



Easter SUNDAY

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. —Jn 20:6-7

Readings for the week of April 12, 2020

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118: 1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a [22]/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15

Are you a new parishioner or visiting for the first time?

Welcome! Please introduce yourself to one of the priests. We invite you to become an active participant of our parish community and welcome you. Please take a census envelope from the racks at each exit or contact the Parish Office.

OUR MISSION “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.”

Stay connected with your parish family!

We are so glad you are here with us at Holy Cross! We invite you to connect with our community. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to get the latest news, photos and stories or subscribe to our weekly brief delivered right to your inbox.

Visit www.holycrossdewitt.org/subscribe to see more.



Mass Times

View Mass on TV or online. We'll share resources at crown/holycrossdewitt.org.

You can find daily Mass with Bishop Lucia at youtube.com/syrdio &

Easter Sunday Mass at 6:00 & 9:00am on channel 9 or channel 9 website starting at 4pm on Saturday.

Upcoming Events:

Please check the Holy Cross Web site www.holycrossdewitt.org for up to date Information.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 12th – Easter Sunday

Christian Hall/ Dan & Martha
 Jeffery Cox/ Theresa Austin-Walter

Monday, April 13th

Jim Cohen/ The Looneys
 9:00 AM –3:00PM Private Prayer & Devotion - Church

Tuesday, April 14th

Frank & Gen Vavonese / Family
 9:00 AM –3:00PM Private Prayer & Devotion - Church

Wednesday, April 15th

John & Edith Barnello/ M/M James Barnello
 9:00 AM –3:00PM Private Prayer & Devotion - Church

7:00 - 8:00PM Private Prayer & Devotion - Church

Thursday, April 16th

Brian Light / Rosemarie & Jim Light
 9:00 AM –3:00PM Private Prayer & Devotion - Church

Friday, April 17th

People of Holy Cross
 9:00 AM –3:00PM Private Prayer & Devotion - Church

Saturday, April 18th

Gennie M. Scardinale/ Mark & Sarah
 Mary Maiurino/ Rich & Eralda Walters
 9:00 AM –3:00PM Private Prayer & Devotion - Church

Sunday, April 19th - First Sunday of Easter

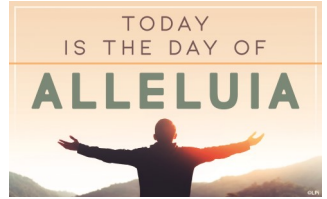
Charles Beeler/ Marilyn Korol
 Marilyn Rowland/ Family

Robert Prednis/ John & Janice Passonno
 12:00 – 2:00PM Private Prayer & Devotion - Church

April 12, 2020

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

When we awoke this morning, we found ourselves blessed with another day. It is Easter Sunday. As that thought crossed our minds, did we find ourselves saying “so what” or “alleluia”? For many, today is truly a day of alleluia. For others, it is just another day of “so what.”



Faith makes a huge difference. It not only makes a difference in how we understand today and the significance of what we celebrate, it also makes a huge difference in terms of how we understand ourselves.

Succeed, live well, be productive, find your niche, follow your dreams, make money, protect your social status, be politically correct, and keep your preferences to yourself are pretty good examples of the messages our secular life wants us to hear. In and of themselves, they don’t sound all that harmful. But when really examined, they are. The life of resurrection embodied in the Gospel tells us a much different story.

Life keeps us busy. We are always connected, distracted, occupied, and working. For many of us, an agenda awaits us before we even start our day, and unfinished stuff is brought with us when we retire at night. Make the best of life and “find your own road to happiness are messages we all too easily believe. The “so what” response to the new life of resurrection is often the result of believing that life is only what I make it. What God has to say isn’t important to me securing my next raise.

