



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



APRIL 14, 2024

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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 14, 2024

READINGS

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
Psalms 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9
1 John 2:1-5a
Luke 24:35-48

We hear today Peter tell the people that they have put to death God's servant, Jesus the Christ. Peter goes on to exhort them to repent of their sins and change the way they live in order that Christ might wipe away their sins.

Often we hear Peter sound mad or upset with the people. Scripture readers over the centuries have accused Peter of being anti-Jewish, but in reality, Peter is upset and angered because the authorities have put to death a person that he has followed and believed in. Peter, furthermore, is angered that the people to whom he speaks do not seem to care or believe that Jesus was the one sent from God the Father. Peter considers this the utmost travesty.

When we read or hear Scripture that

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refers to Peter, we must remember his experiences and feelings. Often, Peter is probably yelling at the crowd. He would do this not only so the crowd would hear him, but also to show his disbelief in their refusal to believe in Christ.

Imagine if we were that passionate about our belief in Christ. How would our world look? Scripture is not as metered and clean as we often portray it. More often, Scripture possesses the real life emotions of the people who lived the experiences portrayed in Scripture. These people were real as we are. They possessed real emotion and human reaction. In part, their humanity makes the Scriptures real for us, all these many centuries later.

Peace,

Fr. John Kurgan

Mass Intentions

Host, Wine, and Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Luca Bebla

Saturday, April 13

4:00PM VIGIL Jeffrey Cox / Austin Family
AND Madge Maffei /
Debbie & Dara Maffei

Sunday, April 14

7:30AM Marilyn Rowland / Family
10:30AM Rosemary Evans /
John & Jennifer Evans & Family
5:00PM Ray Cariseo /
Rita Bush & Family

Monday, April 15

7:45AM Marleah & Joseph Farnett /
Claude & MaryAnne

Tuesday, April 16

7:45AM Transplant Donor / a recipient
AND James F. Collins / wife & family

Wednesday, April 17

7:45AM Joyce Byrd /
Deacon Dare & Holy Cross

Thursday, April 18

7:45AM Frank Nucci / Joe Bonacci

Friday, April 19

7:45AM Jan Farr / Carol Dwyer

Saturday, April 20

9:00AM David Bean
4:00PM VIGIL Helen Barry /
The Frank Read Family

Sunday, April 21

7:30AM Michael Rachett a /
Ed & Lola Gualtieri
10:30AM Cookie Dunham /
Karen & Erin Markoff
5:00PM Ray Cariseo /
Terry & Bill Middleton

News & Events

April Food Giving Weekend

THIS WEEKEND | APRIL 13-14, 2024

This is our monthly collection weekend to assist the Jamesville Food Pantry, as well as two Syracuse food pantries. A huge thank you to all who donate groceries, time, energy and prayers; we are most appreciative!

Extra hands are needed this weekend to organize the items, even 10 minutes helps; we have tasks for everyone!

- Saturday 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM, 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM
- Sunday 8:30 AM - 9:15 AM; 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM to load cars; after 10:30 AM & 5:00 PM Masses to move the groceries to the pantry closet.

Stop by the grocery collection carts for more information. Thank you everyone for your continued generosity! We are pleased to announce that Trish Lowney has volunteered to lead our food donation ministry. We are so grateful for her help and devotion. Thank you Trish!

Sandwich Ministry for Men's Shelter

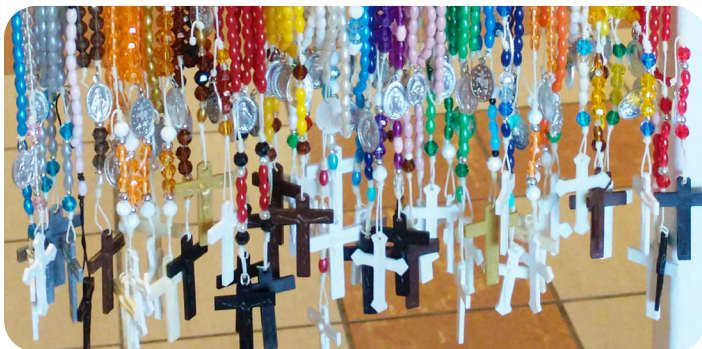
TUESDAY APRIL 16, 2024 | 8:15 AM

Help us feed the hungry in Syracuse! Come make sandwiches with us in Yeazel Hall on Tuesday, April 16 following daily Mass at 8:15 AM. Sandwiches will be delivered to Catholic Charities Men's Shelter.

