



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

LIGHT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. - Jn 3:20



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Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant to our young people the generosity necessary to follow Your call and the courage required to overcome all obstacles to their vocation. Give the parents faith, love, and a spirit of sacrifice which will inspire them to offer their children to God's service and to rejoice whenever one of their children is called to the priesthood or religious life. Let your example and that of Your Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph encourage both young people and parents and let Your grace sustain them. Amen.

Mass Times

Daily Mass: 7:45am
Saturday: 9:00am
Reconciliation:
 Wed. 7:00-8:00pm
 Sat. 3:00-3:30pm
Sunday Mass
Vigil Sat.: 4:00pm
Sun.: 7:30am, 10:30am & 5:00 pm

View Sunday & Daily Mass on online - holycrossdewitt.org

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
The Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse, New York Case No. 20-30663
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on June 19, 2020, The Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse, New York, ("Diocese") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

The Bankruptcy Court has established April 15, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the "Bar Date").

If you have a claim against the Diocese including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date with Stretto, the appointed Claims Agent. Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/diocesefofsyracuse> or call (855) 329-4244 for more information on how to file your proof of claim.

IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY FUTURE DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.

Upcoming Events:

Please check page 4 of the bulletin for this the Holy Week Schedule.

PLEASE WATCH THE HC WEBSITE FOR CURRENT INFORMATION ON MASSES, REGISTRATION FOR MASSES & DEVOTIONS & REGULATIONS FOR ATTENDANCE.



Sunday, March 14th – Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30am Ann Lowney/ Family
 10:30am Dennis Bilbo/ Dutter Family
 5:00pm Susan Blizzard Halleran/ Tim & Cindy McCall

Monday, March 15th

7:45am Elaine Lostumbo (living intention)/
 Kathleen Kelly

9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Tuesday, March 16th

7:45am Kristen Gerthoffer Woodmansee/ Family

9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Wednesday, March 17th

7:45am Roxanne McAloon Campoli/ Elaine Lostumbo

9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

7:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Penance

Thursday, March 18th

7:45am Parishioners of Holy Cross

9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Friday, March 19th

7:45am John McNamara/ Family

8:15am Stations of the Cross

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Saturday, March 20th

9:00am A Special Intention/ Abby G.

4:00pm Kathleen Delavan/ Rita & Peter Bergamo

3:00 - 3:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, March 21st – Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30am Don Foster/ Family

10:30am Josephine Antelmi/ Carol & Don Scullion

5:00pm Special Intention/ Mona Bertrand

Spiritual Reflection for Sunday March 14, 2021

2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23

Psalm 137: 1-6

Ephesians 2: 4-10

John 3: 14-21

Today we celebrate Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent. Traditionally, this Sunday has been a day of celebration within the austere Lenten season. The word Laetare comes from the first words of the traditional Latin entrance for today's

Mass, "Laetare Jerusalem" which means "Rejoice, O Jerusalem" and refers to God's forgiveness of Jerusalem's sins. Laetare Sunday gives us a glimpse into what is to come at Easter, and into the eternal Kingdom of God. The liturgical color used this Sunday is Rose. We recall that purple is the traditional color of Lent, a color that reminds us we are in a time of penance and preparation. The color rose uplifts us and is a color of celebration as we look forward to the world to come.

For us to truly feel uplifted this Laetare Sunday we need to have been willingly participating in the sacrifices of Lent. If we have not been participating in the Lenten observances, as we should, today is a day to recall what the Gospel of John teaches us today. God has sent his only Son so that the world might be saved through him. Are we doing all we can to remind ourselves of this tremendous sacrifice? If not, let us use the remaining days of Lent to change our lives and configure ourselves more closely to Christ.

Peace,
 Fr. John Kurgan



This weekend's 2nd collection is:
 Catholic Relief Service

Week of March 14

Host, Wine and Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory Of: Stephen Oliva Sr.

