



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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Welcome to Holy Cross

A CARING COMMUNITY

"We are a community of Catholics who draw our strength from the celebration of the Eucharist, so that Christ may live in us and we may express the values he taught by our loving service to family, neighbor, and society."

Whether this is your first Mass with us or you are a lifelong parishioner, we are so glad you are here. We hope Holy Cross can be a place for you to call home. If you are new here, check us out online at holycrossdewitt.org or grab a welcome packet from the church entrances. Please do not hesitate to reach out and introduce yourself. We'd love to meet you!

Sunday Reflection

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023

READINGS

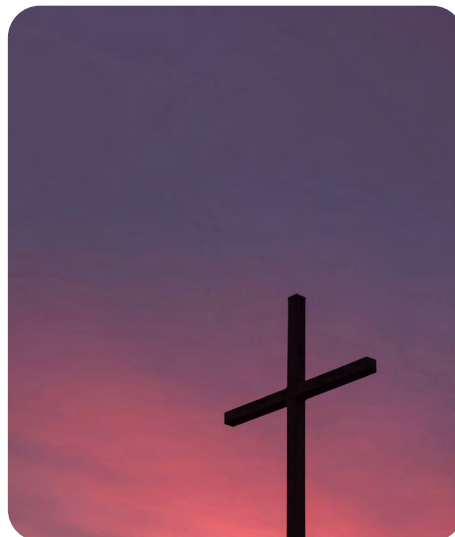
Ezekiel 37:12-14
Psalms 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45

Are we in the flesh or in the spirit?

Our second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans asks this question indirectly.

Paul states that, "Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you."

What does it mean to be in the spirit? We know, through our Baptism in Christ that he claims us, and that we are part of his death and resurrection, which means we not only share his cross in this world, but we share in his resurrection in the end time. This should give us hope during our daily struggles in this life!



While we certainly feel the weight of the crosses we bear in this world, and often times those crosses lead us into sin, we also must realize, that as Paul says, when we are in sin we cannot please God. So, let this Lenten season be a blessed time when we acknowledge our dependence on the spirit and know that the spirit strengthens us if we only recognize that the spirit indeed dwells within us.

Peace,

Rev. John Horgan

Fr. John

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 25

4:00PM VIGIL David Bloom /
Bernadette Tierney & Family

Sunday, March 26

7:30AM Matthew Lorraine /
Sherry McCabe Mace & Jared
10:30AM Edward Grabowski / CSV
5:00PM Caroline Lynch /
Kirkman Family

Monday, March 27

7:45AM James K. Pitts /
Paul & Amy Sansone

Tuesday, March 28

7:45AM Carmella Montanaro /
Dr. Novek & Jeanne

Wednesday, March 29

7:45AM Mary Alfano /
The Blake Family

Thursday, March 30

7:45AM Neal O'Brien /
Barbara Cangelo

Friday, March 31

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

Saturday, April 1

9:00AM Mary Sinnott Darcy /
John H. Heyer
4:00PM VIGIL Victor Vasta / Family

Sunday, April 2

7:30AM Don Foster / Family
10:30AM Daniel Gaworecki /
Maureen Maher
5:00PM Sarah Lombardi Pietrafesa /
Jerry & Elizabeth Hoffmann

Sunday Reflections
in your inbox;
subscribe today!



News & Events

Food Giving Weekend

NEXT WEEKEND | APRIL 1 - 2

Grab a tote this weekend, fill it with non-perishable food items, and bring it back next weekend, April 1 - 2, to any of the Masses. Thank you in advance for your generous donations! Pantries have emphasized the need of the following items:

- Children's cereals
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Pasta: dry, canned, unique
- Pasta Sauce: simple flavors
- Canned Chicken & Tuna
- Beans: kidney, white, black
- Instant Noodles
- Lentils
- Canned Fruit & Veggies
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Soup & Crackers
- Rice & Rice Side Dishes
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Body Wash & Bar Soap
- Feminine Care Products
- Cleaning Products
- Easter Candy*

*The food pantry are providing small Easter baskets to the children of their clients, and are seeking individually wrapped candy.

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon Thank You

Mary Virgel was the lucky winner of the Rosary beads from Ireland. Thank you to Kay Sgarlata for baking the delicious shamrock cookies. Also, thank you to all the leprechauns who helped to make the luncheon a success which was enjoyed by all.

Monthly Movie

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023 | 1:00 PM

Join us on Tuesday, March 28 at 1:00 PM in Yeazel Hall for a free viewing of Mel Gibson's, *The Passion of the Christ*. *Please note this movie is a graphic portrayal of the final twelve hours in the life of Jesus, on the day of his crucifixion in Jerusalem.* Discretion is advised.

