



# 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

### *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

*Watch Masses online at  
[holycrossdewitt.org](http://holycrossdewitt.org)*

**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."

### **Become a member of our faith community**

We invite you to become an active participant of our parish community and welcome you! Please take a welcome packet from the church entrance racks or contact the Parish Office.

### **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](http://www.holycrossdewitt.org/subscribe) to see more.



### **Upcoming Events**

**Please check page 4  
for this week's schedule.**

**Check [holycrossdewitt.org](http://holycrossdewitt.org)  
for information on Masses  
and events, registration, and  
safety protocols for  
attendance.**



**Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> – Seventh Sunday of Easter**

7:30am Kristen Gerthoffer Woodmansee/ Family  
 10:30am Anne DeSantis/ The Dutter Family  
 5:00am Dan & Agnes Broader & Rev. Patrick Keating/  
 Mary Ellen Brown

**Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Martha Byrne/ Joyce Kotch  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am John F.X. Mannion/ The Pacetti Family  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Parishioners of Holy Cross  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Intentions of the Parish Rosary Group/  
 Margaret Ingraham

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

**Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

7:45am John C. Hinds/ Maio Family  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00am Judy Wickert/ Cameron Williamson  
 4:00pm Bridget, Ted & Matt Kelly/ Family  
 3:00 to 3:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> - Pentecost**

7:30am William Lynn/ Daughter  
 10:30am Anthnet Moore/ Family  
 5:00pm John Passonno/ Tom & Rita Bertrand

**Spiritual Reflection for Sunday, May 16, 2021**

**Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26**

**I John 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20**

**John 17:11b-19**

First John reminds us today that whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him. This is a wonderful reflection on what true love is.

John is not referring to a romantic love, or even a peaceful love, but a love based on faith, truth, and knowledge of God. How do we come to that type of love, a love that the world does not always understand, love that is loyal and true?

I believe it is the personal relationship with Jesus Christ, expressed through our baptism when Christ claims us for his own, which allows us to develop a love that is expressed through devotion and living in the ways taught by Christ. We should take comfort that as we live in the love of Christ, we also are tied inexplicably to God the Father.

We are reminded in the Gospel of John that we are in the world, as Christ was in the world, and that Christ and the Father are one.

Peace,  
 Fr. John

To get reminders for Mass, scripture readings, and daily reflections from our clergy, sign up for **The Daily Bread newsletter** — nourishment for each day’s journey.

To sign up, visit our website at [holycrossdewitt.org/subscribe](http://holycrossdewitt.org/subscribe)

**Week of May 16**

**Host, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp**

*In Memory Of:* Members of Colao Family

*Requested By :*  
 Deborah & Jim Stewart



This weekend’s second collection is the Catholic Communication Campaign

**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 May 9 will be reported on May 23.

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

**THANK YOU**  
*for your generosity*

**Easter Offerings**

During the Easter season, it is encouraging to see both new & familiar faces at our worship services. Throughout the year, many of you already support the congregation with your time, talent & financial contributions but greater participation is always welcome. We encourage you to look into our electronic giving program. It takes just a few minutes to setup a recurring giving plan. Visit the church website & locate the donation link or complete a paper authorization form.

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 16, 2021

- SUN 5/16**     *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20  
*Seventh Sunday of Easter:* Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19
- MON 5/17**     Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33
- TUE 5/18**     Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a
- WED 5/19**     Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/ Jn 17:11b-19
- THR 5/20**     Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26
- FRI 5/21**     Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19
- SAT 5/22**     *Morning:* Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25
- SUN 5/23**     *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39  
*Extended Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39  
*Day:* Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15



## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 16, 2021

- Sunday:**        The Ascension of the Lord; 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day
- Tuesday:**     St. John I, Pope and Martyr
- Thursday:**    St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
- Friday:**        St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
- Saturday:**     St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
- Next Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Every Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00pm in the chapel
- Every Saturday at 3:00 - 3:30pm in the chapel
- By Appointment

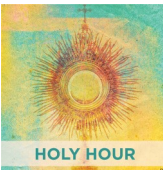
# Prayer REQUESTS

Garth H. Bishop, Eden & Mackenzie Bishop, Barbara Boyd, Terry Chylinski, Armand Cincotta, Tom Coyne, Mark Cywilko, John Galletta, Stanley Jakimek, Sharon Kieffer, Elaine Lostumbo, Ken Lu, Abrielle Lynch, Dinita Machlin, Monique Missoff, Mary Elizabeth Morgan, Faith Muller, Patricia Pool, Stephen Smith, 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 & Devotion between 9am and 3pm Monday to Friday.  
**When visiting the church, you are required to wear a mask and to use social distancing.**



### 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.

Eucharistic  
Adoration

**Rosary and Benediction**

On **Thursday, May 20** at 6pm, we will have the recitation of the Rosary followed by Benediction. All are invited to stay for coffee. This is a great experience and a time of great blessing for all. Come pray with us!



