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# HOLY MASS AT HOLY CROSS

HOLY CROSS CHURCH • DEWITT, NY

- WEEKDAY MASSES LIVE: MONDAY-FRIDAY – 7:45 AM
- SUNDAY MASS LIVE: SATURDAY VIGIL – 4:00 PM

- PLEASE WATCH FOR A LETTER IN THE MAIL & THE HC WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE OPENING UP FOR MASSES AND REGULATIONS FOR ATTENDANCE
- 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](mailto:info@holycrossdewitt.org)

## Mass Times

**View Sunday & Daily Mass on TV or online. We'll share resources at [www.holycrossdewitt.org](http://www.holycrossdewitt.org)**

You can find daily Mass with Bishop Lucia at [youtube.com/syrdio](https://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](http://www.holycrossdewitt.org) for up to date Information.**

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





# MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> –Pentecost Sunday**

Mary Dates/ Karen Silvestri

Stephen B. Yarnell/ Family

Justin Perrin/ John Heinrich

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

**Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**

7:45am Eileen Chapman/ Family & Friends

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

**Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

7:45am People of Holy Cross

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

**Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

7:45am Abrielle Lynch/ Hunt Family (living intention)

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

**Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Lawrence Luckwaldt/ Kathy Maio &  
Elliott Mattice

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

**Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Mass League

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

**Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Stanley Blanchfield/ Lois & John MacDonugh

4:00pm Al & Mary Damico/ Don & Dave Damico  
& Kathy Mezzalingua

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

**Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>– The Most Holy Trinity**

Genevieve Zappala/ Joanne & Tommy Smith

Louis Aiello/ Wife and Family

Martha Rossi/ 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.**

**Scriptural Reflection**  
**for Sunday May 31 - Solemnity of Pentecost**

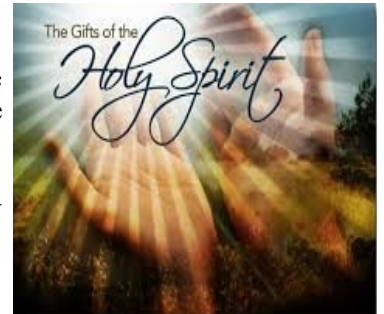
Acts 2: 1-11

Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

I Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

The excitement of receiving a gift comes with a responsibility to use that gift effectively, for the good of all, not just for ourselves. We may not even want the gift or know what to do with it.



Today we hear a reading from Acts of the Apostles as it recounts the coming of the Holy Spirit to them. The gift of the Holy Spirit results in them being able to speak in tongues! Amazing! However, they must have wondered why that gift would be useful to them. Perhaps they would not have wished that gift for themselves. We know that the purpose of this gift was to equip the Apostles to carry the Word of God to people of every nation and tongue as we see represented in today’s reading as those who heard of this gathered and found that even though they spoke different languages, each heard them in his own tongue.

The disciples will find this gift both rewarding and challenging realizing that it would not be easy to carry the word of Christ to all people, that persecution would surely come, and with that persecution, glory!

We need to reflect on what gifts the Holy Spirit has given us. Do we understand the gift received? Have we prayed about the use of that gift and are we ready to go out and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Peace,  
Fr. John

**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.

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**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!**

**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](http://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 31, 2020

- SUN 5/31** **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, 53, 55, 56 [52b] or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/  
Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/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/  
Jn 20:19-23
- MON 6/1** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
- TUE 6/2** 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16 [1]/Mk 12:13-17
- WED 6/3** 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef [1b]/Mk 12:18-27
- THR 6/4** 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [4]/Mk 12:28-34
- FRI 6/5** 2 Tm 3:10-17/Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168 [165a]/  
Mk 12:35-37
- SAT 6/6** 2 Tm 4:1-8/Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22 [cf. 15ab]/Mk 12:38-44
- SUN 6/7** Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/2 Cor 13:11-13/  
Jn 3:16-18

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 31, 2020

- Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday
- Monday:** The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
- Tuesday:** Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
- Friday:** St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
- Saturday:** St. Norbert, Bishop

**Prayer to the Holy Spirit**  
 Come, Holy Spirit,  
 Fill the Hearts of Your Faithful,  
 and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
 Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you  
 will renew  
 the face of the earth.  
 Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit  
 you have taught the hearts of your faithful.  
 In the same Spirit help us to relish what is right and always  
 rejoice in your consolation.  
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
 Amen.



