

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, August 11
Saint Clare, Virgin

Wednesday, August 12
Saint Jane Frances de Chantal,
Religious

Thursday, August 13
Saints Pontian, Pope and Hip-
polytus, Priest, Martyrs

Friday, August 14
Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest &
Martyr

Saturday, August 15
ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY

POOR BY CHOICE: SAINT CLARE
Palm Sunday, 1211. The silence of the night in the countryside of Assisi is broken by the 18 year-old Clare’s swift gait. She has decided to rebel against her wealthy and much beloved family, in pursuit of the desire for true freedom that God has put in her: She wants to be poor. Her escape from all security ends a journey, begun seven years earlier, when she witnessed a shocking incident: A wealthy young man stripped naked, returned his rich and elegant clothing to his father, and embraced poverty. He was Francis of Assisi. He is waiting for her that night at the Porziuncola: She cuts her hair, dons a tunic of coarse wool, and finds shelter in the Benedictine monastery of Saint Paul at Bastia Umbra. In vain, will her father attempt to convince her to return home. “Poor Clares” The divine light that shines through Clare draws many other women to her, including her mother and sisters: Soon they will be fifty. Francis calls them “Poor Ladies” or “Poor Sisters” and makes available to them the little

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Upcoming Events

08/09: Coffee Hour after mass

08/13: Liturgy of the Word

08/15: Feast of the Assumption, mass 9 a.m., St. Mary’s Oneonta

08/16: Rosary after mass

08/20: Liturgy of the Word

08/23: SPECIAL COLLECTION: Catholic Home Missions
Fr. Chris

08/27: Liturgy of the Word

09/04: First Friday Devotion, 2:30 p.m., St. Mary’s Oneonta

09/05: First Saturday (Fatima) devotion, 9 a.m., St. Mary’s Oneonta

09/06: Christian Formation after mass

09/10: Liturgy of the Word

09/13: Coffee Hour, Pastoral Council meeting (all are welcome) after mass

09/17: Liturgy of the Word

09/20: Rosary after mass

09/24: Liturgy of the Word

09/27: SPECIAL COLLECTION: Catholic Universities

GOT QUESTIONS?

Why do we? What does that mean? Put questions in the box at the back of church. We’ll put **FAITH ANSWERS** in the bulletin.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026

Mass Attendance: 65
Collection: \$1,374

Holy Father: \$10 / Candles: \$8



AUGUST 9, 2026

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A
1 Kings 19:9a, 11–13a
Psalm 85
Romans 9:1–5
Matthew 14:22–23

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

In the Gospel, one day Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Let little children come to me; the Kingdom of God is for those who are like them.’ Is not Christ utterly accessible to a simple heart?

–Brother Roger of Taizé

ANCHORED IN FAITH: QUIET MOMENTS AND STORMS

This Sunday reminds us that God is always near, whether in silence or in struggles. By listening to Him and keeping faith, people find strength and peace.

In the first reading, Elijah is on Mount Horeb, tired and discouraged. He expects to find God in powerful events like wind, an earthquake, and fire. But God is not in them. Instead, Elijah hears a gentle whisper and knows that God is there. Elijah’s experience shows that faith is not always about dramatic moments. Sometimes, it is about quiet trust. Even when life is hard, God remains with us. He does not always remove difficulties, but He gives strength and guidance. The “still, small voice” that spoke to Elijah also speaks to us.

The Gospel teaches us about trust. Jesus’ disciples are in a boat during a storm. They are afraid when they see Jesus walking on water. Peter asks to walk toward Him but starts to sink when he becomes afraid. Jesus reaches out and saves him. Then the storm stops, and the disciples believe more deeply in Jesus.

Peter was fine when he focused on Jesus, but when he focused on the storm, he became afraid. The same happens in life. When people focus on problems, they feel overwhelmed. The world is full of noise, and it can be hard to hear God’s voice. And storms in life come in different forms—worry, loss, fear, or uncertainty. It is easy to doubt in these moments. But when we take time to be still, we may realize that He is already near.