Requested By : Jo Oliva



PLANNED GIVING FOR OUR PARISH

Please consider our parish through:

- Your Will or Trust
- Retirement Assets
- Life Insurance Policies

A Life Income Gift which will provide you with payments for life and ultimately will benefit our parish.

YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT

\$19,704.88 Average weekly need

Collection of March 7 will be reported next weekend.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT
 OF YOUR PARISH!**

Your support is invaluable. Thank You

During these uncertain times, please continue to support Holy Cross parish & her ministries & programs through weekly or monthly offerings. Because of your goodness, we have been able to adapt to this changing landscape & provide updated communications, resources, support & programs to our community and to our neighbors in need. Please remember to help support our mission. You may become an online giver by visiting www.holycrossdewitt.org/give. Online giving is through Vanco, which is a secure site. **You have the option of giving using your credit card number or by having an electronic fund transfer.** Or mail in your gift to the Parish Office (4112 E. Genesee Street, DeWitt, New York 13214).

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2021

- SUN 3/14** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
- MON 3/15** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
- TUE 3/16** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16
- WED 3/17** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30
- THR 3/18** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
- FRI 3/19** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- SAT 3/20** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
- SUN 3/21** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2021

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins
- Wednesday:** St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day
- Thursday:** St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Friday:** St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Lent

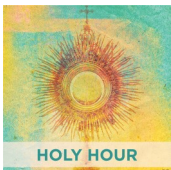
Monday Night Prayer

Each Monday Night at 8:00 pm, we will be offering Night Prayer live on our Facebook page. Please join us for this time of prayer and reflection.



Holy Hour—8:15 to 9:15AM

Join us on Mondays following the 7:45 Mass for a Holy Hour that will be held in the Church.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00 - 8:00pm on Wednesdays.

Please register online as you do for Mass if you are planning on attending. We begin the hour in the church with Adoration & will conclude with Solemn Benediction.

Confessions Wednesday Evenings –Chapel

Sacrament of Reconciliation is being offered every **Wednesday from 7 to 8pm**. The peace of mind and soul which this sacrament imparts to us is one for which there is no substitute. Come enjoy the quietness of our Chapel and the forgiveness of our Savior.

WE NEED
TO FIND GOD
AND HE CANNOT
BE FOUND
IN NOISE AND
RESTLESSNESS.
GOD IS A FRIEND
OF SILENCE.

ST. TERESA
of Calcutta

Prayer REQUESTS

Garth H. Bishop, Eden & Mackenzie Bishop, Barbara Boyd, Terry Chylinski, Armand Cincotta, Tom Coyne, Mark Cywilko, John Galletta, Stanley Jakimek, Sharon Kieffer, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Dinita Machlin, Monique Missoff, Mary Elizabeth Morgan, Faith Muller, Patricia Pool, Rita Smookler and John Toole.

If you would like us to add someone to this list, we ask that only family members call the office or email Peg@holycrossdewitt.org. We will keep them on for three months unless you notify us otherwise.

Thank you.

Private Prayer Hours

The Main Church will be open for Private Prayer and Devotion between 9am and 3pm Monday to Friday.

When visiting the church, you are required to wear a mask and to use social distancing.

These hours may change so check the website.

Lenten Activities

Christ The King Retreat House “He Reigns” Tour March 18th at Holy Cross 6-8pm

Christ The King Retreat House is excited to present the “He Reigns” parish mission tour for the Diocese of Syracuse! This new initiative is inspired by Saint Jose Luis Sanchez del Rio and encourages parish communities to allow the kingship of Christ to prosper in the hearts of the domestic household! Allowing Christ to reign means drawing our families into a more intimate relationship with a Messiah who has promised to rescue, govern and fulfill the deepest longings of His people.

This one-night mission is designed to appeal to family members of all ages! The evening will include: Inspirational praise and worship from Syracuse’ very own Jeremy Bobak, 3 riveting mini talks from the Diocesan Director of Vocations, Father Jason Hage and moments of contemplative prayer led by Christ The King Retreat House Executive Director Chris Spilka. Families will also have an opportunity to pray in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and consecrate their families to Christ The King!

