



# 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.”  
- Mt 13:23

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- **PLEASE WATCH THE HC WEBSITE FOR CURRENT INFORMATION ON MASSES, REGISTRATION OF MASSES & DEVOTIONS AND REGULATIONS FOR ATTENDANCE.**
- **To remain in compliance with current government restriction of the number of individuals allowed to gather, we kindly ask that you register for Mass using our scheduling system. This may be found on the Holy Cross website. This will ensure individuals are not turned away.**
- **Holy Cross Church will be open Monday - Friday. 9am to 3pm for private Prayer and Devotion. You must wear a mask & use social distancing.**
- **We are limited to 33% 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](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.**

## 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

**Sun., July 12<sup>th</sup>-The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am Kevin Hanlon/ Margaret Ingraham  
 10:30am Aungier & McManus Families/ Family  
 5:00pm John Gamage/ The Gamage Family

**Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Arthur J. Jutton/ Family  
 9:00am- 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Our Lady of Mt. Carmel/ IMO Anthony Ianuzzi  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Jesse Gray Smith/ Mary Beth Smith  
 9:00am- 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Mary M. Isherwood/ Mary Beth Smith  
 4:00pm Frank Cappelletti/ Henry & Patrice Centore  
 3:00 - 3:30pm Penance

**Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>- The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am Henry & James Fiacco/ Family  
 10:30am Lenora Marie Cedrone/ Wife & Children  
 5:00pm Catherine Collins Bonna/ Family

**Scriptural Reflection for Sunday July 12, 2020**

Isaiah 55: 10-11  
 Psalm 65: 10, 11, 12-13, 14  
 Romans 8: 18-23  
 Matthew 13: 1-23

Today Paul writes to the believers in Rome, addressing human suffering and looking beyond it to the promise of heaven. Critics of faith might say that the faithful always look to some good that will come from suffering in order to help them get through the difficult times. I for one do look for the good that comes from suffering, and ultimately look towards the salvation that Christ won for us through his death on the cross.

Suffering, however, is not easy. It is painful to watch, and often more painful to experience. It goes back to Christ's torture, crucifixion and ultimate death. One can argue that it was more painful to watch his suffer, or that Christ himself experienced more pain during his suffering. No matter which side you happen to support, there is no doubt that the suffering Christ experienced paid for our sins, and that his ultimate death has provided us with life eternal. Certainly, no faithful person could argue that his pain and suffering and even his death were in vain.

Can we, as followers of Christ unite our pain, our suffering, and ultimately our bodily death to Christ in such a way as we see good come out of it? Our present sufferings are as nothing compared with the glory that will be revealed to us. Paul spoke these words to the Romans. Hopefully they ring true to us today as well.

Blessings,  
 Fr. John

**Msgr. Yeazel's Address**

If you would like to offer your encouragement and support to Msgr. Yeazel, cards and letters may be sent to this address:



Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital  
 1270 Belmont Ave, Rm # 306  
 Schenectady, NY 12308

**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**

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](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 July 12, 2020

<b>SUN 7/12</b>	Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 [Lk 8:8]/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
<b>MON 7/13</b>	Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 10:34—11:1
<b>TUE 7/14</b>	Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 9d]/Mt 11:20-24
<b>WED 7/15</b>	Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 11:25-27
<b>THR 7/16</b>	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21 [20b]/Mt 11:28-30
<b>FRI 7/17</b>	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 12:1-8
<b>SAT 7/18</b>	Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 [12b]/Mt 12:14-21
<b>SUN 7/19</b>	Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

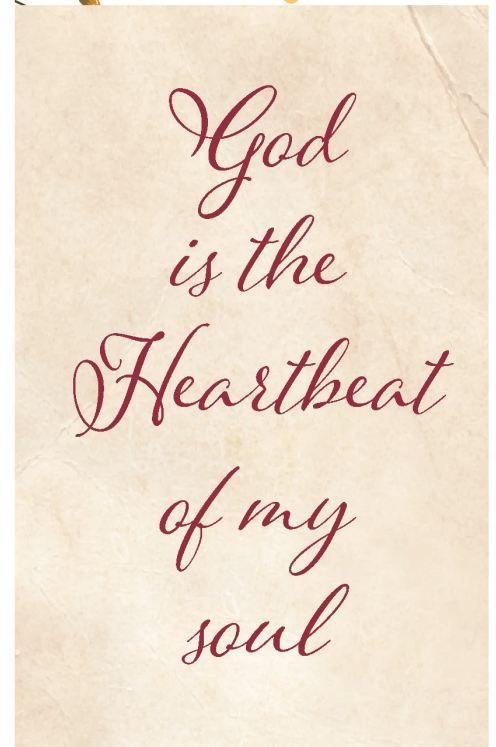
### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 12, 2020

<b>Sunday:</b>	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Monday:</b>	St. Henry
<b>Tuesday:</b>	St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
<b>Wednesday:</b>	St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
<b>Thursday:</b>	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
<b>Saturday:</b>	St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the week

Any good farmer will tell you that regardless of how good the quality of the seed, its sprouting and bearing of effective fruit is dependent upon the quality of the soil. Preparing the soil is one of the most essential components of farming. There is no doubt that the seed of God's Word will eventually achieve its purpose. God cannot and will not fail. When and how that seed bears fruit is, however, dependent upon us. What is the quality and condition of your soil? Life's concerns and preoccupations can cause us to become inattentive to our inner life. This sometimes unintentional neglect can result in our soil becoming hard, overgrown with weeds, rocky, parched, and lifeless. When God's seed is sown, it doesn't always take root because it struggles to establish roots and flourish. How can you more attentively attend to the soil of your heart so that it will be a fertile and vital place for the fruit of the Gospel to grow?





