

A great principal builds character, inspires dreams, encourages creativity, builds confidence, instills a love of learning, touches our hearts, and changes our lives forever. We are grateful to have had such an inspiring, encouraging, and caring leader in our community that has touched so many hearts and changed so many students' lives. Congratulations on your retirement and thank you for your faithful service to Holy Cross. We will miss you Mrs. O'Leary.

- **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

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

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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sun., July 26th-The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Susan Bossong/ The Garrett Family
 10:30am Rita Centra/ Centra Family
 5:00pm Dr. Carl I. Austin Sr./ Theresa Austin-Walker

Monday, July 27th

7:45am Chuck & Sue Farnett/ Claude & Mary Anne Pilon
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Tuesday, July 28th

7:45am Frank Loguidice/ Family
 9:00am- 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Wednesday, July 29th

7:45am Alyce McNamara/ Maio Family
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion
 7:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Penance

Thursday, July 30th

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

Friday, July 31st

7:45am Marleah & Joseph Farnett/
 Claude & Mary Anne Pilon
 9:00am- 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Saturday, August 1st

9:00am Herbert Silvestri/ Daughter & Family
 4:00pm Dorothy Schuyler/ Diane Harrington
 3:00 - 3:30pm Penance

Sunday, Aug. 2nd- The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Susan Bossong/ Dr. Casey Fallon
 10:30am Frank Cappelletti/ Kathy & Dick Lowenberg
 5:00pm Betty Galletta/ M/M Michael F. Collins & Family

**Scriptural Reflection for Sunday, July 26, 2020
 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

I Kings 3:5, 7-12
 Psalm 119: 57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130
 Romans 8: 28-30
 Matthew 13: 44-52

The First Book of Kings reminds us we should use discretion in what we ask of God. King Solomon, when visited by God in a dream asks for understanding so he might continue to serve the people God has entrusted to him. This request may seem unselfish, and indeed, God recognizes that and praises Solomon for not requesting riches or other blessings for himself. We hear Solomon question his own ability to lead God's people, the wisdom he seeks will benefit all because of the right decisions Solomon will make.

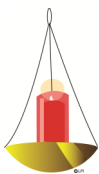
I wonder if given the same opportunity by God to ask for whatever I want, would I make the wise choice. There are so many desires and apparently necessary trappings that we all want at times that it seems miraculous that Solomon would ask for such a selfless blessing.

What will we ask of God? Are we prepared to ask for the greater benefit of those whom we serve instead of our own benefit? Can we keep the needs of our parish, families and communities in mind? Today perhaps we can devote our prayer to praying for increased wisdom for ourselves. Imagine how much improved our lives can be if we make wise decisions based on the will of God, not our own will and desires.

Peace,
 Fr. John Kurgan



Week of August 26th



Host, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory Of: Herbert and Angeline Silvestri
Requested By: Family

Celebration of Life Mass for Alyce McNamara

On Wednesday, July 29th there will be a Mass at 10:00 AM celebrating the life of Alyce McNamara at Immaculate Conception Church in Fayetteville. All are welcome to attend!

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

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 26, 2020

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| SUN 7/26 | 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 [97a]/ Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46 |
| MON 7/27 | Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 13:31-35 |
| TUE 7/28 | Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [9]/Mt 13:36-43 |
| WED 7/29 | Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42 |
| THR 7/30 | Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab [5a]/Mt 13:47-53 |
| FRI 7/31 | Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 [14c]/Mt 13:54-58 |
| SAT 8/1 | Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 [14c]/Mt 14:1-12 |
| SUN 8/2 | Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21 |

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 26, 2020

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| Sunday: | 17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| Wednesday: | St. Martha |
| Thursday: | St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church |
| Friday: | St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest |
| Saturday: | St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church |
| Next Sunday: | 18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time |

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

When a merchant finally finds a priceless, perfect pearl, he sells all he has and buys it. He does this because that pearl matters to him. It has significance and brings a depth of joy like none other. What matters and is of importance to you? When what matters to us has something to do with the kingdom of God, God is delighted. His exuberant happiness is hard to contain because He knows that we are happy stumbling upon this beautiful wisdom. Ask God to help you discover this pearl of great price. There are many things competing for our attention every day. But not all of these things are important. We focus too much energy on the unimportant, superficial stuff and neglect paying attention to the things that really make a difference and have the greatest impact. Things all too easily become more significant than people, and our agendas become more essential than God's. We do not have to empty our bank accounts and totally detach from everything we have in order to serve God. But, we are asked to prioritize our lives and make what matters to God what matters most to us. In doing so, when we rise each day, we will be able to see what really needs our attention and embrace it with great joy!



Delight
in Him
Always



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 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, Patricia Pool, 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.

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



Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

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 mask and to use social distancing.

