



11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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- Mk 4:30-32b

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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 encourage both young people and parents and let Your grace sustain them. Amen.

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 the latest information on Masses, events, & changes in safety protocols. See page 5 for information or call the office at 315-446-0473.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 13th – Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am Maria Linh Dang/ Family
 10:30am Joseph Tartato/ The Engle Family
 5:00am Joyce Finnerty / Kathy Kotz

Monday, June 14th

7:45am James Tout, Mary-Jo Rosenblatt &
 Terriann McNeil/ wife & mother
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Tuesday, June 15th

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

Wednesday, June 16th

7:45am Jim Collins/ wife & children
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Thursday, June 17th

7:45am Elton Raquet/ John MacIsaac
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Friday, June 18th

7:45am Intentions of Kennedy Stach
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Saturday, June 19th

9:00am Josephine Gillette/ Dianne Harrington
 4:00pm Frank Loguidice/ Family

3:00 to 3:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sun., June 21st - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am John Passono/ Fr. Vavonese
 10:30am Bryan Poppleton/ daughter Ellyn
 5:00pm Elizabeth Schmitt/ Kathleen Crouch

Spiritual Reflection for Sunday June 13, 2021

Ezekiel 17: 22-24

2 Corinthians 5: 6-10

Mark 4: 26-34

“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade.”



Faith is like a mustard seed. It seems that at times it is so small we cannot even identify it, but once it is established and nurtured, it grows at a tremendous rate. The issue is that when it is not growing, when it lays dormant, it can tend to be lost to us. This can cause feelings of despair or doubt and we often feel God has moved away from us, instead of us moving away from God.

What can cause us to re-discover our faith and begin to allow it to grow again? Often, the remedy is some type of shock to our system, something that causes us to have to turn to God, and not depend solely on ourselves. As always, our life is best when we subject our self-determination to the will of God. When we successfully follow God's plan for us, we find not only are we the beneficiaries of great blessings, but we find that we are happy as well, because our faith is growing for all to see.

Peace,
 Father John

Week of June 13

Host, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory Of: Stephen Oliva, Sr.

Requested By :
 Wife and Family



Banns of Marriage

Lauren Krisak & Ryan Gilkey
 Lisa Lorenzini & Jacob Bratek

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

\$14,961.00 collection of May 30

\$21,978.25 collection of June 6

**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 JUNE 13, 2021

- SUN 6/13** Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34
- MON 6/14** 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mt 5:38-42
- TUES 6/15** 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
- WED 6/16** 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- THR 6/17** 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/Mt 6:7-15
- FRI 6/18** 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23
- SAT 6/19** 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/Mt 6:24-34
- SUN 6/20** Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 13, 2021

- Sunday: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: Flag Day
- Saturday: St. Romuald, Abbot; BVM
- Next Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Refugee Day; Father's Day



Prayer

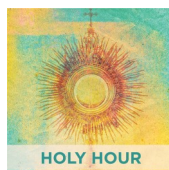
REQUESTS

Garth H. Bishop, Eden & Mackenzie Bishop, Barbara Boyd, Terry Chylinski, Armand Cincotta, Tom Coyne, Mark Cywilko, John Galletta, Sharon Kieffer, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Dinita Machlin, Monique Missoff, Mary Elizabeth Morgan, Faith Muller, Patricia Pool, Len Smith, 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.

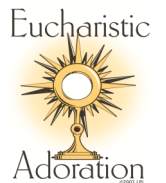
Holy Hour—8:15 to 9:15AM

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 – Church

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 Church and the forgiveness of our Savior.

Private Prayer Hours

The Main Church will be open for Private Prayer & Devotion between 9am and 3pm Monday to Friday.



