



5th Sunday OF EASTER

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." - Jn 14:6

- Holy Cross Church will be closed & all events cancelled 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, May 10th – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Henry & James Fiacco/ Family
 Dorothy Poppleton/ Daughter, Ellyn
 Virginia McBride/ Frank & Donna Vavonese

Monday, May 11th

Angelo Nicolletti/ Family

Tuesday, May 12th

Stanley Blanchfield / Tom & MaryLee Muench

Wednesday, May 13th

Souls in Purgatory/ Margaret Ingraham

Thursday, May 14th

People of Holy Cross

Friday, May 15th

Rita Romeo/ Frank & Doug

Saturday, May 16th

Peter Becker/ Mary Duffin

Ted, Bridget & Matt Kelly/ Family

Sunday, May 17rd - Sixth Sunday of Easter

James Gibbons/ Mother

Frank Cappelletti/ Barbara Santaro

Betty Galletta/Patricia O. Hanley & Family

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

Mass Online from Holy Cross Church

holycrossdewitt.org/watch

Join us online for Mass! The Mass will be live streamed on Saturday at 4 PM or you may watch it later at your convenience. Just go to our [website](http://holycrossdewitt.org/watch).



Week of May 10th

Sanctuary Lamp

*In Memory Of: Mary Maiurino
 Requested By: Daughter, Janella*

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!

May 10, 2020 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

When earthly lives end, especially when the person is younger, we tend to focus upon and consider what was lost. We think of lost opportunities — things they won't be able to see, babies they won't be able to cradle, & adventures that now must go undiscovered. Our minds create this chasm between earth & heaven that sees the losses of this life as permanent ones, never possible to achieve again. This perception causes many folks to remain stuck in their grief as they ponder all of the missed opportunities & regrets.



This is not resurrection thinking. All of the love that we can give and receive, the joy and elation that can be experienced, the adventures that can be undertaken, and the possibilities to be discovered are all part of a continuous journey. They are not ends in and of themselves but are all part of the unfolding of a relationship we have with God, who not only makes all of these wonderful things possible now but sustains them and fulfills them into eternity. The perception and experience of loss is really an illusion, because in God's eternal kingdom and in God's time, nothing is ever lost. Even the most intimate and tender of moments we can conceive of sharing with another human being are only part of a journey toward perfect intimate and tender moments to be shared with God in our resurrected life. We become like God and see God as He is in eternity. What greater joy, love, and hope can ever be discovered as we walk down our often dimly lit paths in this world.

This is an awesome wonder and magnificent news to behold. Call to mind someone you have lost in death. How do you see them now? How do you see yourself in heaven? Remind yourself, again, that God is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Our happiness is not going to be fully realized in this world, and there is nothing we can find here that cannot be found one hundred fold in eternity. It's all about relationship, and not solely about the relationships we have with each other, ourselves, and the world in which we live. It's about our relationship with God. If we realize how special that one relationship really is, then there is only one particular of heaven and life eternal that really matters: namely, that we fall into love eternal and discover truth. For when we finally close our eyes in death, then all will be well as long as we are with God. There are no losses, only gains. ©LPi

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

The Story of Our Lady of Fatima

Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three Portuguese children—Francisco and Jacinta Marto and their cousin Lucia dos Santos—received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria near Fatima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon. Mary asked the children to pray the rosary for world peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia.

Mary gave the children three secrets. Following the deaths of Francisco and Jacinta in 1919 and 1920 respectively, Lucia revealed the first secret in 1927. It concerned devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The second secret was a vision of hell. When Lucia grew up she became a Carmelite nun and died in 2005 at the age of 97.

Pope John Paul II directed the Holy See’s Secretary of State to reveal the third secret in 2000; it spoke of a “bishop in white” who was shot by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows into him. Many people linked this vision to the assassination attempt against Pope John Paul II in St. Peter’s Square on May 13, 1981.

The feast of Our Lady of Fatima was approved by the local bishop in 1930; it was added to the Church’s worldwide calendar in 2002.

Upcoming Live stream events with Bishop Lucia:

All will appear on the diocesan youtube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/user/syrdio>

- **Daily Mass at noon** - weekdays (continues)
- **Thursdays of May:** 7, 14, 21, 28 - 7pm recitation and brief catechesis on the Rosary

Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

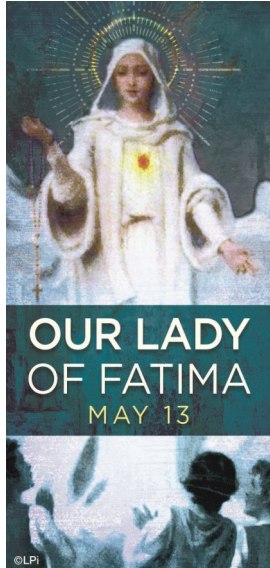
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Watch: All That Remains: The Story of Dr. Takashi Nagai - a Nagasaki survivor and Catholic convert

Listen or Read: Fatima Today: The Urgent Marian Message of Hope (Father Andrew Apostoli) Fatima Feastday 5/13

Children: Watch: The Day the Sun Danced

Watch: East Coast Shrines: National Blue Army Shrine of the Immaculate Heart (Part of The Faithful Traveler series)



Month of May, Mary, Mother of God Alleluia!

