love. We notice that while he does not condemn the woman either, he tells her to turn from her sinful ways.

The love of Jesus continues to permeate our lives just as it did on the day that the adulterous woman was brought to him. He doesn't hurt anyone. He doesn't yell at anyone (except those who profane his Father's house), and he doesn't show any anger at being the object of the trap. Perhaps this love is the reason for Paul's loyalty to Jesus when he tells us that he considers everything to be rubbish in light of the things that Jesus brings to his life. When we think about it, doesn't the love of God that we receive in Jesus make everything else seem rubbish-like? That is because he brings us something new—his love.

Peace,
Deacon Dare

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 3 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM - Robert Tisdell / Mary Ann & Bing Weakley
10:30 AM - Thelma Fiscoe / Lisa, granddaughter
5:00 PM - Tony Kotz / Kathy Kotz

Monday, April 4

7:45 AM – Antoinette Newhoff / Amy & Paul Sansone
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

Tuesday, April 5

7:45 AM – Transplant Donor / Recipient
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

Wednesday, April 6

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

Thursday, April 7

7:45 AM – Robert Sr., Phyllis & Kris Reid / Family
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

Friday, April 8

7:45 AM – Patricia Moran / John & Lois MacDonough
8:15 AM – Stations of the Cross
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion
7:00 PM – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 9

9:00 AM – Beverly Fayette / Chuck & Regina Harty
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM – Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00 PM – Maureen McManus / Carol Dwyer

Sunday, April 10 – Palm Sunday

7:30 AM - Marilyn Rowland / Family
10:30 AM - Jeffrey Cox / Austin Family
5:00 PM - Elizabeth Kilmer / Seltzer Family

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

Diocesan Listening Session

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022 | 1:00 PM

Bishop Lucia has scheduled three special listening sessions for those who, for whatever reason, may feel unwelcome or alienated from the Church. These listening sessions are part of the process of preparation for the World Synod of Bishops to be held in 2023. The Bishop would like to hear from those who feel the Church has not been responsive to their circumstances or needs. The Synod offers the hope that through listening, the Church will become more responsive to all. Join us for the next Listening Session on Sunday, April 3 at 1:00 PM at the Bishop Harrison Center in Syracuse. All of us know friends and family members who are no longer active in their parish. Please invite, welcome, and if possible accompany them to participate in this session. There is also a general listening session this week on Wednesday, April 6 at 6:30 PM at All Saints Church in Syracuse. Taizé Prayer will precede it at 5:45 PM.

Lenten Study on the Passion

MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022 | 7:00 PM

This Lent you are invited to gain a more profound meaning on the mystery of the Passion of our Lord and Savior with Pope Benedict XVI's book, *Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week*. Join us this Monday, April 4, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM for the final session. The book can be purchased ahead of the meeting 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 and final session will focus on chapter 9, "Jesus' Resurrection from the Dead." David Hines will be the facilitator. Please email David at DVHines51@aol.com or call the parish office to sign up.

Knitting Group

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022 | 1:00 PM

The Knitting Group will meet on Thursday, April 7 at 1:00 PM. Please join us downstairs in Yeazel Hall. New knitters are always welcome. Questions? Please call Rita at (315) 472-1478 or Jo at (315) 446-3328.

Moving through Grief

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2022 | 10:00 AM

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, you are invited to join us for an experience of "Moving through Grief" with Nancy Light, former director of Francis House. Learning about the various aspects of grief, resilience and the experience of others is a way to move through your own loss. The day will include a teaching about grief, some reflection time, and optional sharing. It does not matter how long ago your loss was, if it is still felt in the present, come. Offering is \$30 and includes lunch. Register and find more information at christthekingretreathouse.org.

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. Please provide your name and address.

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. Upcoming trainings available at Holy Cross (preregistration required):

- **Initial Training:** Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 9:00 AM or 5:30 PM at Holy Cross
- **Recertification Training:** Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 9:00 AM or 5:30 PM at Holy Cross

If you have any questions, or need assistance in signing up for an upcoming training session, contact Julie Sheridan (julie@holycrossdewitt.org), Safe Environment Coordinator for Holy Cross.

