



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple--amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.” - Mt 10:42

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- **PLEASE WATCH THE HC WEBSITE FOR CURRENT INFORMATION ON MASSES, REGISTRATION OF MASSES & DEVOTIONS AND REGULATIONS FOR ATTENDANCE.**
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- **We are limited to 25% capacity. Please register online.**
- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Wednesday at 7:00pm. Register online.**
- **Confessions on Wed. 7:00 to 8:00pm, Sat. 3:00 to 3:30pm or by appointment.**
- **Do not hesitate to call or email the Parish Office if you have questions or concerns.**
- **If no one is in the office, be sure to leave a message. (315) 446-0473; Email ~ info@holycrossdewitt.org**

Mass Times

View Sunday & Daily 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.

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
INTENTIONS**

Sun., June 28th-The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Stanley Blanchfield/ Brenda Casinello
10:30am Edvardo Pistola/ Fr. Charles Vavonese
5:00pm Jeanne Kirkman/ Elaine Lostumbo

Monday, June 29th

7:45am Maureen Murphy Sicilio/ Diane Harrington
9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Tuesday, June 30th

7:45am Michael Guariglia/ Mark, Jody & Matthew
9:00am- 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Wednesday, July 1st

7:45am People of Holy Cross
9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion
7:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Penance

Thursday, July 2nd

7:45am For the Healing of Msgr. Yeazel
9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Friday, July 3rd

7:45am Mass League
9:00am- 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Saturday, July 4th

9:00am Our Deceased Members of the Military & their Families
4:00pm Bruce Lapone/ Nancy Zanoni
3:00 - 3:30pm Penance

Sunday, July 5th- The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Sam Cimilluca, Jr./ wife, Marian
10:30am Luke Morrisroe/ Collins Family
5:00pm Robert Primo/ Mary Beth Primo

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a
Psalm 89: 2-3, 16-17, 18-19
Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11
Matthew 10: 37-42

Today’s Gospel can sound harsh if not interpreted correctly. It begins with Christ addressing the apostles. Jesus states “Whoever loves father or mother, son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me...” Of course, what Christ is saying is that the apostles (and our) focus must be on Christ, not on those around us, no matter who those people are.

We cannot be fully devoted to Christ and to another equally. The apostles, like us, must be focused on Christ and carrying forth his work in the world because Christ claims us for his own during our baptism. Imagine how difficult the decision was for the apostles of Christ. They, once called, had to choose to leave family and friends, community and employment, their entire lifestyle had to change in order to meet the demands of carrying forth the message of Christ.

We too are asked to choose Christ over all people and situations. This does not mean we turn our back in hatred towards our loved ones, or others that might stand in the way of our total devotion to Christ, we must keep them close to us while maintaining Christ as the center of our lives service and devotion. Although this may seem difficult, through keeping Christ central in our life, we truly serve those we love and encourage them to do the same.

Peace,
Fr. John

First Friday Mass League Enrollment

Patricia Lynch requested by Rose Tout
Margaret (Peg) Glisson
requested by Jack & Marian Glisson

**This weekend’s 2nd collection is:
Peter’s Pence**

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

Collections 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 or mail in your envelopes to the Parish Office (4112 E. Genesee Street, DeWitt, New York 13214).



Thank you

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SYRACUSE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

June 19, 2020 - Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Grace and peace be with you! Today, I write to share with you the news that after considerable consultation with Diocesan Administration, the Diocesan Finance Council, the College of Consultors, the leadership of the Diocesan Pastoral Council, and the Priests and Pastoral Leaders of the Diocese of Syracuse, I have authorized the filing of a Chapter 11 reorganization case for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse, New York before the United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of New York.

I have taken this action in light of the financial impact of the Child Victims Act (CVA) on the Diocese, as well as the economic downturn precipitated by the COVID-19 pandemic. When I became your Bishop on August 8th last year, it was just before the start of the CVA window and I was asked whether the Diocese would have to follow the paths of other dioceses in the United States who had made such filings. At the time, my answer was a hopeful "No" due to the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program (IRCP) conducted in recent years by the Diocese of Syracuse.

