



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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PALM SUNDAY

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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, APRIL 2, 2023

READINGS

Matthew 21:1-11

Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalms 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Phillipians 2:6-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66

For today's Mass, things get changed up a little. We begin the service in the outer foyer of the church with the blessing of palms and a reading from Matthew's Gospel first instead of after all of the other readings. We end the Liturgy of the Word with the Passion, where everyone becomes part of the story. The readings today all point to the person of Christ. The first Gospel from Matthew recounts Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on a donkey's colt. This is the realization of a prophecy that was made hundreds of years earlier by the Prophet Zechariah. The Passion from St. Matthew recounts the extreme change from the adulation Jesus received upon entering into Jerusalem to the Jews insisting that he be crucified.



Palm Sunday takes us from one extreme to the other as it recalls the last days of Jesus—from his entry into Jerusalem to his crucifixion. In these readings, we see the true extent of Christ's suffering for us. We are reminded that our goal of Lent is to join our sufferings to his. Between the two sets of readings, we have an opportunity to reflect on the history-changing events which are about to happen and of their significance for each and every one of us.

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Mass Intentions

Host, Wine, & Sanctuary Lamp

Angeline & Herbert Silvestri / Family

Saturday, April 1

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

Monday, April 3

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

Tuesday, April 4

7:45AM Tony Kotz / Kathy Kotz

Wednesday, April 5

7:45AM Stella Marie Giannino

Thursday, April 6

7:00PM Living and Deceased
Priests of the Diocese of Syracuse

Saturday, April 8

8:00PM VIGIL RCIA Candidates

Sunday, April 9

7:30AM Deceased Members of
Holy Cross Parish

10:30AM Deceased Members of
Holy Cross Parish

5:00PM Deceased Members of
Holy Cross Parish

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News & Events

Prayers for First Eucharist

GRAB A CANDLE & CARD THIS WEEKEND

First Eucharist is coming up and we are asking for your prayers! Prayer cards—each with the name of one of our First Eucharist candidates to remember in your daily prayers—with candles attached are available in baskets at each entrance. Please hold that child and their family in prayer as they continue preparations to receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion. Our Celebration of First Eucharist will be at Masses on April 29-30 and May 6-7.

Food Giving Weekend

THIS WEEKEND | APRIL 1-2

Thank you for your generous contributions and support of sorting, packing, and delivering so many non-perishable food & personal wellness items to our local area pantries.

Sandwich Ministry for Homeless Shelter

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023 | 8:15 AM

Please join us in Yeazel Hall following daily Mass on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 8:15 AM, to prepare our different kinds of sandwiches for the new Catholic Charities Homeless Shelter. For more information please email Julie Johnson at: jjohn27363@aol.com.

Knitting Group

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023 | 1:00 PM

Our next Knitting Group will be on Thursday, April 6 at 1:00 PM downstairs in Yeazel Hall. We're always looking for new knitters and are happy to help you learn! To learn more, call Rita at 315-472-1478 or Jo at 315-446-3328.

Easter Food Blessing

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023 | 12:00 PM

Come and have your Easter food blessed on Saturday, April 8 at 12 PM. We invite you and your family to participate in this special tradition. Bring a basket of your Easter provisions to the church sanctuary to be blessed before bringing it back home to share at your Easter dining table.

Monthly Luncheon

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2023 | 12:00 PM

Join us for lunch at Golden Spike Pub at 411 W Manlius Street in East Syracuse on Thursday, April 13 at 12:00 PM. If you plan to attend, please make your reservation with Jo by noon on Tuesday, April 11. Call Jo Oliva at 315-446-3328 to make your reservation or if you have any questions.

Divine Mercy Prayer Service

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023 | 3:00 PM

On Divine Mercy Sunday, please join us for a prayer service, which will include the Divine Mercy Chaplet, beginning at 3:00 PM at Holy Cross. Look for insert in next week's bulletin.



Earth Day of Service

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023

In celebration of Earth Day, we will be having a Day of Service on Saturday, April 22 to give back to our neighborhood and community. Sign up in the Gathering Area to help out and learn more.

Day of Hope & Healing

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023

Do you feel that God could never forgive you for having an abortion? Do you feel you can't forgive yourself? Join Project Rachel Ministry for a Day of Hope and Healing on Saturday, April 29. For more information or to register, contact Project Rachel Ministry at 855-364-0076 or hopeandhealing@syrdio.org. All calls and emails are confidential.