Holy Cross School Raffle

Holy Cross School students are selling 50/50 raffle tickets to support our annual school fundraiser. Winner receives 50% of proceeds. Need not be present to win. Drawing on Saturday, April 22, 2023. Raffle tickets are available in the parish office or online. See more at hcschooldewitt.org/auktion



25TH ANNUAL AUCTION

DISCO BALL

APRIL 22, 2023 | 5:30 PM
HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Dinner by Coppertop Tavern
50/50 Raffle Drawing
Diamond Raffle
Silent & Live Auction

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Holy Cross School Auction

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023 | 5:30 PM

Holy Cross School is hosting their 25th Annual Auction on Saturday, April 22 at 5:30 PM. Event tickets are on sale! If you or your business are interested in supporting the auction by being a sponsor or donating items, or to get tickets to the event and your 50/50 raffle tickets, visit hcschooldewitt.org/auktion.

LENT

AT HOLY CROSS

Lenten Book Study & Adoration

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT | 6:30 PM

Join Fr. Foley on the Wednesdays in Lent at 6:30 PM leading into our regularly scheduled hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation. Fr. Foley will unpack spiritual insights from Fr. Jacques Philippe's, *Interior Freedom*.

All who are interested in following along are welcome to just show up to the church at 6:30 PM! However, if you would like a copy of the book, drop us a line on our website or call the parish office. And if you can't make it, that's okay. An audio recording of each reflection is available the next day. Visit holycrossdewitt.org/lent to listen or to request a copy of the book.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study

TUESDAYS IN LENT & EASTER | 7:00 PM

Join Fr. Foley 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM in Yeazel Hall on Tuesdays through Lent and into Easter in unpacking the Acts of the Apostles. Considering our parish's Advent journey through the recent book, *From Christendom to Apostolic Mission*, let's get inspired again to live the Church's identity and missionary task of evangelization by the ones who did it first. We often hear from the Acts of the Apostles at Mass throughout our liturgical year, and of course it is most prominently featured during the Easter season! Consider this opportunity to be transformed by the Word of God not only for a fruitful Lent but also a fruitful Easter, too! Learn more or sign up at holycrossdewitt.org/lent

Evening Prayer

SUNDAYS IN LENT AT 4:30 PM

Join us for Evening Prayer on Sundays in Lent at 4:30 PM (just prior to 5:00 PM Sunday Evening Mass). We hope you can pray with us during this time!

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.



The Light is On

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Join us at Holy Cross for *The Light Is On For You*, a diocesan wide campaign that encourages the Sacrament of Reconciliation by opening up our churches on the same night, at the same time, for confessions and quiet prayer. Holy Cross will be open for quiet prayer & reflection, and priests will be available for confession on:

- Monday, April 3, from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- Tuesday, April 4, from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Has it been a while since you've been to confession? Don't let that stop you from returning. Find helpful resources online at holycrossdewitt.org/confession

Lenten Reminders

Catholics ages 14 and older are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday (February 22) and Good Friday (April 7) 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.



HOLY WEEK

- AT HOLY CROSS -

Monday – APRIL 3, 2023

Daily Mass, 7:45 AM

***The Light is On For You*, 4 PM - 7 PM**

Tuesday – APRIL 4, 2023

Daily Mass, 7:45 AM

Confession, 4 PM - 7 PM

Wednesday – APRIL 5, 2023

Daily Mass, 7:45 AM

Adoration & Reconciliation, 7 PM

Holy Thursday – APRIL 6, 2023

Morning Prayer, 7:45 AM

***Mass of the Lord's Supper*, 7:00 PM**

Adoration following Mass until 10:00 PM

Good Friday – APRIL 7, 2023

Morning Prayer, 7:45 AM

***Passion of the Lord* Liturgical Service, 2:30 PM**

***Stations of the Cross*, 7:00 PM**

Holy Saturday – APRIL 8, 2023

Morning Prayer, 9:00 AM

Easter Food Blessing, 12:00 PM

***Easter Vigil Mass*, 8:00 PM**

Easter Sunday – APRIL 9, 2023

***Mass of Easter Day*, 7:30 AM**

***Mass of Easter Day*, 10:30 AM**

***Mass of Easter Day*, 5:00 PM**

THIS WEEK AT HC

MONDAY, MARCH 27

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

6:45 AM High School FF, Yeazel Hall

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

1:00 PM Monthly Movie, Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM Acts Bible Study, Yeazel Hall

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

6:45 AM Middle School FF, Yeazel Hall

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

6:30 PM Lenten Book Study, Church

7:00 PM Adoration, Church

7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

7:45 AM Elementary FF, Yeazel Hall

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

7:00 PM Middle School Night, Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Stations of the Cross, Church

9:00 AM Mom's Group, Room 5

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross, Church

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

FOOD GIVING WEEKEND (PG. 2)

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church

3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

FOOD GIVING WEEKEND (PG. 2)

LAST DAY FOR JHFW BABY BOTTLES (PG. 6)

