

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 23

Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo,
Bishop

Wednesday, March 25

ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

SAINT TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO (Turibius of Lima) was born in 1538, in Mayorga de Campos, Leon, Spain, to a noble family. From a young age, he displayed great intelligence and was renowned for his extensive knowledge of the law. He pursued his academic studies at Salamanca University, where he eventually became a professor of law.

In 1578, at the age of 40, Turibius was ordained as a priest. Soon after, he was appointed as a judge for the Court of the Inquisition in Granada, Spain.

However, his true calling awaited him in the New World. In 1579, he was appointed as the Archbishop of Lima, Peru, a position he held until his death. Upon arriving in Lima, Turibius immediately recognized the spiritual needs of the indigenous population and embarked on a mission to improve their lives and ensure their rights were protected. He fought tirelessly for the rights of the native people against the abuses of the Spanish masters, advocating for their fair treatment and dignity.

One of Turibius' most significant contributions was the establishment of the first seminary in the entire Western Hemisphere. Recognizing the importance of a well-educated clergy, he founded the Seminary of Saint Toribio in Lima in 1591. This seminary trained countless priests, who went on to serve the spiritual needs of the growing population in the New World.

In addition to his efforts to educate and empower the native population, Turibius also sought to organize and strengthen the Church in the New World. He organized councils and synods to establish ecclesiastical discipline and ensure proper administration of the sacraments. His dedication to improving the quality of religious life in the region remains a testament to his unwavering faith and commitment to the Church.

Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo passed away on 23 May 1606 in Santa, Peru, due to natural causes. His legacy, however, lives on through his canonization as a saint. He was beatified on 2 July 1679 by Pope Innocent XI and later canonized on 10 December 1726 by Pope Benedict XIII.

Saint Turibius is revered as the patron saint of Latin American bishops, native rights, Lima, Peru, and Peru itself. His life serves as an inspiration to all who strive for justice, compassion, and the betterment of society. His selfless dedication to the indigenous people of the New World and his tireless efforts to establish a just and compassionate Church make him a shining example of a true servant of God.



https://saintforamminute.com/saints/saint_turibius_of_mogrovejo

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

We are blessed to have you worship with us as we nurture each other in faith. While visiting our community, we humbly ask you to consider investing in our parish offertory and Diocesan Appeal to ensure our parish and Diocese can be your partner in faith. Thank you.

DIOCESAN APPEAL

As you plan your budget, consider a pledge. Use your bank's Bill Pay for auto-payments or envelopes (table).



<https://thediocesanappeal.org/>

CURRENT STATUS: \$4,793 / GOAL: \$6,379

Holy Cross Parish

MARCH 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent, A

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Psalms 130

Romans 8:8-11

John 11:1-45

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

A METAPHYSICS OF HOPE

For as the heavens reach beyond earth and time, we swim in mercy as in an endless sea.

—Psalm 103:11

We ourselves are not the source of that [mystical] hope; we do not manufacture it. But the source dwells deep within us and flows to us with an unstinting abundance, so much so that in fact it might be more accurate to say we dwell within it... The term I will use to describe this embodying fullness is "the Mercy." It is the water in which we swim. Mercy is the length and breadth and height and depth of what we know of God—and the light by which we know it. You might even think of it as the Being of God insofar as we can possibly penetrate into it in this life, so that it is impossible to encounter God apart from the dimension of mercy...

The mercy of God... is unconditional—always there, underlying everything. It is literally the force that holds everything in existence, the gravitational field in which we live and move and have our being... Mercy is God's innermost being turned outward to sustain the visible and created

world in unbreakable love...

Mystical hope would simply be what happens when we touch this innermost ground [within our own selves] and it floods forth into our being as strength and joy. Hope would be the Mercy—divine love itself—coursing through our being like lightning finding a clear path to the ground... In this new positioning, the underlying sense of corporateness [oneness] is physically real, for that "electromagnetic field of love" is the Mercy—and the Mercy is the body of Christ. Through this body hope circulates as a lifeblood. It warms, it fills, it connects, it directs. It is the heart of our own life and the heart of all that lives.

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.

For Reflection

- ★ How does the promise of resurrection bring hope to my life?
- ★ Who in my life needs to hear the message of hope and new life?

<https://young-catholics.com/2568/5th-sunday-of-lent-year-a/#thoughts>

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

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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

Allen Dangca, Celine Francisco, Scott Kolbery, Chet McAdams, Jackie McAdams, Kerry L. Mess, Dana Mochovciak, Joe Tyson

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 March intention: May nations move toward effective disarmament, and world leaders choose dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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

03/22: Faith Formation after mass

03/25: Faith & Reason Revival

Shroud Presentation, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Sacred Heart Sidney, register by April 11; \$5 fee (QR code or 607-503-7066; formingfaith@gmail.com)

03/26: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

03/27: Stations of the Cross, 4 p.m.

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus fish fry, 4:30 p.m. St. James Oneonta

04/02: Holy Thursday Mass, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

Maundy Thursday Service, 7 p.m. followed by soup and bread meal, Zion Episcopal

04/03: Good Friday Service, 5 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Holy Land

Good Friday Service, 7 p.m. Zion Episcopal

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

Easter Vigil mass, 8 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

04/05: Easter Sunday mass 10:30 a.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

04/09: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

04/12: Coffee Hour and Pastoral Council meeting after mass

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026

Mass Attendance: 38

Collection: \$716 / CRS: \$290

Religious Ed: \$10

MARCH 22, 2026

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Greeters: Deb Newell and Marie Goupil

Deacon: Paul Cerosaletti

Lector: Marguerite Webster

March 29

Greeter: Pat Kristofik

Lector: Kerry L. Mess

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 Papendrea, Scarlett Parry, Evelyn Rowe, Martin Smith, Mike 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
- ✠ in thanksgiving for challenges that allow us to learn if we open our hearts to them and for the grace to navigate those challenges