



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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EASTER SUNDAY

OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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He Is Risen



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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 guide from the church entrances. Please do not hesitate to reach out and introduce yourself. We'd love to meet you!

Sunday Reflection

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023

READINGS

- Acts 10:34a, 37-43
- Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
- Colossians 3:1-4
- John 20:1-9

Praised be Jesus Christ! *He is risen!*
Alleluia!

I offer for our consideration the powerful opening of the First Letter of St. John, which begins like this (it sounds a little like the first chapter of John's Gospel):

What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we looked upon and touched with our hands concerns the Word of life—for the life was made visible; we have seen it and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was made visible to us—what we have seen and heard we proclaim now to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; for our fellowship is with the Father and with

his Son, Jesus Christ. We are writing this so that our joy may be complete.

Believe it or not, this reading does not appear in our lectionary at Sunday Mass, but it is an important apostolic testimony to the profound reality of the Resurrection. The Incarnate Lord—God having taken to himself our humanity—really dwelled among us, and he allowed himself to be seen and touched and loved by us. Jesus endured his horrific suffering and death, so that we might come to have eternal life with him and to ever grow in our appreciation for the extent of his love for us. For those who let it, the feast that we celebrate today is forever the cause of our joy, the foundation of our faith, and the only way by which we have life. The Resurrection is the source of all grace, through it we also receive Hope that enables and strengthens us to walk differently amid the darkness of the world. Jesus has overcome the world, and still he has power over death.

This Lent we've had the opportunity to journey through Fr. Jacques Philippe's *Interior Freedom*, in which we learned

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Mass Intentions

Host, Wine, & Sanctuary Lamp

Angeline & Herbert Silvestri / Family

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

Monday, April 10

7:45AM Marion Pilon / The Pilon Family

Tuesday, April 11

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

Wednesday, April 12

7:45AM Transplant Donor / A Recipient

Thursday, April 13

7:45AM Joan Garbinski / Holy Cross Altar Rosary

Friday, April 14

7:45AM Mass League Intentions

9:15AM School Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 15

9:00AM James F. Collins/Wife & Family

4:00PM VIGIL James Layow / Caryn Scuderi

Sunday, April 16

7:30AM Marilyn Rowland / Family

10:30AM Sally & Bill Mitchell / Family

5:00PM Jeannine Pondozi / Elaine Lostumbo

MASS LEAGUE ENROLLMENT

Lucy McLean / The Talarczyk Family

News & Events

Prayers for First Eucharist

GRAB A CANDLE & PRAYER CARD

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.

Parish Office Closed Easter Monday

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023

The parish office will be closed Monday, April 10 in observance of Easter. Daily Mass will still take place at 7:45 AM in the church. Please join us!

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.

Caring Crusaders Bottle Drive

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023

Just in time for Earth Day! Start saving your bottles and cans and drop them off to the Caring Crusaders on Tuesday, April 18, from 8 AM - 9 AM or 2 PM - 3 PM.

Look for us before school and at afternoon pick-up in the parking lot. Follow the signs.

Your bottle and can donations will help the Caring Crusaders sponsor a camper(s) at Camp Lookout in Madison County. Camp Lookout provides a free, week-long camping experience for children who would not otherwise be able to attend camp.

Coffee & Conversation

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023 | 12:00 PM

Join us Tuesday, April 18 from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM in Yeazel Hall for Coffee & Conversation. Bring your bagged lunch and drink.

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.

“Celebrating Creation in all its Glory”

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023 | 9 AM - 3 PM @ CTK

Take advantage of this opportunity to explore eco-spirituality with Sr. Linda Neil, CSJ on Saturday, April 22 from 9AM-3PM at Christ the King Retreat Center. The retreat will focus on caring and giving thanks for God’s creation and lead us to living in greater harmony with Earth. \$35 offering with lunch included. Contact Barb Shepard bshepard@syrдио.org or call **315-446-2680** to register. Visit ctkretreat.com for more details.

