

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 6

Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr

Thursday, July 9

Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest & Companions, Martyrs

Saturday, July 11

Saint Benedict, Abbot

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.

DID YOU KNOW? QUIZ YOURSELF!

- ? Which 2 different Orders use the initials S.J. and O.S.B. after their names when being formal?
- ? St. Angela Merici founded this Order in Italy in 1535 primarily for the education of girls and care of the sick and needy. What is today the oldest teaching Order for women in the Catholic Church?
- ? St. John Bosco established what Order in 1859 to care for the young and poor children of the Industrial Revolution?
- ? We call members of Mendicant Orders _____. We call members of Cenobite (Monastic) Orders _____.
- ? In what charism, or special focus, are the Carmelites principally engaged?
- ? What congregation of Catholic priests and lay brothers live in a community bound by no formal vows, only the bond of charity?

Source: Frush, S. P. (2009) *Ultimate Catholic Trivia: 1001 Fun and Fascinating Facts*. CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform. pp 93, 96-97, 99. Submitted by Jim Lee (Answers inside.)

CALLING ALL FEMALES WHO LIKE TO SING

Join Otsego County Fair Women's Ensemble
Performing songs from Sister Act & Spirituals
Monday, August 3, 2026, 7 p.m.

You don't need to be a pro, just like to sing!
Next rehearsals: Monday, July 6, 4:30 p.m. &
Tuesday, July 7, 12 p.m. at United Methodist

Upcoming Events

07/08: Charismatic Renewal Healing Mass,
7:30 p.m., Christ Our Light, Loudonville

07/09: Liturgy of the Word

07/11: Our Lady of Rosa Mystica Feast Day
Celebration, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Rosa Mystica
House of Prayer Edmeston

**07/12: Coffee Hour after mass, Pastoral
Council meeting in parish hall; all are
welcome to join**

07/13-17: Summer Institute of The-
ology at Hartwick College

07/16: Liturgy of the Word

**07/19: First Communion; Rosary
after mass**

07/23: Liturgy of the Word

**07/25: Parish Picnic, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., see
back of church for sign up**

07/26: SPECIAL COLLECTION: Holy Father

07/30: Liturgy of the Word

08/01: First Friday Devotion, 2:30 p.m., St.
Mary's Oneonta

08/02: First Saturday (Fatima) devotion, 9
a.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

08/03: Morris Hymn Sing, 7 p.m., Otsego
County Fair



SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026

Mass Attendance: 62

Collection: \$846 Candles: \$23

Holy Cross Parish

JULY 5, 2026

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A

Zechariah 4:8-11, 14-16a

Psalms 145

Romans 8:9, 11-13

Matthew 11:25-30

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

Jesus in his passion is the one who waits for our response. Precisely in that waiting the intensity of his love and God's love is revealed to us. If we were forced to love Jesus and to respond to him only as he ordered, we would not really be lovers.

—Henri Nouwen

MERCY AND MYSTICAL HOPE

Hope's home is at the innermost point in us, and in all things. It is a quality of aliveness. It does not come at the end, as the feeling that results from a happy outcome. Rather, it lies at the beginning, as a pulse of truth that sends us forth. When our innermost being is attuned to this pulse it will send us forth in hope, regardless of the physical circumstances of our lives. Hope fills us with the strength to stay present, to abide in the flow of the Mercy no matter what outer storms assail us. It is entered always and only through surrender; that is, through the willingness to let go of everything we are presently clinging to. And yet when we enter it, it enters us and fills us with its own life—a quiet strength beyond anything we have ever known.

And since that strength is, in fact, a piece of God's purposiveness coursing like sap through our own being, it will lead us in the right way. It sweeps us along in the greater flow of divine life as God moves ... toward the ful-

fillment of divine purpose which is the deeper, more intense, more subtle, more intimate revelation of the heart of God.

...

In the contemplative journey, as we swim down into those deeper waters toward the wellsprings of hope, we begin to experience and trust what it means to lay down self, to let go of ordinary awareness and surrender ourselves to the mercy of God. And as hope, the hidden spring of mercy deep within us, is released in that touch and flows out from the center, filling us with the fullness of God's own purpose living itself into action, then we discover within ourselves the mysterious plenitude to live into action what our ordinary hearts and minds could not possibly sustain. In plumbing deeply the hidden rootedness of the whole, where all things are held together in the Mercy, we are released from the grip of personal fear and set free to minister with skillful means and true compassion to a world desperately in need of reconnection.

