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Call 315-866-6373

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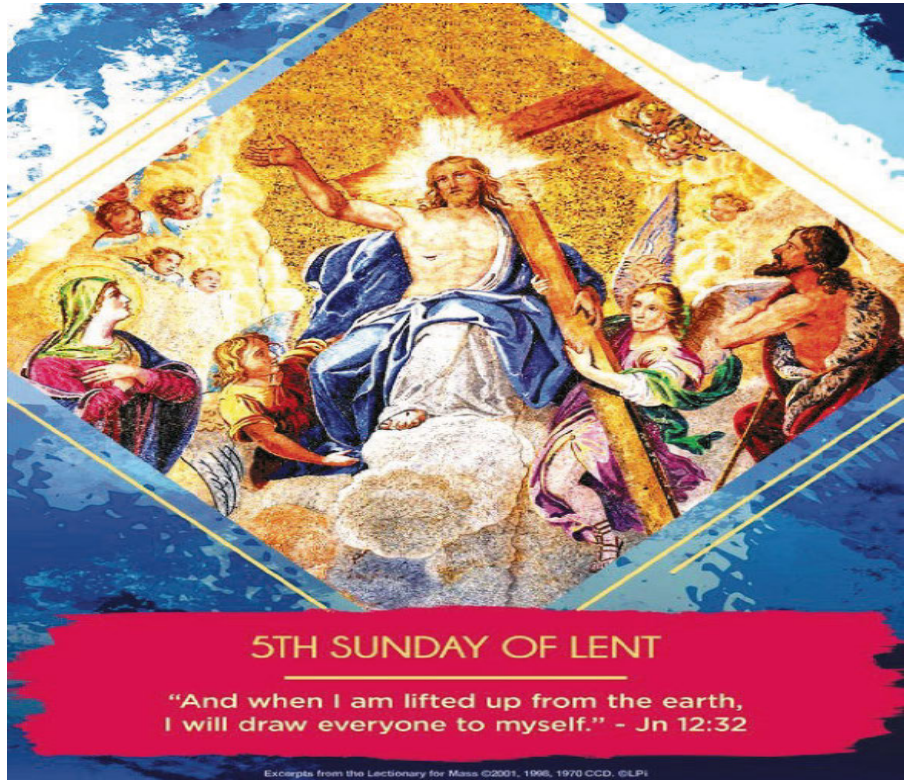
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Please send all questions, & inquiries in regards to Family of the Holy Cross Pastoral Network to the above email, please or call 315-866-6373.

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

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT — MARCH 17, 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. **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

March 17th—Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 am—Liz, Judy & Chuck McCaffery

Barb Urich

Chip Williams

Req. Family

Req. Kelley Macisco

Req. Bill & Sondra

March 24th—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 am—Margaret Broillette

Req. Dan & Pam Jones

Blessed Sacrament Church

71 East Main St. Mohawk, NY 13407

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

Mass Schedule

Sunday—8:00 a.m.

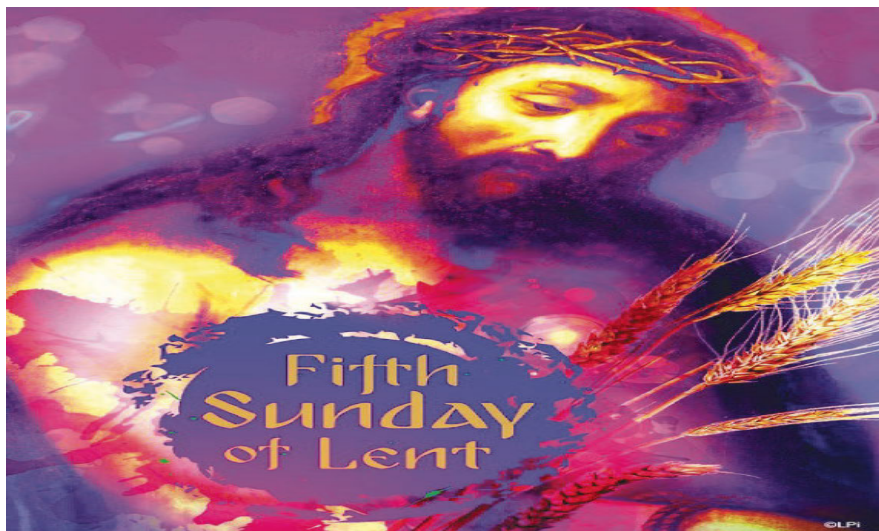
Reconciliation

After Mass and By Appointment

Trustees

Jim Walczak

Erin View



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 17th—Fifth Sunday of Lent

11:00 AM— Presider's Intention

Sunday, March 24th —Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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

5th Sunday of Lent

A middle-aged woman sat on the couch in my parish office and recounted to me a shocking list of terrible calamities in her life: addictions, terminal illnesses, financial loss, broken relationships, and so on. She smiled as she did so. "Please forgive me," I asked, "but you seem to be smiling as you share this." She said, "Father John, I am totally overwhelmed. But I'm smiling because I just can't wait to see what good things God does with this mess." She expected God would manifest His glory when she most needed it.