WELCOME

We are excited to announce that Father Brendan Foley who was newly ordained on June 5 has been assigned to Holy Cross Parish as Parochial Vicar starting on July 1. Father Foley is from Binghamton and his home parish is St. James in Johnson City. We are looking forward to his arrival and will bring you more details in the upcoming bulletins.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, June 13th
9:15 AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13

Monday, June 14th
8:15 AM Holy Hour - Church

Tuesday, June 15th
8:15 AM Third Tuesday Sandwiches - Yeazel Hall
6:30 PM RCIA Team Meeting

Wednesday, June 16th
7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church
7:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church

Thursday, June 17th
1:00 PM Knitting Group - Yeazel Hall
7:00 PM Sixth Grade Graduation - Church
(with reception following)

Saturday, June 19th
3:00 - 3:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel

Sunday, June 20th
9:15 AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13

THIS YEAR TO CELEBRATE
We Cordially Invite You to Participate in a
VIRTUAL PRO-FAMILY EVENT
FOR BIRTHRIGHT OF ONONDAGA COUNTY

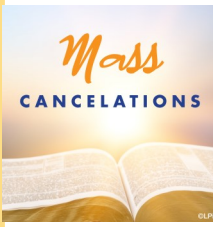
A RESOURCE CENTER FOR
PREGNANT WOMEN AND NEW MOMS

On Father's Day Weekend
June 19-20

The Knights of Columbus will have a table in the Gathering Area to collect your donation. With your donation of any amount, we can provide necessities to needy CNY father, mothers & infants.

Make checks payable to:
Birthright of Onondaga County
346 N. Midler Avenue, Syracuse NY 13206
www.BirthrightSyr.org


Church Will Be Closed



During the beginning of July, we will be having work done on the Church's parking lot. Because of this work the parking lot will be closed and there will not be any activities in the church. **Work will begin after the 7:45am Mass on Monday July 5 and end on Saturday, July 10. There will be a 4:00pm Mass on Saturday, July 10.**

A Family Perspective:

Parenting is a lot like the story of the farmer in the gospel parable today. All growth is the Lord's work. We have no control over the process. In fact the farmer doesn't even understand it, for the seed grows even when he sleeps. As parents we can influence our children but nothing we do can guarantee results.




Join Us Today!
Adult Ministry

Sunday Morning Adult Ministry has begun meeting **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.



Knitting Group - June 3



We will meet on **Thursday, June 17th -1PM downstairs in Yeazel Hall.** New knitters are always welcome. Please do not bring food to share and wear your mask. If you have questions call Rita 315-472-1478 or Jo 315-446-3328.

E-Mail Request

In order to communicate even more efficiently & quickly, it would be a great help to have e-mail addresses. Please consider filling out this form & return it to the Parish Office by mail or email Info@holycrossdewitt.org. **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!**
THANK YOU!

Name _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

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

First Tuesday Sandwiches: June 15th, 8:15am

Sandwich ministry has resumed downstairs in Yeazel Hall after daily Mass on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month. Please join us this Tuesday to prepare pb&j sandwiches for Catholic Charities Men's homeless shelter. Thank you for your donations & support!



Road to Emmaus Ministry: Basic Needs Collection in June

During the month of June we will be collecting toiletries to support Sheila Austin's Road to Emmaus Ministry, located at 127 Glenn Ave in Syracuse. Toiletry donations can be placed in the baskets by the front doors. Wegmans or Walmart gift cards to help purchase supplies can be dropped off at the parish office.

Items of need include:

New, unopened full size: shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, bar soap, paper towels, toilet paper and toothbrushes.

For more information, contact Carolyn Smith: cjsmith5255@gmail.com

Emmaus Sandwich Volunteers: Wednesdays, 12:30pm

During the past year Holy Cross Faith in Action volunteers prepared sandwiches on Wednesday afternoon at 12:30pm. Thank you to Michelle Engle, Sue Hines, Mark Wildrick, Deb Foster & Melody Foster for their dedication to this ministry. As we transition into summer months of July & August, we are looking for additional volunteers to help on Wednesdays at 127 E. Glenn Ave. Contact Beth: beth@holycrossdewitt.org

United we End Racism 2021:

June 26, 11am - Noon

We are proud to partner with Interfaith Works in support of United We End Racism, an event to celebrate the work being done to eliminate racism and bring about justice here in CNY.

