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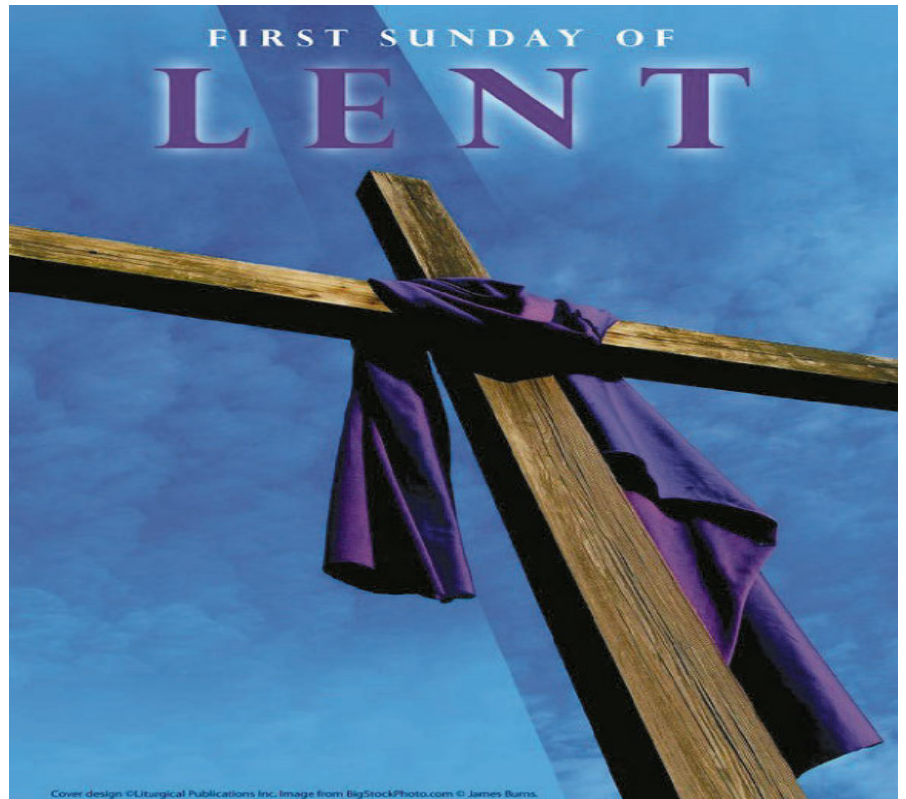
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Please send all questions, & inquiries in regards to Family of the Holy Cross Pastoral Network to the above email, please or call 315-866-6373.

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

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT — FEBRUARY 18, 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

First Sunday of Lent—February 18th—First Sunday of Lent

8:00 am—Chip Williams

Req. Mrs. Greshel

Terry Watson

Req. Peggy and Peter Romano

Dennis Hyland (Birthday)

Req. Family

Second Sunday of Lent—February 25th—Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 am—Dennis Hyland (Birthday)

Req. Family

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



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 18th—First Sunday of Lent

11:00 AM—Kirk Kennedy

Req. Santamour Family

Sunday, February 25th —Second Sunday of Lent

11:00 AM—Presider's Intention



St. John the 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

Brianne Slatton

First Sunday of Lent

A covenant is a formal agreement between two parties. Assuming both parties enter into the covenant of their own free will, it is a bond that cannot be broken. As time goes on, that covenant will be tested and its validity questioned by skeptics, but it will remain if it is real.

God's covenant with his people is real. It began with a promise made to Noah and was renewed in the person of Jesus Christ. It has been tested by man through sin and by evil through Jesus' trials in the desert. But here in 2015, it still remains as strong as ever.

This Lent, take time to rediscover and reflect on this covenant God has with us. Reclaim your baptism and make it a motivating factor in how you live your life. Take the opportunity this Lenten season provides to increase your devotion and spirituality. You will be tested and you will suffer trials, for life is not always easy. But God has always upheld his part of the agreement. Now is the time to take our part in this covenant more seriously.

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A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CHURCHES



The souls of the just are in the hands of God!

Dennis Sanita

Eternal Rest! Grant unto him,

O Lord! And let perpetual
light shine upon him.

The Family of the Holy Cross Pastoral Network Office will be closed Monday, Feb. 19th to observe the Presidents' Day Holiday. The office will also be closed from Tuesday, Feb. 20th— Thurs. Feb. 22nd due to the fact that Sue & Maria will be over to St. Francis' offices cleaning. Please call or leave an email. We are in the area and will be checking the phone & emails regularly and will get back to you ASAP. Sorry for the inconvenience and 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? _____



We celebrated Catholic Schools Week with our Open House, Book Fair, and Spirit Days – including dressing up like our favorite Saint!