Unfortunately, this has proven not to be the case, and at present the Diocese has over 100 lawsuits pending against it. This number could grow, especially in view of the fact that the CVA window is expected to be extended until August 2021. Without a reorganization, the Diocese and claimants will face a slow, unpredictable and costly process that would require years of court involvement. Such a protracted process would delay justice for the victims and only prolong their pain and suffering. The challenge this situation presents our Diocese is simply that one jury award could so diminish our assets that we would have little or nothing with which to resolve the other claims or carry on the important ministries of the Diocese.

From the start of my ministry among you, it has been my intent to make reparation to all of the victims of sexual abuse for acts perpetrated against them by clergy, employees or volunteers of the Diocese of Syracuse. However, the growing number of CVA lawsuits against the Diocese presents a risk that those claimants who filed suits first or pursued their claims more aggressively would receive a much greater portion of the funds available to pay victims, leaving other claimants (potentially, even some who have suffered more) with little or nothing. In order to ensure that victim claims are treated justly and equitably, I feel it is necessary to enter into Chapter 11 where available funds will be allocated fairly among all victims in accordance with the harm each suffered.

I want to be very clear that this action is not to hinder claims by victims of sexual abuse. It is just the opposite! It seeks to establish a process by which claims will be treated in a just and equitable way. I know not everyone will see it in this manner and to those whose wounds are opened again or whose faith is shaken because of these proceedings, I am truly sorry. However, since my coming among you, I have not shied away from tackling the problems we face as a faith family. My approach has been to seek a balance; whether in parish planning and re-configuration, dealing with the Coronavirus, and now in helping both victims of sexual abuse and our Diocese to move forward from this sad and painful chapter.

On the Diocesan web page at www.syrdio.org you will be able to find the latest information on the Chapter 11 proceedings and follow its progression in the days ahead. Included will be a quick FAQ sheet to help you understand what today's announcement involves. The web page will also link to a report of the Diocese's response to past child sexual abuse claims and the important work of our Diocesan safe environment program. All claims of abuse are decades old, dating back from 1950 to the early 1990s.

It is important to note that it is only the corporation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse, New York that has filed for reorganization before the U.S. Bankruptcy Court. The parishes within the Diocese, the Foundation including the Hope Appeal, Catholic Charities, Catholic schools, and other entities associated with the Catholic Church of Syracuse are separate corporations and are not directly involved in these proceedings.

Today's action will require the Diocese to be under court supervision in its Chapter 11 case for many months. However, after exhaustive study by myself and those in Diocesan Administration, I feel it is the only way we can address victims' claims in the most fair and equitable manner, while maintaining the vital ministries and mission of the Diocese.

It is my hope that during this process of reorganization and following its completion, we will continue to pray for the healing of those who had been harmed during this very dark chapter of the Church. As your Bishop, I must again, apologize for these heinous acts and ask you all to join me in our diocesan commitment that these acts will never take place again.

In this matter, we place ourselves under the loving care of the Sacred Heart of Jesus praying that He will make our hearts more like His through this time of purification and reparation. Please know my prayers for you and your loved ones continue and I ask humbly for your prayers for me and the Church of Syracuse.

In the Name of Jesus,



Most Reverend Douglas J. Lucia Bishop of Syracuse



UPDATE

Bishop Lucia has **opened** the parishes in the Diocese of Syracuse. Holy Cross has reopened for all weekend liturgies. Daily Masses are also open. **You must register ahead of time for Sunday Mass, Daily Mass and Adoration (Wed. evening).** Register at www.holycrossdewitt.org or call the office. **Please follow all guidelines** that you received in our mailing to keep yourself and others safe. They are also on the web site. **All Masses are now in the church & limited to 25% capacity.**

To remain in compliance with current government restrictions on the number of individuals allowed to gather, we kindly ask that you register for Mass and Adoration (Wed. evenings) using our scheduling system that can be found on our website. This will ensure individuals are not turned away at the door, helps avoid any traffic issues, and as a safety measure to assist in reporting names in the event of any possible exposure to COVID-19.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate these new policies and procedures.

HOLIDAY INFORMATION

- The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd to observe the Fourth of July
- Private Prayer & Devotion will **not** take place on July 4th or July 5th.
- Daily Mass will be at 7:45am at Holy Cross on July 3rd and 4th.



Monday Evening Prayer

Each Monday Night we will be offering Night Prayer live on our Facebook page. Please join us for this time of prayer and reflection.



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

Adoration and Confession is starting up again. We ask that you register online as you do for Mass if you are planning on attending. We begin the hour in church with Adoration & will conclude with Solemn Benediction.



