



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 15, 2022



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Readings & Reflection

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022

Acts 14:21-27

Psalms 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13

Revelation 21:1-5a

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

Each Sunday, we can lose ourselves in wonder at how God's plan for our salvation has taken shape. We know that our Lord has put good people to work in order to share this plan with us, often going to miraculous lengths to lay the groundwork through the sacrifice of Jesus, by his wondrous resurrection and in commissioning people to spread the word of the Kingdom to all the world. This Sunday is no different.

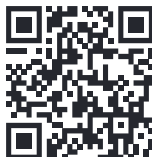
One of the most marvelous stories in our bible is how Paul is converted from one of the greatest persecutors of the church to one of its greatest defenders. In our first reading from the book of Acts, we see the energetic, almost frenzied travel schedule that Paul and his partner Barnabas followed. When we think of them going to Lystra, Iconium, Antioch, Pisidia and so on, it is amazing to think of the stamina and determination they had. It is even more impressive when we think that they had to walk all the way to their destinations.

The Psalm, number 145, tells us about the mercy and grace of God, and how we should praise God's name forever. We might ask why we should praise His name, and the response would be about the reading from the book of Revelation. In this reading, we hear about how a beautiful city has been prepared for us, a city called the new Jerusalem. We are told that God himself will live with us and that there will be no more death, no more mourning and no pain whatsoever. This sounds like something for which we can find ways to praise God.

In the Gospel, we see Jesus telling us about the way we can get to that heavenly city: through love. Jesus says that we must love one another in the same way he has loved us. If we look at the way he has loved us, we see that he gave everything he had to give, even to the sacrifice of his life. We can learn to love one another in the same way Jesus loved us. Let us make every effort to do so.

Stay strong,
Deacon Dare

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 15 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM - Charles T. O'Donnell / Deehan Family

10:30 AM - Maureen McManus / Karen & Erin Markoff

5:00 PM - Noel Williams / Quartier Family

Monday, May 16

7:45 AM – Maria Arnesano Musto / Flavia Musto

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

Tuesday, May 17

7:45 AM – Dr. Alfred Falcone / Jo Oliva

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

Wednesday, May 18

7:45 AM – Special Intention / CSV

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

Thursday, May 19

7:45 AM – Parishioners of Holy Cross

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

Friday, May 20

7:45 AM – Gerard McCall / Ryan Family

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

Saturday, May 21

9:00 AM – Richard Griffin / Agrasto Family

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM – Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:00 PM – Bill Sovik / Tom & Mary Lee Muench

Sunday, May 22 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM - Delia Phillips / Great-niece

10:30 AM - Robert Tisdell / Dan & Kathleen Mezzalingua

5:00 PM - Joseph Northrop / Carol & Don Scullion

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Nancy Ferrara, Ann Kronner, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Dinita Machlin, Faith Muller, Al Paparo, Nancy Patane, Carol Scullion, John Toole, and Teresa Vita.

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 or call (315) 446-0473.

News & Events

Congratulations, Dc. James Buttner!

Deacon James Buttner was ordained a transitional deacon this weekend by Bishop Lucia at his home parish, Holy Family Church in Fairmount. We are thrilled that he will be with us at Holy Cross again this summer. Keep Deacon James in your prayers as he begins this new chapter in ministry on his journey toward priesthood!



Rosary at St. Anthony of Padua

MONDAY, MAY 16, 2022 | 9:30 AM

The Holy Cross Altar & Rosary Society invites you to come pray the rosary on Monday, May 16, the Feast of St. Brendan. Prayers will be led by Father Brendan Foley at St. Anthony of Padua Church at 1515 Midland Avenue in Syracuse. We will carpool from Holy Cross at 9:15 AM and begin at 9:30 AM. Please call Jo at (315) 446-3328 to sign up or if you have any questions.

Coffee & Conversation

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022 | 12:00 PM

Join us Tuesday, May 17 from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM in Yeazel Hall for Coffee & Conversation. Bring your bagged lunch and drink. Our speaker will be Holy Cross parishioner Michael Affleck. Michael earned a Master's degree in theology at the Franciscan School of Theology at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA. He served on the faculty of the University of Notre Dame and continues to teach and study theology. His talk is titled "God's Call to People with Gray Hair."

Communications at Holy Cross

If you have important news & events related to the activities, ministries, and parishioners of Holy Cross, please get in touch with us at news@holycrossdewitt.org

Knitting Group

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2022 | 1:00 PM

The Knitting Group will meet on Thursday, May 19 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.

Rosary on Ascension Thursday

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2022

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Mother. Join us on May 26, Ascension Thursday, to pray the rosary immediately following the 5:30 PM Mass. The rosary will be led by Deacon Dare Dutter.