Viva El Cristo Rey! (Long live Christ The King!) -*Saint Jose Luis Sanchez del Rio*

See the Holy Cross website under “News & Events” for more to sign up.

IGNITE 2021 Catholic Men's Conference: Saturday, March 20th

Attention men of the parish, the theme for the 13th Annual IGNITE Men’s Conference is *Take Refuge in the Lord*. As usual there are 3 tremendous speakers that will challenge all who attend. We will be running a “hybrid” conference this year. You will have 2 ways to participate. Attend in person at a local satellite site, Holy Cross is one of the satellite sites or you can participate at home. When you register you can choose how you would like to participate. With the “hybrid” format, we will have a half day event - 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. **To register go to the Holy Cross website under “News & Events”.** If you have questions- please contact our parish captain Anthony Grasso - anthonyjgrasso@yahoo.com.



Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

FORMED

Watch with Children: The Story of St. Patrick (Feast 3/17), Patrick: Brave Shepherd of the Emerald Isle

Listen: The Trials of St. Patrick

Watch: Joseph of Nazareth (Feast 3/19)

Read: St. Joseph: Patron of the Universal Church

Read: The School of Nazareth: A Spiritual Journey with St. Joseph

Listen: Stations of the Cross - St. Alphonsus Liguori (Search on formed.org for other Stations of the Cross Meditations and reflections)



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

HOLY THURSDAY ~ April 1st

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Adoration until 10:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY ~ April 2nd

2:00 pm *Passion of the Lord*
7:00 pm *Stations of the Cross*

HOLY SATURDAY ~ April 3rd

8:00 pm *Easter Vigil (No other Masses)*

EASTER SUNDAY ~ April 4th

Masses: 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30
(no 5:00pm Mass today)

(PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN MASS TIMES)



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- “Light Is On For You” - Monday, March 29th from 3-7pm
- Every Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00pm in the chapel
- Every Saturday at 3:00 - 3:30pm in the chapel (except Holy Saturday)
- By Appointment

Stations of the Cross

Please join us Fridays during Lent as we travel through the Stations of the Cross and identify with Jesus’ journey to Calvary. Stations are at 8:15 am (following 7:45 am Mass) and at 7:00 pm.



Catholic Relief Services Operation Rice Bowl

Thank you to all who are participating in the CRS Rice Bowl program this year! In addition to the Rice Bowl program, our second collection this weekend is dedicated to Catholic Relief Services. Please consider a donation to CRS this week. Visit gifts.crs.org to see examples of how your donation transforms lives around the world.

When you are ready to return your rice bowl after Easter, please convert your change and donate it online or convert it to a check made out to Catholic Relief Services; note “CRS Rice Bowl” in the memo line; and mail your donation directly to: *CRS Rice Bowl, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21297-0303. Thank you for your support for this inspiring program.*

Looking for a way to put your Faith in Action?

For more information or to volunteer, contact Beth Schafer: 315-416-4576 or beth@holycrossdewitt.org

Next Samaritan Center Sunday Dinner: March 21st

Thank you to our wonderful parish volunteers who help to serve our monthly meals at the soup kitchen! There are 2 shift options for helping with the Sunday meals: 9am to noon, or noon to 3pm. Masks & social distancing are required to serve the take-out meals. If you can't join us next month, another meal is scheduled for April 18th. To sign up for a date & time, contact Rick: philiprcoughlin@gmail.com

Refugee Assistance Meeting: Tues. March 23rd, 7pm

Our refugee assistance group welcomes all interested parishioners to join our next meeting in which we discuss ways to offer support for refugee families in Syracuse. The family we are helping is seeking a change in housing; contact us if you can share your expertise about city housing near Eastwood. Contact Beth (315) 416-4576. For a meeting link: beth@holycrossdewitt.org

Laudato Si Circle Online: Saturday, March 27th, 5pm

Join us to talk about the ideas presented in the weekly Laudato Si Lenten Program that is inserted in the bulletin this month: your comments and ideas are encouraged! All are welcome to participate in the discussion about the gift of creation and our responsibility to care for it. Contact Beth for a link to the next meeting: beth@holycrossdewitt.org



Consider participating in a HC parish Earth Day clean-up, April 22-24th; details coming soon!