7:30 AM Mass, Church

9:15 AM Adult Ministry, Rooms 12-13

10:30 AM Mass, Church

3:30 PM RCIA, Rooms 12-13

4:30 PM Evening Prayer, Church

5:00 PM Mass, Church

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Abrielle Lynch, Ann Kronner, Celia Flaver, Dinita Machlin, Elaine Lostumbo, Faith Muller, Jeanette Heick, Joe Evans, John Toole, Margaret Blanchfield, Nancy Ferrara, Nancy Patane, and Troy Blackchief

Outreach

Joseph's House Bottle Drive

DROP-OFF BY APRIL 2

This Lenten season, help support moms and young children experiencing homelessness by participating in our Holy Cross Baby Bottle Drive! Pick up your baby bottle in the church entryway and fill it with cash, check, or change. Then return it in the designated containers by Palm Sunday. You can also conveniently give online at jhfw.org/baby-bottle-drive or mail your donation to 802 Court Street, Syracuse NY 13208. When giving online or by mail, be sure to note our parish so we can track how we do!



Joseph's House for Women provides a safe home and family environment for moms and babies whom are experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity. Your support provides a warm and nurturing home and the hope for a brighter future! To learn more about their life-saving work, visit jhfw.org today!



Follow us on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter to see more! [@holycrossdewitt](https://www.instagram.com/holycrossdewitt)



THIS SUMMER...

Don't miss the fun, friends, and the faith that brings us all together! Registrations for summer programs for youth of all ages are now open. Learn more & sign up today!

visit holycrossdewitt.org/summer

Giving

"For it is in giving that we receive."

- ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Thank you! We are so encouraged by all of the ways that you respond to God's faithfulness and share your gifts. Gifts of prayer, time, and talent serve and support our community in so many meaningful ways. And financial gifts are incredible acts of service that allow us to continue our mission and the work of the Church.

- To give online, visit holycrossdewitt.org/give

Scan the code to get started with secure & convenient online giving



FINANCIAL REPORT

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED: \$19,704.88

COLLECTION FOR MARCH 19: \$15,951.00

UPCOMING NATIONAL COLLECTION

HOLY LAND: April 7, 2023–Good Friday

Helpful Info

HOLY CROSS COMMUNICATIONS

If you have important news & events related to the activities, ministries, and parishioners of Holy Cross Church & School, please notify news@holycrossdewitt.org

HOSPITALIZED OR HOMEBOUND?

Please notify the parish office (315) 446-0473 when a parishioner or family member is confined to their home, hospitalized, or entering a nursing home, so that clergy may make arrangements for a sick visit.

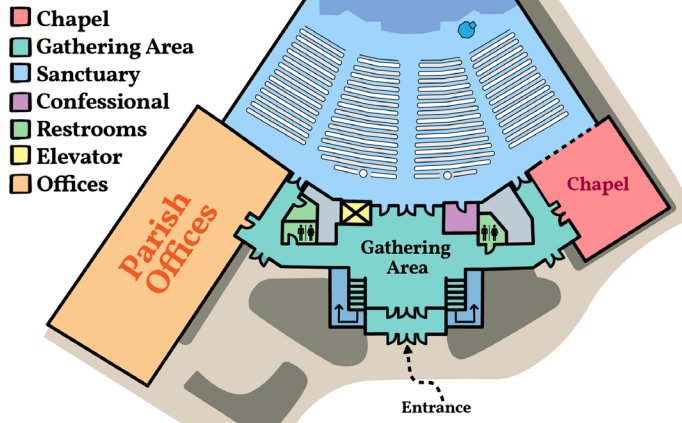
PRAYER REQUESTS

Please have a family member or the individual contact us to have their name included. The request will be included for three months unless notified otherwise.

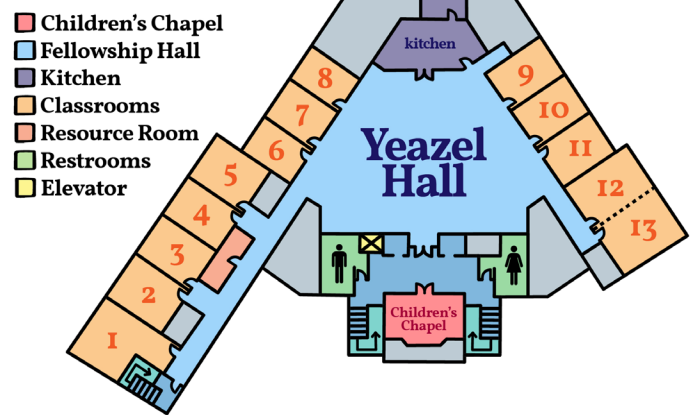
Parish Office

The parish offices are located at the far entrance from East Genesee. Look for the signs for "Office." Parish Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. The church sanctuary is open for private prayer Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Adoration is available on Wednesday from 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM.

Entry Level



Downstairs Level



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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"We love because he first loved us."

- 1 JOHN 4:19



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