End of School Year Mass

SUNDAY, MAY 22 | 5:00 PM

On Sunday, May 22nd we invite all our parishioners to attend a special 5 PM "End of the Year Mass" to celebrate and give thanks to God for all that he has done in our parish this past year. We will be awarding our House Cup to this year's House winner. There will be a blessing upon all our high school graduates, and a time to honor a newly ordained deacon and future priest, James Buttner. There will be a reception to follow with light refreshments. We hope all of you will join us!



- **High School Youth Conference** / July 15-17
- **Totus Tuus (Grades 1-12)** / July 24-29
- **Middle School Niagara Falls Trip** / August 13
- **June Youth Nights** / Frisbee & Sno Top

Questions? Contact Steve (steve@holycrossdewitt.org)

Outreach



Refugee Assistance Committee

Just in time for Mother's Day, Catholic Charities picked up more than 4,000 diapers, 3,000 baby wipes, 12 strollers, 10 play yards and 28 large bins filled with clothing, blankets, hats, bibs, towels, washcloths, baby wash, pacifiers, teething toys, bottles and books! We originally hoped to help 20 moms but the final tally was 28!

Special thanks to the Holy Cross Knitting Group and the patrons of The Yarn Cupboard in Jamesville for generously donating many beautiful handmade hats, mittens and blankets.

We also would like to express our gratitude in advance to the Holy Cross Caring Crusaders Club. They will be making baby blankets for their May project to donate to the babies.

The outpouring of support of this worthwhile cause was just incredible! Words are not enough to express how grateful we are for everyone's kindness!

Food Donation Weekend

Thanks to all of you who donated food and helped with food sorting for our pantry last weekend. And there are many of you! You have been donating a monumental amount of food and other goods. I am thankful for all of your time as well.

Sandwich Ministry

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022 | 8:15 AM

The Tuesday Sandwich Ministry will meet on Tuesday, May 17 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.

Care for Creation Meeting

MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2022

Please mark your calendars and plan to join the parish Care for Creation group on Monday, June 13 to pray and plan future efforts to care for the environment. For more info, contact Beth Schafer: schaferbeth97@gmail.com

Holy Cross Girl Scouts to Support Ukraine

For the next two weeks Holy Cross Girl Scouts are organizing a supply drive for Ukrainian Refugees and would greatly appreciate your support. They are collecting items that will be shipped by St. John the Baptist Catholic Ukrainian Church.



Items needed include:

- 1. New Medical Supplies** (e.g., bandages, gauze, wraps, first aid items, etc.);
- 2. New Hygiene Products** (e.g., hand sanitizer, body wash, lotion, shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste/toothbrush, women's hygiene products, etc.);
- 3. Dried and canned food**

DROP ITEMS IN GATHERING AREA BY MAY 22

Items will be collected beginning May 14 through May 22. There will be boxes labeled for each type of items located in our central Gathering Area. Thank you for your generous support!



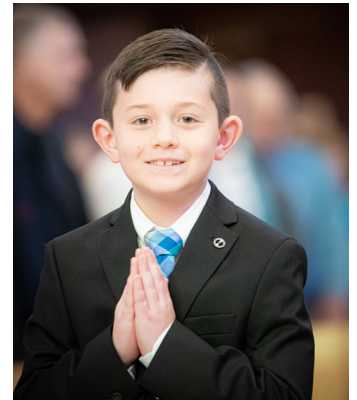
Congratulations First Communicants!

Join us in encouraging and praying for all of our First Communicants who celebrated the Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist over the first two weekends in May! Over the weekend Masses, forty-five children received their First Eucharist at Holy Cross. Thank you to all of our parents, families, volunteers, clergy, and staff for celebrating and encouraging the faith of these young people. And thank you to our parish community for your ongoing prayerful support.

May Crowning at Holy Cross School

Bishop Lucia joined us at Holy Cross to celebrate Mass with our students and a special May Crowning ceremony. Thank you Bishop Lucia and second grade First Communicants for helping us celebrate this sacred tradition! Mary Mother of God, pray for us!

You're invited! Holy Cross School Open House is on Tuesday, May 24, from 4-7 PM. Tell your friends, and come get to know the caring and compassionate Holy Cross School community!



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

MONDAY, MAY 16

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church

TUESDAY, MAY 17

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Sandwich Making, Yeazel Hall

12:00 PM Coffee & Conversation, Yeazel

Hall

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

7:00 PM Adoration, Church

7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

THURSDAY, MAY 19

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

1:00 PM Knitting Group, Rms 12 & 13

7:00 PM Choir Practice, Choir Room

FRIDAY, MAY 20

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

SATURDAY, MAY 21

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church

3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

SUNDAY, MAY 22

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.



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FINANCIAL REPORT

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED: \$19,704.88

COLLECTION FOR MAY 8: \$16,724.50

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