**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](http://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 in the church & limited to 33% 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.



**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, Sharon & Joe Kieffer, 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](mailto: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.

**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.

**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.



**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

**Catholic Media - Augustine Institute**

**FORMED**

**Watch:** Symbolon: Catholic Social Teaching: Building a Civilization of Love  
**Watch:** St. Kateri Tekakwitha: Lily of the Mohawks  
**Listen with kids:** St. Kateri Tekakwitha  
**Study:** Footprints of God: Mary (Our Lady of Mt. Carmel 7/16)  
**Read:** The Young People's Book of Saints

**A Family Perspective:**



The stress and anxieties of family life are like "thorns which choke off" any opportunity to reflect on God's presence in our lives. Notice in today's gospel Jesus "left the house" so He could connect with His Father. Grasp five minutes each day to appreciate God walking with you.

## 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)

### NEW SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITY; Laudato Si Circles: Sunday, July 12, 6pm

In honor of the 5th Anniversary of Pope Francis' Encyclical about Care for Creation, we invite you to be a part of a monthly gathering that meets outdoors for prayer and reflection on the wonder and beauty of creation. Meetings will begin with prayer, and will be held at outdoor locations. Join us after 5pm mass today at the picnic tables behind the school to learn more about this new opportunity for prayer and reflection! Drop by or contact Ed Judge or Beth Schafer to sign up: [judge@lemoyne.edu](mailto:judge@lemoyne.edu)

### Third Tuesday Sandwiches: July 21st, 8:15am

Social distancing, masks and gloves are now part of our sandwich ministry. To join us Tuesday morning, Please sign up in advance by contacting Beth: (315) 416-4576 or [beth@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:beth@holycrossdewitt.org)

### Refugee Assistance Update:

Thank you to Joan Willard & Mary Beth Smith for their loving care & attention to immediate needs. Thank you to NHN volunteers for their help with lawn care at the family's home this year. This is their 3rd year in Syracuse, and the family is growing & changing rapidly and there are many challenges along the way. We are looking for help with remedial math tutoring for the teens in the family this month. If you would like to help with this activity, which could be done outside at a nearby park, please contact Beth: (315) 416-4576.

Good news! The Ali Khel family celebrated their first High school graduate this year! Jameel, the oldest boy in the family graduated from Corcoran High School. He is the first graduate in his family! He plans to pursue an apprenticeship in a trade in the fall.

### Matthew 25 Farm in July & August:

This year our annual service trip to Matthew 25 Farm is expanded to two dates: July 18th and August 15th, 8-11am. Families will enjoy learning from Rick, a former elementary school teacher who eagerly shares the joys of growing food. We will help him to grow & harvest vegetables, learning about their mission to support local food pantries & soup kitchens. You can even bring a few veggies home to sample the crop! Please sign up if you want to join the group [beth@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:beth@holycrossdewitt.org) (315)416-4576

Note: If you want to plan your own family trip to the farm, volunteers are welcome anytime by appointment: Contact Rick: [Matthew25Farm@yahoo.com](mailto:Matthew25Farm@yahoo.com) or (315)558-2212.

### 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:

- Read a book: Waking up White and Finding Myself in a Story about Race by Debbie Irving. A great way to learn what is meant by the term "systemic racism".
- 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.

### 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!

### Gardening Angels



The Gardening Angels are as busy as the bees. They are all over the many Holy Cross gardens on Tuesdays and Thursdays mornings. The Angel's summer plans are to seed over some of the front garden areas, moving some clean dirt, pull-up the Iris along the parking lot wall and reset them for the Fall, renovate the Black-eyed Susan garden, and replant the Daffodils and Narcissus bulbs. Otherwise it's just weeding and watering and admiring. But we need helpers still. And it's fun and health in the good ol' lazy, hazy days of Summer. Contact Sue Sovik by phone 315 445-8980.

### Sunday & Daily Mass Online

[holycrossdewitt.org/watch](http://holycrossdewitt.org/watch)



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

- 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 .**

### 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](https://www.facebook.com/syracuseCTV). Televised Mass is made possible by your generous donations to the HOPE Appeal.

### 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](mailto:Peg@holycrossdewitt.org) with your new address.

**Invitation to learn about Laudato Si Circles!**

A Laudato Si Circle is a small group of people who gather to be rooted in **prayer, reflection on lifestyle, and communal action.**

We will hold meetings outdoors (complying with social distancing), providing the opportunity to pray with and for creation Our meetings will offer the opportunity for personal **reflection** and group action on behalf of the environment. For more information about Laudato Si Circles, check out <https://catholicclimatemovement.global/circles/>



**You are invited to attend an interest meeting Sunday, July 12 at 6pm** (after 5pm mass) at the picnic tables in the gazebo behind Holy Cross School; pizza & beverages will be included. A regular meeting date & time will be selected based on the interested participants availability. Please sign up for the meeting in advance if possible by phone: 315-446-0473 or email: [beth@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:beth@holycrossdewitt.org)

**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

**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](http://holycrossdewitt.org/youth).**

**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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**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
- 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](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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**Staff ~ Name and Title**

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