



**HOLY CROSS CHURCH**  
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# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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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 14, 2023

### READINGS

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17  
Psalms 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20  
1 Peter 3:15-18  
John 14:15-21

The sixth Sunday of the Easter season continues the story of the early church as it spreads the message of love that Jesus started.

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles tells us how Christ's message comes through the Apostle Phillip to the people of Samaria. The Holy Spirit is brought to the Samaritans through the laying on of hands by Peter and John. The second reading from St Peter's first epistle calls on us to treasure Christ in our hearts and to have an answer ready for those who do not understand why we believe in him, even if this may bring trouble our way. In our gospel reading, Jesus promises his listeners the gift of the Holy Spirit to help and strengthen them. Those who love him love the

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Father and so will be able to keep the commandments and gain eternal life.

The Holy Spirit is a bit of a mystery to many of us who consider the miracles that were wrought by Jesus and his apostles as its true manifestation. But for us, the Holy Spirit works in other ways. When we consider the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we are told that the Spirit is essential to our living in the world as people of faith, but remains silent about its role in our lives. We read in verse 687 of the Catechism, "The Spirit who "has spoken through the prophets" makes us hear the Father's Word, but we do not hear the Spirit himself. We know him only in the movement by which he reveals the Word to us and disposes us to welcome him in faith."

A powerful way that we experience the Holy Spirit can be found in verse 1832, "The fruits of the Spirit are perfections that the Holy Spirit forms in us as the first fruits of eternal glory.

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, May 13

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

### Monday, May 15

7:45AM Betty Jennings /  
Carol Marmello

### Tuesday, May 16

7:45AM Niall Dillon / Henry Tisdall

### Wednesday, May 17

7:45AM Parishioners of Holy Cross

### Thursday, May 18

7:45AM Denise Mondi /  
Jim Giannuzzi  
9:15AM School Mass  
5:30PM Robert Vanderhoek /  
Elaine Lostumbo

### Friday, May 19

7:45AM Joan Salanger /  
Becker Family

### Saturday, May 20

9:00AM Mary Ann Charnogursky/  
Roxanne & Richard  
4:00PM VIGIL Bridget, Ted, & Matt  
Kelly / The Kelly Family

### Sunday, May 21

7:30AM Mary Ann Capone /  
Dan & Nancy Gaworecki  
10:30AM Henry Streiff / Family  
5:00PM John Pristash /  
Jerome & Ellen Pristash

# News & Events

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## Ministry Weekends

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

Spend a few minutes after Masses this weekend and next connecting with some of our ministries at Holy Cross. This 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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## Sandwich Ministry for Shelter

**TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023 | 8:15 AM**

Please join us in Yeazel Hall following morning Mass on Tuesday, May 16 at 8:15 AM to prepare PB&J sandwiches for the Catholic Charities Homeless Shelter. For more info contact Julie Johnson at [jjohn27363@aol.com](mailto:jjohn27363@aol.com)

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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.

## 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.

## Lector Training

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023 | 6:00 PM**

Training opportunities paired with a time of prayerful reflection led by Fr. Foley will be offered for Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers. These sessions will not only benefit those who are new to the ministry but also our current, veteran volunteers. All Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are invited to attend. It will help orient our minds to better understand the mechanics of serving at Mass, but also it will prepare our hearts for the incredible privilege and responsibility it is to serve during Mass.

A session for **Lectors** is Wednesday, May 17 at 6:00 PM in the church

A session for **Eucharistic Ministers** is Wednesday, May 24 at 6:00 PM in the church

Please reach out to Fr. Foley ([bfoley@syrdio.org](mailto:bfoley@syrdio.org)) with 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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## Youth & Families EOY Mass Celebration

**SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023 | 5:00 PM**

As our school year winds down, we want to take a moment to celebrate the blessing of fun, faith, and fellowship we've experienced during Faith Formation, Youth Ministry, Sacramental Prep, and with our Holy Cross School community. Everyone is invited to a special celebration beginning with 5PM Sunday Mass on May 21. The winner of the House Cup will be announced (wear your shirt) & special awards will be given immediately following Mass. Refreshments will be served. We hope you can join us!

## Reflection

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The tradition of the Church lists twelve of them: 'charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity.'"

Are these attributes that describe how you interact with God, with those you love, those you don't know and with those you would sometimes prefer not to know? As we seek the Spirit of God, we should cultivate those qualities. They are signs of the love of Jesus in our hearts.

Peace,

Deacon Dare

## Around town

Check out these local events happening in our community and in our diocese.