# PENTECOST

*And they  
 were all filled  
 with the  
 Holy  
 Spirit*

-ACTS 2:4

**A Note From our Pastor regarding email solicitations:**

There have been reports from parishioners across our diocese who have received emails and texts from individuals claiming to be their pastor. Usually the content of the message will include some form of request for money that is outside of the normal channels of giving,

for example electronic gift cards for amazon or iTunes. These messages usually include some sense of urgency and may span over several emails, beginning with an inquiry like "Hi are you available? I have a quick request." Some of these fraudulent attempts have gone so far as to create email accounts which look very much like an official address. Please be aware that neither our parish nor father will ever reach out to you directly via email text or social media for direct solicitation of gift cards, wire transfers or other electronic monetary transactions. If you suspect you may have received a fraudulent request, or would like to confirm the genuineness of a message, please contact our parish office. To report a fraudulent request please forward the message to: [stop-fraud@syrdio.org](mailto:stop-fraud@syrdio.org)

### 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)

### Support Brady Faith Center: Brady Farm CSA

Community Supported Agriculture, called a CSA, is a great way to get farm-fresh produce on a regular basis from a local farm, and Brady Faith's Urban Farm is a wonderful way to support healthy food & jobs for inner city families while feeding your own family. When I purchase a CSA, I am participating in Brady Faith's vision to create *"an urban farm woven into the fabric of the community that provides sustained nutritious foods, employment, and education that nourishes the body, mind and spirit of the residents."*

Jesse Lyons & Alice Gallagher have been the farm coordinators for several years. Their education & experience in the science of ecology & agriculture bring a depth of knowledge about healthy soil practices and organic farm management. Their passion for the farm and the local community is contagious. The farm offers free or affordable fresh food to south side residents with little access to fresh produce.

The summer CSA program begins on June 6; when you join, you can choose a CSA for an 11 week or a 21 week subscription at a cost of \$15-\$25 per week. Variations include an option to add produce from "regional farms" or a "grocer's box" of added items not locally grown. If you wish, an additional donation can be added to support a local family in need. A local pick up spot will be assigned. Sign up for the Brady Farm CSA here: [bradyfarm.org](http://bradyfarm.org) or contact Jesse for more info: (315) 420-4521.

### Samaritan Center Update:

Holy Cross volunteer groups scheduled to volunteer in April at the Samaritan Center were cancelled. Our next scheduled date for Holy Cross volunteers is in the fall: September 13th & October 25th. Our coordinators, Rick Coughlin & Kay Keough, are looking forward to our return & we have already scheduled our 2021 dates.

As of March 13th, Samaritan Center has modified its operations to a "take-out" model of service; scheduled meal times remain unchanged and meals are provided daily. Their goal is to continue to provide uninterrupted meal service while maintaining appropriate health and safety measures. During the pandemic, operations are limited to just a few regular volunteers & they are not accepting new volunteers. Although current times are very difficult for all of us, they are significantly more challenging for the vulnerable population served by the Samaritan Center.

If you are interested in helping with current needs, these items can be dropped off at the center, 215 N. State St., Monday- Friday 9 am- 12 pm:

*Face masks, hand sanitizer, napkins, toilet paper, kleenex, pre-packaged cookies & snacks, plastic forks & spoons, fruit cups or fruit, individual juice, water or milk, or financial support -- thank you for your good thoughts & prayers!*

JOIN US FOR  
**ONLINE  
MASS**

CHECK OUT  
OUR WEBSITE  
FOR MORE  
INFORMATION!



### Sunday & Daily Mass Online from Holy Cross Church [holycrossdewitt.org/watch](http://holycrossdewitt.org/watch)

Join us online for Mass! Just go to our [website](http://holycrossdewitt.org/watch).

- Sunday Mass will be live streamed on Saturday at 4 pm .
- Daily Mass (M-Fri.) will be live streamed at 7:45am.
- Saturday Mass will be live streamed at 9:00am.

**You may watch Mass at the designated times or later .**

### Main Church 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.

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

These hours may change so check the website.

### Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

**FORMED** Feast of Pentecost 5/31

**Watch:** Clothed with Power (Lectio: Evangelization, Dr. Mary Healy)

**Watch:** Source and Summit: Introducing the Eucharist - Dr. Brant Pitre

**Children:** Watch: The Messengers: The Birth of the Early Church

**Watch:** Mary, the Church's First and Most Perfect Member (6/1 The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church)





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

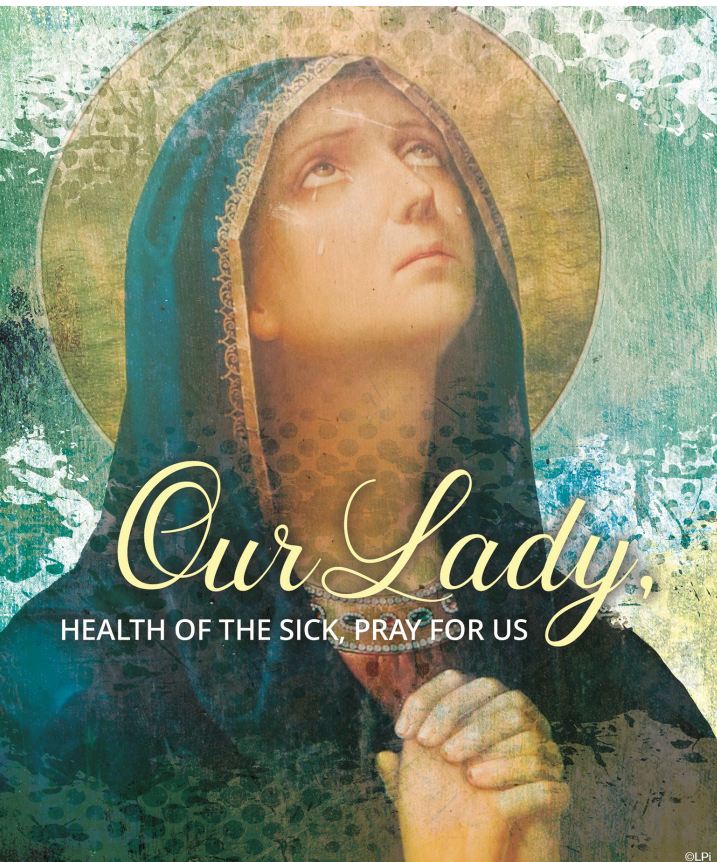
Glisson, Richard Griffin, Yvonne Grocott, Virginia Grosso, Mason Hallenbeck, Adriana Hampel, Daniel C. Healy, Elaine Hill, Macey Horbauch, Susan Keller, Jane Koszulka, Kathy Kotz, John Laura, Rory Lennon, Penny Locke, Edward Loftus, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Dominick M., Austin & Tres Mahan, Mary 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.

**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)

**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



**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!

**HOPE Appeal Update**

Recently we received from the Diocese of Syracuse the 2019 HOPE Appeal Parish Sharing check in the amount of \$34,222.70. Thank you so very much for all your generous gifts during the 2019 campaign. Since we made and surpassed our goal, Holy Cross received back 50% of the overage.



The 2020 HOPE Appeal campaign has been postponed for the time being. We will inform you when the campaign will begin as soon as we hear.



**2020 Gardening Angels' Ministry**



The new and enriched 2020 Gardening Angels' Ministry is budding.

Our Mission is to make God's House at Holy Cross Parish a beautiful, inviting and evangelizing place to worship Him and pray together.

The newfound Angels, male and female, welcome others who enjoy Creation and camaraderie. The angelic cultivating opportunities are open now through the Fall. It is your freedom to support the growth of our Parish community. Allow your nature to blossom with us.

Contact Sue Sovik by phone or text 315 256 3635.



Picture : Melody Foster, Mary Jo Traino, St. Francis, Sue Sovik, and Sue Thompson

**SACRAMENTS**

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

Classes required for 1st child's Baptism

prior to wedding

†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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**Holy Cross Parish Staff ~ Name, Title and Phone Extension**

- 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](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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Website: [hcschooldewitt.org](http://hcschooldewitt.org)

E-Mail: [moleary@syrdiocese.org](mailto:moleary@syrdiocese.org)

**Staff ~ Name and Title**

- Martha O'Leary, School Principal
- Joanne Markert - Administrative Assistant, Nina Walters - Nurse