Sadly, we live as if the grave is the end. While we may give the wonder of heaven a blink now and then, its glory really doesn’t impress us or matter all that much. It’s all about the here and now and what I need to do today to get where I want to be tomorrow. We tend to put off considering the one significant “tomorrow” that will come the millisecond after we take our last breath. When that happens, will we want to be thinking “so what?” or “alleluia”?

There is only one Jesus, one mission, and one resurrection. There is also only one of us. Have you ever pondered what one solitary, humble human life can do? Faith, not our world, tells us how special we are. We are not robots. We are not replaceable. We have one shot. There are no do-overs. Love is at our core and unites us together as one with the God of love who so desperately wants us to be with Him forever. This may not match our secular agenda, but it ought to make our true inner agenda leap for joy. There doesn’t need to be an end. I can live forever. Alleluia!

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Due to the suspension of all Public Masses. The weekday and weekend Mass Intentions will be said on the day intended at a Private Mass. We apologize for any inconvenience. Please know of our prayers for each and everyone of you during this difficult time.

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 April 5 will be reported in an upcoming bulletin.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF YOUR PARISH!

What about Mass Offerings?

We encourage you to 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 updates communications, resources, support, & programs to our community and to our neighbors in need. To help support this mission, become an online giver by visiting www.holycrossdewitt.org/give or mail in your envelopes to the Parish Office (4112 E. Genesee Street, DeWitt, New York 13214).



Thank you

Easter Message 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

Jesus has risen, Alleluia!

As I write this message in anticipation of the Easter to come, I sit in the parish offices, contemplating Lent, while our Holy Cross Staff works from home. I celebrated Mass this morning for our parish, alone. All of us are making sacrifices to curtail the spread of the Corona Virus.

In the quiet seclusion of the day and night, I imagine what it was like for Christ during those final days when he took time to be alone to pray to God the Father. Certainly, our sacrifice, no matter how extreme they may prove to be, is nothing compared to what Christ does for all of humanity. This time of trial serves to remind us of our sheer human fragility and our total dependence on God.

We celebrate Holy Week, the institution of the Eucharist during the Last Supper, the Crucifixion and death of Jesus on Good Friday, and the Resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday. We may have celebrate these Holy Days alone or with our immediate family, knowing that we are all members of the parish family and the greater family of God through our Baptism. We must also continue to pray for people around the world. This time of seclusion can be a time to realize that Christ is calling us back to himself. Do we have the courage to respond to Christ and invite those around us to respond?

In the words of St. Augustine, “And He departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find Him, For He departed, and behold, He is here!” We remember that Christ is here with us, in the celebration of Holy Mass and reception of the Eucharist, and in the participation in Holy Mass with a desire to receive the Risen Christ in the Eucharist if we are participating in Mass on-line. Although this will be an unusual way to celebrate Easter, Christ has still risen for us, as he is in our hearts. He has done something for us that none of us can do for ourselves. He has saved us!

May this Easter Season be a time of blessings, new beginnings, and the abiding presence of Jesus in your life.

Prayerfully Yours,



Fr. John Kurgan



Daily Prayer and Formation for ALL

When schools closed and parish Masses and activities were suspended, we knew we would be adapting to a whole new way of life that hasn't been seen in our lifetime. As a result of this, our Youth & Families team immediately began putting pre-established plans into motion so that faith formation for our students would continue at home via distance learning. We then had a lightning bolt (aka Steve) of inspiration. That this time of isolation can be a time of spiritual renewal for our entire parish community.

From Isolation to Spiritual Renewal

While we still grapple with the unknowns and extent of this pandemic on the world stage and in our own personal lives, we are confronted with a new style of life lived separated from others and confined to our homes and family members. Like monks that use isolation to develop a rich, inner faith life and grow closer to God, we too can turn our own homes into mini-monasteries. So before you fill all of your time with Netflix binges and Zoom parties, start thinking now how you will introduce more prayer and development into your day. To help with this endeavor and to continue our faith formation studies at home for our students, we have created a website with daily updates encouraging 20 minutes of guided prayer and 20 minutes of guided intellectual formation. Check it out here: crown.holycrossdewitt.org

To get daily update reminders about The Crown retreat, choose **update your subscriptions settings**, and be sure the box for "The Crown Daily" is checked.