Even when faith is weak, God is ready to help. He does not let people sink. Faith does not mean life will be easy, but it means we are not alone. Faith is not about having all the answers or never feeling doubt. It is about trusting God even when things seem unclear.

PRAYER: Lord, help me to trust You in all things. When life feels uncertain, remind me that You are near. Teach me to listen for Your voice in quiet moments and to hold onto faith during struggles. Strengthen me when I feel weak and guide me closer to You each day. Amen.

For Reflection

- ★ When have I felt God’s presence in a quiet moment?
- ★ What distractions make it hard for me to listen to God?
- ★ How do I handle doubts in my faith?

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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

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Ministry to the Homebound

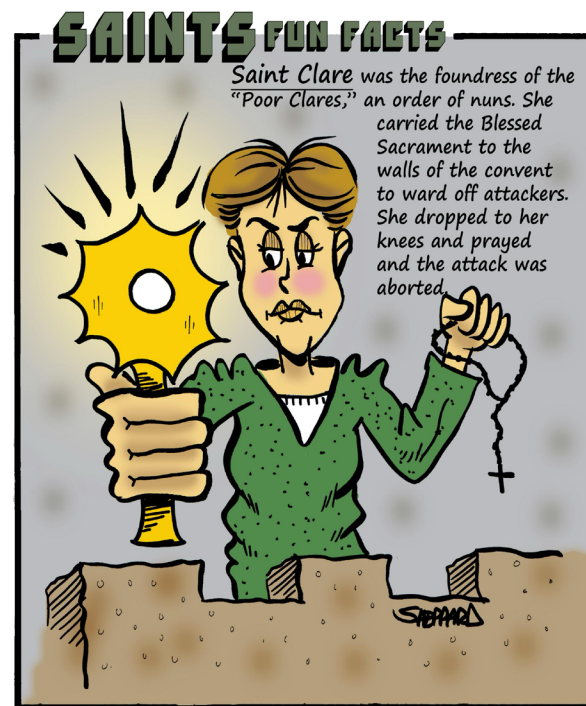
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Pope Leo XIV's August intention: That in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel and build community.

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.



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monastery of San Damiano, which he had just restored and where as a young man, he received the invitation, "Go and repair my house." St. Francis and St. Clare are in perfect communion; she defines herself "his seedling". With her sisters, Clare accompanies the mission of the friars in the world with unceasing prayer.

First woman to write a Rule Strong and determined, Clare is the first woman to write a Rule she and her sisters would live by: "...to observe the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, by living in obedience, without anything of one's own, and in chastity." Gregory IX gave his approval for it, and in his Bull of 1253, Innocent IV, gave stable right to the "privilege of poverty" and to Clare's longing desire to "observe the Gospel."

AUGUST 9, 2026

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Greeters: Jackie and Chet McAdams

Lector: Marguerite Webster

Eucharistic Minister: Carol Tyson

August 16

Greeter: Pat Kristofik

Deacon: Paul Cerosaletti

Lector: Maureen Joy

Eucharistic Minister: Toni Zaleski

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, Jim and Jan Drummy, Jo Franklin, Sarah Grogan, Agnes Huff, Maureen Joy, Jim and Michelle Lee, Fred Lemister, Carol and Jessica MacCumber, Doris Mensch, Jeffrey Meyers, Kelly Meyers, Lucille Meyers, Teresa Meyers, Rich Morley, Mark Muller, Clara Murphy, John Neary, Diane Neczesny, John O'Brien, Kathy Osborne, Maria Papendrea, Scarlett Parry, Evelyn Rowe, Martin Smith, Mike Stensland, Carol Tyson, Janet VanZandt, Royce Webster
- ✕ 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
- ✕ in thanksgiving for all our farmers who tend the soil and produce food for our daily bread

from: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/08/11/st--clare-of-assis--virgin--foundress-of-the-poor-ladies.html>