This virtual event includes a community duck race, art and entertainment, and the Racial Justice Awards. It will be great fun for the whole family! We hope you join us in supporting this important

work by buying your Duck Ticket(s), which enters you into the race for some great prizes. A portion of duck ticket sales also supports Holy Cross, so let your family and friends know to get their Duck Tickets through our affiliate link! The virtual event is free to attend and will be streamed on YouTube and Facebook on June 26th at 11am.

- Get your duck tickets and tell your friends: <https://tinyurl.com/HolyCrossDuckTix>
- Save the date to tune in for a this transformative community event on Saturday, June 26th at 11am!



Care for Creation Small Group:

Monday, June 21st, 6:30pm

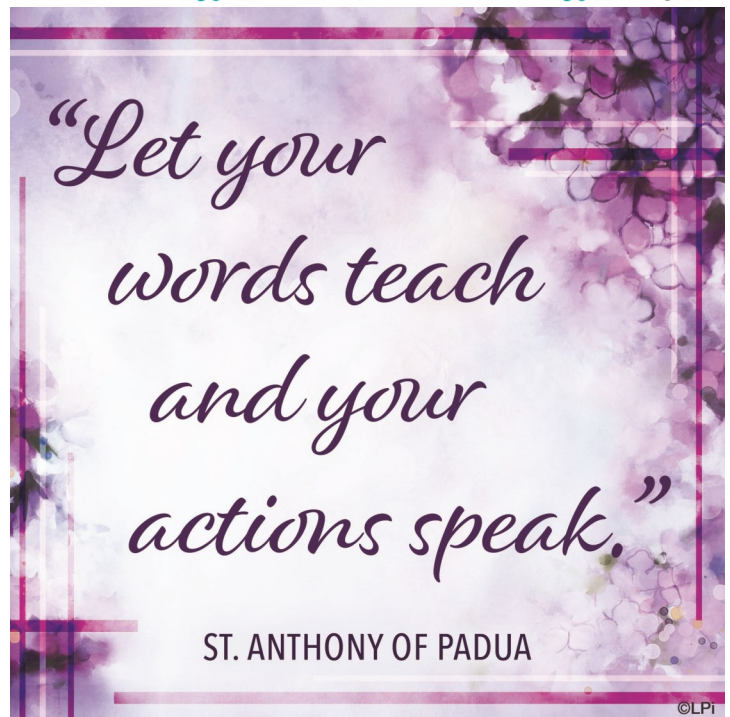
Please join us as we read and discuss Pope Francis' recent book titled Let Us Dream-The Path to a Better Future. Meetings are held outside in front of the church or inside if the weather is uncomfortable. Let us know you can join us by contacting Beth Schafer beth@holycrossdewitt.org or Ed Judge: judge@lemoyne.edu



Covid Protocol Update

After careful review of the CDC guidelines and the adoption of the guidelines by NYS, Bishop Lucia is announcing changes to our COVID protocols for Mass attendance, sacramental life and diocesan/parish office operations. Here are some important details:

- Registration and check-in is no longer required.
- Parishioners who are **fully vaccinated** are not required to wear a face mask at Mass, but are welcome to wear a mask if preferred. We kindly ask that all others continue to wear face masks.
- Social distancing is still encouraged and distanced seating is available in the chapel.
- Hand sanitizer will continue to be available at all church entrances and in the sanctuary.
- Distribution of Holy Communion by clergy using hand sanitizer, masks, and physical distancing will continue.



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@syrdio.org.

Men In Black Softball Game

Save the date for our Men In Black Softball Game that will be hosted by Saint Elizabeth An Seton Church in Baldwinsville and will take place on Sunday, July 25 at 5:30pm. Join Bishop Lucia and the Priests and Seminarians of the Diocese for this annual event that is both a fun activity and a special way to support and raise awareness of vocations.

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

Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

FORMED:

- Read:** A School of Prayer: The Saints Show Us How to Pray by Pope Benedict XVI
- Listen:** The Truth to Inspire Series for Children and Teens
- Listen:** Listen to St. Anthony of Padua, feastday June 13
- Listen:** Mother Teresa of Calcutta: A Personal Portrait Audio Book by Leo Maasburg
- Watch:** Y Disciple series for Youth and Teens

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 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!



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.

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
- 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
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Staff ~ Name and Title

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