



WELCOME TO OUR NEW PRINCIPAL MR. BOB McCRONE!

We are so excited to welcome our new principal at Holy Cross School, Mr. Bob McCrone! Principal McCrone comes to us from Long Branch Elementary School in Liverpool. Earlier in his career, he was also an administrator in the West Genesee School District, and he was a middle school English teacher in Liverpool. Welcome to the Holy Cross Family, Mr. McCrone!

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

Welcome! Please introduce yourself to one of the priests. 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.

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."

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

Sunday, Aug. 16th – The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am William McDevitt/ Lynn
 10:30am Salvatore Zaffino/ Cappelletti Family
 5:00pm James Urtz/ Elaine Lostumbo

Monday, August 17th

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

Tuesday, August 18th

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

Wednesday, August 19th

7:45am Intention of the Monty Family (living intention)
 / Claude & Mary Anne Pilon

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

Thursday, August 20th

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

Friday, August 21st

7:45am Richard Pietrafesa/ Wife & Family
 9:00am- 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Saturday, August 22nd

9:00am F.S. Yu/ Mary Beth Smith
 4:00pm Jim Tout, Mary-Jo Rosenblatt, Terriann McNeil/
 Wife/Mother
 3:00 - 3:30pm Penance

Sun., August 23rd-The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Jim Cohen/ JoAnn & Dennis Looney
 10:30am John Sheehan/ McDevitt Family
 5:00pm Mickey Craver/ Elaine Lostumbo

Sunday August 16, 2020

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Psalm 67

Second Reading: Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

When we hear the words of the Gospel today, we would not think of the words as coming from the mouth of Jesus. As a Canaanite woman comes to Jesus to ask Him to heal her daughter, Jesus ignores her the first time she asks, the second time it would almost sound as though He insults her by saying “I was sent to the lost sheep of Israel.” This would seem to indicate that He was not sent to help her but only “the lost sheep of Israel.” Is this a test of faith on the part of the woman? If this were a person in modern times, we would have dismissed Jesus and went about our normal business. The persistence of this woman was what allowed Christ to see that she was not just coming to him because everyone else was coming to Him at that time. You could see in her persistence and hesitation that she was devoted to Him and believed that He could heal her daughter.



What would we have done in this situation? Would we have been as persistent, or would we have just left it and said He will not help me? If we were in this situation as the Canaanite woman, I believe that we would try our absolute best to ask Jesus for what we need. The faith she had was tried and put to the test. She never faltered but challenged Jesus and pleaded with Him. This is not to say that we are to test God—that goes against the commandments— but there will be times in our lives where we will be tested on our faith and where our faith will see us through. How can you be more solid in your faith? Isaiah reminds us that God’s house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples, so whether you are struggling in your faith or you are solid in your faith, God calls to us to come to Him every day. Let’s meet Him where we know Him best at Mass, in prayer, and in the silence of our hearts and allow Him to heal us when we need it the most.

Fr Matt Rawson



Week of August 2th

Host, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory Of: Stephen Oliva

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

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 AUGUST 16, 2020

SUN 8/16	Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/ Mt 15:21-28
MON 8/17	Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 19:16-22
TUE 8/18	Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab [39c]/Mt 19:23-30
WED 8/19	Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 20:1-16
THR 8/20	Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [Ez 36:25]/Mt 22:1-14
FRI 8/21	Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Mt 22:34-40
SAT 8/22	Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 23:1-12
SUN 8/23	Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/Rom 11:33-36/ Mt 16:13-20