Confessions Wednesday Evenings –Chapel

Sacrament of Reconciliation is being offered every Wednesday between 7 & 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.



PRAYER REQUESTS

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, Joanne Pistello, 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.

Private Prayer Hours

The Main Church will be open for Private Prayer and Devotion between 9am and 3pm - Monday to Friday. **When visiting the church, you are required to wear a make and to use social distancing.** These hours may change so check the website.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

**PRAY FOR OUR
HC COMMUNITY**

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

Sandwich Ministry: July 7th, 8:15am

For the first time since March, Holy Cross sandwich ministry gathered to prepare peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for Catholic Charities men’s shelter. For the past several years, volunteers gathered on the first and third Tuesdays of the month to make sandwiches for homeless men in our community. To limit the spread of the virus, masks, gloves and distancing are required.



Thank you to Bill Sovik for delivering the sandwiches, and to Gayle Restarits, Carol Heil & Bob Brunette for donations of bread & peanut butter! To join us on the first Tuesday of July, please sign up in advance

by contacting Beth: beth@holycrossdewitt.org or (315) 416-4576.

Garden helpers at CTK

Although we need to be physically distant, there are many opportunities to get outside and enjoy God’s creation! A great way to serve others is by volunteering to help with community gardening. Holy Cross volunteers plant & maintain a flower garden in the backyard at Christ the King Retreat House. If you are willing to tend the garden occasionally, we are signing up volunteers to stop in once, in the week of your choosing during the months of July & August. Please contact Beth for more information:

beth@holycrossdewitt.org

Race Matters:

If recent events have caused you to pray for an end to violence, and you would like to learn more about racism and its impact on our country, there are many great resources available to you. Here are two recommendations:

Watch a movie: “13th” is a documentary that is currently offered free on Netflix; it offers a history of race and the criminal justice system in America.

- Curl up with a good book: “Jay-Z – Made in America” by Michael Eric Dyson is the book to read for the next Race Matters Book Club scheduled for Monday, August 24th at 7:00 PM. Peter Sarver, ACTS will co-facilitate with Dr. Ednita Wright, Professor at Onondaga Community College. To register for the (possibly virtual) event on August 24th, email: petersarveracts@gmail.com

Totus Tuus is Open for Summer 2020



Registration is now open for Totus Tuus, a vacation bible school and youth retreat put on by trained college students at Catholic churches all summer long. It is designed to be extremely fun, energetic, and engaging while bringing kids to the depths of the faith. **Holy Cross is hosting Totus Tuus the week of July 26th - 31st.** There is daytime programming (9:00 AM - 3:00 PM) for 1st-6th grade students (2020-2021 school year) from Monday, July 27th - Friday, July 31st. There are evening sessions (7:00 PM - 9:00 PM) for 7th-12th grade students (2020-2021 school year) from Sunday, July 26th - Thursday, July 30th.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

In the event that Totus Tuus is canceled due to Coronavirus, you will be issued a full refund. (All Eventbrite fees will be paid by the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry.) In anticipation of social distancing guidelines, there will be a limited number of spots available for the program. After the capacity is reached, those interested in the program will be able to sign up to be placed on a waiting list and will be notified if spots become available. **Register today at holycrossdewitt.org/youth.**

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.

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!

A Family Perspective:

Today's gospel challenges us to resist the individualism of our culture. Everything we are and have is pure gift which we are expected to share especially to the "lowly ones." What has been freely given needs to be shared freely. No strings attached.



Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

FORMED

- Watch and pray:** The Novena of Surrender to Jesus
- Watch:** A program for moms: Motherhood Matters
- Watch:** Children/Family: The Messengers: The Birth of the Early Church
- Watch:** The Search: A new 7 part program to rent or own individually. Presenter: Chris Stefanick

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

Sunday & Daily Mass Online

holycrossdewitt.org/watch



Join us online for Mass! Just go to our [website](#).

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

You may watch Mass at the designated times or later .

Have you considered having a Mass requested for the intention of someone in your family or a friend?

We have two options available to you. The first is to have a Mass requested for either a daily Mass or a weekend Mass - cost is \$10. The second is the Mass League. Your loved one will be remembered at the 7:45am Mass on the First Friday of the month for one year - cost is \$25. Both can be purchased at the Parish Office.

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 with your new address.



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 prior to wedding

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
- 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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- Martha O'Leary, School Principal
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