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@syrдио.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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some important lessons for understanding the theological virtues of faith, hope, and love. If we only know or understand "hope" from the perspective of the English language, we can be left grasping at something that may or may not be there. This is not Christian hope, nor the kind of hope we receive from the power of the Resurrection. Hope is, as found in the Catechism:

"...[Hope is something] that does not disappoint.' Hope is the 'sure and steadfast anchor of the soul...that enters...where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf.' Hope is also a weapon that protects us in the struggle of salvation" (CCC 1820).

To further simplify, we could say hope is the persevering sense or the steadfast trust given to us to await and expect everything from God especially as it comes to us through the merits of the passion, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. In other words, hope rooted within us is pervasive confidence in what Jesus has done for us. So one who has the gift of this hope is not wavering in wondering whether or not Jesus has been raised from the dead, but rather is convinced of it, and now allows the implications of Jesus' Resurrection to be the foundation and motivation for everything else in life.

Having hope, one truly enjoys radical interior freedom and the fullness of life here and now. Jesus wants us to know this gift.

Fr. Philippe notes, "It could be said that, while charity is the greatest of the three theological virtues, in practice hope is the most important. As long as hope remains, love develops. If hope is extinguished, love grows cold. A world without hope soon becomes a world without love." As we celebrate anew the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus, may we receive an infusion of divine hope to propel us toward living with greater confidence in Jesus' power over death. May this Hope that we receive again be strength for us to bear his light and life confidently into the world around us, without fear that anything could come and rob us of this amazing freedom.

Peace,

Rev. Brenda Foley



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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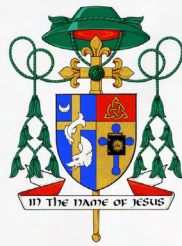
Holy Cross School Auction

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 50/50 raffle tickets, visit

hcschooldewitt.org/auction.

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



LETTER FROM BISHOP LUCIA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Lord,

"He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said" (Mt 28:6). What a scene and message the holy women encountered when "as the first day of the week was dawning" (Mt. 28: 1) they came to see Jesus' tomb. Ultimately although the tomb would be found empty, they would end up meeting Jesus on the way as they were carrying the news to his other disciples.

His message to them in that encounter was simple and direct: "Do not be afraid" (Mt 28: 10). Think of what this means not only for them, but for his wayward disciples and for you and I. The Risen Lord Jesus is willing to take us as we are and to meet us wherever we might be on the road of life. Even when he catches up with the disciples in Galilee—bearing the marks of his wounds—Jesus' salutation is not a chastisement concerning their behavior over the period of the last three days, but addresses them with the consoling greeting, "Peace be with you."

He commissions then his disciples to carry this message to those whom they meet along the way right down to the present day. In his 2022 Easter Sunday message, Pope Francis declared: "May we be won over by the peace of Christ! Peace is possible; peace is a duty; peace is everyone's primary responsibility."

To be won over by Christ is the source of the new life that the Easter event promises. Like the two disciples on the road to Emmaus who were discouraged and making their exit from Jerusalem, we might feel similarly as we look out at the world in which we live or at our own lives. We might believe that all is hopeless ... that we are hopeless! It is in this moment that the Risen Christ approaches to announce the dawn of a new day – "Behold, I make all things new" (Rv 21:5).

May the new life arising from Christ's Resurrection set your hearts on fire! Happy Easter and be assured of my prayers that Christ's peace will be in your hearts, your homes, and in our world!

In the Name of Jesus,

Most Reverend Douglas J. Lucia
Bishop of Syracuse

THIS WEEK AT HC

MONDAY, APRIL 10

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

6:45 AM High School FF, Yeazel Hall

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

10:00 AM Communion Service, Menorah Park

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

6:45 AM Middle School FF, Yeazel Hall

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

7:00 PM Adoration, Church

7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

7:45 AM Elementary FF, Yeazel Hall

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

12:00 PM Luncheon, Golden Spike Pub

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

7:00 PM Men's Group, Conference Room

7:00 PM Lux Mundi, Rooms 1-2

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

9:00 AM Mom's Group, Room 5

9:15 AM School Mass, Church

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church

3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

7:30 AM Mass, Church

9:15 AM Adult Ministry, Rooms 12-13

10:30 AM Mass, Church

3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet, Church

5:00 PM 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

Banns of Marriage

Please pray for **Susan Schill & Michael Dollinger** who will celebrate their wedding at Holy Cross on April 29, 2023.