And stay tuned! As we have some fun, interactive activities and live, online events starting up soon.



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

Easter Blessings!


"Faith, received from God as a supernatural gift, becomes a light for our way, guiding our journey through time. It is a light coming from the past, the light of the foundational memory of the life of Jesus, which revealed his perfectly trustworthy love, a love capable of triumphing over death.

Yet because Christ has risen and draws us beyond death, faith is also a light coming from the future and opening before us vast horizons that guide us beyond our isolated selves toward the breadth of communion. We come to see that faith does not dwell in shadow and gloom; it is a light for our darkness. " Pope Francis, A Church of Mercy

Photos to celebrate our work together in parish outreach activities:



A Family Perspective:
 Today's gospel instructs us Jesus "had to rise from the dead." The dying we experience with unmet expectations in marriage and parenting is normal to family life. Families must rise above disappointments and be Easter people all year long.





PRAYER REQUESTS

Shannon Adams, Diana Arnold, Frank Blizzard, Leana Mae Bonnell, David Carr, Vince Cichello, Armand Cincotta, Linda Cote', Ricco Gauf, Katie Glisson, Richard Griffin, Yvonne Grocott, Virginia Grosso, Mason Hallenbeck, Adriana Hampel, Daniel C. Healy, Elaine Hill, Macey Horbauch, Susan Keller, Jane Koszulka, Kathy Kotz, John Laura, Rory Lennon, Penny Locke, Edward Loftus, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Dominick M., Austin & Tres Mahan, Mary McArdle, Noah McNeil, Gail Moloney, Angela Martin, Mary Mayle, Monica Miranda, Tracey Montague, Faith Muller, Al Paparo, Deanna Peters, Wayne Queror, Mona Rawles, Micah Schwiezer, Brian Semerao, Dawn Simmonds, Kay Simon, Joseph Smith, Stephen Smith, Rita Smookler, Eleanor Sullivan, Shelly Tortora, Steve Wafer, and Kristin Woodmansee.

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.

Notify the Parish Office

If a loved one has been admitted to the hospital, please inform the parish office of which hospital and their room number. The priests or deacon would like to make a pastoral visit, but that cannot happen without being notified by the families. Due to HIPPA laws, the hospitals cannot share that information with the parish. In addition, if a loved one is admitted to a nursing home or rehab facility, please notify the office. Thank you.

Week of April 2nd

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory Of: Angelina & Herbert Silvestri

Requested By: Family

Host and Wine

In Memory Of: Robert E. Wengert

Requested By: Wife & Family



E-Mail Request

In order to communicate even more efficiently & quickly, it would be a great help to have e-mail addresses. Please consider filling out this form & return it to the Parish Office by mail or email Info@holycrossdewitt.org. **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY! THANK YOU!**

Name _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Important Information

Out of concern for public health & following directives and recommendations from the Diocese of Syracuse, Department of Health, and CDC, **ALL** public gatherings (including Mass & Stations of the Cross) & parish activities and events at Holy Cross are **cancelled** until further notice.

PRIVATE PRAYER AND DEVOTION

The main church will be **open** from Monday-Saturday, 9 AM - 3 PM and on Wednesday from 7- 8pm, and on Sunday from 12 PM - 2 PM for private prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment. Please maintain appropriate social distancing if praying in the church.

