

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, June 29

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

Tuesday, June 30

First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Wednesday, July 1

Saint Junipero Serra, Priest

Friday, July 3

SAINT THOMAS, APOSTLE

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!

- ? In 1967, Pope Paul VI restored the role of which clergymen in the Latin Rite and placed the decision regarding its local restoration in the hands of each nation's Episcopal Conference?
- ? What is the meaning of the word "deacon"?
- ? What is the minimum age requirement for married men to be ordained permanent deacons?
- ? Unmarried permanent deacons must remain celibate. True or False?
- ? Married candidates for the permanent diaconate must receive their wives consent to the ordination. True or False?

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.)

HOLY CROSS PARISH PICNIC



Saturday, July 25, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.,
Parish Grounds. Holy Cross will provide burgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments.

Please see sign up sheets at the back of church:

We need people to:

- 👉 set up the grounds outside the church
- 👉 grill the meats
- 👉 oversee games for the children
- 👉 take down the set up after the picnic
- 👉 bring side dishes to pass

Come celebrate in community with us!

Upcoming Events

07/02: Liturgy of the Word

07/03: First Friday Devotion, 2:30 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

07/04: First Saturday (Fatima) devotion, 9 a.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

07/05: Christian Formation after mass

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

07/09: Liturgy of the Word

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

07/13–17: Summer Institute of Theology 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

07/30: Liturgy of the Word



SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2026

Mass Attendance: 5

Collection: \$1452.00

Holy Cross Parish

JUNE 28, 2026

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A

2 Kings 4:8–11, 14–16a

Psalm 89

Romans 6:3–4, 8–11

Matthew 10:37–42

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

*Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.
“Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!” cries she
With silent lips. “Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”*

—Emma Lazarus, [Poem on the Statue of Liberty]

THE BLESSINGS OF HOSPITALITY

This Sunday highlights the importance of welcoming others with kindness. The woman in the first reading recognizes Elisha as a man of God and offers him a place to stay. She does not ask for anything in return, but her generosity brings an unexpected blessing. Elisha promises that she will have a son, something she had not even dared to hope for.

This story shows that acts of kindness often lead to blessings. The woman did not give to receive; she gave because she saw a need. In return, God granted her a gift beyond her expectations. This reminds us that when we open our hearts and homes to others, we allow God to work in unexpected ways.

Hospitality is more than just sharing food or shelter. It is about wel-

coming others with love, respect, and an open heart. Jesus also speaks about this in the Gospel when He says that those who welcome His messengers welcome Him. Even small acts of kindness matter in God's eyes.

This Sunday encourages us to think about how we treat others. Are we open to welcoming people into our lives? Do we recognize the presence of God in those we meet? When we show kindness without expecting anything in return, we reflect God's love in the world.

IN OBSERVANCE OF THE UNITED STATES' 250TH ANNIVERSARY, and rooted in the Church's pastoral mission of welcome, accompaniment, and solidarity, the [United States Conference of Catholic Bishops released a prayer service, “A Path Toward Justice”] to acknowledge and honor the many diverse communities that have journeyed to the United States in search of hope, safety, and opportunity, while also recognizing the voices, sufferings, and enduring contributions of those who were forcibly brought to this land.

Inspired by the Gospel call to welcome the stranger and uphold the dignity of every human person, the prayer service seeks to provide a sacred space for reflection, remembrance, lament, and hope. It invites participants to encounter one another as members of the one human family and the one Body of Christ.

You can read the Prayers of the Peoples of God from the service on the inside of the bulletin. Visit <https://www.usccb.org/national-prayer-service-honoring-many-journeys-shaped-america> to access the full service text.

For Reflection

- ★ How does God's promise in Isaiah give hope?
- ★ How do I respond when following Jesus feels difficult?

<https://young-catholics.com/2662/13th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/#thoughts>

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<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 June intention: May sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures, promoting respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLES OF GOD

On Slavery—We pray for:

- ✦ For Pope Leo XIV, that our Heavenly Father may gift him with deep wisdom as he calls the Church to struggle against the evil of human trafficking
- ✦ For everyone who is trapped in a situation of slavery, that God will liberate them from their chains
- ✦ For perpetrators of slavery, that they repent of their evil ways and turn to God for forgiveness

On Migrants—We pray for:

- ✦ For all Catholics, that God inspire them to take action in their local communities to support and protect migrants and to advocate on their behalf
- ✦ For unaccompanied migrant children, that God protect them on their journey and safely reunite them with their families
- ✦ For migrant workers, that they may labor in safe and just conditions, and that we who benefit from their labor may be truly grateful for what they provide
- ✦ For migrants, refugees, and all other strangers in our midst, that they may find strength in our concern for justice and feel the warmth of our love

On Refugees—We pray for:

- ✦ For all refugees who are forced to flee from their homes, that God bring them peace and peace to their country of origin
- ✦ For refugee children, who have been separated by their family due to circumstance or death, that God provide his protection
- ✦ For an end to all strife and persecution that gives rise to refugee crises

On Government Officials—We pray for:

- ✦ For the President of the United States and all government leaders: that they work tirelessly to end the bane of slavery that exists in our communities
- ✦ For policy makers in our nation, that God grant them the wisdom to enact laws that provide greater protection for all migrant populations and that they provide support to migrant populations who yearn for a new beginning

from: A Path Toward Justice, USCCB prayer service, 2026

JUNE 28, 2026

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Greeter: Marguerite Webster

Lector: Marguerite Webster

Eucharistic Ministers: Carol Tyson

July 5

Greeters: Deb Newell and Marie Goupil

Lector: Kerry L. Mess

Eucharistic Ministers: Jen Spivey

Mass Intention

FOR THE SOUL OF JOE TYSON

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 Papendrea, 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 our God's gift of freedom meant for all people

Did You Know answers: (1) Permanent Diaconate (2) Servant (also: minister or messenger) (3) 35 (4) True (5) True