



*Solemnity of the Assumption  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**Pray the Rosary with us  
following all Masses**

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**OUR LADY TO BLESSED ALAN DE LA ROCHE**



# MASS INTENTIONS

## Sun., Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30am Don Foster/ Family  
10:30am Deacon Donald McCabe/ Michael McCabe  
5:00pm (living intention) Jared Mace/ Sherry Mace

## Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>

7:45am Jim Cohen/ Wife  
9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

## Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>

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

## Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>

7:45am Judy Wickert/ Cameron Williamson  
9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

## Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup>

7:45am Leonora Stach/ Lorraine Malecki  
9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

## Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>

7:45am Joanne Gifford/ Family  
9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

## Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>

9:00am Russell & Mary Hayes/ Family  
4:00pm Ray Blake/ Family  
3:00 to 3:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

## Sun., August 22<sup>nd</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am Frank & Mary Cushman/  
Raemarie & James Light  
10:30am Scott Burtch/ Frank  
5:00pm Thomas Dadey Sr./ Smith Family

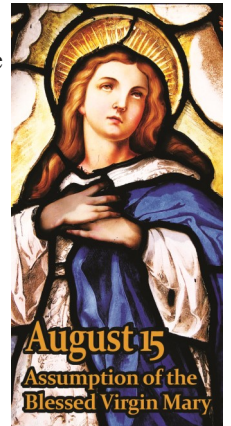
## Spiritual Reflection for Sunday, August 15, 2021 Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Revelations 11:19, 12:16, 10  
1 Corinthians 15: 20-27  
Luke 1: 39-56

When we think about the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we can talk about her willingness to bear the child of God, we can focus on her strength as a woman in various stages of pregnancy who traveled first to “the hill country in haste” and then to Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus in the manger. These are important aspects of God’s plan for the salvation of His people. But even more important can be the aspect of Mary’s life in which she humbly took her place as the God-bearer- the “Theotokos”. This Greek word conveys the sense that Mary is the vehicle by which God became man. This is a lofty place in history, but Mary approaches it as a humble servant of the Lord. Her words in today’s gospel bear this out.

As she sits with her cousin Elizabeth, who herself is miraculously pregnant with the baby who would become John the Baptist, Mary speaks about the way God has blessed her with a crucial role in His plan for our salvation; “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my savior.” In a situation where she could rightly bask in the attention and admiration of her cousin, Mary points to the greatness of God as the most important part of her situation. “He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation, he has shown the strength of his arm and has scattered the proud in their conceit.” She goes on to detail the goodness of God, and diverts all attention and honor to the one who truly deserves it.

As we approach the feast of the Assumption of Mary where she is brought bodily to heaven, let us seek to emulate the humility that Mary shows in her life and look at God and others as greater than we.



Peace be with you,

Deacon Dare



### Week of August 15

**Host, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp**

*In Memory Of:* Stephen Oliva Sr.

*Requested By :* Wife & Family

### 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**

\$15,394.00 Collection of August 8<sup>th</sup>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT  
OF YOUR PARISH!**

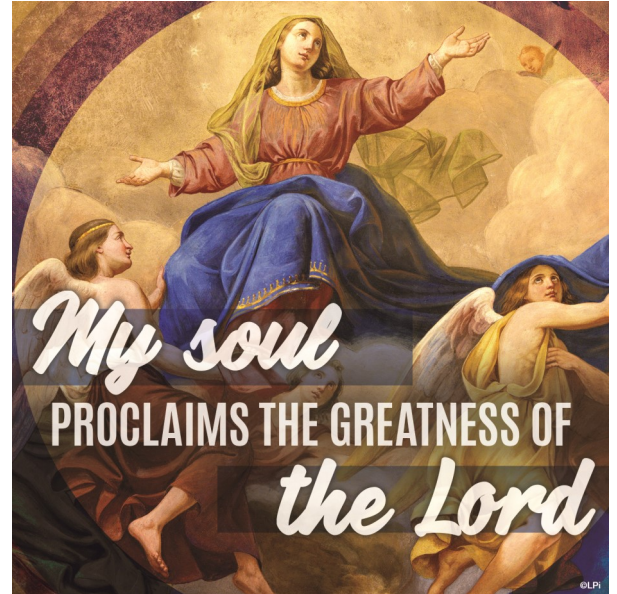
### Your support is invaluable. Thank You

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](http://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 AUGUST 15, 2021

- Sunday:** Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/  
1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/  
Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
- Monday:** Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/  
Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday:** Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday:** Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday:** Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14
- Friday:** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/  
Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday:** Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [4]/Mt 23:1-12
- Next Sunday:** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/  
Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69



## The Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary August 14 & 15

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*“When people love and recite the Rosary they find it makes them better.”*

St. Anthony Mary Claret

### Pray the Rosary Daily

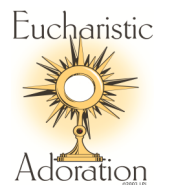
Most mornings after daily Mass a group gathers in the Church or outside to pray the rosary. It is informal, and open to anyone who would like to pray. Please join us!