Hot Meal Volunteers: April 20th, 3pm

During the winter months, a hot meal can fill a hungry stomach-and it can provide emotional comfort as well. On the third Tuesday of April, we are seeking volunteers who are willing to prepare a hot meal at home for the men's homeless shelter. Please let me know if you are able to provide a beef goulash casserole to be delivered to Holy Cross on Tuesday at 3pm. The casserole should be placed in a disposable tin serving dish and delivered hot. It should serve approximately 24 persons. We need 4 individuals who are willing to prepare a casserole and someone who can be our delivery person. The meals will be dropped off 3pm Tuesday for delivery to the shelter. If you are willing to help with this, please contact Beth: (315) 416-4576.



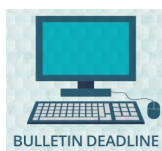
Jail Ministry Letters to inmates:

Have you considered becoming a visitor advocate? Writing letters to inmates is a great way to learn more about this compassionate ministry. If you are open to helping prisoners in this way, contact Keith Cieplicki : jailministry@gmail.com

Deadline Changes for Upcoming Bulletins

- The deadline for the bulletin of **March 28** will be **Wednesday, March 17 at 9am.**
- The deadline for the bulletin of **April 4 (Easter)** will be **Monday, March 22 at 9am.**

All notices received after these deadlines will be published in the following bulletin. Thank you!



THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, March 14th

9:00 AM RCIA Session- virtual

Monday, March 15th

8:15 AM Holy Hour - Church

8:00 PM Night Prayer - Live on HC Facebook

Tuesday, March 16th

8:15 Third Tuesday Sandwiches - remote

Wednesday, March 17th

1:00 PM Concert of Irish Music - Live on Facebook

7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel

Thursday, March 18th

6:00 PM "He Reigns Tour" - Church

Friday, March 19th

8:15 AM Stations of the Cross - Church

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross - Church

Saturday, March 20th

8:00 AM Ignite Men's Conference - Church

3:00 - 3:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel

Sunday, March 21st

9:00 AM RCIA Session - virtual

9:00 AM Pastoral Council Meeting - room 12



Danny Boy: Concert of Irish Music

The Music Ministry has prepared a gift for you, the parishioners of Holy Cross Church. Our tenor soloist, Liam Fitzpatrick, is performing a concert entitled "Danny Boy: A Concert of Irish Music". It will air on the Holy Cross website and on Facebook, premiering at **1:00pm on St. Patrick's Day, Wed., March 17th**, and will remain on the website on demand anytime thereafter.

Liam has chosen both favorites as well as lesser known songs. Our parishioners are well acquainted with his extraordinary talent and beautiful voice. Assisting Mr. Fitzpatrick will be Jonathan Fleischman - violin, Zach Moser - flute & yours truly - piano. Our Director of Technology, Dan Littlepage, will design & video record the concert. This concert is our way of wishing all of you a Happy St. Patrick's Day. We hope that you enjoy it, and that it brings you cheer during this stressful & challenging time. "Erin go bragh!"

Ernest Camerota



Easter Flowers

All are welcome to give a donation for our Easter Flowers however we will not be publishing a memorial list as we have done in the past. All envelopes that contain names for a memorial will be placed on the altar during Lent & Easter Season. These people will be prayed for during each Mass.

