



**HOLY CROSS CHURCH**

4112 EAST GENESEE STREET | DEWITT, NY 13214

# PENTECOST SUNDAY



Gian Lorenzo Bernini  
Dove of the Holy Spirit  
ca. 1660, stained glass,  
Throne of St. Peter,  
St. Peter's Basilica

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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 28, 2023

Sunday Reflections  
in your inbox;  
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### READINGS

Acts 2:1-11  
Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13  
John 20:19-23

Why is Pentecost theologically significant?

The account of the bestowal of the Spirit upon the disciples occurs on the first day of the week, as does the resurrection of Jesus. This is theologically significant because both events speak of God's loving care for us, namely, that God makes straight the path for us to enter into the heavenly kingdom through the resurrection of Jesus and the gift of the Paraclete, the Advocate, the Spirit, that sanctifies and strengthens us for our journey in this life. The significance of the timing of the coming of the Spirit does not end there, however.

The fact that these events take place on Sunday, the first day of the week,

is also theologically significant because it signals a change of focus of the Sabbath day from Saturday, to Sunday. God sees the first day of the week as a new beginning for the faithful. We are part of that new beginning because with the coming of the Spirit, God forms the Church on Earth. Peter is its rock and foundation. The coming of the Holy Spirit and its image breathing life into another reminds believers of the creation of the world. The coming of the Spirit breathes life into all of us.

As we conclude the Easter Season with the celebration of Pentecost, let us take the lessons we have learned throughout the Lenten and Easter Seasons and together with the Holy Spirit, go forth to live out the Word of God in new and ever more meaningful ways within the Church!

Peace,

*Rev. John Hergen*

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, May 27

**4:00PM VIGIL** Joan Garbinski /  
Rocky & Eileen Ferrara

### Sunday, May 28

**7:30AM** Peter Thomas & Melissa  
Clemens / Liz Thomas  
**10:30AM** Patricia Mucci /  
Rev. Charles Vavonese  
**5:00PM** Henry Keller /  
Norma Huber

### Monday, May 29

**7:45AM** Parishioners of Holy Cross

### Tuesday, May 30

**7:45AM** Richard Kleisle /  
Holy Cross Altar Rosary

### Wednesday, May 31

**7:45AM** W. Donald Hanlon / Lisa

### Thursday, June 1

**7:45AM** Mary Sinnott Darcy /  
John H. Heyer

### Friday, June 2

**7:45AM** Mass League Intentions  
**9:15AM** School Mass

### Saturday, June 3

No 9:00 AM Mass  
**4:00PM VIGIL** James Quartier /  
Katie Davidson

### Sunday, June 4

**7:30AM** Clara A. Macri /  
Al & Joann Paparo  
**10:30AM** Dan Gaworecki /  
The Muench Family  
**5:00PM** Living Intention of Jeanne  
O'Brien / Carolyn Smith

# News & Events

## Parish Office Closed Memorial Day

**MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023**

The parish office will be closed Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day. Daily Mass will still take place at 7:45 AM in the church. Please join us!

## Monthly Movie

**TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2023 | 1:00 PM**

Join us on Tuesday, May 30 at 1:00 PM in Yeazel Hall for a free viewing of *A Man Called Otto*, a 2022 American comedy-drama film directed by Marc Forster from a screenplay by David Magee based on the 2012 novel, *A Man Called Ove*, by Fredrik Backman. The film stars Tom Hanks. We hope you can join us! Refreshments provided.

## Food Giving Weekend

**NEXT WEEKEND | JUNE 3 - 4**

Grab a tote this weekend, fill it with non-perishable food items, and bring it back next weekend, June 3 - 4, 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 & Pasta Sauce
- Canned Tuna
- Dried Beans & Lentils
- Instant Noodles
- Canned Fruit & Veggies
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Soup & Crackers
- Rice & Rice Side Dishes
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Body Wash & Bar Soap
- Laundry Detergent
- Brown Paper Bags

Next weekend, we are in need of extra hands at all Masses to move the items from the Gathering Area to Yeazel Hall before Mass and after Mass to sort and pack the items per the pantries requested delivery method.

## Knitting Group

**THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2023 | 1:00 PM**

The next Knitting Group will be on Thursday, June 1 at 1:00 PM downstairs in Yeazel Hall. We're always looking for new knitters and are happy to help you learn! Questions? Call Rita at 315-472-1478 or Jo at 315-446-3328.



## Prayer for Memorial Day

God of power and mercy,  
you destroy war  
and put down earthly pride.  
Banish violence from our midst  
and wipe away our tears,  
that we may all deserve  
to be called your sons  
and daughters.