To schedule a wedding, please call the parish office at **315-446-0473** at least six months in advance.

Let us continue to pray for vocations to marriage and family life!



Follow us on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter to see more! **@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



Refuge
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STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE
JULY 14-16, 2023

Join 9-12th grade students from our diocese for a weekend at Franciscan University packed with dynamic talks, uplifting concerts, transformative prayer & Adoration, and growing deeper through the Sacraments. holycrossdewitt.org/refuge

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 APRIL 2 WILL BE POSTED IN NEXT BULLETIN

UPCOMING DIOCESAN/NATIONAL COLLECTION

HOME MISSIONS APPEAL: APRIL 30, 2023

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

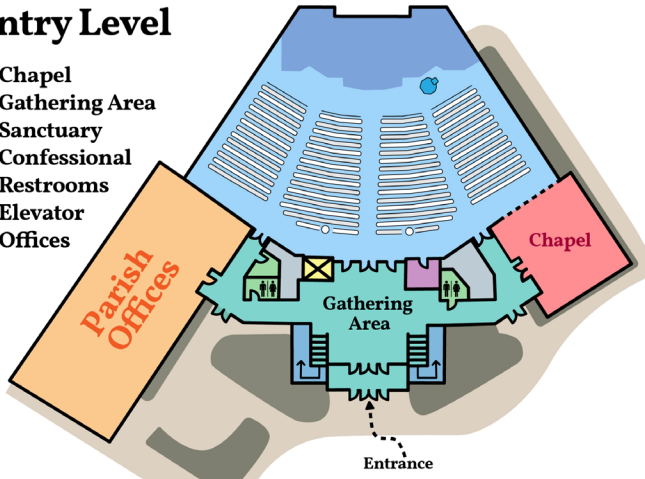
Please have a family member or the individual contact us to have their name included. The request will be included for three months unless notified otherwise.

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.

Entry Level

- Chapel
- Gathering Area
- Sanctuary
- Confessional
- Restrooms
- Elevator
- Offices



Downstairs Level

- Children's Chapel
- Fellowship Hall
- Kitchen
- Classrooms
- Resource Room
- Restrooms
- Elevator



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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Our Story

Our History

Holy Cross parish began as a mission of Our Lady of Solace, in 1943. The mission was founded by then pastor of the parish, Monsignor Edward P. Buttimer. A small house at 4112 East Genesee Street was purchased on October 30, 1942. It became home to the mission church and catechetical center. The first Mass was said on Pentecost Sunday, June 13, 1943.

In May 1944, the property between the house and St. Mary's Cemetery was purchased from Dr. G. Leslie and Miss H. Leslie with the intention of building a church on the site. Because of the scarcity of building materials during World War II, ground was not broken until September 11, 1949, and the church was dedicated on April 23, 1950. In November of that year, Reverend Joseph I. Ritchie was named as the first pastor, which he held until his death on March 18, 1964.



As DeWitt and the surrounding area developed and grew over the years, so too did the community at Holy Cross. Due to the generosity of this community, Holy Cross saw the expansion and addition of land, buildings, and staff. Construction of a rectory was finished in March of 1951. A convent was added in 1957. And Holy Cross School opened its doors to students in September of 1958.

Our Church Home

Because of continued growth in the area, a new church building was needed to accommodate the people and activities of Holy

Cross. In 2002, then pastor of the parish, Msgr. J. Robert Yeazel and the Parish Council voted unanimously to build a new church. On September 14, 2006, that church was dedicated on the Feast of the Holy Cross.