Holy Cross School Auction

Save the date for the 23rd Annual Holy Cross School Auction! Join us on Saturday, May 15th at 5:30pm for live and silent auctions, 50/50 raffle, and an amazing celebration. Registration and more info to come!
 Questions? thehcsauction@gmail.com



A Family Perspective:



Today's gospel speaks of light and darkness. Often a parent is deliberately "left in the dark." Darkness can be comforting for it makes no demands on us. Light can be disturbing for it forces us to act. Parents walk a delicate balance of when to "sit in the dark" and when to "turn on the lights."

Syracuse Right To Life Oratory Contest - April 11

Share your pro-life views at the 2021 Oratory Contest. Present an original pro-life speech, 5-7 minutes long on the topic of abortion, euthanasia or stem cell research. There are 2 divisions: 9th-10th graders with a first prize of \$50.00 and 11th-12th graders With prizes of \$250.00 for 1st, \$150.00 for 2nd; and \$50.00 for 3rd. For rules, more information & to enroll in the contest, contact Contest Coordinators: Holly Delavan (315)492-3956, Lorraine Kiehl (315)451-1788 or Syracuse Right to Life (315)546-2229. Also, there is a poster on the bulletin board.

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE

Holy Cross School students will be selling raffle tickets after the 4 p.m. 7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses to support the school. Raffle tickets are one for \$10.00 and 3 for \$25.00. Stop by the table in the Gathering Area.

Spiritual Adoption Program -Month Seven

"I can look around!" Beginning this month the baby uses all four senses. It's eyelids open and close and the eyes look around. The baby can hear, taste, touch, cough, yawn and hiccup. It now recognizes its own mother's voice. Its grip is even stronger now than it will be after its birth. The hair on its head is growing longer and the downy covering on the rest of its body is disappearing. During this time the baby will receive antibodies from his mother providing him immunity to a wide variety of diseases. The baby is about 15 inches in length. Thank you for praying!



Virtual Date Night - March 20, 2021

Could you and your spouse use a dose of fun? Join other couples for some laughs and some time to reconnect. Hosts Chris & Linda Padgett are international speakers and authors who share their marriage journey in a fun, relevant, relatable way!
 Virtual Date Night is being offered through the Office of Family/Respect Life on the **third Saturday of every month from 8-9 pm on Zoom.**
 Register for March 20th at syrdio.date.night.eventbrite.com. Any questions contact the Office of Family/Respect Life at familyrespectlife@syrdio.org (315) 472-6754 ext. 2.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism ~ Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements
 Classes required for 1st child's Baptism
 †To request either the **Anointing of the Sick** or **Communion to the Sick** please call the Parish Office.†

Marriage ~ Please make an appointment with a priest at least 6 months prior to wedding

Reconciliation ~Wednesday 7-8pm, Saturday 3 - 3:30pm
 Or by appointment

HOLY CROSS PARISH

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- Josh Corcoran, Music Sunday 5pm Mass
- Dan Littlepage, Director of Technology, ext. 24
- Leigh C. Marquis, Director of Finance & Human Resources, ext. 24
- Maureen McManus, Sacristan
- Stephen Nepil, Dir. Faith Formation 7-12 & Dir. Youth Ministry ext. 19
- Peg Olson, Office Manager & Administrative Assistant, ext. 22
- Beth Schafer, Director of Faith in Action Ministry, ext. 21
- Julie Sheridan, Dir. Faith Formation 1-6 & Evangelization, ext. 12
- Matt Stano, Maintenance

PARISH INFORMATION

- **Please notify the Parish Office** when a parishioner or family member is confined to home, hospitalized, or entering a nursing home. Hospitals no longer notify us of a patient's admittance. Also, please notify us with change of: address, phone number or email.
- Bulletin items need to be in the parish office no later than Monday at 9am for the upcoming weekend. (holiday deadlines will change)
- E-mail preferred; please send to: peg@holycrossdewitt.org
- Hearing impaired ear phones are available in the Robing Room in the front lobby.
- Pregnant and Need Help? Please call Catholic Charities 424-1800

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

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