To learn more about Safe Environment and for quick sign up links, scan the code with your smartphone camera or visit our website at



holycrossdewitt.org/safe-environment

MARCH 10 MEETING SUMMARY

Holy Cross Pastoral Council (HCPC) met on March 10, 2022.

Elections are coming up for new Pastoral Council membership. This year there are five openings: two are reserved for youth representative, one is reserved for Holy Cross School representative, and two are open for nominations from the parish-at-large. Parishioners will be asked to nominate someone or to self-nominate by filling out one of the cards that are in the pews this weekend and next weekend.

Thank you once again for helping to make this year's Hope Appeal a success. Goal overage in the amount of \$90,108 came back to Holy Cross, and the money will be used for Yeazel Hall classroom renovations.

The parish continues to support and collaborate with Holy Cross School to build a sustainable future by working to increase enrollment and community engagement.

HCPC has been touched by the generosity of our parishioners with the collection for Ukraine. We will continue praying for peace and supporting those in need.

UPCOMING MEETING

The next Pastoral Council Meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 12 at 5:30 PM in Yeazel Hall**. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

The full minutes from the March 10 meeting can be found online at holycrossdewitt.org/hcpc

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

Food Donation Weekend

APRIL 2-3, 2022

Thank you so much for all the help and all the food you bring in! We are in need of volunteers after the 7:30 AM and 10:30 AM Masses this weekend if you have a few minutes to help.

Refugee Assistance Committee Meeting

MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022 | 6:30 PM

The next meeting of the Refugee Assistance Committee will be on Monday, April 4 at 6:30 PM in Rooms 12 & 13 of Yeazel Hall. Please join us!

There is an overwhelming need at Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement for baby items. Currently, there are 20 moms-to-be resettling in the Syracuse area! This month, the Refugee Assistance Committee will be hosting a newborn baby shower similar to our annual Christmas Giving Tree to help with this urgent need. Stay tuned for more details coming soon!

If you have any questions, please contact Liz Lawler at elizabethjlawler@yahoo.com.

Sandwich Ministry

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022 | 8:15 AM

The Tuesday Sandwich Ministry will meet on Tuesday, March 15 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. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Johnson at jjohn27363@aol.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 are available on our website in case you cannot attend in person.

READING SCHEDULE

- **WEEK 5** (March 31 - April 9): Pages 60-82

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

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.

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.

- April 3
- April 10

The Light is On

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

'The Light is On For You' is an initiative of the Archdiocese of Washington and the Diocese of Arlington where Catholic churches across the United States are open for quiet prayer and Confession throughout Lent.

- 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, APRIL 4

7:45 AM - Daily Mass, Church
 8:15 AM - Holy Hour, Church
 6:30 PM - RAC Meeting, Rms 12 & 13
 7:00 PM - Lenten Passion Study, Room 11

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

6:45 AM - FF (High School), Yeazel Hall
 7:45 AM - Daily Mass, Church
 8:15 AM - Sandwich Ministry, Yeazel Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

6:45 AM - FF (Middle School), Yeazel Hall
 7:45 AM - Daily Mass, Church
 6:30 PM - Lenten Book Reflection, Church
 7:00 PM - Adoration, Church
 7:00 PM - Reconciliation, Church

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 8


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

SATURDAY, APRIL 9


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

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

7:30 AM - Mass, Church
 9:15 AM - Adult Ministry, Rms 12 & 13
 10:30 AM - Mass, Church
 4:00 PM - RCIA, Conference Room
 5:00 PM - Mass, Church



Visit holycrossdewitt.org/calendar for the latest event details.



Our Staff

Please know that all of us at Holy Cross are here to be of service to you. Please never hesitate to seek our support whenever it may be needed. The parish office can be reached by phone at (315) 446-0473.

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