



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me." - Jn 15:26

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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 en-

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."

Would you a 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.

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

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

Upcoming Events:

Please check page 4 of the bulletin for this week's schedule.

Check holycrossdewitt.org for information on Masses and events, registration, and safety protocols for attendance.



Sunday, May 23rd - Pentecost

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

Monday, May 24th

7:45am Alyce McNamara/ Family
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Tuesday, May 25th

7:45am Fr. Raymond Wertman/ The Sansones
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Wednesday, May 26th

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

Thursday, May 27th

7:45am Mr. & Mrs. George Light/
 Rosemarie & James Light

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

Friday, May 28th

7:45am Brett David Revette/ Kathy DiSerio
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Saturday, May 29th

9:00am John Stach/ Kennedy Stach
 4:00pm Stanley Blanchfield / Family
 3:00 to 3:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, May 30th – The Most Holy Trinity

7:30am Donald Nye/ The Borer Family
 10:30am Thomas Malden/ Rita & Peter Bergamo
 5:00am Joseph Maio/ Maio Family

Spiritual Reflection for Sunday May 23, 2021

The Feast of Pentecost

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11
I Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23

On the Feast of Pentecost, God gives the Holy Spirit to the believers to support them in their work of beginning the Church. Often, we consider Pentecost Sunday as the birthday of the Church. For the disciples, the gifts of the Holy Spirit give them tools to use in their ministry. We must understand that the Holy Spirit also strengthens us in our faith life! Do we appreciate the gifts that God gives us? We often disregard what God has given us in this life. When we fail to acknowledge the gifts of the Spirit dwelling within us, we can become self-dependent and begin to turn away from dependency on God. God wants us to be with him and to rely on his goodness, and in turn share those gifts given to us with those we meet.



This day let us take time to appreciate the Holy Spirit and its' movement in our life. As we recognize that not everything depends on us, but on God, we can come to be more thankful for what God does through us for those around us.

Peace,
 Fr. John

A Family Perspective:

Today, on Pentecost, we remember Christ has given us the Holy Spirit to assist us in raising our family and he expects us to use this personal gift. Let us turn-off the noise, apps and distractions in our lives and let the Holy Spirit "guide us to the truth."



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

\$18,173.61 Collection of May 2
 \$16,594.00 Collection of May 9
 \$17,517.00 Collection of May 16

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF YOUR PARISH!

Your support is invaluable. Thank You

During these uncertain times, please 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 updated communications, resources, support & programs to our community and to our neighbors in need. Please remember to help support our mission. You may become an online giver by visiting www.holycrossdewitt.org/give. Online giving is through Vanco, which is a secure site. **You have the option of giving using your credit card number or by having an electronic fund transfer.** Or mail in your gift to the Parish Office (4112 E. Genesee Street, DeWitt, New York 13214).

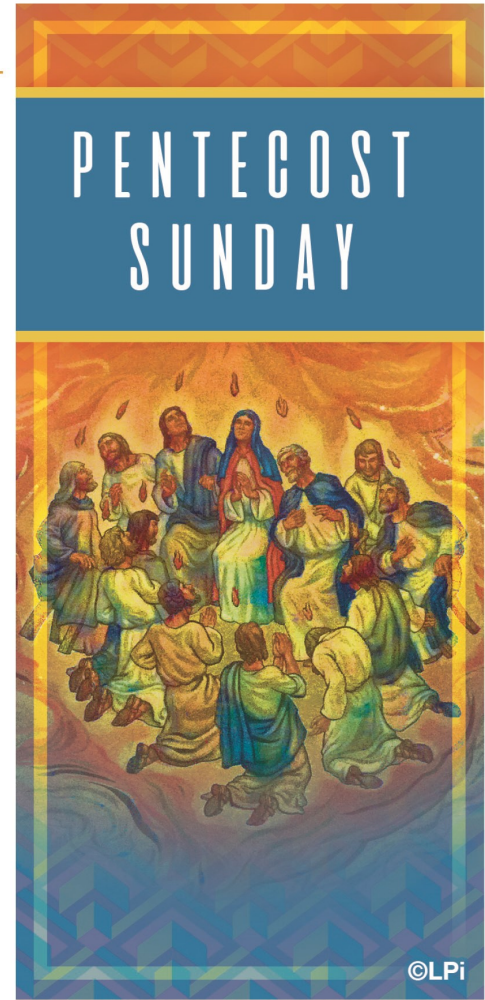
WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 23, 2021

