

“WHEN JOHN CAME TO YOU IN THE WAY OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, YOU DID NOT BELIEVE HIM; BUT TAX COLLECTORS AND PROSTITUTES DID.” —MT 21:32

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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**

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

Sunday, Sept. 27th–The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Irene & Bernard Kelly/ Children
 10:30am Ann Barry/ Pat & Elaine Ryan
 5:00pm Maria Antonucci/ Antonucci Family

Monday, September 28th

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

Tuesday, September 29th

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

Wednesday, September 30th

7:45am Sue Farnett/ Claude & Mary Anne Pilon
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion
 7:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Penance

Thursday, October 1st

7:45am Charles Jordan/ Louanne Colaneri
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Friday, October 2nd

7:45am Mass League
 9:15am Holy Cross Students and Faculty
 9:00am- 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

Saturday, October 3rd

9:00am Jim & Madeline Moore/ Jim & Mary Kay Moore
 4:00pm Ted, Bridget & Matt Kelly/ Family
 3:00 - 3:30pm Penance

Sunday, Oct. 4th-The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Christine Piraino/ Maureen Hall & Family
 10:30am Anne Cody/ Maio Family
 10:30am John Prishtash/ Family
 5:00pm Mr. & Mrs. C.B. Ridley/ Charlene Valentine

This weekend's 2nd collection is our Missionary Appeal by Rev. Augustine John Temu for the needs of the Catholic Diocese of Tanga/Tanzania. **Donations can be put in the basket near the exits of the church.**

- **Next weekend's 2nd collections are Respect Life & 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

\$ Collection of September 20

\$ Emergency Disaster Collection

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

Sunday September 27

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Psalms 25

Philippians 2:1-11

Matthew 21:28-32

Simple question for us to ponder today. What does it mean for us to do the will of God? I asked my Confirmation class this when we were still in session some of the responses were: follow the Ten Commandments, listen to authority, pray, help those in need. These are all great responses to this question but let's take some of these a step deeper. When we say following the 10 Commandments what are we really saying? Are we truly honoring the Sabbath? Do we take time for ourselves and for family on Sunday? Are we resting or is it another day to just get things done in an already crazy schedule? Do we take the Lord's name in vain? When we get angry do we allow ourselves to fall into this sin and say things we don't mean? Is there anything taking the place of God in our lives? This is a big one? It could be distractions, material things, people, behaviors, or anything that keeps us from following Christ in our lives. Lastly do we find time to pray? Are we taking that opportunity to pray and examine our hearts before God? If not, let's carve out a few minutes of our day and be with God who desires to be with us always. By no means is this an exhausted examine of the commandments, but it allows us to begin reflecting on whether or not we are following the commandments of Christ in our lives and to do the will of God by going out to the vineyard and being disciples of Christ.

How can you do the will of God today? Try and not be like the two sons in the Gospel who either refuse to go into their Father's vineyard and work or grumble about doing it. Each of us get hung up on not wanting to do things in our lives, let's seize the moment and take that opportunity to be close to Christ so that he will remain close to us. To do the will of God is not only following the commandments, but simply listening to your heart and to your conscience.

Father Matt

**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 SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

- SUN 9/27** Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/
Mt 21:28-32
- MON 9/28** Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 [6]/Lk 9:46-50
- TUE 9/29** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/
Jn 1:47-51
- WED 9/30** Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15 [3]/Lk 9:57-62
- THR 10/1** Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [13]/Lk 10:1-12
- FRI 10/2** Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4ab, 4c-6, 10-11 [11]/
Mt 18:1-5, 10
- SAT 10/3** Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 [135]/
Lk 10:17-24
- SUN 10/4** Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 [Is 5:7a]/Phil 4:6-9/
Mt 21:33-43

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

- Sunday:** 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
- Tuesday:** Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
- Wednesday:** St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Thursday:** St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- Friday:** The Holy Guardian Angels
- Next Sunday:** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday



Week of September 27th

Host, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory Of: Mitchell Lubel
Requested By: Wife, Ellyn