**Monthly Movie Returns on Tuesday, May 25 at 1:00pm - Church**



This month we will be showing “Fatima”. *Fátima* is a 2020 film based on the 1917 Our Lady of Fátima events. 10-year-old shepherd, Lúcia dos Santos, and her two young cousins, Francisco and Jacinta Marto, report having received apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As word of their prophecy spreads, tens of thousands of religious pilgrims flock to the site to witness what became known as the Miracle of the Sun. Movie features the original song “Gratia Plena” (“Full of Grace”), performed by Andrea Bocelli.

**All are invited to come. Movie is free and will be shown in the Church. Remember to wear your mask.**

**Have you signed up for FORMED yet?**  
**Consider signing up for Lent**

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](http://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!

**Catholic Media - Augustine Institute**

**FORMED**

**Watch:** Be Not Afraid Family Hour Ep. 3:  
Consecration: Our Priestly Role

**Kids: Watch:** Juan Diego: Messenger of Guadalupe  
**Watch:** 1531 A Story that is Not Finished Yet -  
Story of Our Lady of Guadalupe

**Listen:** Aborting America: Story of an Ex-Abortinist  
and Ex-Atheist by Dr. Bernard Nathanson

**A Family Perspective:**



Jesus was worried about His disciples and He turned to prayer. No matter how much time we spent trying to “guard and protect” our children, each day they become less dependent on us and we must let go and let God. Prayer and parenting go together.

**THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES**

**Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

8:15 AM Holy Hour - Church

**Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

8:15 AM Third Tuesday Sandwiches - Yeazel Hall

6:30 PM RCIA Team Meeting

**Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel

**Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

1:00 PM Knitting Group - Yeazel Hall

6:00 PM Rosary and Benediction - Church

**Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel

**Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Check the bulletin board, located by the main entrance, for more information about upcoming events in our area.**

**Knitting Group - May 20**



We will meet on **Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> –1PM downstairs in Yeazel Hall**. New knitters are always welcome. Please do not bring food to share and wear your mask. **Reservations are required;** call Rita 315-472-1478 or Jo 315-446-3328 to reserve.

**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](mailto:Peg@holycrossdewitt.org) with your new address.



**OFFICE HOURS**

**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.



**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](mailto:beth@holycrossdewitt.org)

**Third Tuesday Sandwiches: May 18th, 8:15am**

Join us downstairs in Yeazel Hall by the kitchen to prepare peanut butter & jelly sandwiches for Catholic Charities Men's shelter. We will be required to maintain social distance and wear masks. Peanut butter & jelly donations are appreciated. Please sign in when you arrive or contact Beth for more information: (315) 416-4576.

**Refugee Assistance Meeting: Monday, May 24th, 7pm**

Thank you to the many generous parishioners who gave their time, talent and treasure over the past 4 years to the AliKhel family! Join us to plan a party to celebrate our time together. Please contact Beth with any feedback or suggestions that we might use as we reflect back and plan for future refugee support: [beth@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:beth@holycrossdewitt.org)



**Laudato Si Circle: Saturday May 22nd, 5pm**

Join us in the circle out in front of the church next Saturday after mass to reflect on God's gift of creation and plan actions on behalf of the environment. Members of our parish circle will participate in the Online Convening listed below.

**Care For Creation Online Convening: May 25-27th, 7-9pm**

You are invited to participate in an exciting online event! The Diocese of Syracuse and of Ogdensburg are offering a 3-part online program that will include prayer, reflection by prominent members of both Central New York dioceses. To sign up for this exciting event contact Beth for registration info: [beth@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:beth@holycrossdewitt.org)

**United we End Racism 2021: June 26th, 11am-noon**

Holy Cross parish is partnering with Interfaith Works to sell tickets for the duck race to be held online this year. A \$5 ticket buys a duck in the community race and a \$10 ticket additionally supports the Pantry Partner program at Interfaith Works. The event will be live streamed on Youtube at 11am & rebroadcast on Facebook at 7pm. To buy tickets: [www.interfaithworkscny.org/united](http://www.interfaithworkscny.org/united)

**April Baby Shower for Birthright: Thank you!**

Thank you to all who donated toward our April baby shower to benefit Birthright!