Jail Ministry Annual Fundraiser

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023 | 6:00 PM

Jail Ministry of Onondaga County is hosting a movie night on May 3 at Park Central Presbyterian. Learn more, get tickets, & donate at jailministrysyr.org

Reflection

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As we enter Holy Week, let us focus with all of our heart, mind, and strength on the tremendous love that Jesus has for us as he endures torture, abuse, and the humiliation of the Cross. He did all of this for us—to pay the price for our sins. What we need to take from these readings is that the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus offers us has turned the shame of the Cross into the joy and peace of the Resurrection. The engine of torture and humiliation that is the Cross is now transformed into the Tree of Life. Let us join our sufferings to him on Palm Sunday, so we can rejoice with him on Easter Sunday.

Peace,
Deacon Dare

The Light Is On For You

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.



25TH ANNUAL AUCTION

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BALL

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

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

hcschooldewitt.org/auction

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 some 50/50 raffle tickets, visit hcschooldewitt.org/auction.

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to see more! [@hcschooldewitt](https://www.instagram.com/hcschooldewitt)



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, APRIL 3

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church
4:00 PM Light is On, Church (see p. 4)

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
8:15 AM Sandwich Making, Yeazel Hall
4:00 PM Confessions, Church (see p. 4)
7:00 PM Acts Bible Study, Yeazel Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church
6:30 PM Lenten Book Study, Church
7:00 PM Adoration, Church
7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

7:45 AM Morning Prayer, Church
7:00 PM Knitting Group, Yeazel Hall
7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper, Church
8:00 PM Adoration until 10 PM, Chapel

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

7:45 AM Morning Prayer, Church
9:00 AM Mom's Group, Room 5
2:30 PM Passion of the Lord, Church
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross, Church

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

9:00 AM Morning Prayer, Church
12:00 PM Easter Food Blessing, Church
8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass, Church

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

7:30 AM Easter Mass, Church
10:30 AM Easter Mass, Church
5:00 PM Easter Mass, Church

Get the latest event details at
holycrossdewitt.org/events



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

LAST WEEKEND TO RETURN BOTTLES

It's the last weekend for our Holy Cross Baby Bottle Drive to support Joseph's House for Women! If you haven't yet, please return your baby bottle in the church entryway filled with cash, check, or change. You can still give online 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!

Thank you to our incredibly generous church & school community for supporting this fundraiser to provide a nurturing home and the hope for a brighter future for women and children at Joseph's House.



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 26: \$15,327.00

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES: \$ 754

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.

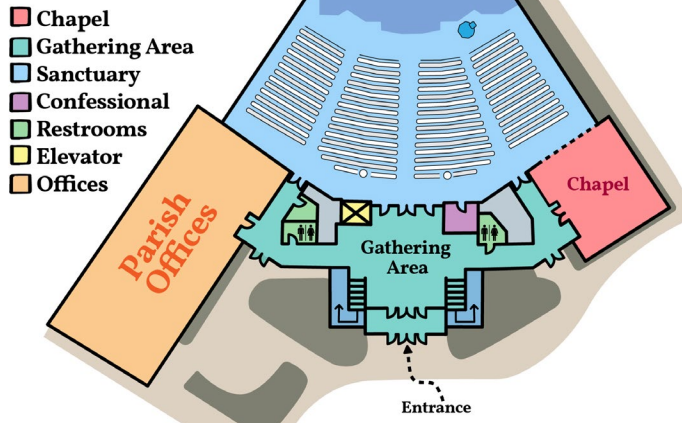
PRAYER REQUESTS

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.

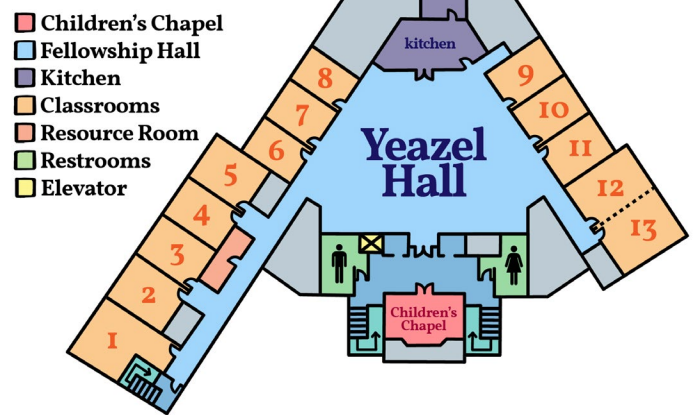
Parish Office

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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