



- Holy Cross Church will be open Mon. - Sat. 9am to 3pm & Sunday 12-3pm for private prayer and Devotion. You must wear a mask & use social distancing.
- All events are 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.

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

Would you like to join us as new parishioner?

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
www.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.

Ascension Thursday Mass
will be live streamed on
Thursday, May 21 starting
at 4:00pm.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 17th - Sixth Sunday of Easter

James Gibbons/ Mother
 Frank Cappelletti/ Barbara Santaro
 Betty Galletta/Patricia O. Hanley & Family
 12:00 - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Monday, May 18th

Louis D. Pascarella/ Maio Family
 9:00 - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Tuesday, May 19th

Salvatore Phillips/ Frank & Wilma Frydrychowicz
 9:00 - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Wednesday, May 20th

Robert Wengert/ Lois & John MacDonough
 9:00 - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Thursday, May 21st - The Ascension of the Lord

People of Holy Cross (**Mass will be streamed at 4pm**)
 9:00 - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Friday, May 22nd

John Sheehan/ Lynn McDevitt
 9:00 - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Saturday, May 23rd

Jane Sweeney/ Don LaCasse & Family
 William Lynn/ Daughter
 9:00 - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Sunday, May 24th - Seventh Sunday of Easter

Dr. Dominick Adornato Jr./ Wife & Children
 John Pristash/ Jerome & Ellen Pristash
 Michele Farner / Prince Family

12:00 - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Due to the suspension of all Public Masses. The weekday & 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 & everyone of you during this difficult time.



Week of May 17th

Sanctuary Lamp, Host & Wine
In Memory Of: Stephen Oliva Sr.
Requested By: Wife & Family

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!

Scriptural Reflection for Sunday May 17, 2020
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17
 Psalm 66: 1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20
 1 Peter 3:15-18
 John 14: 15-21

In today's second reading, Peter is speaking difficult words to the beloved of Christ. "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame.



When we read or hear these words, I believe we agree that faithful people should do this, and yet when we look at our personal lives most of us find we fall short. It is not always easy to explain why we believe what we believe, not to mention why we find joy and hope in our faith, especially in difficult or trying situations. While we may feel that our faith is not strong enough to be shared or explained, we also may find ourselves criticizing others for their lack of faith, or willingness to live out their faith. It is so easy to be hypocritical!

We must always be aware that we will be raised to life in the Spirit. We do have the power to reject earthly ways, embrace the teachings of Christ, and experience the joy that comes with living as He has taught. When we truly experience this joy, we then will be more understanding of others and strive to bring them along in their faith journey as well!

Blessings,
 Fr. John Kurgan

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 MAY 17, 2020

- 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
- MON 5/18** Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a
- TUE 5/19** Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11
- WED 5/20** Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
- THR 5/21** Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20
- ASCENSION** Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
- FRI 5/22** Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Jn 16:20-23
- SAT 5/23** Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28
- SUN 5/24** **ASCENSION:** Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
- 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER** Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 [13]/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

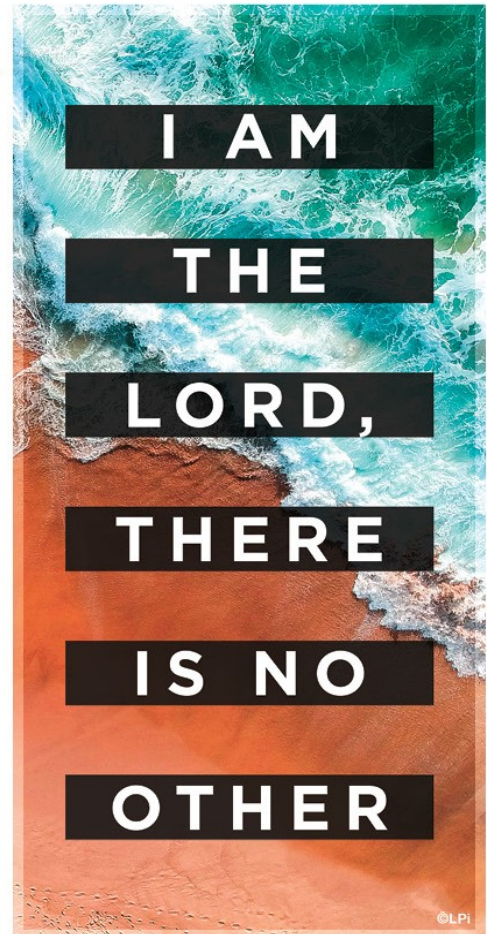
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 17, 2020

- Sunday:** 6th Sunday of Easter
- Monday:** St. John I, Pope and Martyr
- Wednesday:** St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
- Thursday:** The Ascension of the Lord (holy day of obligation in some U.S. dioceses); St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
- Friday:** St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
- Next Sunday:** The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Do you understand the true spiritual meaning of hope? Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness. It is found when we place our trust in Christ's promises and rely not on our own strength, but on the help of the Holy Spirit. Hope, when seen in this way, doesn't set its sights purely on the things of this world but on the promises of God to come. Hope always is linked with faith and love. Often our hope can become too self-focused and something that is only about me and things that matter to me. Christ's resurrection reminds us that it is not ultimately for this purpose. What is the reason for your hope? Our Easter season provides the opportunity for us to again assess whether it is the kingdom of heaven and life eternal or something else.



*"In all your actions
seek in the first place the*

*Kingdom
of God*

& his glory!

