



**HOLY CROSS CHURCH**

4112 EAST GENESEE STREET | DEWITT, NY 13214

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



MAY 7, 2023

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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](http://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, MAY 7, 2023

Sunday Reflections  
in your inbox;  
subscribe today!



### READINGS

Acts 6:1-7  
Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19  
1 Peter 2:4-9  
John 14:6

"You are 'a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises' of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

In today's First Letter of Peter, the above phrase follows the description of Jesus as the stone that the builders rejected. That rejected stone has now become the cornerstone, our foundation. God the Father, on the foundation that Christ has laid down for us, namely his own body, builds us as the chosen race and royal priesthood. Christ, the Savior of the world is our foundation. We have this sound foundation so that we might grow in mighty ways!

As we grow, Peter tells us, some will stumble and disobey the word of Christ. Disobedient should not be a word used to describe a chosen one of God, but instead we should be known as proclaimers of his praises! Think how good it feels when we allow ourselves to be happy as opposed to sad or troubled. Through our suffering, Christ calls us to remember that the challenges of this world are nothing when compared to the immense joys of the heavenly kingdom!

Let us continue to experience Easter joy now and throughout the remainder of our lives here on this Earth, always giving thanks and proclaiming the great joy we find in God as Christian people.

God bless you,

Fr. John

## Mass Intentions

### Host, Wine, & Sanctuary Lamp

Christopher Harrison /  
Mary Beth Harrison, Mom

### Saturday, May 6

4:00PM VIGIL Henry Keller

### Sunday, May 7

7:30AM Kris, Phil, & Robert Reid Sr.  
/ Family

10:30AM Edward Loftus / Family

5:00PM Ann & Jack Lowney /  
Daughters

### Monday, May 8

7:45AM Beatrice E. Jutton / Family

### Tuesday, May 9

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

### Wednesday, May 10

7:45AM Stanley Nowakowski /  
Becker Family

### Thursday, May 11

7:45AM Daniel M. LaClaire /  
Jack & Marian Glisson

### Friday, May 12

7:45AM Joe Farnett / Pilon Family

### Saturday, May 13

9:00AM Al & Betty Terrinoni /  
Kay & Tony Sgarlata

4:00PM VIGIL Rev. Patrick Keating /  
Mary Ellen Brown

### Sunday, May 14

7:30AM Elizabeth Terrinoni /  
Marcia & Richard Hoogkamp

10:30AM Betty Rund /  
Sandy Mulhern & Tina & Todd

5:00PM Herbie Goodhines /  
Dan & Fran Monti

# News & Events

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## Food Giving Weekend

**THIS WEEKEND | MAY 6-7**

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

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## Ministry Weekends

**MAY 13-14 & MAY 20-21**

Spend a few minutes after Masses in the upcoming weeks connecting with some of our ministries at Holy Cross. Next weekend, May 13-14, we highlight 1) Samaritan Center Service Groups, 2) Play and Pray Mom's Group, 3) Back to School Collection, and 4) Sandwich Making for Homeless Shelter.

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## Chicken BBQ Fundraiser

**SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023 | 11:30 AM TIL GONE**

The Syracuse Sunrise Rotary invites you to a Chicken BBQ! Stop by the Holy Cross parking lot on Saturday, May 13 beginning at 11:30 AM until supplies last. Drive-through service available for your convenience. Cost is \$15 per meal and includes 1/2 chicken, salt potatoes, beans, roll, and brownie.

Syracuse Sunrise Rotary is dedicated to supporting non-profit organizations like Clear Path for Veterans, The Kara Fund, Salvation Army, Boy Scouts of America, and On-Point for College.

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## Altar Server Training

**SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023 | 12:00 PM**

We're hosting a training for Altar Servers on Saturday, May 13 at 12:00 PM in the church. This opportunity is for current Altar Servers, past servers wanting to get involved again, and students who are new or interested in learning how to serve during Mass. Any student who has received their First Communion is eligible, and high school students are certainly welcome to join. No need to register ahead, so please join us! Contact Fr. Foley ([bfoley@syrдио.org](mailto:bfoley@syrдио.org)) with any questions.