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.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Diana Arnold, Frank Blizzard, Leana Mae Bonnell, David Carr, Terry Chylinski, Vince Cichello, Armand Cincotta, Linda Cote', Mark Cywilko, Ricco Gauf, Katie Glisson, Richard Griffin, Yvonne Grocott, Virginia Grosso, Mason Hallenbeck, Adriana Hampel, Daniel C. Healy, Elaine Hill, Macey Horbauch, Stanley Jakimek, 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, Gail Moloney, Angela Martin, Mary Mayle, Monica Miranda, Tracey Montague, Faith Muller, Marilyn Oparil, Al Paparo, Deanna Peters, Joanne Pistello, Patricia Pool, Mona Rawles, Micah Schwiezer, Brian Semerao, Billy Sheridan, Dawn Simmonds, Kay Simon, Joseph Smith, Stephen Smith, Rita Smookler, Shelly Tortora, and Steve Wafer.

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.

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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 at 315-446-0473 or beth@holycrossdewitt.org



HOPE APPEAL 2020

Next weekend is HOPE Appeal Commitment Weekend, when we join with faithful across the Diocese of Syracuse to support the HOPE Appeal.

Our annual appeal funds ministries, programs, and services that help thousands across Central New York (or Southern Tier). You will receive a letter from Bishop Lucia asking for your support of the HOPE appeal. Please review the HOPE Appeal brochure and prayerfully consider making the most generous gift possible.

You may bring your completed pledge card to Mass during HOPE Appeal Weekend or drop it by the parish office. You may also pledge your gift to our parish's campaign online, using your debit or credit card, at syrdio.org.

If you did not receive the HOPE Appeal mailing, or have questions about the HOPE Appeal, please call the parish office.



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.



Online Safe Environment Training Updates

The Office of Safe Environment continues to offer online initial (PGC) and re-certification (EPDR) training opportunities to those who are interested and able to attend training online during this time.

The complete schedule of available training sessions and registration links can now be found on the diocesan Safe Environment page: <https://syracusedioocese.org/safe-environment/>

PGC (Initial) Training:

Tuesday, September 29th 6pm - 8pm SESSION FULL
 Tuesday, October 6th 9:00am - 11:00am SESSION FULL
 Wednesday, October 14th 6:00pm - 8:00pm SESSION FULL
 Saturday, October 3rd 9:00am - 11:00am (Registration closes on Friday, September 25th at Noon)
 Monday, October 12th 9:00am - 11:00am (Registration closes on Monday, October 5th at Noon)
 Wednesday, October 28th 6:00pm - 8:00pm (Registration closes on Wednesday, October 21st at Noon)

EPDR (Re-certification) Training:

Wednesday, September 30th 6:00pm - 7:30pm SESSION FULL
 Wednesday, October 7th 9:00am - 10:30am (Registration closes on Wednesday, September 30th at Noon)
 Thursday, October 22nd 6:00pm - 7:30pm (Registration closes on Thursday, October 15th at Noon)
 Pre-registration is required for these sessions. Sessions are limited to 20 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis. (The training schedule is updated regularly with additional dates and times.) Registration for training sessions will close 5 (five) business days before the date of the training session to ensure that training materials reach participants' homes ahead of their training date and time.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Joelle Zarnowski, Program Coordinator, at 315.470.1421 or safeenvironment@syrdio.org.

First Friday Mass League Enrollment

- Ken Klawiter and Maria & Family requested by Mary Shamblen (Living Intention)

Catholic Media - Augustine Institute

FORMED

Book: The Young People's Book of Saints (9/27 St. Vincent de Paul)

Movie: Angels - Bishop Fulton J. Sheen (9/29 Archangels Feastday)

Audio: Winning the Culture War

Audio: Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues - Bishop Robert Barron

Audio: The Dead Sea Scrolls

Program: Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, Session 3: The Bible (9/30 St. Jerome)

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

Season of Creation: Sept 1st through Oct 4th

The quality of life on our planet is an urgent life issue that is of great importance for us and for future generations. The global celebration of the Season of Creation theme is Jubilee for the Earth: New Rhythms, New Hope. This month is set aside as a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through repenting, repairing and rejoicing together.