Coffee & Conversation: Rosary Making

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024 | 12:00 PM

Join us Tuesday, April 16 from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM in Yeazel Hall for Coffee & Conversation. Bring your bagged lunch and drink. We will be making Rosaries! Make a Rosary for yourself or for a friend. All are invited.



Caring Crusaders Bottle Drive

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024

Start saving your bottles and cans and drop them off to the Caring Crusaders at Holy Cross School on Wednesday, April 17, from 8 AM - 9 AM or 2 PM - 3 PM. Look for signs to help direct your drop off. Thank you for your support of our students and their faithful service!

If day/times don't work for you, new this year, you can drop off directly at

Minoa Bottle & Can Return - just be sure to ask them to add it to the Holy Cross School account.

330 Costello Parkway

Minoa, NY 13116

Next to Colonial Laundromat

check website for hours

www.roseadon.com/minoa

** We can only accept drop offs at school on April 17th, please do not leave earlier*

Men's Group

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024 | 7:00 PM

Catholic men! If you are interested in exploring your spirituality through reading books written by great Catholic writers and having thoughtful discussions about them, then the Holy Cross Men's Group is for you. We meet on select Thursday evenings in the parish office conference room at 7 PM and the discussions last an hour. Our next meeting is on Thursday, April 18. Please join us!

Chicken BBQ Fundraiser

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024 | 11:30 AM 'TIL GONE

The Syracuse Sunrise Rotary invites you to enjoy Dave's Finger Lickin' BBQ Chicken! Stop by the Holy Cross parking lot on Saturday, April 20 beginning at 11:30 AM until supplies last. Cost is \$15 per meal and includes 1/2 chicken, salt potatoes, baked beans, roll, and brownie.

Please help us support local organizations such as Clear Path for Veterans, The Kara Fund, The Salvation Army, The Boy Scouts, and On-Point for College.



Parish Eucharistic Revival

THE MASS: SILENT, HUMBLE, CONTRITE

There are moments in the Mass where the priest prays a prayer silently or quietly. These prayers are to prepare the priest (or deacon); they provide a moment of reflection for the priest and open his heart.

After placing the bread and wine on the altar, the priest bows and says quietly, "With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by You, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in Your sight this day be pleasing to You, Lord God." The priest is asking God to accept us and the sacrifice as we are, honest Christians who admit our shortcomings and yet strive toward that perfection to which God calls us.

We have just said to God that we offer Him the gifts of bread and wine, which are not much even by human standards. Along with the bread and wine, we have ourselves to offer, and we all know that sometimes we are not very worthy offerings to God either. Yet, we ask God to accept what we offer as if it were good and pleasing to Him. And God accepts them. As if that weren't enough, God in His love and generosity does something unbelievable with our meager offerings. He changes them into the very Body and Blood of Jesus Christ! God accepts the bread and wine from us and gives us back the gift of Himself! What a generous exchange! What a great God we have!

Excerpt from Eucharistic Revival Blog Part 37,
Fr. Luke Spannagel, August 30, 2023
eucharisticrevival.org

Adoration

Opportunities for Adoration at Holy Cross Church:

- Monday mornings at 8:15 AM in the chapel
- Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM in the church
- Praying in the church or Adoration Chapel any-time church is open, most days 8 AM - 3 PM.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our children who have been faithfully preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist will celebrate this weekend with our parish community during our Masses. We thank all of you for your ongoing prayerful support. Be sure to join us in encouraging and celebrating these children and their families this weekend!