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## Coffee & Conversation

**TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023 | 12:00 PM**

Join us Tuesday, May 16 from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM in Yeazel Hall for Coffee & Conversation. Special guest speaker, Eric Shuler, will be joining us for a presentation on Saints Who Were Moms! Bring your bagged lunch and drink.

Eric Shuler earned his PhD from the University of Notre Dame where he researched the early medieval Church. He taught world history for over a decade at universities and Catholic high schools before becoming a freelance writer and editor. You can read his weekly reflections on the saints at [FriendsAbove.com](http://FriendsAbove.com).

## SAINTS WHO WERE MOMS

Every May, we celebrate the example and sacrifices of mothers. It should be no surprise that many moms are saints! How can the lives of these women recognized by the Church inspire our own lives? How can they help us appreciate the holiness of motherhood and its place in the Church? We will focus on four very different women: Saints Margaret, Monica, Gianna, and Perpetua.

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## Monthly Luncheon

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023 | 12:00 PM**

Join us for lunch at Olive Garden at 3147 Erie Boulevard on Wednesday, May 17 at 12:00 PM. If you plan to attend, please make your reservation by Sunday, May 14. Call Jo Oliva at (315) 446-3328 to make your reservation or if you have any questions.

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## Ascension Thursday

**THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023**

Join us for Mass to celebrate the Ascension of the Lord on Thursday, May 18. The Mass schedule is as follows:

- 7:45 AM at Holy Cross
- 9:15 AM at Holy Cross
- 5:30 PM at Holy Cross

The parish office will be closed Thursday, May 18 in observance of Ascension Thursday.

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## Celebration of First Eucharist

**APRIL 29 - 30 & MAY 6 - 7**

Our children preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist will celebrate with our parish families during Masses on the weekends of April 29 - 30 and May 6 - 7. We thank all of our faithful community for your ongoing prayerful support. Be sure to join us in encouraging and celebrating the faith of these children and their families over the next few weeks.



Lucy Grace Albanese  
Karli Lynn Alkhouri  
Vincent Andrew Bagley  
Preston Joseph Balash  
Joseph McKeague Brisson  
Lauren Mary Brown  
Emerson Rose Burns  
Hunter Mathew Cameron  
Luke Francis Castaneda  
Adrian Anthony D'Amico  
Tessa Marie DeKay  
Livia Alina Diez  
Abigail Teresa Dougherty  
Connor Nix Dougherty

Eric Daniel Eno  
Elliott Michael Farranto  
Weston Hendricks Garner  
Frances Fiona Harty  
Rowen Joseph Harty  
Norah Mary Hebert  
Grady Philip Hooks  
Georgina Margaret Hucul  
Kaylee Jean Larned  
Lawson Andrew Locke  
William Joseph Lynch  
Brianna Lynne Messe  
Drew Thomas Meyers  
Caleb Joshua Moltion

Gabriel Harrison Moskowitz  
Andrew Paulus  
Luca Joseph Ranieri  
Pia Emilia Ricciardiello  
Landon James Shaffer  
William Mark Soper  
Luciana Rose Sorbello  
Isabel Sorensen  
Sophia Ileana Soury  
Katherine Shannon Truex  
Thomas John Truex  
Adriana Rose Vacco  
Olivia Catherine Woiler  
Juliana Elizabeth Zogby

## BAPTISMS

Many blessings to the **Douglas Family** who are celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

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Many blessings to the **Baublitz Family** who are celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

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Many blessings to the **Sorensen Family** who are celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

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Many blessings to the **Pisholti Family** who are celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.



**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](https://holycrossdewitt.org/summer)

# Parish Celebration of Fr. Vavonese's Fiftieth Anniversary of Ordination

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023 | 10:30 AM

On Sunday, May 14, 2023 at the 10:30 AM Mass, our parish community will celebrate and honor Fr. Vavonese and his 50th Anniversary of Priesthood. Please join us in congratulating and commemorating Fr. Vavonese on his Golden Jubilee!



Congratulations to our First Communicants!