During these Great 50 days of Easter, we also celebrate Mary, Mother of God during the *whole month of May*. *The Catholic Church honors Mary as Mother of God, the Mother of the Church and our spiritual Mother. The ways Mary is honored in May is as varied as the people who honor her. Parishes might have daily recitation of the rosary, others creating a prayer space or altars to honor Mary, and many parishes celebrate the tradition of the May crowning, adorning Mary with blossoms representing her beauty and virtue. She is a reminder to all of the faithful to strive to imitate the virtues of the Blessed Mother. May altars and crownings aren't just "church" things. We can be doing the same in our homes. When we echo the customs and traditions of the Church in our homes – our domestic churches – we participate more fully in the life of the Church.*

This month also coincides with Mother’s Day, when we honor our own earthly mothers while celebrating our spiritual mother. At the end of May, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Queenship of Mary on May 31. (Fenelon, Marge. *Why is May the Month of Mary?* NCRRegister. May 1, 2016)

Links for More Ideas and Activities

Sadlier.com - Flowers for the Blessed Mother (Kathy Hendricks) A short blog that includes a downloadable Floral Reflections on the Hail Mary.

Catholicicing.com: How to plan a May crowning for Kids and many more ideas

Gotomary.com : Interactive Virtual Online Rosary (a great way to learn how to pray the rosary) Udayton.edu : Annuals Mary Gardens (annuals, garden layouts and tips, Marian garden prayers and more!)

VIRTUAL TOURS Nationalshrine.org - The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Washington, DC
 Americasfirstcathedral.org - Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of Mary. Baltimore, MD (America’s first cathedral)
 Thanks to the Catechetical Leaders in the Diocese of Syracuse for sharing these great ideas for families! Our website

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

A Family Perspective:

Mothers are instruments of Christ’s presence in the home. A mother’s love reveals the attentive, thoughtful, serving, forgiving and concerned side of God’s love. Thanks to all mothers for showing us the tender and loving face of God





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.

Red Cross Blood Drive at Holy Cross

The Red Cross is continuing their blood drives during May. Healthy individuals are urged to donate now to help patients counting on lifesaving blood! **Drive is being held at Holy Cross School Gym.** Thank you for your donations.

Dates are:

- *5/19 from 1-7pm
- *5/20 from 8am-2pm
- *5/26 from 1-7pm
- *5/27 from 8am-2pm

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.

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

Parish Phone Calls:

As time goes on, we remain separated from one another and the opportunity to attend Mass. As a parish family we can stay connected to Mass online through our parish website holycrossdewitt.org (posted each weekend starting at 4pm Saturday), and "The Crown" daily prayer and inspiration offered by our parish staff. Yet, in the midst of this high-tech world, we are discovering another way of connecting that has almost gone out of style; telephone calls.

During this month, Parish volunteers will be calling you to say hello. Our goal is to be sure that you are okay, to ask if you have any needs that we can address, and to assure you that we all long for the day when we can be together again. These are not robo-calls or asking for money. We just to be sure you are doing well, and to assure you that we miss you.

If your family is safe and you are doing well, please take this time to reach out to friends, neighbors & parishioners you have not seen recently, and let us know if there are prayer requests or concerns about which we need to be aware. We all need to know that others care about us and are thinking of us!

Neighbors Helping Neighbors is here to help:

Neighbors Helping Neighbors is a group of parishioners who ask to be contacted by email when a parishioner requests help with a particular short term need. Recently we were able to help one parishioner by picking up her prescriptions "curbside" at Wegmans. Another parishioner requested occasional phone calls to help cope with the isolation. We can drop off a hot meal or run an errand if your health is at risk when you need to stay home & stay safe. Please contact us by calling Beth: (315)416-4576 or helpingneighbors@holycrossdewitt.org

Request from Eastern Farm Workers Association:

EFWA is an all-volunteer and non-government funded organization. We need your help so that low-income farm and service workers can survive. Acting in the interests of poor and working people is the biggest benefit we offer! During the pandemic, we need "work from home" volunteers for some of the roles previously filled by university students: poster-makers, seamstresses (mask-makers), and phone advocates to help people get unemployment, stop landlord harassment, deal with Social Security problems or contact utilities. To volunteer, contact Stacy (315) 478-1992 / efwa-cny@juno.com

Jamesville Food Pantry

Are you or someone you know in need of food?

If you are living in the 13214 and 13078 zip codes you might be eligible for food assistance from the Jamesville Food Pantry. It is located in the old firehouse on East Seneca Turnpike in the hamlet. **The hours are**

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10-1 and the third Saturday of each month from 9-11. Call 315-469-5093 for eligibility requirements or for more information. Donations from Holy Cross parishioners help to sponsor the Jamesville Food Pantry.



Thank You!



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.



Mass for Homebound

Sunday Mass is available each week on TV Sunday at 6:30am and 9:30am on Channel 9, Sat. at 8:30pm on Channel 98, and on the Syracuse Catholic Television YouTube channel. For a complete list of channels & air times, visit facebook.com/syracuseCTV. Televised Mass is made possible by your generous donations to the HOPE Appeal.



Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, religious, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

SECRETARIAT OF CLERGY, CONSECRATED LIFE AND VOCATIONS

www.ForYourVocation.org • www.usccb.org
 © 2011, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Good Shepherd, detail from the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. Bancel La Farge and Ravenna Mosaic Company, 1926. Photograph courtesy of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC, 2011. Photographer: Geraldine M. Rohling.

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!

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.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 10, 2020

- SUN 5/10** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
- MON 5/11** Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/Jn 14:21-26
- TUE 5/12** Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
- WED 5/13** Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
- THR 5/14** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17
- FRI 5/15** Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
- SAT 5/16** Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 [2a]/Jn 15:18-21
- SUN 5/17** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/1 Pt 3:15-18 /Jn 14:15-21

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 10, 2020

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day
- Tuesday:** Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
- Wednesday:** Our Lady of Fatima
- Thursday:** St. Matthias, Apostle
- Friday:** St. Isidore
- Saturday:** Armed Forces Day
- Next Sunday:** 6th Sunday of Easter



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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- 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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