Today

Today, Holy Cross continues its tradition of being a caring community devoted to the needs of our families, neighbors, and society. We value our faith and the food God gives us for the journey. We are committed to our families and youth, to providing a safe environment to form their faith. We build our lives in the image of Christ through worship and prayer. We serve and accompany our neighbors in need and those on the margins. We share our faith with others to spread the Gospel. To be faithful stewards of Holy Cross, we are accountable to God for responsibly sharing our time, talents and treasures. We work as a parish to establish and implement our goals and objectives, mindful of our diverse community and ever-changing needs.

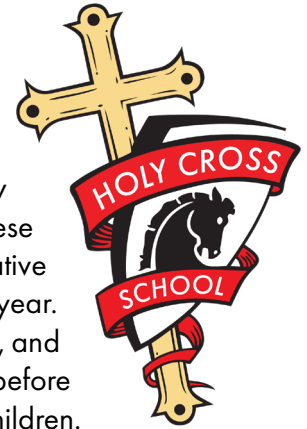


Check out our gallery of historical photos at holycrossdewitt.org/about

Holy Cross School

Educated Minds • Faith-Filled Hearts

Holy Cross School is a private, Pre-K through 6th grade Catholic educational community associated with Holy Cross Parish in Dewitt, New York and part of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse. At Holy Cross School, our students get a superior education in an innovative learning institution that produces outstanding overall academic performance year after year. They also learn lifelong values that never change including faith, service, honesty, courtesy, and compassion. Since family is a key value, we also offer flexible hours for busy parents with before and after school programs, are conveniently located, and foster a safe environment for children.



Nationally accredited by the Middle States Commission on Elementary Schools. To learn more or schedule a tour, visit our website at www.hcschooldewitt.org or give us a call at **315-446-4890**.



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- HOLY CROSS MISSION STATEMENT

Community

We invite you to get connected with our Holy Cross family. There are many opportunities for all walks of life. Here are just a few ways to get connected with our community.

Special Events

Events and special activities throughout the year help connect our parishioners and build community with one another. Events include festivities like our Fall Festival, Breakfast with Santa, and Parish Picnic. These events are always open to all, and we invite you to use them as an opportunity to deepen your friendships, meet new people, and invite others into our community. We also provide unique experiences for our youth like retreats, pilgrimages, vacation bible schools, and youth conferences. Visit our website to see what's coming up next! holycrossdewitt.org/events



Connect

Adult Bible Studies

Throughout the year, there are groups of adults in our parish who get together on a regular basis for Bible study programs. On Sunday mornings our Adult Ministry comes together downstairs in Rooms 12 & 13 for fellowship and scripture study. All are welcome to join! No registration necessary. Other bible studies meet on a rotating basis. To get updated when new studies start, sign up for our weekly newsletter at holycrossdewitt.org/subscribe.

Senior Social Activities

We have a variety of regularly scheduled activities for seniors. The last Tuesday of each month is our Monthly Movie. Coffee and Conversation is a monthly gathering of fellowship, coffee, and lunch. Our knitting group meets every other week. Check the church newsletter to find out more about these groups and the next time they meet. All are welcome!

Gardening Angels

Gardening Angels are a faithful group of Holy Cross volunteers who meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 AM -10:30 AM to make the surrounding landscape of our church home a beautiful, and welcoming place to worship and pray. Specifically, the volunteers plant flowers and bushes, remove weeds and brush, trim bushes, spread mulch as needed. Work begins in the spring and ends in late fall.



Rosary Prayer Group

Most mornings after Daily Mass, a group gathers in the church or in the front circle to pray the Rosary. It is informal and open to anyone who would like to pray. Please join us!

Play & Pray Mom's Group

The Play & Pray Ministry at Holy Cross strives to create opportunities for connection among Catholic mothers with young children. Our mission is to support the vocation of motherhood by providing our infants and toddlers a chance to play and pray in a safe and faith-filled environment with their peers. We meet Fridays from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM in the toddler room (Room 5) of Yeazel Hall.

Follow Along

We are so glad you are connected to our community! To get the latest news, photos and stories, follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter ([@holycrossdewitt](https://twitter.com/holycrossdewitt)). Subscribe to our weekly newsletters to get all of the latest content delivered right to your inbox. Visit us online at holycrossdewitt.org/subscribe to connect!



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