This weekend, Our liturgy will celebrate God’s loving gift of Creation through worship, prayer & song. Please join us in praising God and asking for God’s mercy.

A bulletin insert created by Laudato Si Circle members is included in this weekend’s bulletin. It offers a list of earth-friendly practices. Please read it & adopt some of the suggested actions that will help to save our environment for future generations.

The Saint Francis Pledge is a promise and a commitment by Catholic individuals, families, parishes, organizations and institutions to live our faith by protecting God’s Creation and advocating on behalf of people in poverty who face the harshest impacts of global climate change. To join the Covenant, you commit to act on each of the five elements of the St. Francis Pledge:

I Pledge to:

- **PRAY** and reflect on the duty to care for God’s Creation and protect the poor and vulnerable.
- **LEARN** about and educate others on the causes and moral dimensions of climate change.
- **ASSESS** how we as individuals--and our families, parishes and other affiliations contribute to climate change by our own energy use, consumption, waste, etc.
- **ACT** to change our choices and behaviors to reduce the ways we contribute to climate change.
- **ADVOCATE** for Catholic principles and priorities in climate change discussions and decisions, especially as they impact those who are poor and vulnerable.

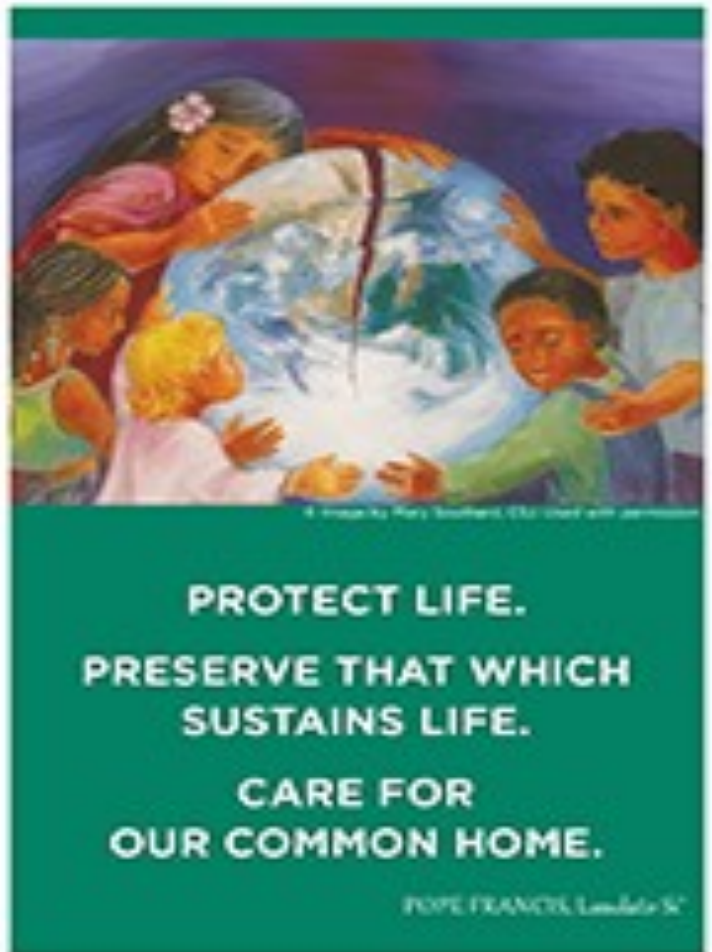
Next Laudato Si Circle meeting: Saturday Oct 3rd, 5-6pm

Join a small group outside & behind Holy Cross School to discuss the papal encyclical on the environment, Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home. Meetings are held bi-weekly and all are welcome to join us for prayer and reflection. Unseasonable weather may require a change to an indoor location. For more information, please call the parish office for more information: (315)446-0473 or contact: beth@holycrossdewitt.org