Hope is not imaginary or illusory. It is that sonar by which the body of Christ holds together and finds its way. If we, as living members of the body of Christ, can surrender our hearts...and listen for that sonar with all we are worth, it will again guide us, both individually and corporately, to the future for which we are intended. And the body of Christ will live, and thrive, and hold us tenderly in belonging.

For Reflection

- ★ How can I bring my struggles to Jesus in prayer?
- ★ How do I find hope when facing challenges?
- ★ How I you help others who feel burdened or weary?

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Holy Cross Parish

96-98 Main Street, PO Box 118

Morris NY 13808

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

Facebook: [tiny.cc/HCMorris](https://www.facebook.com/tiny.cc/HCMorris)

Find our bulletin and Pastoral Council minutes on our website. If you have a notice for the bulletin, please email: holycrossRC-church@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

Marguerite Webster (607) 263-5478

Richard Meyers (607) 263-5588

Parish Pastoral Council Chair

Kerry L. Mess (607) 386-1951

Parish Pastoral Council Members

Allan Dangca, Celine Francisco, Scott Kolberg, Chet McAdams, Jackie McAdams, Dana Mochovciak

Liturgical Ministry

Marguerite Webster (607) 263-5478

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

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

Ministry to the Homebound

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Pope Leo XIV's July intention: Pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it is a gift from God.

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; holysewsononeonta@yahoo.com
- ☼ Oneonta Community Health Center
No-cost healthcare services for uninsured adults (607) 433-0300
Office hours: Tues. 6-8 p.m.

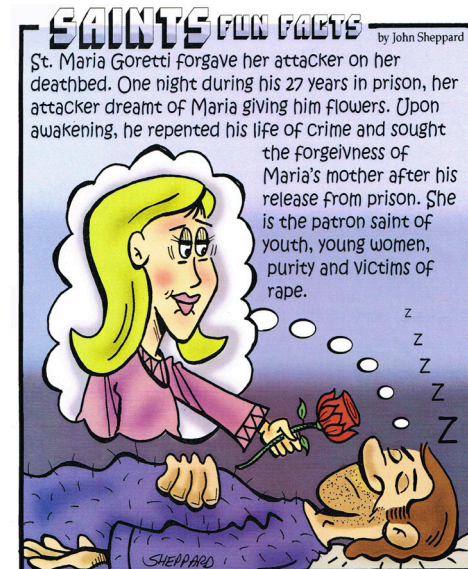
Prayer Based on Psalm 145:

ALWAYS NEAR TO US

Lord, we praise you for your greatness.
Your name is on our lips each day.
You are kind to all who turn to you.
You never forget those who call out for help.
You lift us up when we fall.
You give us strength when we are weak.
You provide for our needs even when we forget to ask.
You are always near, even when we feel alone.
Your mercy reaches every corner of the world.
You are faithful in every promise.
You listen to the cries of the poor.
You give hope to those who wait on you.

Teach us to live with kindness.
Help us to act with justice.
Show us how to share mercy with others.
Let our lives be a song of praise to you.

<https://young-catholics.com/10015/psalm-145/#prayer>



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JULY 5, 2026

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Greeters: Deb Newell and Marie Goupil

Lector: Kerry L. Mess

Eucharistic Minister: Jen Spivey

July 12

Greeters: Jackie and Chet McAdams

Lector: Daphne Thompson

Eucharistic Minister: 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, Jim and Jan Drummy, Jo Franklin, Sarah Grogan, Agnes Huff, Maureen Joy, Jim Lee, Michelle Lee, Fred Lemister, Carol and Jessica MacCumber, Doris Mensch, Jeffrey Meyers, Kelly Meyers, Teresa Meyers, Rich Morley, Mark Muller, Clara Murphy, John Neary, Diane Neczesny, John O'Brien, Kathy Osborne, Maria Papendra, Scarlett Parry, Evelyn Rowe, Martin Smith, Mike Stensland, Carol Tyson, Janet VanZandt
- ✘ 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 the love that binds us together as one family

Did You Know answers: (1) Jesuits use S.J.; Benedictines use O.S.B. (2) Ursulines (3) Salesians of Don Bosco (4) Friars, Monks (5) Contemplative Prayer (6) Oratory of St. Philip Neri (Oratorians)