

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

Tuesday, September 16

Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Wednesday, September 17

Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Friday, September 19

Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

Saturday, September 20

Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

11/14–16: RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

post-abortion reconciliation and healing Dominican Retreat and Conference Center, Niskayuna; \$195 for room, board, materials; for information or to register, contact: Pat Mousaw 518-222-1160, Katie Boli-baugh 518-495-3574, or rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com.

BUILDING COMMUNITY: The Parish Pastoral Council has begun a planning process for realizing our vision (top of front page) and mission (inside left panel). **The next Council meeting is next Sunday, October 13, after mass with the coffee hour. Meetings are open, and all are welcome to attend and participate!**

The first native Korean priest, Andrew Kim Taegon was the son of Christian converts. After his baptism at 15, he traveled 1,300 miles to seminary in Macao, China. After six years, he returned to his country, then he crossed the Yellow Sea to Shanghai for ordination. Back home, he was assigned to arrange for more missionaries to enter by a water route that eluded the border patrol. He was arrested, tortured, and beheaded at the Han River near Seoul.

Andrew Kim Taegon's father Ignatius Kim, was martyred during the persecution of 1839. Paul Chong Hasang, a lay married apostle, also died in 1839 at age 45. Among the other martyrs in 1839 was Columba Kim, a woman of 26. She was put in prison, pierced with hot tools and seared with burning coals. She and her sister Agnes were disrobed and kept for two days in a cell with condemned criminals but were not molested. After Columba complained about the indignity, no more women were subjected to it. The two were beheaded. Peter Ryou, 13, had his flesh so badly torn, he could pull off pieces and throw them at the judges. He was killed by strangulation. Protase Chong, a 41-year-old nobleman, apostatized under torture and was freed. Later he came back, confessed his faith and was tortured to death.

Christianity came to Korea during the Japanese invasion in 1592 when some Koreans were baptized, probably by Christian Japanese soldiers. Evangelization was difficult: Korea refused all contact with the outside world except taking taxes to Beijing annually. On one of these occasions, around 1777, Christian literature from Jesuits in China led educated Korean Christians to study. A home Church began. When a Chinese priest managed to enter secretly a dozen years later, he found 4,000 Catholics, none of whom had ever seen a priest. Seven years later there were 10,000 Catholics. Religious freedom came to Korea in 1883. Pope John Paul II canonized 98 Koreans in 1984.

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Holy Cross Parish

A welcoming, vibrant community committed to growing in and sharing the love of Jesus

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

Exaltation of the Holy Cross, C

Numbers 21:4b–9

Psalms 78

Philippians 2:6–11

John 3:13–17

THE MYSTERY OF THE CROSS

One of the dialectics that Paul presents is the perennial conflict between “conservative” and “liberal,” to use today's terms. In his writings, Paul's own people, the Jews, are the stand in for pious, law-abiding traditionalists; the Greeks provided his model for liberal intellectuals and cultural critics. Paul sees the Jews trying to create order in the world by obedience to law, tradition, and kinship ties. The Greeks attempt order through reason, understanding, logic, and education. Paul has a unique vantage point, with a foot in each world—as both a Jew and a Roman citizen.

Paul insists that strict adherence to neither worldview can finally succeed because they don't have the ability to “incorporate the negative,” which will always be present. He recognizes that the greatest enemy of ordinary daily goodness and joy is not imperfection, but the demand for some supposed perfection or order. There seems to be a shadow side to almost everything; all things are subject to “the principalities and powers” (Ephesians 6:12). Only the unitive or nondual mind can accept this and not panic; in fact, it will grow because of it, and even grow beyond it.

Neither a liberal pattern nor a conservative pattern can deal with disorder and misery. Paul believes that Jesus has revealed the only response that works. The revelation of the cross makes us indestructible, Paul says, because it reveals there is a way through all absurdity and tragedy. That way is precisely through accepting absurdity and tragedy, trusting that God can somehow use it for good. If we can internalize the mystery of the cross, we won't fall into cynicism, failure, bitterness, or skepticism. The cross gives us a precise and profound way through the shadow side of life and through all disappointments.

Paul allows both conservatives and liberals to define wisdom in their own ways, yet he dares to call both inadequate and finally wrong. He believes that such worldviews will eventually fail people. He writes, “God has shown up human wisdom as folly” on the cross, and this is “an obstacle that the Jews cannot get over,” and which the gentiles or pagans think is simple “foolishness” (1 Corinthians 1:21–23).

For Paul, the code words for nondual thinking, or true wisdom, are “foolishness” and “folly.” He says, in effect, “My thinking is foolishness to you, isn't it?” Admittedly, it does not make sense unless we have confronted the mystery of the cross. Suffering, the “folly of the cross,” breaks down the dualistic mind. Why? Because on the cross, God took the worst thing, the killing of the God-human, and made it into the best thing, the very redemption of the world. The compassionate holding of essential meaninglessness or tragedy, as Jesus does on the cross, is the final and triumphant resolution of all the dualisms and dichotomies that we face in our own lives. We are thus “saved by the cross”! Does that now make ultimate sense?

