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“The Lord has truly
been raised!”

LUKE 24:34

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- Holy Cross Church will be closed until further notice.
- Do not hesitate to call or email the Parish Office if you have any questions or concerns.
- Confessions by appointment.
- If no one is in the office, be sure to leave a message.

Phone ~ (315) 446-0473; Email ~ info@holycrossdewitt.org.

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 &

**Sunday Mass at 6:30 &
9:30am on channel 9**

Upcoming Events:

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 26th— Third Sunday of Easter

Rosemary Coolican/ Husband & Family
 Michael Spinoso/ Terry & Annette Putman
 Robert Prednis/ Fran & Dan Monti

Monday, April 27th

People of Holy Cross

Tuesday, April 28th

Louise Cornish/ Father Vavonese

Wednesday, April 29th

Jim Abbott/ Mary Pat Olikier

Thursday, April 30th

Frank & Mary Cushman/ Rosemarie & Jim Light

Friday, May 1st

Mass League

Saturday, May 2nd

Marian Tighe/ Peg & Anne

Meighan Doherty/ Family

Sunday, May 3rd - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Rosemary Coolican/ Husband & Family

Stanley Blanchfield/ Gina Heitzman

Betty Galletta/ Joan Varone

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.

**This weekend's 2nd collection is:
 Home Missions Appeal**

Right now over 40% of dioceses in the U.S. are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, & other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the U.S. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

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 12 will be reported in an upcoming bulletin.

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

April 26, 2020—Third Sunday of Easter

What does it take for our eyes to be opened? Every day, a man laboriously walks down Main Street of town. With great difficulty but graceful determination, he places one foot in front of the other, uses a crudely made staff for support, and walks. His pace is slow, but he walks. What does he hope to see? Where does he want to go? What does he find? We all walk through life. The type of “walking” life requires is not always physical but is most assuredly emotional and spiritual. We walk, we look, we encounter, and we seek. How we do these things and what we actually find is determined by what we carry and what we allow ourselves to discover along the way.



If walking is too challenging for us, we may choose to isolate and stay alone. If we are afraid to walk, we may become overly dependent on others providing for us and abandon the journey. We can walk and pay attention only to what is in front of our feet and never notice the immensity of what is happening around us. The road is never the same twice. The journey is always different. What kinds of things do you notice as you walk through life? It seems that the disciples of the Road to Emmaus missed a lot at first. We do as well.

We are called to walk with purpose, to listen, and to notice things that may not at first be apparent. We have to allow the One who has a special claim on our soul to enlighten, instruct, and inspire us. The incarnate mystery of God is pulsating in and through all of creation, where the presence of the Word who became flesh can be discovered. He has been with us all along. How could we have missed Him? Our journey brings us back to the breaking of the bread, and something begins to stir within us. We begin to understand, and things look differently. Bread, body, wine, and blood bring us to see that everyone and everything is a “Eucharistic” encounter. We become what we eat and we see what we eat. We continue to walk. Our eyes are now opened, and we recognize Him. Our hearts burn. Stay with us. Please stay with us.

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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

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 26, 2020

- SUN 4/26** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [11a]/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
- MON 4/27** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
- TUE 4/28** Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
- WED 4/29** Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66: 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
- THR 4/30** Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
- FRI 5/01** Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
- SAT 5/02** Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
- SUN 5/03** Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/ Jn 10:1-10

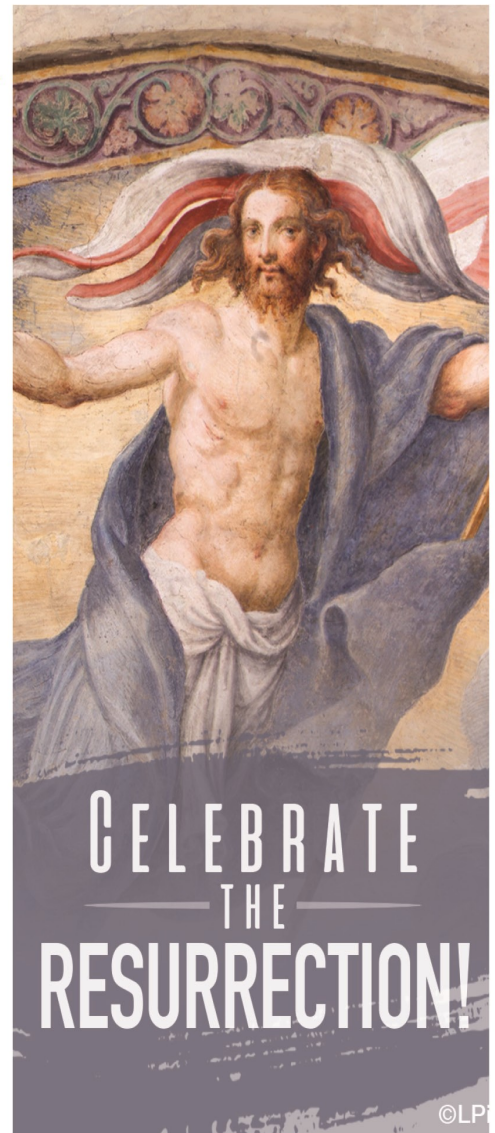
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 26, 2020