ONLINE RESOURCES AND COMMUNICATION

We have online resources and communications available to our parish community to keep you connected and informed during this tumultuous time. Subscribe to our weekly **Youth & Families** newsletter for formation and family resources to encourage you and your youth during isolation, and special editions of our weekly **Bulletin Brief** newsletter with content and resources for prayer, growth, and devotion during this time. [Sign up today on the Holy Cross Website \(holycrossdewitt.org\) to stay informed during these strange days!](http://holycrossdewitt.org)

OUR RESPONSE TO THE

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

ALL PUBLIC GATHERINGS FOR MASS, PRAYER, FAITH FORMATION, AND CERTAIN PARISH ACTIVITIES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

More Suggestions

With the disruption of the opportunity to attend Mass, many may be wondering how to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We realize that there is a desire to receive Holy Communion by many of the faithful. The Church encourages those who are not able to receive communion to make an act of Spiritual Communion. We encourage you to make a **Spiritual Communion** by praying the following:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

View Mass on TV or online. We'll share out more resources at crown.holycrossdewitt.org for this, but you can find Masses with Bishop Lucia at youtube.com/syrdio and Masses from around the world at places like CatholicTV.

Continue to pray from home and participate in at home Stations of the Cross, reciting the Rosary, Liturgy of the Hours, meditating on the Scriptures and more. During our Crown Retreat we will give you more resources and depth for doing these if you're new to them.

Bishop Lucia also asks that you pray the Novena above for 9 days. The Novena can then be restarted.

NOVENA PRAYER FOR AN END TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O Mary, full of grace, Patroness of this nation and Mother of the Church, in this time of illness and world-wide need we seek your intercession for the human family before your Son's throne of grace and mercy. We ask for strength in adversity, health in weakness, and comfort in sorrow. Help us, O Blessed Mother, to be filled with confidence and trust in the tender compassion of our God. Let us not be afraid, like our own Saint Marianne Cope, who entrusted her life and ministry among the outcasts of society into the care of our Divine Physician. Continue to watch over all who are sick as well as those who care for them and give wisdom to all who are seeking a cure.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

2019 Tax Contribution Statements

If you wish to have a tax statement sent to your home, please fill out the form below. You may drop it off at the office. You may also phone the office or email Peg@holycrossdewitt.org with the information.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Mass Online from Holy Cross Church

holycrossdewitt.org/watch

Join us online for Mass! If you missed Sunday's Mass, you can still watch it on our [website](#). Some have expressed a desire to have Mass available on Saturday evening during our traditional 4 PM time slot. This week, we plan to have Mass beginning Saturday at 4 PM. We hope you can join us!

Blood Drive at Holy Cross

THRU APRIL 29TH

The Red Cross now faces a severe blood shortage due to an unprecedented number of blood drive cancellations during this corona virus outbreak. Healthy individuals are urged to donate now to help patients counting on lifesaving blood!

- Tues. 4/14 Holy Cross Church/ School Gym (1-7pm)
- Wed. 4/15 Holy Cross Church/ School Gym (8am-2pm)
- Tues. 4/21 Holy Cross Church/ School Gym (1-7pm)
- Wed. 4/22 Holy Cross/ School Gym (8am-2pm)
- Tues. 4/28 Holy Cross/ School Gym (1-7pm)
- Wed. 4/29 Holy Cross/ School Gym (8am-2pm)

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](#) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

To schedule a donation appointment or find an alternate location near you, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](#).

SACRAMENTS

Baptism ~ Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements **Marriage** ~ Please make an appointment with a priest at least 6 months **Penance** ~ By appointment only prior to wedding

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. †

HOLY CROSS PARISH

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Holy Cross Parish Staff ~ Name, Title and Phone Extension

- Rev. John J. Kurgan, Pastor, ext. 15
- Rev. Matthew E. Rawson, Parochial Vicar, ext. 36
- Rev. Charles S. Vavonese, Weekend Homilist
- Deacon Dare Dutter, ext. 16
- Ernest J. Camerota, Director of Music, ext. 38
- Brette Cooper, Maintenance
- Josh Corcoran, Music Sunday 5pm Mass
- Dan Littlepage, Director of Technology, ext. 33
- 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. 13
- 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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