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Family of the Holy Cross Office

228 S. Main St. Herkimer, NY
315-866-6373

Monday—Thursday 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

EMAIL ADDRESS:

familyoftheholycross@gmail.com

Please send all questions, & inquiries in regards to
Family of the Holy Cross Pastoral Network to the
above email, please or call 315-866-6373.

Information, updates and cancellations from all
four parishes will be on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/familyoftheholycross>

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 28, 2024



Sacramental Information for all of our Churches

To make arrangements, please contact Parish Office @315-866-6373

Reconciliation

After Mass and By Appointment

Matrimony

Please contact Parish Office @ 315-866-6373 six months in advance. One year for those
who are under the age of 21. Pre-Cana is expected. Wedding dates are scheduled after
meeting with the Pastor

Anointing of the Sick

Can be administered at any stage of a person's illness. If possible, one should not wait
until someone is near death before requesting anointing. To schedule please call Parish
Office 315-866-6373.

Baptism & RCIA

Call Maria Fiorentino—Faith Formation Coordinator 315-866-6373

ALL ARE WELCOME!



BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

April 28th—Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am—Edward Hassett
Thomas Fahy, Sr. (Anniversary)
Ann Pargansky

Req. Kim & Mike deMayo
Req. Family
Req. Dick & Johanna Stowell

May 5th—Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am—Amy Fahy (Birthday)
Kay Ciletti
Ann Pargansky

Req. Family
Req. Pearl Dunn
Req. Ellen Culver & Betty Lynch

Blessed Sacrament Church

71 East Main St. Mohawk, NY 13407
<https://parishes.rcda.org/BlessedSacramentMohawk/>

Mass Schedule

Sunday—8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

After Mass and By Appointment

Trustees

Jim Walczak
Erin View



To speak of the Blessed Sacrament is to speak of what is most sacred.

- ST. EUPHRASIA

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 28th —Fifth Sunday of Easter

11:00 AM—Joseph Jenkins
Maxine Schultz

Req. Barbara & Conrad
Req. Church Friend

Sunday, May 5th—Sixth Sunday of Easter

11:00 AM—Karen Thierry

Req. Barbara & Conrad



St. Johnthe Baptist Church

7514 N. Main St. Newport, NY 13416
<https://parishes.rcda.org/StJohnsNewport>

Mass Schedule

Sunday—11:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

After Mass and By Appointment

Trustees

Joe Gizzi
Brienne Slatton

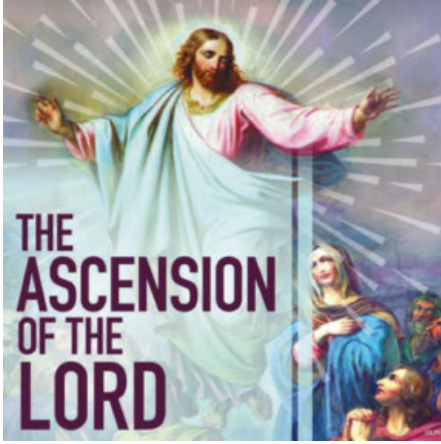
5th Sunday of Easter

My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, "Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you."


I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week's Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, "He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit" (John 15:2) I don't mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I'd wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God's love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn't it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it's not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ's body. Jesus' rising is the brand-new growth. It is God's promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.— Father John Muir ©LPI


FAMILY OF THE HOLY CROSS
A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CHURCHES



Thursday, May 9, 2024
Ascension of the Lord
Mass will be at 12:10 pm at Sts. Anthony and Joseph Church.



St. Francis de Sales School is continuing to enroll students for the 2024-2025 school year. Please call our school office to enroll your Pre-k 3, Pre-k 4, Kindergarten, or 1st Grader. You can schedule a tour when you call our school office!
 Our Pre-k 3, Kindergarten, and 1st Grade students will be enjoying our Mother Goose Olympics on April 12th and Prek-4 students on April 26th. The children and their families will enjoy a dinner of pizza and salad before the Olympic Games!
 School Improvements-A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their generous donation to help us install security cameras outside of our school! It is greatly appreciated and provides our students and staff additional safety and assurance. We also recently repaired our concrete steps at the front of the school (facing Henry St). They were crumbling and in desperate need of renovation and thanks to J&J Franco, they are now restored!



The Family of the Holy Cross Pastoral Network is collecting for the month of **May condiments** for Kuyahoorra Food Pantry and The Salvation Army of Herkimer.
 Thank you for your support.

If you are **New** to our network and would like to register to one of our parishes, please fill out the form below. **Current parishioners** please use the form below if you would like to update your information on file. Please complete and drop the form in the collection basket or mail it to the network office.

Family of the Holy Cross Pastoral Network Office
228 S. Main St.
Herkimer, NY 13350

Please call the office at 315-866-6373 with any questions.

Please check one: New Registration _____
 Updating info _____

Name of Church you wish to register to or update info:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Would you like to receive envelopes? _____

Would you like to receive The Evangelist? _____

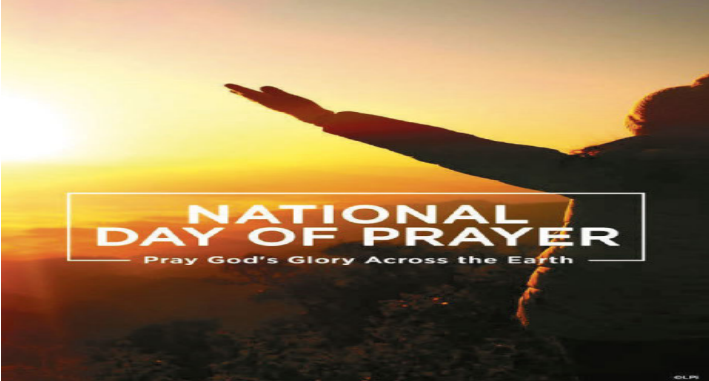
Diocesan Appeal Envelopes are in the vestibule



Diocesan Appeal
 Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany

2023 - 2024
 July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

"Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit." PSALM 51:14



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
 Pray God's Glory Across the Earth

FAMILY OF THE HOLY CROSS

A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CHURCHES

Prayer of Fruitfulness

God in Heaven,

Your grace surrounds us every day as we seek to live and move and grow in You. Prune the spaces in our lives that distract us from You! Plant Your word more deeply within us!