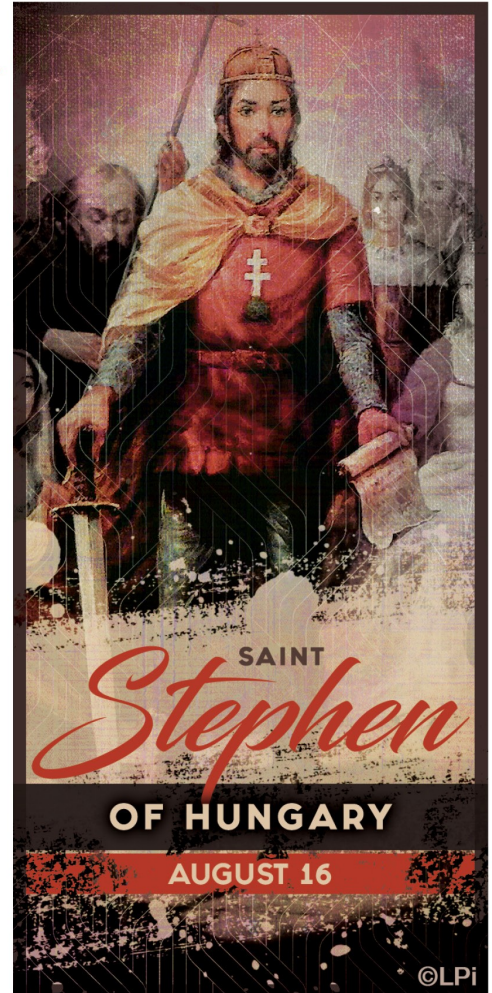
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16, 2020

Sunday:	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday:	St. John Eudes, Priest
Thursday:	St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Friday:	St. Pius X, Pope
Saturday:	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday:	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

As much as some folks may not want to admit it, we all want to be healed. Human beings suffer physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually. There are many wounds. Of all of the maladies that can afflict us, the ones that require the greatest attention are of a spiritual nature. What can happen if we are healed inwardly, brought back to center, and restored in our relationships, especially in our relationship with God? We will find the courage, strength, conviction, and hope needed to deal with the more tangible struggles that may not find an easy remedy. Inner strength, gained by persistent faith, is what allows strong, determined, and courageous people to overcome incredible challenges and hurdles. Be persistent in your faith, and seek the inner spiritual healing that you so desperately desire and need.



Live in the
Love
of God



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. To remain in compliance with current government restrictions on the number of individuals allowed to gather, we kindly ask that you register for Sunday Mass, Daily 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. **All Masses are in the church & limited to 33% capacity.**

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.

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

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

Read: The Young People's Book of Saints

Listen: Answering Common Objections: The Pope 8/22 Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Read: Mary in the Redemption by Adrienne von Speyr

Watch: A Biblical Introduction to Mary from the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology

Listen: Answering Common Objections: Mary

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.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Diana Arnold, Frank Blizzard, Leana Mae Bonnell, David Carr, Terry Chylinski, 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, Marilyn Oparil, 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.

**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
-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 Chapel and the forgiveness of our Savior.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

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

Third Tuesday Sandwiches: August 18th, 8:15am

Thank you to our new School Principal, Bob McCrone, for loaning us space at the school cafeteria this month!

Join us in the **Holy Cross School Cafeteria** (change of venue while

Yeazel Hall is closed for cleaning.) to make peanut butter & jelly sandwiches after daily Mass on Tuesday morning. Please use social distancing, masks and gloves while participating in sandwich ministry. Sign in when you arrive-- or sign up in advance by contacting Beth (315) 416-4576 or beth@holycrossdewitt.org



August School Supplies collection concludes this week!

This is the last week to donate school supplies. When you are shopping for school supplies this year,

please consider picking up an extra item for children who are experiencing poverty. Your donations will benefit families served by **Mothers & Children in Crisis**. Please place your donated school supplies in the bin near the front doors or drop them in the office during the week.



Requested items include: backpacks, pens, #2 pencils, children's scissors, erasers, crayons or colored pencils, glue sticks, folders, notebooks, filler paper, tissues & hand sanitizer, or gift cards or donations to purchase supplies.

Emmaus Ministry Update:

Despite the pandemic, Road to Emmaus Ministry: www.emmausministry.org continues their outreach to our neighbors living on the south side of the city. Groups are not allowed into the building, so take-home meals and bags of groceries or children's activities are handed out at the door. Although we cannot volunteer as a parish group, individuals are invited to call Sheila and set up a time to help with organizing or distribution of groceries and meals. To contact Sheila: saustin@emmausministry.org

Race Matters:

Movie recommendation: *Just Mercy* The movie is based on an actual case that is detailed in Bryan Stevenson's book, of the same title, published in 2014. Stevenson took on Walter McMillian's case in 1988 to challenge his wrongful conviction and death sentence.