Thank you to parishioners Regina Harty and Mary Ellen Barrett who provided leadership & inspiration for the donation drive. Birthright offers practical resources & emergency assistance to women in need in central New York. If you know someone in need of support, contact the Birthright Helpline 24/7: 1-800-550-4900.



**Spiritual Adoption Program -Month**

**Nine**

“Here I am!” Your spiritually adopted baby was born this month—nine months after his/her mother conceived him/her. The only change is a change in the external life support system of the baby. He/she is no different now than he/she before birth except that the baby breathes and eats differently. He/she is truly a miracle. The baby began as a 46-chromosome cell and has developed over the past nine months into this unique human baby. Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist that is just like your spiritually adopted baby. Your prayers saved his/her life. Thank you on behalf of all the little babies that you cared enough to pray for and for their mother. **Happy Birthday Baby!**



**Jamesville Food Pantry**

**Are you or someone you know in need of food?**

If you are living in the 13214 or 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 & Thursdays from 10-1 & 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!

**Bulletin & Scheduling Information**

- If you would like to submit an item for the bulletin please send the item in to the parish office before the deadline on Monday at 9am for the upcoming weekend. Deadlines will change when there is a holiday. Preference is given to Holy Cross events and are approved by Fr. Kurgan. If there is extra room, other announcements will appear. Send your announcements by E-mail to: [peg@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:peg@holycrossdewitt.org). All announcements are subject to editing.
- Anyone who would like to hold an event or activity at Holy Cross should contact Peg at the parish office. Yeazel Hall and classrooms are open to parishioners for meetings & special events. Any others may submit a request. Priority is given to parish events, parishioners & diocesan events. For non-parish groups, proof of insurance may be required. All requests must be approved by Fr. Kurgan prior to getting placed on the Holy Cross calendar.

**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.**



- **Family Rosary for Vocations** - Sat., May 22 at 10am on Zoom. Pray the rosary for our clergy and religious and an increase in vocations! Register at: [nfpfamilyrosary.eventbrite.com](http://nfpfamilyrosary.eventbrite.com) by May 14 to receive your gift package! For more info contact 315-472-6754 x 6 or email [nfp@syrdio.org](mailto:nfp@syrdio.org) funded program.

**Branch Out & Grow: For Separated and Divorced**

Join us from the comfort of your home for online Zoom meetings:  
 May 19th - The Road to Healing  
 June 2nd - Facing My Anger  
 June 16th - Facing My Depression  
 July 7th - Facing My Loneliness  
 July 21st - What Does the Owner's Manual Say?  
 August 4th - New Relationships  
 August 18th - Financial Survival  
 Meetings are 1 hour long and start at 7pm. All are welcome. For more information or to participate contact Deacon Dean Brainard at [dbrainard@syrdio.org](mailto:dbrainard@syrdio.org) or 315-472-6754 ext.4



- The Third Option** - A program to build better marriages - May 2021 Schedule
- “UNDERSTANDING EXPECTATIONS CAN TRANSFORM YOUR MARRIAGE”. Meeting is online, Sunday, May 16, 2021 7:15-9:00pm. All are welcome. Contact Stephanie Stewart for more information or to join the meeting at [ssewart@syrdio.org](mailto:ssewart@syrdio.org) or (315) 472-6728. A Hope Appeal funded program.
  - “REDEFINING POWER STRUGGLES IN MARRIAGE: Getting on The Same Team.” Come learn about how when I win, my marriage loses! Meeting is online, Sunday, May 23, 2021, 7:15-9:00pm. All are welcome. Contact Stephanie Stewart for more information or to join the meeting at [ssewart@syrdio.org](mailto:ssewart@syrdio.org) or (315) 472-6728. A Hope Appeal funded program.
  - “COPING WITH CONTROL ISSUES IN MARRIAGE: It Doesn’t Have to Be That Way.” Meeting is online, Sunday, June 6, 2021, 7:15-9:00pm. All are welcome. Contact Stephanie Stewart for more information or to join the meeting at [ssewart@syrdio.org](mailto:ssewart@syrdio.org) or (315) 472-6728. A Hope Appeal

**Save Hyde. Save Lives**

Congress is trying to force Americans to pay for abortion. The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century. WHAT HAPPENS WITHOUT THESE PROTECTIONS? Billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion. TAKE ACTION Sign the petition to Congress! <https://www.notaxpayerabortion.com/> Flyer attached for posting and social media.

**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. 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. 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](mailto: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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 E-Mail: [rmccrone@syrdioocese.org](mailto:rmccrone@syrdioocese.org)

**Staff ~ Name and Title**

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