- 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 10:1-2, 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
- MON 5/24** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
- TUE 5/25** Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31
- WED 5/26** Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [Sir 36:1b]/
Mk 10:32-45
- THR 5/27** Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Mk 10:46-52
- FRI 5/28** Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mk 11:11-26
- SAT 5/29** Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 19, 11 [9ab]/Mk 11:27-33
- SUN 5/30** Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-
17/Mt 28:16-20

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 23, 2021

- Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday
- Monday:** Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
- Tuesday:** St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church;
St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin
- Wednesday:** St. Philip Neri, Priest
- Thursday:** St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
- Saturday:** St. Paul VI, Pope; BVM
- Next Sunday:** The Most Holy Trinity



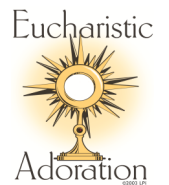
Prayer REQUESTS

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 Rev. Georg Stockert 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.

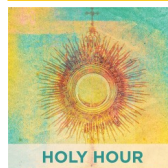
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00 - 8:00pm on Wednesdays.

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.



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.

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

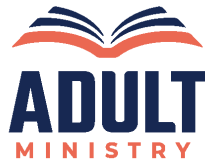


This month we will be showing “Fatima”. *Fátima* is a 2020 film based on the 1917 Our Lady of Fátima events. 10-year-old shepherd, Lúcia dos Santos, and her two young cousins, Francisco and Jacinta Marto, report having received apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As word of their prophecy spreads, 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.

**Adult Ministry
Restarting on June 6th**

We will be starting up the Sunday Morning Adult Ministry on **June 6th at 9:15 in rooms 12 & 13**. If you are interested in reading books about our faith and engaging in deep discussions, you are welcome to join us. We are reading “Orthodoxy” by G.K. Chesterton, a wonderful account of how faith comes to us through the Holy Spirit.



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!**



Please pick up a new Spiritual Adoption Prayer Card and continue prayers for an unborn baby and their mother.

Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

FORMED

- Watch:** Be Not Afraid Family Hour Ep. 4:
Four Steps to be a Great Catholic Leader
- Watch:** Lourdes: A story of Faith, Science and Miracles
- Kids: Watch:** Bernadette: Princess of Lourdes
- Middle School: Watch:** Catholic Heroes of the Faith

THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, May 23rd

- 9:00 AM Pastoral Council Meeting - Yeazel Hall
- 9:30 AM NHN Steering Committee Meeting - Classroom

Monday, May 24th

- 8:15 AM Holy Hour - Church
- 7:00 PM Refugee Assistance Meeting - Yeazel Hall

Tuesday, May 25th

- 1:00 PM Monthly Movie - Church
- 6:30 PM RCIA Team Meeting
- 7:00 PM Book Study - Rooms 12 & 13

Wednesday, May 26th

- 7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 7:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel

Saturday, May 29th

- 3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel

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

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

HOLIDAY INFORMATION

- **The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 31st to observe Memorial Day.**
- **Private Prayer & Devotion will take place.**
- **Daily Mass will be at 7:45am at Holy Cross.**



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

Next month: Basic Needs Toiletry Drive for Road to Emmaus Ministry, June 6-27

First Tuesday Sandwiches: June 1st, 8:15am

Sandwich ministry has resumed downstairs in Yeazel Hall after daily Mass on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month. Please join us to prepare pb&j, egg, tuna & chicken salad sandwiches for Catholic Charities Men's homeless shelter. Please sign in when you arrive, stay socially distant and wear a mask.

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

Thank you to the many generous parishioners who gave their time, talent and treasure over the past few years to the AliKhel family! If you participated in any way with refugee assistance during the past 4 years, please help us by submitting your reflections & suggestions so that we might build a "toolbox" for future refugee assistance activities. Responses are anonymous and can be submitted through the "feedback form" link on the Outreach page of the parish website: 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



April Baby Shower for Birthright: Thank you for your donations!