This week in the Gospel, God speaks from heaven for the third and final time in Jesus' earthly ministry. It's at a tough moment. Gentiles seek Jesus, who announces his terrible suffering, and then boldly prays, "Father, glorify your name!" John then writes: **Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again."** Was the task of drawing the whole non-Jewish world to himself overwhelming? Or was it the terrible specter of crucifixion? Whatever it was, the crushing weight triggers his turning to the Father with an unshakeable *expectation* of divine glory to burst through. And indeed, it did on Easter Sunday. In our burdens, our greatest strength is to turn to God and boldly ask Him for His glory.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to list out everything which is a burden to you. Write it down. Then add these words: "Father, glorify Your name in all these things!" Put that paper in your pocket or purse when you come to Holy Week liturgies next week. You might smile at the most unlikely times. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

FAMILY OF THE HOLY CROSS

A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CHURCHES



Chicken Bar-B-Q
Brooks House of BBQ
Bake Sale & 50/50 Raffle
Take –Out Only
Sunday, April 7, 2024
10:30 am—1:30 pm

St. Francis de Sales Church Parish Hall
Tickets Available at Network Office 228 S. Main St.
and after 9:30 am Masses on weekends
Ticket cost—\$15.00

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? _____



St. Francis de Sales School has opened enrollment for the 24-25 school year. Please call our school to enroll your child. Classes are filling up quickly. But we have space available in Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4, Kindergarten, and 1st Grade. Please contact our office at 315-866-4831 or at stfrancisc-clc@gmail.com to schedule a tour and/or to sign your child up.

During Morning Program, our whole school will be learning about the following: Parents as Reading Partners (PARP), Dr. Seuss' Birthday, LENT, St. Patrick's Day, and the season of Spring.

In Science Lab we will be learning about the weather, states of matter (solid, liquid, gas), the water cycle, and spring.



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 stfrancisc-clc@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!



Fundraising

Sts. Anthony and Josephs Finance Committee has been discussing Fundraisers. If you have any ideas you would like to share, please put

your ideas in the suggestion box on the table in the vestibule. Please include your name and phone number if you would like to help.



member of the Crusaders.

St. Anthony's Crusaders Annual Chicken Barbeque on April 25th @ the parish hall. 4:00 pm till sold out. The ticket cost is \$15.00. Take-out-only. You can purchase tickets at the network office or from any

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 23rd & 24th—usual Mass times at all churches

Holy Thursday, March 28th—6:00 pm Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday, March 29th—3:00 pm Sts. Anthony & Joseph

Holy Saturday, March 30th-6:00 pm Sts. Anthony & Joseph

Easter Sunday, March 31st—8:00 am—Blessed Sacrament

9:30 am—St. Francis de Sales

11:00 am—St. John the Baptist



Faith Formation News

Family Faith Formation Mass & Classes 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



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, March 17—Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:30 am—The Kirkpatrick Family Req. Jack Kirkpatrick's Children
 Ellen O'Donnell Nalley Req. Richard and Cindy Rhymestine
 Richard Edwards Req. Donna Merryman & Katherine Nichols

Sunday, March 24—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:30 am—Douglas Ainsworth (Anniversary) Req. Family
 Shirley Weber Req. The Kirkpatrick Family
 Dorothy Ward Req. Family
 Gary Ruff Req. The Ruff Family
 Mike McLaughlin (Birthday) Req. Sister, Rita
 Ellen O'Donnell Nalley Req. Katie Nicholas & Donna Merryman



The rosary is sometimes called the Gospel in miniature because the mysteries cover many of the main events in the lives of Jesus and his mother Mary. By thinking about these mysteries, we are meditating on some of the most important messages of Christ in the Gospels.

Please join us in praying the rosary on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm, at St. Francis on April 2nd. During the months of May and October we will meet each Tuesday.

Prayer is the pathway to union with God. It makes us better people and helps us to gain inner peace. Please join us.



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 call 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, March 16—Fifth Sunday of Lent (Vigil Mass)

4:00 pm—Frances Mlekoday (Birthday) Req. Sister
 Dennis Sanita Req. Harriett Tangorra & Family
 Jim Ocuto Req. Jack & Clara Terrell
 Sam Servadio Req. Andrew Siuta
 Laura and Fortunato Baggetta Req. Daughter
 Paul Terenzetti Req. Daughter & Family

Wednesday, March 20—Lenten Weekday

12:10 pm—Presider's Intention

Saturday, March 23—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Vigil Mass)

4:00 pm—Ruth Renshaw (Birthday) Req. Family
 Edward Franco (Anniversary) Req. Mary & Family
 A Mass of Thanksgiving Req. Antoinette Recchia
 Dennis Sanita Req. The McDonnell Family
 Olga Sullivan Req. Family
 Joseph Maddy Req. Jim & Carol



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

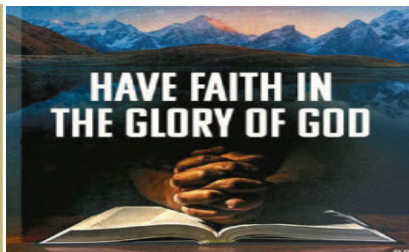
Paul DeCeglie



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