These hours may change so check the website.

Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

FORMED

Study: YDisciple: Called, Session 2: What is Discernment?

Listen: Discerning Hearts: Discernment of Spirits

Watch: Solanus Casey

Watch with kids: Extraordinary Stories for Children

A Family Perspective:

The man in today's gospel "sold all he had" for the treasure he found. Family relationships are "treasures" and demand our total personal investment.

Invest yourself in the "treasure" of your family.



**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 Night 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.



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: August 4th, 8:15am

Social distancing, masks and gloves are now part of our sandwich ministry. Join us Tuesday morning to make a variety of sandwiches for the Men's homeless shelter. We prepare peanut butter & Jelly, egg, chicken & tuna salad sandwiches. Sign up in advance by contacting Beth: (315) 416-4576 or beth@holycrossdewitt.org

Matthew 25 Farm in August: August 15th, 8-11 am

You are invited to join a service trip to Matthew 25 Farm in Lafayette on Saturday, August 15th at 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 (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 or (315)558-2212.

Race Matters:

While you are stockpiling your summer reads, pick up a copy of Grace Will Lead Us Home by Jennifer Berry Hawes. It is the September 28th read for the Race Matters discussion. Hawes, a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist tells the story of "The Charleston Church Massacre and the Hard, Inspiring Journey to Forgiveness". To register for the September 28th online session, please email: petersarveracts@gmail.com

August School Supplies collection:

While you are shopping for school supplies this year, please consider picking up an extra item or two for our collection to benefit local families experiencing poverty.



Requested items include: backpacks, pens, pencils, erasers, glue sticks, folders, filler paper, tissues & hand sanitizer. Please place your donated school supplies in the bins near the front doors on the weekend or drop them in the office on weekdays.

**Food Giving Weekend
Next Weekend - August 1 and 2.**

I know it has been a while since we had our Food Giving Weekend but we will start again the first weekend in August. Please help our friends who are in need of food by bringing your non-perishable food items to any of the Masses.



We would like to thank everyone who donated food or money over the past few months. It was so appreciated by the Jamesville Food Pantry.

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 Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The Angels' 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 healthy in the good ol' lazy, hazy days of Summer. Contact Sue Sovik by phone 315 445-8980.

Sunday & Daily Mass Online

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 .

Totus Tuus REGISTER NOW - Starts Monday

Register today 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.

Job Openings at Pope John XXIII

Faith Formation Catechetical leader part-time :

Seeking a fun and energetic individual to lead and continue to design and develop the faith formation program at Pope John XXIII. This position is a 20 hours/week position based on 11 months. **Please see our website for more information regarding this position; www.popejohnchurch.org**

Family Minister part time: We are seeking to grow our relationship with your family's needs, especially with younger and growing youth. This position is to be a liaison for families of Christ the King and Pope John XXIII. This is a 10 hours/week position based on 12 months. **See our website for more information regarding this position; www.popejohnchurch.org.**

Job Openings at St. Margaret's

Parish Secretary wanted:

St. Margaret's Church is seeking applicants for this part-time 25 hours a week position. Responsibilities of the job include providing administrative support, secretarial, clerical & related office services for members of the parish & parish/school staff & various other committees and boards. The secretary should ensure that the office runs efficiently, & presents a professional, compassionate demeanor to all parishioners, visitors, clergy, as well as other parish/school staff. Applicants should contact St. Margaret's Church at 315-455-5534. Applications due by August 4, 2020.

Housekeeper/Cook wanted:

St. Margaret's Church, and school, Mattydale, NY seek applicants for a part-time 8 hours a week position. The job includes housekeeping duties to keep the parish rectory clean and presentable for parishioners, visitors, as well as parish and school staff. The job also includes cooking one meal a day. Applicants should contact St. Margaret's Church at 315-455-5534. Applications due by August 4, 2020.

Maintenance/Janitorial Employee Wanted

St. Margaret's Church, and school, Mattydale, NY seek applicants for a full time 40 hours a week position. The job includes cleaning, light maintenance and repair for the school building, church, rectory, convent and grounds, seasonal snow removal and mowing also necessary. The position includes health insurance and other benefits. Applicants should contact St. Margaret's Church at 315-455-5534. Applications due by August 4, 2020.

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

Penance ~ Wednesday 7-8pm, Saturday 3 - 3:30pm
By appointment

HOLY CROSS PARISH

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Church Office – Phone: 315 446-0473, FAX: 315 446-7608

Website: holycrossdewitt.org ■ E-Mail: info@holycrossdewitt.org

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
- 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

4200 E. Genesee St., DeWitt, NY 13214

School Office – Phone: 315 446-4890, FAX: 315 446-4799

Website: hcschooldewitt.org

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Staff ~ Name and Title

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