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Holy Cross will host an Advent Fair the first Sunday of Advent, which is Sunday, November 30, 2025. Come share your wares (art, crafts, cookies, etc.).

Want to ensure we have a spot for you? Reserve a spot! Email the parish at holycrossRCchurch@gmail.com, subject: Advent Fair.

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Find our bulletin and Pastoral Council minutes on our website. If you have a notice for the bulletin, please email: holycrossRCchurch@gmail.com

MISSION

To care for the poor, abandoned, and the marginalized.

SCHEDULE

Mass: Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Liturgy of the Word: Thursday, 10 a.m.

RECONCILIATION: St. Mary's Oneonta, every Saturday 4–4:45 p.m. Call the parish office (607-432-3920) for a different time.

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Pastoral Associate (Parish Leader)

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

Trustees

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Kerry L. Mess (607) 386-1951

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Dana Mochovciak, Jenna Turner, Carol Tyson, Marguerite Webster

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Faith Formation & RCIA [Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults]

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

Ministry to the Homebound

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Holy Father's September intention: May we, inspired by Saint Francis, know our interdependence with all creatures, loved by God and worthy of respect.

Living Caring Community

HELP TO OFFER? NEED ASSISTANCE?

- ☼ Butternut Valley Food Pantry
166 Marion Avenue, Gilbertsville NY
(607) 783-2267
Thurs., 3–5 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
- ☼ The Lord's Table & Food Pantry
305 Main Street, Oneonta NY
(607) 432-1458
Mon./Weds./Fri., 4–5:30 p.m.
- ☼ The Magic Closet
158 East Main Street, Morris NY
(607) 263-5116 or (607) 263-5859
Weds./Sat. 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
- ☼ My Neighbor's Closet
3097 County Highway 11, Hartwick NY
(607) 431-8320/cooperstownangel@gmail.com
Tues/Sat: 9 a.m.–12 p.m. / Weds: 4–7 p.m.
Contact if you need someone to shop for you and coordinate getting you items.
- ☼ Helios Grief Support
Group counseling for adults in Otsego, Schoharie, Delaware counties. See helios-care.org; call (607) 432-5525.
- ☼ Friends of Recovery, Delaware/Otsego
Grassroots addiction recovery by, about, for individuals and families in recovery
22 Elm Street, Oneonta NY
(607) 267-4435
Mon/Tues/Fri: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Weds/Thurs: 9 a.m.–7 p.m.
- ☼ Holy Sews
Sew burial layettes for infants: (607) 432-5125; holysewsoneonta@yahoo.com
- ☼ Oneonta Community Health Center
No-cost healthcare services for uninsured adults (607) 433-0300
Office hours: Tues. 6–8 p.m.

Upcoming Events

09/14: Coffee hour after mass

Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Mass, Christ Our Light Church Loudonville, 3 p.m.

09/15: Mass for grieving parents, 8:30 a.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

09/18: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

09/20: Diocesan Jubilee Gathering, 8:30 a.m.–2 p.m., St. Matthew's Church Voorheesville; see QR code

09/21: Rosary after mass

09/25: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

09/28: Special Collection for Catholic Universities

10/02: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

10/05: Christian Formation after mass

10/09: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

10/10–11: Harvest Festival, Sacred Heart Sidney

10/12: Coffee hour after mass, **Pastoral Council meeting after mass - Come join us and have your voice heard as we plan for Council and Advent!**

10/14: Rosary Society, 9 a.m. mass, potluck brunch at 12 p.m., Sacred Heart Sidney

10/16: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

10/19: Rosary after mass

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

Mass Attendance: 59

Collection: \$866.00

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Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Greeter: The McAdams

Lector: Daphne Thompson

Eucharistic Ministers: Carole Tyson, Peg Lilley, Diane Turner

September 21

Greeter: Peg Lilley

Deacon: Paul Cerosaletti

Lector: Marguerite Webster

Eucharistic Ministers: Jen Spivey, Carol Tyson

Mass Intention

If you would like to request an intention for a mass, call Kerry (607) 386-1951 with the intention, your name, and call back number OR use the parish email (see left panel).

Pray for

- ✠ for the sick, their caregivers, and all who asked for our prayers, especially Sr. Theresa Ahern MSBT, Kathleen Barry, Jo Franklin, Sarah Grogan, Agnes Huff, Maureen Joy, Nadine Joy, Michelle Lee, Fred Lemister, Carol and Jessica MacCumber, Teresa Meyers, Rich Morley, Mark Muller, Clara Murphy, John Neary, Diane Neczesny, Karen Newell, John O'Brien, Kathy Osborne, Maria Papendrea, Scarlett Parry, Evelyn Rowe, Martin Smith, Mike Stensland, Pat Stensland, Joe and Carol Tyson, Janet VanZandt, John Zaleski
- ✠ for all those in our parish family serving in the military and all first responders and emergency personnel: Ryan Barry, Jim Barry, Meghan Barringer
- ✠ for the deceased members of our parish and their families and friends, Betty O'Brien
- ✠ in thanksgiving for all those who share their time, talent, and treasure with us