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Easter
- Tuesday:** St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;
St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest
- Wednesday:** St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- Thursday:** St. Pius V, Pope
- Friday:** St. Joseph the Worker
- Saturday:** St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Is God a real Being for you or simply an idea to be entertained? Often, we reduce God to a set of ideas, theories, and principles and neglect to see Him as the One who takes joy in helping us understand all of the events and mysteries of life. God delights in journeying with us and is the only One who can fill us with joy and make our hearts burn with excitement and jubilation. He is the One who assists us in recognizing the truth that is before us

and interpreting not only the jewels of Sacred Scripture but the events of history. If we recognize God, we can also see that He inspires us to see the divine meaning of our own lives as well. Sometimes it takes us a little time. After all, even Jesus' closest friends had to walk with him for a while on the road to Emmaus before their eyes were opened in the breaking of bread.





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

What does it mean to love our neighbors in the midst of a divisive political climate? by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops

As Catholics, we have a long tradition of engagement in the political process as a means of putting our faith into action. We are called to bring the best of ourselves and our faith to the public square—and yet today, many shy away from such involvement because our national and local conversations are filled with vitriol and harsh language, often directed at people themselves.

When personal attacks replace honest debate, no one wins. This kind of attack, no matter the reason, only serves to further divide our communities. As Catholics, we must model a better way. We invite you to join the *Civilize It* campaign by taking the pledge below as a way to promote civility, love our neighbors, and build community.

We are called to recognize that each one of us is a beloved child of God and to respond in love to that reality. *Civilize It* is a non-partisan call to focus on the dignity of all people, even when we disagree, and to put faith in action by bearing witness to a better way forward.

Anyone and everyone can commit together to honoring human dignity through civil conversation. Take the pledge below:

1. I pledge: Civility

To recognize the human dignity of those with whom I disagree, treat others with respect, and rise above attacks when directed at me.

2. I pledge: Clarity

To root my political viewpoints in the Gospel and a well formed conscience, which involves prayer, conversation, study and listening. I will stand up for my convictions and speak out when I witness language that disparages others' dignity, while also listening and seeking to understand others' experiences.

3. I pledge: Compassion

To encounter others with a tone and posture which affirms that I honor the dignity of others and invites others to do the same. I will presume others' best intentions and listen to their stories with empathy. I will strive to understand before seeking to be understood.



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.



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

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.

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 \(holycrossdewitt.org\)](http://holycrossdewitt.org) to stay informed during these strange days!

OUR RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

ALL PUBLIC GATHERINGS FOR MASS, PRAYER, FAITH FORMATION, AND 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](https://www.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.

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](http://holycrossdewitt.org/watch). We have Mass beginning Saturday at 4 PM. We hope you can join us!

Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

FORMED

- Read** - You Can Understand the Bible
- Read** - New Testament Catholic Study Bible
- Study** - Divine Mercy Episode 9: Mary's Knight (St. Louis de Montfort feast 4/28)
- Listen** - St. Catherine of Siena (Feast 4/29)
- Read** - Prayer for Beginners

Go to <https://watch.formed.org/videos/formed-sign-in> that explains the newer sign in.

Have you signed up for FORMED yet?

It is new and even more exciting than before. Enrich your faith with this free to you, online, get it on any computer or digital device. Just go to formed.org and click Sign Up.

Follow the easy instructions to get into your parish information, create a password and a world of Catholic movies, studies, books and audios are yours. They have recently updated the whole website so if you are familiar with FORMED, sign back in and explore all the new media that awaits you!

A Family Perspective:

In today's gospel the disciples were returning home so "downcast" they did not recognize Jesus walking with them. In our homes we can be so overwhelmed with responsibilities we don't see God with us. Today's gospel tells us to stop and open our eyes to the blessings we are to one another.



SACRAMENTS

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

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- 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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