Let Us Dream: a Path to a Better Future Online Conference: May 25-27th, 7-9pm

You are invited to participate in an exciting event: the Diocese of Syracuse and of Ogdensburg are collaborating to offer a 3-part online program that will include prayer & presentations to encourage participants to act on behalf of the environment. Bishop Lucia, Bishop LaValley and leaders from both New York dioceses will participate; members of Holy Cross Laudato Si Circle are part of the planning committee and will be participating in the event as speakers. Register for one or all three days here: www.rcdony.org/dream.



"I urgently appeal... for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet" Laudato Si' #14 Pope Francis

Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse

Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg



Let Us Dream
The Path to a Better Future
May 25, 26 & 27, 2021

Join us for 3 virtual evenings for prayer, music, insight and sharing as we commit to care for God's creation!

A Time to See Tuesday, May 25 with Dr. Gerry Gacloch, Catholic Climate Ambassador



Dr. Curt Stager

A Time to Choose Wednesday, May 26
Opening Prayer with Bishop Douglas Lucia, Diocese of Syracuse & Dr. Curt Stager, Paul Smith's College



Dr. Gerry Gacloch

A Time to Act Thursday, May 27
Opening Prayer with Bishop Terry LaValley, Diocese of Ogdensburg & Ms. Gina Fiorile, *How the Climate Crisis Impacts Young People* Plus 5 Action-Oriented Breakout Sessions



Ms. Gina Fiorile

and many more presenters each night

Join us virtually from 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Attend 1, 2 or all 3 nights!

This event is co-sponsored by the Roman Catholic Dioceses of Ogdensburg & Syracuse

It has been made possible by the generous contribution of Omni Renewables. Contact Dick Scheutzow at richard@on-renewables.com, 315.382.0686

To register: <https://www.rcdony.org/dream> Deadline May 23
Questions, contact Theresa May at tmay@svrдио.org or call 315.472.6753





PGC (Initial) Training:

Tuesday, June 8, 2021 6:00pm - 8:00pm (Registration closes on Tuesday, June 1st at Noon)

EPDR (Re-certification) Training:

Wednesday, June 23, 2021 6:00pm - 7:30pm (Registration closes on Wednesday, June 16th at Noon)

Pre-registration is required for these sessions. Sessions are limited to 20 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Formation for Ministry/Deacon Information Seminar

Will be held on June 13, 1:00 - 3:30 at St. Stephen/St. Patrick, Whitney Point. **Are you curious about Formation for Ministry? Are you discerning the diaconate?** Sessions include an overview of the Formation for Ministry program leading to commissioning as a lay ecclesial minister and an overview of the process for becoming a deacon. Note: Formation for Ministry is a prerequisite for becoming a deacon. Those interested in the diaconate should attend with their wives if married. Additional sessions are scheduled for August 8 (Syracuse), and October 24 (Fulton). Register for the session of your choice at formationforministrysyr.org or call 315-470-1479.

The Third Option - A program to build better marriages - May 2021 Schedule

- “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 [sstewart@syrдио.org](mailto:ss Stewart@syrдио.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 [sstewart@syrдио.org](mailto:ss Stewart@syrдио.org) or (315) 472-6728. A Hope Appeal

The Way of Peace - A Day of Renewal for those going through separation or divorce

If you or someone you know is looking to find peace in the midst of separation and divorce, this experience will help guide the way. **The day will be held at Christ The King Retreat Center on Saturday, June 19th, 2021 from 8:30AM-3:30PM.** Practical and spiritual help will be offered by Father John Rose as well as small group discussions around the topics of "Helping Our Children", "Navigating New Relationships" and "Finding the Path of Peace". COVID-19 guidelines will be in effect and seating is limited.

To register go to <https://thewayofpeaceeventbrite.com>. For more information contact: Deacon Dean Brainard 315-472-6754 or email dbrainard@syrдио.org.

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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- 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
- 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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