



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.”

- Jn 12:23-24

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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 21st – Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30am Don Foster/ Family
 10:30am Josephine Antelmi/ Carol & Don Scullion
 5:00pm Special Intention/ Mona Bertrand

Monday, March 22nd

7:45am Mario Monterastelli/ Children & Grandchildren
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Tuesday, March 23rd

7:45am Jim Collins/ Wife
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Wednesday, March 24th

7:45am Parishioners of Holy Cross
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion
 7:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Penance

Thursday, March 25th

7:45am Deliverance of the souls in purgatory
 / Joyce Kotch

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

Friday, March 26th

7:45am Evelyn Fix/ Family
 8:15am Stations of the Cross
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion
 7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 27th

9:00am Betty K. Lucia/ Diocesan Pastoral Council
 4:00pm John Stach/ Kathy Kotz
 3:00 - 3:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, March 28th – Palm Sunday

7:30am Anne DeSantis/ Gene & Adrienne Spencer
 10:30am Kristin Blake / Family
 5:00pm Stanley Blanchfield / Family

First Friday Mass League

The First Friday Mass League Mass has been changed to **Friday, April 9th** at 7:45am because of Good Friday.
 Thank You!

Spiritual Reflection for Sunday, March 21, 2021

Jeremiah 31: 31-34
Psalm 51: 3-4, 12-13, 14-15
Hebrews 5: 7-9
John 12: 20-33

Today’s Psalm response is “Create a clean heart in me, O God.” The 51st Psalm is a prayer for forgiveness of guilt and a renewal of the heart. This psalm assumes that the person making the request for a clean heart is asking for forgiveness of a sin that he believes has caused a physical illness within his body. The belief that sin manifested itself in a physical illness was common to the Jewish people. Although we now know that physical illness is just that, an illness, and not a punishment delivered by God to a sinner, we also know that guilt from sin can cause issues in our life.



What has sin done to your life? Every person must ask himself or herself that question through prayer. Often we are unable to identify our own sin, but God, through prayer can open our eyes to sinful ways that permeate our lives.

Let us, this Lenten Season be able to face our sin directly and through the benefit of the Sacrament of Reconciliation move toward a clean heart. God wants us to be happy, to lead happy lives, and to make right choices using a conscience informed by faith. Why would we choose to remain “ill” with sin when we can choose renewal in Christ this coming Easter Season?

Peace,
 Fr. John Kurgan

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

\$17,659.00 Collection of March 7
 \$15,350.00 Collection of March 14

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 21, 2021

- 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
- MON 3/22** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11
- TUE 3/23** Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30
- WED 3/24** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42
- THR 3/25** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- FRI 3/26** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42
- SAT 3/27** Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56
- SUN 3/28** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 21, 2021

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Lent
- Tuesday:** St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
- Thursday:** The Annunciation of the Lord
- Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Holy Week begins

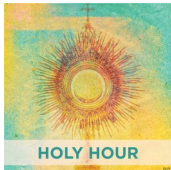
Monday Night Prayer

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.

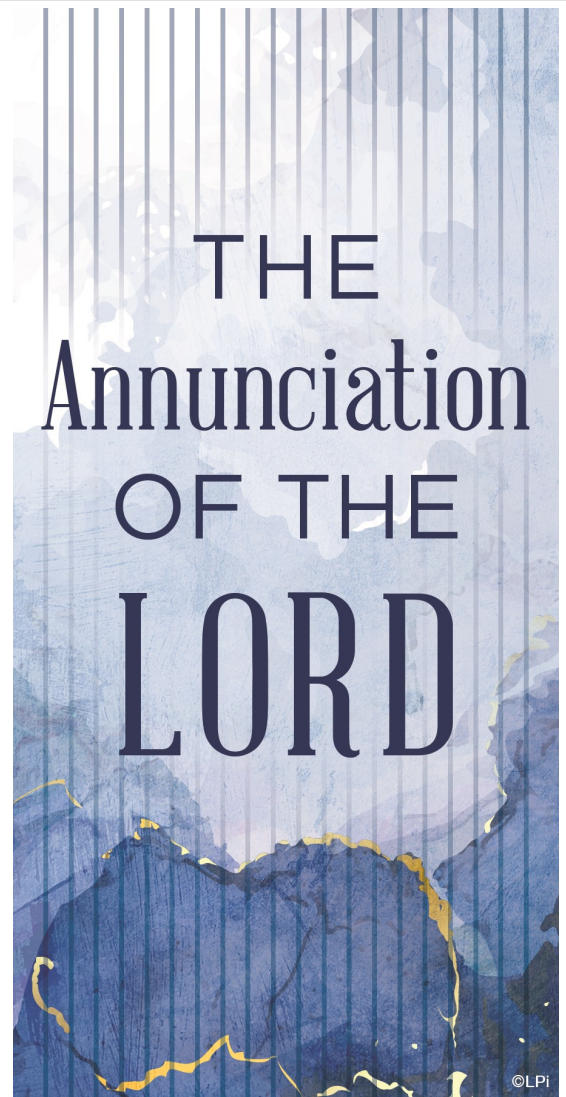


Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00 - 8:00pm on Wednesdays.

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.