Nicholas Ascenzo

Gio Berardi

Max Blair

Luca Borer

Leo Borer

Will Cannon

Scarlett Centra

Teagan Chase

Luna Damato

Elyse DeMarchi

Hudson Di Peso

Charlotte Fallico

Aaliyah Frey

Emmet Garcia

Henry Grant

Pierce Groat

Kendall Holdridge

Mila Jakim

Brynlee Kaelin

Joey Kasouf

Fitz Kilmartin

Christian Lai

Hailey Lam

AJ Marko

Grace McNamara

Penelope Miller

Peyton Moore

Sloane Nesci

Jonathan Paulus

Dominic Perrone

Kiki Podkaminer

Ellie Podkaminer

Frankie Pribula

Henry Rowe

Giavanna Russo

Will Schneckenburger

Elliana Searing

Leighanne Sumagaysay

Nadia Swan

Avi Thurston

Noah Tilly

Anthony Vavonese

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

TOTUS TUUS 2024

Totus Tuus is a vacation bible school day camp and evening youth retreat run by trained college students at Catholic parishes during the summer. It is extremely fun, energetic, and engaging while bringing youth to the depths of the faith. See more & sign up at holycrossdewitt.org/tt

Holy Cross is hosting Totus Tuus the end of July!

- ☀ **Grades 1-6**, day camp, 9 AM - 3 PM | Monday, July 29 to Friday, August 2
- 🌙 **Grades 7-12**, evening retreats, 7 PM - 9 PM | Sunday, July 28 to Thursday, August 1



STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE JULY 12-14, 2024

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/illuminate

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION 2024-2025

Registration for Faith Formation for the 2024-2025 school year is now open! Go to holycrossdewitt.org/youth to sign up today! Calendars and more information are available online. **Sign up by June 1 to get your free House Shirt!** Confirmation & Sacramental Prep Registration is also open and now available.



Holy Cross School Raffle Tickets

Holy Cross School students are selling 50/50 raffle tickets to support our annual fundraiser, the Holy Cross School Auction. Winner receives 50% of proceeds. Need not be present to win. Save the date for the Holy Cross School Auction on Saturday, May 18. Tickets are available for purchase online at hcschooldewitt.org/store

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in prayer

Margaret Blanchfield, Frank Colao, Connie Chase, Carol Dwyer, Sue Fillinger, Chuck Harty, Ann Kronner, Elaine Lostumbo, Marianne Mallaber, Liz and Tony Mollica, Faith Muller, Nancy Patane, Laura Suarez, and John Toole

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



FINANCIAL REPORT

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED:	\$19,704.88
COLLECTION FOR MARCH 31:	\$34,028.25
COLLECTION FOR APRIL 7:	\$20,177.72
HOLY LAND COLLECTION:	\$1,101.00

UPCOMING DIOCESAN/NATIONAL THIRD COLLECTION

HOME MISSIONS APPEAL: APRIL 28, 2024

Helpful Info

HOLY CROSS COMMUNICATIONS

If you have 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 on our prayer list. The request will be included for three months unless notified otherwise.

THIS WEEK AT HC

MONDAY, APRIL 15

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Holy Hour, Chapel

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

6:45 AM Faith Formation (9-12), Y. Hall

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

8:15 AM Sandwich Making, Yeazel Hall

9:00 AM Unlocking the Bible, Rms 9-10

12:00 PM Coffee & Conversation, Y. Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

6:45 AM Faith Formation (5-8), Y. Hall

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

7:00 PM Adoration, Church

7:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

7:45 AM Faith Formation (1-4), Y. Hall

12:00 PM Unlocking the Bible, Rms 9-10

1:00 PM Kneadwork Group, Yeazel Hall

6:00 PM Unlocking the Bible, Rms 9-10

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

7:00 PM Men's Group, Conference Room

7:00 PM Middle School Group, Room 1

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

7:45 AM Daily Mass, Church

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

9:00 AM Daily Mass, Church

12:00 PM Chicken Barbeque, Parking Lot

3:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

4:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30 AM Mass, Church

9:15 AM Adult Ministry, Rooms 12-13

10:30 AM Mass, Church

5:00 PM Mass, Church

Get the latest event details at
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