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

We begin the hour in the church with Adoration & conclude with Solemn Benediction.

### **Confessions Wednesday Evenings – Church**

Sacrament of Reconciliation is 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.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Garth H. Bishop, Eden & Mackenzie Bishop, Barbara Boyd, Terry Chylinski, Armand Cincotta, Tom Coyne, Mark Cywilko, Joanne & Aidan Gallagher, John Galletta, Richard Griffin, Sharon Kieffer, Ann Kronner, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Dinita Machlin, Monique Missoff, Mary Elizabeth Morgan, Faith Muller, Patricia Pool, 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 include them for three months unless you notify us otherwise. Thank you.

### This Weekend at the 4pm Mass Rite of Candidacy

As he concludes his Pastoral Year at Holy Cross, our seminarian James Buttner will be celebrating the Rite of Admission to Candidacy. This is a special moment in his discernment and seminary formation when the Bishop receives him as a candidate for future ordination. James will express his intention to complete his formation and move toward ordination to the priesthood. Reception will follow in Yeazel Hall when you will get a chance to congratulate and to wish James well as he returns to his studies.

### 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.

### Are you a parent seeking to join the Church?

You might be reading this page because you are curious about what is involved in becoming a Catholic, or because you firmly desire to join the Catholic Church. Either way, we wish to assure you that at no stage will the Catholic Church put you under any pressure to sign up and become a full member. In fact, you may find the process of becoming a Catholic somewhat slower than you would like... because membership involves making a firm commitment to God and to the local Catholic community, and is not to be undertaken lightly!

There are two sides to becoming a Catholic--receiving instruction in the faith, and taking part in the services of a local Catholic community. You can start with one or the other, but you will need to have completed sufficient instruction AND be attending regular services before you can become a full member of the Catholic faith.

If you are searching for answers and a deeper relationship with God, please contact our parish office to ask about the RCIA process: 315-446-0473



### Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

#### **FORMED:**

**Read:** Faith Basics: Understanding Catholic Teaching on the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Listen:** Mary: The Indispensable Mother of God

**Watch:** The Daily Rosary for Peace: Fatima Hope for the World

**Watch (Children/Family):** The Rosary: A Special Way to Pray

**Read and Pray:** To Jesus through Mary

### THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

**Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**

8:15 AM Holy Hour - Church

**Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 PM RCIA Team Meeting - Parish Office

**Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church

7:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church

**Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**

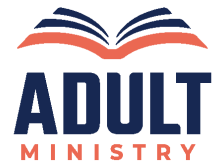
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### Yeazel Hall Closed

Yeazel Hall is closed for our annual maintenance from Monday, August 9 to Friday, August 27. All events have been cancelled or moved to a different location during this time.

### Sunday Morning Adult Ministry

We are a group of parishioners who are interested in learning more about our faith. **In August we will meet at 9:15am on Sunday, Aug. 29** downstairs in rooms 12 and 13. We are starting a book called The Story Of A Soul, the autobiography of St. Terese of Liseux. Please join us.



### Knitting Group

The Knitting Group will **not** be meeting on Thursday, August 19th because of Yeazel Hall Maintenance. **We will meet on Thursday, Sept. 2.**



### Monthly Movie

**Tuesday, August 31 at 1:00pm - Church**

This month's feature will be the musical **42nd Street**. Peggy Sawyer is from small-town America and just a face in the chorus line of 'Pretty Lady', the new show from legendary director Julian Marsh. But when leading lady, Dorothy Brock is injured, Peggy's dreams of stardom just may come true.

Movie is free and will be shown in Yeazel Hall.

### St. Mary's Holy Hour

There will be a holy hour at St. Mary's Church in Jamesville, on Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 AM. This hour will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a recitation of the Rosary. All are welcome!