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## THIS WEEK AT HC

### MONDAY, MAY 8

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church

### TUESDAY, MAY 9

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

10:00 AM Communion Service, Menorah Park

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

SCHOOL CLOSED

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

7:00 PM Adoration, Church

7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

### THURSDAY, MAY 11

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

### FRIDAY, MAY 12

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

9:00 AM Mom's Group, Room 5

### SATURDAY, MAY 13

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church

11:30 AM Chicken BBQ, Parking Lot

12:00 PM Altar Server Training, Church

3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

5:00 PM Parish Ministries, Gathering Area

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### SUNDAY, MAY 14

7:30 AM Mass, Church

8:15 AM Parish Ministries, Gathering Area

9:15 AM Adult Ministry, Rooms 12-13

10:30 AM Mass, Church

**Fr. Vavonese Fiftieth Anniversary  
Parish Celebration Mass**

5:00 PM Mass, Church

6:00 PM Parish Ministries, Gathering Area

Get the latest event details at  
[holycrossdewitt.org/events](https://holycrossdewitt.org/events)



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

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

## Bible Study Opportunities

Holy Cross Family,

Wayne and Faye Rheume recently were fully initiated into the Catholic Church here in our parish. The Lord has been leading them on their journey of faith for many years now, and having been guided to the Church through the Catechism and the study of Sacred Scripture, they have come to the fullness of the faith and couldn't be more grateful! They are eager to get to know our parish community, and as a result would like to extend two new opportunities:

### EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Friday, June 2, the Rheume's will be hosting a Bible study (for ages ~40 and up) at their home in Lafayette, and you are invited! The group will meet twice monthly, every other Friday, at 7:00 PM for a time of Bible study and fellowship (and of course snacks!). The first topic will be the Gospel of John, using Emmaus Road Catholic Publishing study books and the Catechism. John's Gospel is the story of Jesus, the Messiah and Son of God and what his incarnation, death and resurrection mean to each of us; a great place to begin our study.

If you are interested in being a part of the group, please contact Wayne at (315) 657-5156 to inquire further. More details to come.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Faye Rheume would like the women of our parish to be aware that, for the past several years, she has facilitated an ongoing Bible Study on Tuesday evenings, and the same study on Wednesday mornings (you can attend the most convenient session), at Our Lady of Hope Church in Syracuse. Women from several parishes in the area attend and are currently studying the Book of Isaiah.

If you would like to attend on either Tuesday evenings or Wednesday mornings please call or text Faye at (315) 657-5157.

We are very much looking forward to studying God's word together and growing in our faith!

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subscribe to the weekly brief

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## 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](https://holycrossdewitt.org/give)

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secure & convenient online giving



### FINANCIAL REPORT

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED: \$19,704.88

COLLECTION FOR APRIL 30: \$14,368.00

### DIOCESAN/NATIONAL SECOND COLLECTION

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION: MAY 21, 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](mailto: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

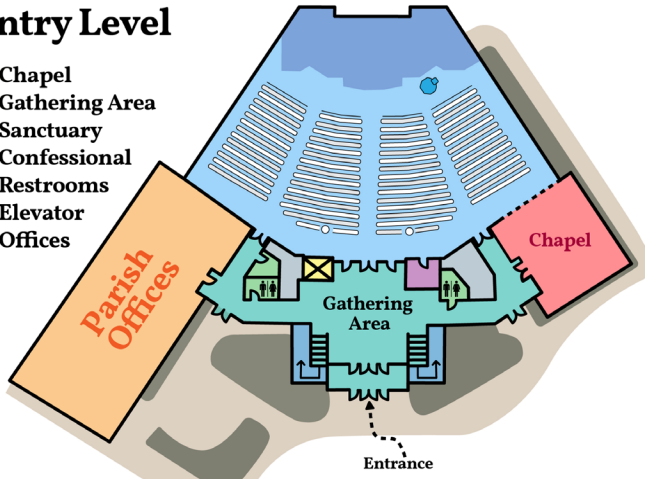
Please have a family member or the individual contact us to have their name included. The request will be included for three months unless notified otherwise.

# 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.

<b>Fr. John Kurgan</b>	Pastor	jkurgan@syrdio.org
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# 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](https://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](https://holycrossdewitt.org/subscribe) to connect!



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