Do you have time for a good book? Check out *Grace Will Lead Us Home: The Charleston Church Massacre and the Hard, Inspiring Journey to Forgiveness* by Jennifer Berry Hawes. It is the September 28th read for the local Race Matters book discussion. To register for the September 28th online session email: petersarveracts@gmail.com.

ANGEL BLANKETS HAPPENING IN SEPT.

Make your reservation now!

There is always a need at our local hospitals for Angel Blankets. All those who sew are invited to join us on **Thurs., September 3rd**. We will meet in rooms 12 & 13 in Yeazel Hall at 12:00 - 12:30 for lunch and 12:30 to sew. **Bring your own bagged lunch and drink**. We will be keeping socially distance. **Reservation are required**. Call Jo (315-446-3328). **You must wear a mask**. Come to find out more about how these blankets are made & how important this ministry is. You only need to have the ability to sew a simple stitch.



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 10-11 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.



FAITH FORMATION

Julie Sheridan - DFF grades 1-6

446-0473 x 12 Julie@holycrossdewitt.org

Steve Nepil - DFF grades 7-12

446-0473 x 18 Steve@holycrossdewitt.org

Dear Families,

Peace of Christ! We hope you have had an amazing summer. As school year plans begin to unfold, we wanted to share some helpful information on the direction of Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparations for this coming year.

Several months ago we began reflecting on our current situation and recognized that we wouldn't be able to do Faith Formation nor Sacramental Prep in the same manner as we have in the past. Considering the different comfort levels of families and volunteers, the difficulty of finding adequate space for social distancing, the busing situation for our morning classes (currently the buses aren't willing to contract us buses, and if they do, we will have to rent 3x as many), as well as the logistics of students attending schools on different days, we realized that we would need to anticipate these obstacles and creatively pivot our programs to suit the current needs of our families. As a result, several weeks ago we began re-envisioning our programs for this coming year. We are very excited to share some of the fruit of this labor.

For **Faith Formation**, we have developed a program that families can do at home. Please realize that this does not mean more online videos or even worksheets and chintzy crafts. The first part of our plan is to deliver a recurring box (every 4-6 weeks) full of quality materials, fun activities, and formative content for your student to grow in their faith. Each box is tailored to a student's age and level and this year will focus on prayer and learning to pray at home. On top of that we'll be distributing bonus family boxes quarterly that include activities and information to help direct parents and unify families. As we find the rhythm of school life and social distancing parameters this coming year, our next

step is to offer in-person events and online touchpoints that would be safe, optional, & supplemental for young people to stay connected with the parish life. Our hope is to help cultivate social time that may be missing for our young people this year on top of providing high quality, formative materials in a safe, stimulating, and stylish way that can be offered even in the midst of ever-changing pandemic plans and procedures.

Sacramental Preparations will also be done at home with the parents being the primary catechist for their own child. Not only will parents be provided with the necessary resources for their child's formation, we are also committed to personally accompanying families along the way. For the children in First Penance & First Eucharist, we plan on meeting with each family individually several times

through the year to check in and help in any way with this at-home formation. For Confirmation, teens will be broken into small groups of 3-5 people and have meeting times (either online or in person) as a small group to personally tailor their formation for their spiritual needs and questions. Lastly, there will be an excellent online program for parents to be edified further in their own faith as they invest and instruct their children.

We are very excited for this year and have great things in store for your family! We hope that you will join us! Please watch the mail and your inbox at the end of August for more detailed information and instructions on how to register.

In Christ,

Julie Sheridan & Steve Nepil
Directors of Faith Formation & Sacramental Prep

PS - And of course, we will still have the Household competition with House t-shirts, points, and the House Cup. More fun to come...

**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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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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