Keep in your mercy those men and women  
who have died in the cause of freedom  
and bring them safely  
into your kingdom of justice and peace.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## Men's Group

**THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2023 | 7:00 PM**

There's a group of men from our parish who meet on a regular basis to read and discuss a book study or scripture topic. If you're interested in joining or learning more, contact Dc. Dare Dutter at [dare@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:dare@holycrossdewitt.org). Meetings are usually every other Thursday at 7:00 PM and meet in the conference room of the parish offices.

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



## 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.

### 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, 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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## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Please pray for

**Deanna Cerlanek & Drew Derrenbacker**

who will celebrate their wedding at Holy Cross on **June 3, 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!

# Refuge



## 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)

# 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)



## FINANCIAL REPORT

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED: \$19,704.88  
COLLECTION FOR MAY 21: \$17,129.80  
MISSIONARY APPEAL COLLECTION: \$3,056.00

## UPCOMING DIOCESAN/NATIONAL SECOND COLLECTION

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION: JULY 2, 2023

# Helpful Info

## HOLY CROSS COMMUNICATIONS

If you have important news & events related to the activities, ministries, and parishioners of Holy Cross Church & School and would like to be included in this publication or on our website, 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 on our prayer list. The request will be included for three months unless notified otherwise.

## FREE LIBRARY/ BOOK SWAP

Check out our free library and book swap area downstairs in the right rear corner of Yeazel Hall. All books are free to take and include titles for a variety of topics and for all age levels.

## THIS WEEK AT HC

### MONDAY, MAY 29

**MEMORIAL DAY - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Holy Hour, Church

### TUESDAY, MAY 30

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

1:00 PM Monthly Movie, Yeazel Hall

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

7:00 PM Adoration, Church

7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

### THURSDAY, JUNE 1

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

1:00 PM Knitting Group, Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM Men's Group, Conference Room

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

### FRIDAY, JUNE 2

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

9:00 AM Mom's Group, Room 5

9:15 AM School Mass, Church

### SATURDAY, JUNE 3

**FOOD GIVING WEEKEND**

**NO 9:00 AM MASS**

3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

### THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 4

**FOOD GIVING WEEKEND**

7:30 AM Mass, Church

9:15 AM Adult Ministry, Rooms 12-13

10:30 AM Mass, Church

5:00 PM Mass, Church

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

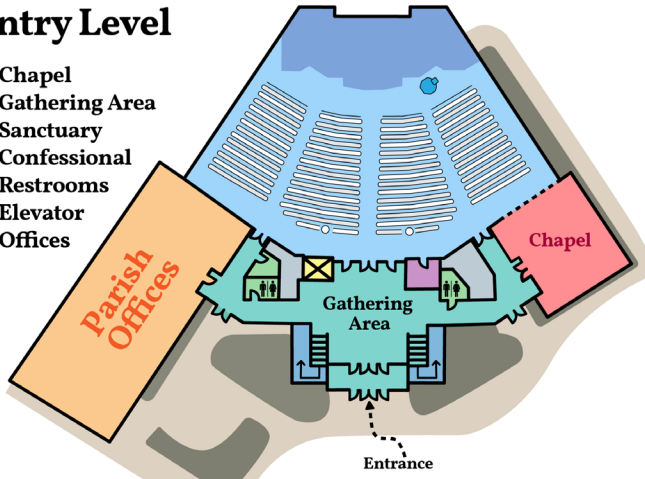
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Ann Kronner, Celia Flaver,  
Dinita Machlin, Eileen Ferrara,  
Elaine Lostumbo, Faith Muller,  
Jeanette Heick, John Toole,  
Joseph Smith, Margaret Blanchfield,  
Margaret (Peg) Driscoll, Nancy Ferrara,  
and Nancy Patane

# 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.

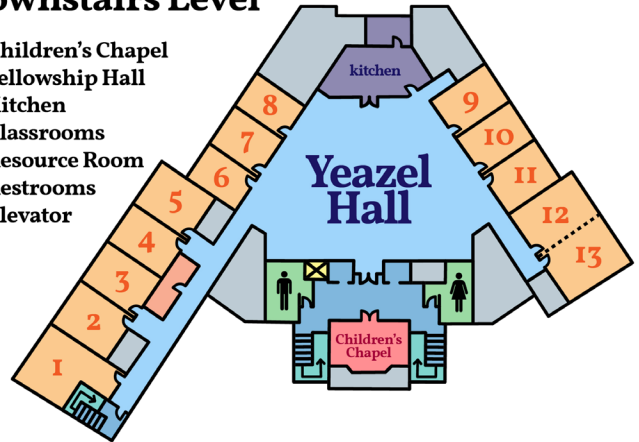
## Entry Level

- 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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