Family of the Holy Cross Pastoral Network Welcomes a new member into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Blake Lea Yaworski

We congratulate our newly baptized child, parents, godparents and family. Please keep them in your prayers.



Important Dates

Confirmation Rehearsal—Sunday, May 5th @ 11:00 am

Confirmation—Tuesday, May 7th @ 6:30 pm

Any questions or concerns please call Maria Fiorentino—Faith Formation Coordinator @ 315-866-6373 or email @ St.FranFF2021@gmail.com



**Annual Family of the Holy Cross
Garage Sale**

Saturday, August 10, 2024

At St. Francis de Sales Church Hall

Please join us! We are in need of your donations. All proceeds go to our Faith Formation Program. We are also in need of people to help set up, to work the day of, and to pack up and tear down. Any help is greatly appreciated. Please call the Faith Formation Office if you are able to help at; (315)-866-6373.



Please remember you can put your envelopes into the collection basket at any of the churches and they will be delivered to the church marked on the front of the envelope. Also, if you don't have envelopes and would like to put cash/check into the collection basket for a specific

church, please use an envelope and put the name of the church on the front of the envelope. There are white envelopes in the vestibule of the churches. **Please make checks payable to the church that you are donating to and NOT to Family of the Holy Cross. Thank you!**

Mass Intention Request

Need a Mass Intention? Fill out the form below along with money/check **(please make check payable to the church you are requesting the Mass from)** and mail it to the office, drop it off at the office, or put it in an envelope mark the front of envelope Mass Intention and place it in the collection basket. You may also email the parish offices and give all the information below and then mail a check to the network office or place the check/money in an envelope mark on the front of envelope payment for Mass intention with your name, church's name and put it in the collection basket. **Mass Intentions are \$15.00 per request. There will now be a limit of 6 Mass Intentions per Mass at every church.**

When requesting a Mass Intention please remember that Masses fill up fast so, please try to schedule in advance for specific dates.

Also, so we can accommodate others, please only one intention per form. **Please submit Mass Intentions 2 weeks in advance if you are requesting a specific date.**

Any questions please call 315-866-6373 or email:

familyoftheholycross@gmail.com

Church: _____

Intention: _____

Date Requested: _____

Requested by: _____

Phone #: _____

And email: _____

Would you like a Mass card sent: _____

If "yes"

Name of recipient: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 28th—Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:30 am—Carol LeFave (Anniversary)

BJ Dillon

Maurice Nichols (Birthday)

Catherine Lyon (Anniversary)

Req. Family

Req. Family

Req. Katherine Nichols

Req. Katherine Nichols

Sunday, May 5th —Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:30 am—Carlotta Fuller (Birthday)

James Garnsey (Birthday)

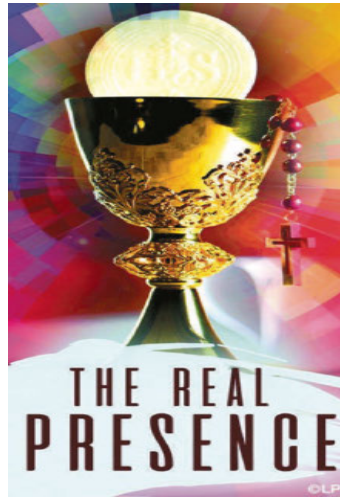
Req. Family

Req. The Valasek Family



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word is every Sunday at 9:30 am Mass. Children will have the opportunity to attend the children's version of the Mass. Children will be called forward after the opening of the Mass to go downstairs to the church hall and hear the Scripture Readings and will return after the Homily. All children ages 3yrs. old—10 yrs. old invited to attend.



St. Francis de Sales Church

219 N. Bellinger St. Herkimer, NY 13350

<https://parishes.rcda.org/StFrancisdeSales/>

Mass Schedule

Sunday - 9:30 am

Reconciliation

After Mass and By Appointment

Trustees

Paul Frezza

Mark Ainsworth

STS. ANTHONY & JOSEPH CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 27th—Fifth Sunday of Easter (Vigil Mass)

4:00 pm —Dennis Sanita

Joe Macrina (Anniversary)

Jimmy Ocuto

John Callaghan

Ralph Franco (Birthday & Anniversary)

Richard Edwards

Req. Palma & David Calenzo

Req. Wife, Mary Ellen & Sons

Req. Carole Stearns & Family

Req. Ann Smith

Req. Family

Req. DeCarr Family

Wednesday, May 1st—St. Joseph the Worker

12:10 pm—Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, May 4th—Sixth Sunday of Easter (Vigil Mass)

4:00 pm—Dennis Sanita

Anthony Losito, Mary Conklin, & Nick Losito, Jr.

Req. Joanna Sementilli & Family

Req. Anthony Losito



Sts. Anthony & Joseph Church

229 S. Main St. Herkimer, NY 13350

https://parishes.rcda.org/sts_anthony_joseph/

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass @ 4:00 PM

Reconciliation

After Mass and By Appointment

Trustees

Deborah Sweeney

Paul DeCeglie



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Dennis Sanita

Req. Mr. & Mrs. John &

Jeanne Macri



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