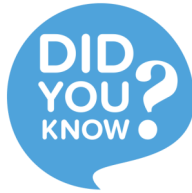
-ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA

New Hours

The Main Church will be open for Private Prayer and Devotion between 9am and 3pm - Monday to Saturday and from Noon to 3pm on Sundays. Also, 7-8pm Wednesday.

When visiting the church, you are required to wear a mask and to use social distancing.

These hours may change so be sure to check the website.



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

NHN is here to help:

Neighbors Helping Neighbors is a group of parishioners who want to be contacted by email when a parishioner asks for 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

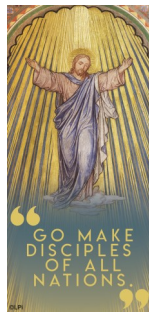
World Day of Prayer for the Earth: Sun., May 24th, 12pm

Pope Francis invites the global Catholic community to commemorate the 5th anniversary of *Laudato Si'* during *Laudato Si' Week* (May 16-24). During that week, please take time to reflect, pray, and take action for a more sustainable future. Information and activities to help you during *Laudato Si' week* are available here: <https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/resource/laudato-si-week-2020>

You are especially invited to participate in a Day of Prayer using the prayer card below!

Ascension Thursday

Ascension Thursday Mass will be live streamed on Thursday, May 21 at 4:00pm on our website, www.holycrossdewitt.org. You can watch starting at 4pm or after at your convenience.



Sunday 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 live or later. Just go to our [website](http://holycrossdewitt.org).

A Family Perspective:



In today’s gospel Jesus prepared his disciples for his departure. Family life is a series of departures. As we mature and grow older we constantly transition from the familiar to the new unknown. Today Jesus assures us we are not alone in these transitions. “I will not leave you orphans. I will come to you.”



COMMON PRAYER
for the 5th anniversary of
Laudato Si'

Loving God,
Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them,
You created us in your image and made us
stewards of all your creation, of our common home.

You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful
land so that all might be nourished.

Open our minds and touch our hearts,
so that we may attend to your gift of creation.

Help us to be conscious that our common home
belongs not only to us,
but to all future generations, and that it is our
responsibility to preserve it.
May we help each person secure the food and
resources that they need.

Be present to those in need in these trying times,
especially the poorest and those most at risk of
being left behind.
Transform our fear, anxiety and feelings of isolation
into hope so that we may experience a true
conversion of the heart.

Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing
the consequences of this global pandemic,
Make us courageous to embrace the changes that
are needed in search of the common good,
Now more than ever may we feel that we are all
interconnected, in our efforts to lift up the cry of the
earth and the cry of the poor.

We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen

LAUDATO SI' WEEK 2020



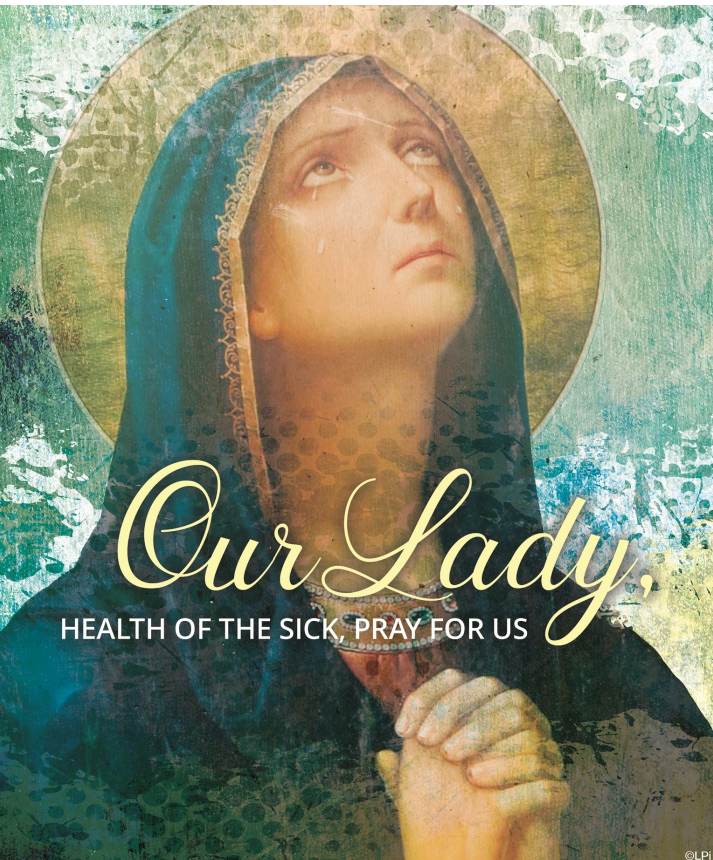
Shannon Adams, Diana Arnold, Frank Blizzard, Leana Mae Bonnell, David Carr, Vince Cichello, Armand Cincotta, Linda Cote', Ricco Gauf, Katie

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.



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)



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:** 21, 28 - 7pm recitation and brief catechesis on the Rosary

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

Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

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Watch: East Coast Shrines: National Shrine of St. Rita of Cascia (The Faithful Traveler Series) St. Rita feastday 5/22

Watch: The Ascension of the Lord (5/21)

Children: Watch: The Power of the Resurrection - a Brother Francis animated feature about key times in the life of Jesus

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!

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

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.

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

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.

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.†

HOLY CROSS PARISH

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- Rev. John J. Kurgan, Pastor, ext. 15
- Rev. Matthew E. Rawson, Parochial Vicar, ext. 16
- Rev. Charles S. Vavonese, Weekend Homilist
- Deacon Dare Dutter, ext. 13
- 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
- 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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