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

Masses and Devotions

Stations of the Cross

We will have the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 8:15am and 7:00pm (except Good Friday)

Daily Mass: 7:45am weekdays & 9:00am Saturday

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 4:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 10:30am & 5:00pm

Private Prayer and Devotions:

Weekdays: 8:15am to 3:00pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Penance:

Wednesdays: 7:00-8:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

“Light Is on For You” - Monday, March 29th ~ 3-7pm
Wednesdays: 7-8pm
Saturdays ~ 3:00pm—3:30pm (except April 3)



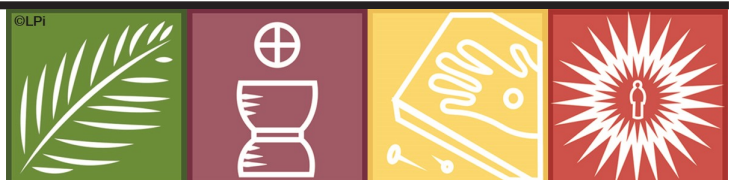
IMPORTANT Information

- To remain in compliance with current government restriction of the number of individuals allowed to gather, we kindly ask that you register for Mass & other devotions using our scheduling system. This may be found on the Holy Cross website. You may also call the parish office (315) 446-0473 to register for Mass or for any questions that you may have.
- Also please remember to wear your face mask in order to keep everyone safe.

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.*



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 10:30AM
(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.



EASTER FLOWERS

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.

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

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

Our refugee assistance group welcomes all interested parishioners to join our next meeting when 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 a city apartment for a large family near Eastwood. Contact Beth (315) 416-4576. For a meeting link: beth@holycrossdewitt.org

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

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!**

First Tuesday Sandwiches: April 6th

Sandwich volunteers are adapting to the pandemic restrictions by preparing sandwiches at home. Volunteers can pick up supplies on Monday, April 5th and then bring back their 25-30 prepared sandwiches on Tuesday by 10am. We make a variety of sandwiches: peanut butter & jelly, tuna, egg and chicken salad. In addition to sandwiches, donations of cookies and bananas are added and all are donated to Catholic Charities Men's Shelter. To donate supplies or prepare sandwiches at home, contact Beth: (315)416-4576.



Hot Meal Volunteers: April 20th, 3pm

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 (it should serve approximately 24 persons) can be placed in a disposable tin serving dish and delivered hot to Holy Cross at 3pm. We need 4 individuals to prepare a casserole and someone who can deliver the meals to the shelter. If you are willing to help with any of these tasks, please contact Beth: (315) 416-4576 or beth@holycrossdewitt.org

Baby Shower for Birthright:

Birthright is a local organization that provides practical help and emergency assistance to pregnant women and new mothers in need. Holy Cross will be collecting baby items during April; after Easter until Mother's Day, May 9th. If you would like to participate, please donate a new or gently used item from their list of needs: diapers and baby wipes, 8oz. baby bottles, sippy cups, baby towels, receiving blankets, clothing items 0-3 months, diaper bags & Walmart gift cards. Items can be added to the baskets by the church doors. Thank you for your generosity!

April Food Giving Weekend Cancelled

Our Food Giving Weekend has been cancelled for April because it falls on Easter. We will be accepting food donations again in May. Have a Happy Easter and thank you to everyone who faithfully supports the Jamesville Food Pantry. It is always so appreciated.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, March 21st

9:00 AM RCIA Session - virtual
9:00 AM Pastoral Council Meeting - Yeazel Hall

Monday, March 22nd

8:15 AM Holy Hour - Church
8:00 PM Night Prayer - Live on HC Facebook

Tuesday, March 23rd

Wednesday, March 24th

7:45 AM The Fellowship of Believers - Yeazel Hall
7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel

Thursday, March 25th

7:00 PM Youth Alpha- Yeazel Hall, rms. 12 & 13

Friday, March 26th

8:15 AM Stations of the Cross - Church
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross - Church

Saturday, March 27th

9:45 AM Diocesan Pastoral Council Mtg. - Church
3:00 - 3:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel

Sunday, March 28th

9:00 AM RCIA Session- virtual

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office is open Monday thru Friday from 8am to 4pm except during the noon hour (12pm to 1pm). You may call and leave a message anytime (315) 446-0473.

Deadline Changes for Upcoming Bulletins

- 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!



FIRST DAY OF SPRING



2020 Tax Contribution Statements

If you wish to have a tax statement sent to your home, please fill out the form below. You may put it in the collection box, drop it off at the office or email the information to Peg@holycrossdewitt.org. Requested statements will be sent out by mail unless you prefer email.



Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

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



Relationships come with a price tag. We must be willing to entrust ourselves to another, to let go of our autonomy and die to our independence. It is in dying to our independence that we find interdependence with others.

A Family Perspective:

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!



Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

FORMED

Read: Saint Oscar Romero

Watch with Children: Brother Francis: The Rosary (The Annunciation, 3/25)

Listen: The History of Salvation

Listen: Audiobook: The Eternal Woman: The Timeless Meaning of the Feminine

Watch: Confession, The Forgotten Sacrament

Moving?

If your future plans include a change of address; would you please contact the Parish Office? You may call 315-446-0473 or email Peg@holycrossdewitt.org with your new address.



Day of Hope & Healing

Are you a woman seeking peace and forgiveness after abortion?

Join us for a Day of Hope and Healing on **Saturday April 17th**, hosted by Project Rachel Ministry. For more information or to register, contact Project Rachel at 855-364-0076 or hopeandhealing@syrdio.org. All calls and emails are confidential.

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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Holy Cross Parish Staff ~ Name, Title and Phone Extension

- Rev. John J. Kurgan, Pastor, ext. 15
- Rev. Charles S. Vavonese, Weekend Homilist
- Deacon Dare Dutter, ext. 13
- James Buttner, Seminarian
- Ernest J. Camerota, Director of Music, ext. 38
- Brette Cooper, Maintenance
- 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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Staff ~ Name and Title

- Robert McCrone, School Principal
- Joanne Markert - Administrative Assistant, Nina Walters - Nurse