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St. Francis de Sales Early

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220 Henry St., Herkimer - Pre-K, Kindergarten and
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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>

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 21, 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

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

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

April 21st—Fourth Sunday of Easter

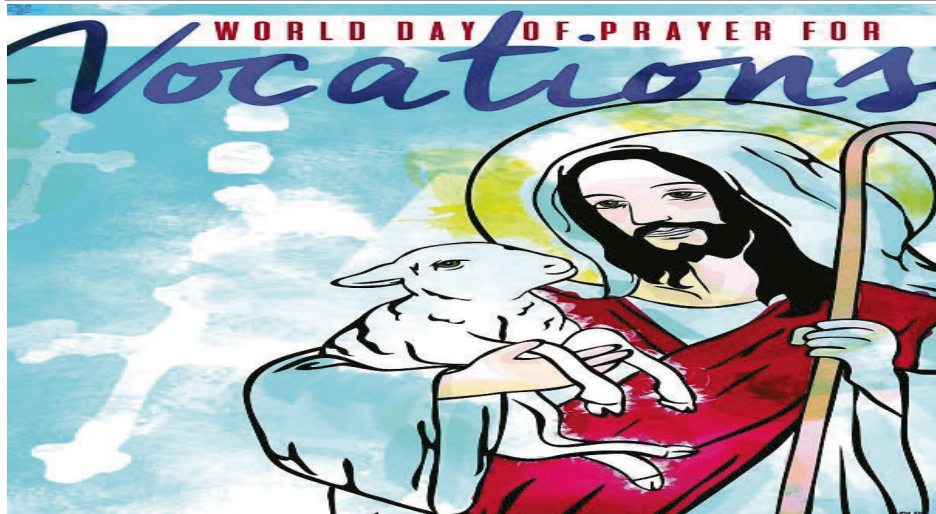
8:00 am—Chip Williams
 Gavin Edward Bevington
 Deceased Members of the Phalen Family
 For Easter Flowers given in Memory/Honor

Req. Bill & Sondra
 Req. Shirley Hassett
 Req. Tom & Kathryn Phalen

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



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH



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
 Brianne Slatton

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 21st—Fourth Sunday of Easter

11:00 AM—Bernard Synakowski, Sr.
 For Easter Flowers given in Memory/Honor

Req. Barbara & Conrad

Sunday, April 28th —Fifth Sunday of Easter

11:00 AM—Joseph Jenkins

Req. Barbara & Conrad

4th Sunday of Easter

Recently I was with my little dog Libby at a retreat center in the Arizona desert. I sat in a chair near a ravine filled with shrubs. Unbeknownst to me, Libby wandered down there and disappeared. Suddenly an animal's wild shriek erupted from the area. Without thinking, I bolted down into the ravine fully expecting to see coyotes, javelinas, or rattlesnakes. I didn't care. I desperately wanted to get Libby out of there, without any self-regard. Before I could face whatever danger lay hidden, my dog blissfully trotted out from an entirely different area, utterly unaware that I had (quite heroically) just placed my life on the line.

When the adrenaline wore off, I thought to myself: how far would I have been willing to go to save her? I don't know. But I do know, if I had literally died, my friends and family would have certainly thought me insane for dying for a dog. No offense, Libby.

How passionately Jesus wants us to know him and his willingness to die for us! This week he says, "I know my own and my own know me," and "I lay down my life for the sheep." Here we encounter an insanely excessive love for us. Christianity is a relationship and not simply a religion or ethical code. In Jesus, God rescues and saves us. He laid down his life for you and me — and he has taken it up again. So often we are like Libby — blissfully ignorant of the reality of both our spiritual danger and his saving love. This Easter season, the risen Jesus calls us to be more conscious than ever before about his love. He never ceases to lay down his life for us.— Father John Muir ©LPI

FAMILY OF THE HOLY CROSS

A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CHURCHES



In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the priest anoints the seriously ill, injured, or the elderly with the oil of the sick. The oil of the sick is a special oil used for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. It is blessed by the bishop at the Chrism Mass during Holy Week.

At All Masses this weekend, April 20th & April 21st we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at all Masses.



The Network Office will be closed on Thursday, April 18, 2024 and will reopen on Wednesday, April 24th @ 9:00 am.

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 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 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 April Pasta & Sauce for Kuyahoora Food Pantry and The Salvation Army of Herkimer. For May we will be collecting condiments.

Thank you for your support.

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



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 member of the Crusaders.


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

Katherine Ciletti
Congetta Smith

Eternal Rest! Grant unto them,
 O Lord! And let perpetual light shine upon them.



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

Elliott Foss

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



Important Dates

1st Communion Rehearsal - Thursday, April 25th @ 6:00 pm
 1st Communion - April 28, 2024 @ 9:30 am
 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.

Thank You
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 GENEROUSLY

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 21st—Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:30 am—Bill Ward (Birthday)

Req. Libby Battisti

Kathleen Lowery (Anniversary)

Req. Husband

For Easter Flowers given in Memory/Honor

Sunday, April 28th—Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:30 am—Carol LeFave (Anniversary)

Req. Family

BJ Dillon

Req. Family

Maurice Nichols (Birthday)

Req. Katherine Nichols

Catherine Lyon (Anniversary)

Req. Katherine Nichols



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.



A big thank you to everyone who came and supported the St. Francis De Sales Church Brook's BBQ.

It was a huge success!

Most of all thank you to all the volunteers!



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 20th—Fourth Sunday of Easter (Vigil Mass)

4:00 pm—Dennis Sanita

Req. Fred & Carol Sanguine

Morra Family

Req. Family

Ruth Renshaw (Anniversary)

Req. Family

For Easter Flowers given in Memory/Honor

Wednesday, April 24th—St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr

12:10 pm—Linda Marie Denapole (Anniversary)

Req. The Spisak Family

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

4:00 pm —Dennis Sanita

Req. Palma & David Calenzo

Joe Macrina (Anniversary)

Req. Wife, Mary Ellen & Sons

Jimmy Ocuto

Req. Carole Stearns & Family

John Callaghan

Req. Ann Smith

Ralph Franco (Birthday & Anniversary)

Req. Family

Richard Edwards

Req. DeCarr Family



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

Dennis Sanita

Req. Harriett Tangorra & Family



Sts. Anthony and Joseph Church's flowers in front of the Blessed Mother are in Memory of:

George & Pauline Madore

Req. Rick, Gina, Georgina, and Richelle Viscosi



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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