Summer 2021  
Faith In Action Opportunities

**Emmaus Sandwich Volunteers:  
Wednesdays, 12:30-2:30pm**

During the month of August we are looking for additional volunteers to help make sandwiches on Wednesday afternoons at 12:30pm. Emmaus is located at 127 E. Glenn Ave. For info or to sign up contact Sheila: [saustin@emmausministry.org](mailto:saustin@emmausministry.org)

**Parish-wide book read:  
Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future**

The Holy Father's recent book reflects on lessons learned during the pandemic, and yet it is light, uplifting & encouraging! Please join in a parish-wide book read of Pope Francis' book titled Let Us Dream-The Path to a Better Future. The Care for Creation Circle has purchased a limited number of copies to lend to Holy Cross parishioners. If instead you would like to purchase the book, copies are available at major booksellers. To borrow a parish copy, contact the parish office: (315) 446-0473.

**Care for Creation Small Group:  
Monday 8/23, 6:30-7:30pm**

During the months of July and August, join us for a book discussion of Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future. Meetings are held outside in front of the church or inside in case of poor weather. Drop by or let us know you can join us by contacting Ed Judge: [judge@lemoyne.edu](mailto:judge@lemoyne.edu).

**School Supply Collection  
Last Weekend**

Mothers & children in Crisis is a Syracuse based advocacy group supporting families in the court system. The Holy Cross community helps to support their children by offering a backpack and needed school supplies to set them off on the right foot each school year. This is our 6th year!



Our collection needs include: backpacks, #2 pencils, erasers, colored pencils, sharpeners, pencil cases, notebooks, glue sticks - all levels of school supplies from pre-K to high school. More info is available at the collection bin in the vestibule.

Thank you so much for your support!

**Holy Cross Church is Hiring!**

We are looking for a full-time Communications/Administrative Assistant who is committed to helping others and is solution-oriented with a strong and confident command of language. Someone who appreciates a meaningful spreadsheet, jumps in enthusiastically to new tasks and loves organization, consistency, and good design is an ideal candidate. We are a team of people who love to do great work and prioritize kindness, gratitude, and the celebration of our faith-filled community. We hope you will too! To learn more and apply for this position, visit our website at <https://www.holycrossdewitt.org/jobs>.

**Teacher Needed**

Holy Cross School is looking for a part-time music teacher to work 1.5 days per week. It's the perfect opportunity for someone just starting out or perhaps someone who has retired. If you know of anyone, please have them contact the school at (315) 446-4890, or have them email the principal, Bob McCrone, at [rmccrone@syrdioocese.org](mailto:rmccrone@syrdioocese.org).



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**EDUCATE - A - KID**

Holy Cross parish has a glorious history of never turning a parish student away who seeks a Catholic Education. Some of our parents cannot afford the tuition in whole or part. If you are able to help Educate-A-Kid, please help us provide a Catholic Education for a boy or girl. Tuition is \$5,650.00.

We have a Holy Cross School Incorporation that also allows matching funds from many companies. Call the Parish Office for more information. It is "Friends of Holy Cross School, Inc." - Federal Tax ID is 26-3789417.

Please complete this form if you can help.

God bless you and I know He will for bringing a child closer to Him.

I wish to help a family afford a Catholic education.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Scholarship - Yes, I am interested (\$5,650)

\_\_\_\_\_ Partial Scholarship - Amount of Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# OFFICE HOURS

## 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.



### Are you a new parishioner or visiting for the first time?

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 fill out the form below or contact the Parish Office.

## Branch Out & Grow - For Separated and Divorced

Join us this summer from the comfort of your home for online Zoom meetings:  
August 18th - Financial and Legal Issues  
September 1st - Conflict  
Meetings are 1 hour long and start at 7pm. All are welcome. For more information or to participate contact Deacon Dean Brainard at [dbrainard@syrдио.org](mailto:dbrainard@syrдио.org) or 315-472-6754 ext.4

## SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

Local businesses and sponsors that advertise on bulletins need you now more than ever before. Please encourage and remind others to show their support during this time.

### Welcome to Holy Cross Church

If you are interested in becoming a registered parishioner of Holy Cross, please complete this form and return it to the parish office.

### Request for Parishioner Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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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Website: [holycrossdewitt.org](http://holycrossdewitt.org) ■ E-Mail: [info@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:info@holycrossdewitt.org)

### Holy Cross Parish Staff ~ Name, Title and Phone Extension

- Rev. John J. Kurgan, Pastor, ext. 15
- Rev. Brendan Foley, 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
- 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

4200 E. Genesee St., DeWitt, NY 13214  
School Office – Phone: 315 446-4890, FAX: 315 446-4799  
Website: [hcschooldewitt.org](http://hcschooldewitt.org)  
E-Mail: [rmccrone@syrдиоocese.org](mailto:rmccrone@syrдиоocese.org)

### Staff ~ Name and Title

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