Please Like and Follow us on Facebook (St. Francis de Sales Early Childhood Learning Center) and Instagram (@saintfrancisdesaleschool_) and visit our Website (www.stfrancisearlychildhood.org)

In addition to all of the calendar skills and community building, we will learn about: How to keep our hearts healthy, how to keep our teeth healthy, what objects sink or float, President Abraham Lincoln, and President George Washington. We will sing songs about all of these



Enjoy a fun-filled evening at the St. Francis de Sales Parent School Association's first-ever **Spring Soirée** on Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 7 - 10 pm at Francesca's Banquets & Catering in Ilion, NY!

Purchase of your Spring Soirée Admission ticket provides you with delicious light fare food stations and hors d'oeuvres, an open bar featuring beer, wine, mixed and soft drinks, music, and mingling. Try your luck with our basket raffle, featuring 40+ baskets and prizes, and bid on luxury items and dream vacation venues while you delight in the company of family and friends.

The event is for adults only. Tickets are \$40 per person (price increases to \$45pp after 2/28/24). Cocktail attire is suggested. Purchase tickets online at bit.ly/sfspring-soiree or call the St. Francis de Sales School at (315) 866-4831 or stfranciseclc@gmail.com for a paper Ticket Purchase Form.

Proceeds from the event support the operating costs of St. Francis de Sales Early Childhood Learning Center. Interested in donating a basket to the fundraiser? Please contact the school!



Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St Bridget #265, cordially invite the women of The Family of the Holy Cross to a Lenten Retreat on March 9th, 2024 at Blessed Sacrament Church in Mohawk, from 9:30am to 2pm. The retreat will begin at 9:30am in the church hall with coffee and donuts. We ask you to please bring a bag lunch and drink. If you would like to attend or are even thinking of attending, please call Mary Tripp (Regent for Court St Bridget) at 315-866-2594, leave a message and will call you back.

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During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at Saints Anthony and Joseph on Friday at 12:00 pm and St. Francis de Sales at 6:00 pm.



Faith Formation News

Next Mass and Classes will be on March 17, 2024.

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

We are still looking for volunteers to help out with Faith Formation. Please call or email Maria Fiorentino, if you have any questions or would like to sign up to volunteer @ 315-866-6373 or email St.FranFF2021@gmail.com



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!**



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

Connor Dubiel

Lydia Eloise Krouse

Hendrix Richard McGovern

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

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:
famlyoftheholycross@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, February 18—First Sunday of Lent

9:30 am—Margaret Kirkpatrick (Birthday)

Mary Thomas

Eleonora Ceneviva

Pearl Pliszek

Terese Rose

Michael Lombardi

Req. Her Children

Req. Ralph & Danyse Franco

Req. The Family of Dan & Sue Orcutt

Req. Tom & Vi Pliszek

Req. Grandma & Poppa

Req. John & Phyllis

Sunday, February 25—Second Sunday of Lent

9:30 am—Mary Thomas

Delores DeVaney

Theresa and Edson Schofield

Larry Panko (Birthday)

Req. Jim & Carol DePalma

Req. Maureen Von Werne

Req. Family

Req. His family



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



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.

STS. ANTHONY & JOSEPH CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Feb. 17—First Sunday of Lent (Vigil Mass)

4:00 pm—Eleanor Ramonda Weber

Joan Farmer

Gail Godlewski

Paul Kucerak (Birthday)

Donald Evangelista (Anniversary)

Armando Vallese (Birthday)

Eduardo Estrella

Req. Her Niece, Connie Weber Vertucci

Req. Jane Godlewski

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Req. Judith Ferri & Family

Req. Frank Evangelista

Req. Family

Req. Nietes Family

Wednesday, February 21—St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12:10 pm—Presider's Intention

Saturday, Feb. 24—Second Sunday of Lent (Vigil Mass)

4:00 pm—Jim Ocuto

Joseph Catroppa

Pearl Pliszek

Tracy Shaut (Anniversary)

Irene and Don Polczynski (Anniversary)

Rena Scialdo (Anniversary)

Req. Jackie & Andrew Hobika

Req. Wife

Req. Tom & Vi Pliszek

Req. Family

Req. Jane Godlewski

Req. Rudolph II, Deborah, & William Scialdo



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



Sts. Anthony and Joseph Church Sanctuary Lamp is given in Memory of:

Theresa Foss

Req. Jack & Clara Terrell



Sts. Anthony and Joseph Church Altar Bread & Wine is given in Memory of:

Jimmy Ocuto

Req. Jack & Clara Terrell

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