Gardening Angels Update



Your Gardening Angels continue weeding, will next separate the Iris plants for a June bloom & add Native Plants to the south wall garden. They’ve removed the overgrown trees along the north side of the Church to be replaced soon. They have put down mulch around the gardens, islands & along Paddock Drive. The September plan for the Angels to replant the Daffodils and Narcissus for blooming in Spring is done. A final Fall clean-up will happen over the coming weeks. God’s House surely is looking great for Advent. For next Spring, there will be simple work & admiration of our Fall planting. Contact Sue Sovik by phone 315 445-8980 to join the Angels now, & for next year. *“For we are God’s co-workers, you are God’s field, God’s building.”* (1Corinthians 3:9)



The annual Red Mass, invoking God's blessing for the new court year and the legal professions, will be celebrated by Bishop Lucia in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday September 29 at noon. All are welcome. If you are registering to attend please email cwerbeck@syrdio.org

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 \$5,500.00.

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 (\$5,500)

_____ Partial Scholarship - Amount of Donation \$ _____



Our Monthly Movie will be shown on **Tuesday, September 29 at 1:00pm.** "I Still Believe" will be the feature this month, an uplifting true-life story of Christian music megastar Jeremy Camp. This inspiring tale follows Jeremy's search for his artistic voice leading him to his wildest professional dreams, as well as the love of his life. But Jeremy's hope & faith are put to the test when tragedy strikes.

Please bring your own drinks and wear your mask. Reservations required; call Jo 315-446-3328. We will be socially distanced.

Life Chain

The National Life Chain Event for Respect Life Sunday in the Western Region of the Diocese will be held at Holy Family Church, Syracuse, on **October 4 from 1:00 - 2:00PM.** This is a one hour peaceful prayer to take a positive stand to end abortion and to witness the sacredness of human life. The Knights of Columbus will provide signs. "STAND UP FOR LIFE"

Samaritan Center - Drive-In Theater

On **Saturday, Oct. 3** from 7:30 to 10pm, there will be a showing of the movie "Sandlot" to benefit the Samaritan Center. Gates open at 6pm for food and fun. Gather a car full of your friends or family and bring them to the Orange Parking lot at the NYS Fairgrounds. Tickets are available now by calling 315-472-0650 or online at www.samcenter.org (click on the events tab & Pour 2020). All paid tickets receive a swag bag and food.

Check out our virtual silent auction by texting the word **Pour20** to phone number **76278** or using the info above. You can register to participate even if you aren't attending.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

Sign up today!

"My Heart started beating today!" During this first amazing month of life, the baby grows to 10,000 times his/her size at conception. The child is totally dependent upon their mother. Between mother and child lies the vital organ called the placenta. Here vessels from mother and baby intertwine without joining, highlighting their newly formed relationship-mutual, nourishing and deeply connected. By the third week the baby's tiny heart begins to beat. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of the baby's mother to give her child the most precious gift of all.. the gift of life.

We hope you picked up or clipped out the Spiritual Adoption Prayer from the bulletin. Please name the baby you are adopting and pray daily for him or her and the mom. **We did not have a signup but know we are all praying together for these babies. Keep an eye on the bulletin and posters in the Church as we continue to show the development of your baby in the womb.** One month - can you imagine that little tiny heart-beat? You might want to read Psalm 139:13-16. These verses are a good reminder of God's loving creation of each of us.

Spiritual Adoption Prayer

"Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg of you to spare the life of (give the baby a name), the unborn baby I have spiritually adopted, who is in danger of abortion. Amen." —Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Pray this prayer every day for nine months—the whole time the baby is in the mother's womb— asking the Holy Family to save the baby's life. You may never meet the baby you spiritually adopted while you are on earth, but you surely will in Heaven!

Pray a Hail Mary daily for the mother also.

Baby's Name: _____

Date Adopted: _____

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
 Or by appointment

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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

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