### Sisters of St. Francis' Eat Drink Pray

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2023 | 6:00 PM**

Join the Sisters of St. Francis on Wednesday, May 24 from 6 PM - 8 PM at Daniella's Fresh Seafood & Pasta House (within the NYS State Fairgrounds) for a fun-filled evening featuring delicious foods and wines celebrating great cruise destinations—plus live entertainment, silent auction and warm sister appreciation. All proceeds benefit the retirement needs and care of Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities. Tickets: \$75.00 per person. To order yours, visit [www.sosf.org](http://www.sosf.org), call 315-380-0150, or purchase at the door.

### Blood Drive at St. Patrick's Chittenango

**THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2023 | 1:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

You Are Someone's Type! Join us in donating blood on June 29, 1:30 PM - 6:30 PM at St. Patrick's Parish Center, Chittenango. Every 2 seconds in the U.S. someone needs blood, one pint of your blood can save up to 3 lives!

Go to [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter **STPATSCHITT** in the Find a Drive search bar and schedule your appointment today!



## In Loving Memory

**FR. DAN MULHAUSER, S.J.**

It is with great sadness that we share of the passing of Father Dan Mulhauser, S.J. Known for his calm, quiet, and thoughtful demeanor, he will be deeply missed by the Syracuse and LeMoyne communities. Please keep Fr. Dan, his family, & friends in prayer.

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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](http://holycrossdewitt.org/refuge)



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

# Mass and May Crowning with Bishop Lucia

Congratulations to Takeshi and Maxine on receiving the Sacraments and being welcomed into the Catholic faith on Friday during school Mass. Thank you to our fifth grade students for helping lead a beautiful Mass, and well done second graders on a wonderful job with the May Crowning. Many thanks to Bishop Lucia for visiting our school and being with us!



## THIS WEEK AT HC

### MONDAY, MAY 15

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church

### TUESDAY, MAY 16

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Sandwich Making, Yeazel Hall

12:00 PM Coffee & Conversation, Y. Hall

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

12:00 PM Monthly Luncheon, Olive Garden

6:00 PM Lector Training, Church

7:00 PM Adoration, Church

7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

### ASCENSION THURSDAY

### THURSDAY, MAY 18

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

7:45 AM Mass, Church

9:15 AM School Mass, Church

1:00 PM Knitting Group, Church

5:30 PM Mass, Church

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

7:00 PM Middle School Group, Y. Hall

7:00 PM Men's Group, Choir Room

### FRIDAY, MAY 19

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

9:00 AM Mom's Group, Room 5

### SATURDAY, MAY 20

PARISH MINISTRIES WEEKEND

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church

3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### SUNDAY, MAY 21

PARISH MINISTRIES WEEKEND

7:30 AM Mass, Church

9:15 AM Adult Ministry, Rooms 12-13

10:30 AM Mass, Church

5:00 PM Mass, Church

6:00 PM Youth & Families Celebration

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Abrielle Lynch, Ann Kronner, Celia Flaver, Dinita Machlin, Eileen Ferrara, Elaine Lostumbo, Faith Muller, Jeanette Heick, John Toole, Margaret Blanchfield, Margaret (Peg) Driscoll, Nancy Ferrara, and Nancy Patane

## Bible Study Opportunities

Holy Cross Family,

Wayne and Faye Rheame 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 Rheame'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.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Faye Rheame 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, 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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## 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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### FINANCIAL REPORT

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED: \$19,704.88

COLLECTION FOR MAY 7: \$19,039.00

### 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

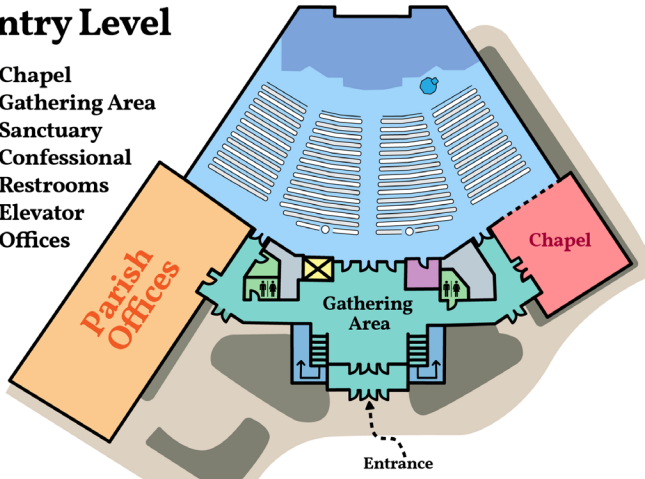
Please have a family member or the individual contact us to have their name included. The request will be included for three months unless notified otherwise.

# 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.

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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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