

## SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, May 12

Saint Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr

Wednesday, May 13

Our Lady of Fatima

Thursday, May 14

**ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

Saint Matthias, Apostle

Friday, May 15

Saint Isadore

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA** refers to the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to three shepherd children—Lucia dos Santos and her cousins, Francisco and Jancinta Marto— in Fatima, Portugal, in 1917. From May to October, Mary appeared to them six times, calling for prayer, repentance, and devotion to God.

A large crowd witnessed the final apparition on October 13, 1917, including the famous “Miracle of the Sun,” where the sun appeared to move in the sky. This event helped lead to the Church’s approval of the apparitions in 1930.

Our Lady asked us to: pray the rosary daily for peace in the world; repent and turn away from sin; pray for the conversion of sinners; make sacrifices and offer penance for sinners; have devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary; seek peace through faith and trust in God.

adapted from: <https://catholicresources.education/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Our-Lady-of-Fatima-Bio.pdf>

Fr. Chris had a fall on Friday and is in the hospital. He is alert and recovering. **Please keep him in your prayers.**

“You are the people God has entrusted me to love, to serve come what may. There is no hierarchy when we dip our fingers in the same baptismal water. The people of God includes those who have left us and those that peek in the door. We are one body, gathered around one Eucharistic table.” —Bishop Mark O’Connell



## 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

**MAY 10, 2026**

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, A

Acts 8:5–8

Psalm 66

1 Peter 3:15–18

John 14:15–21

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

*We are not alone. We have each other. Together we can carry each other’s burdens and help each other break through our paralysis by sharing our helplessness and by leading each other to purity of heart on the road to peace.*

—Henri Nouwen

### THE DANCE OF INTIMACY: GOD’S LOVE FOR US

The divine-human love affair really is a reciprocal dance. Sometimes, in order for us to step forward, our partner must step away a bit. The withdrawal lasts only a moment, and its purpose is to pull us closer—but it doesn’t feel like that in the moment. It feels like our partner is retreating.

God creates the pullback, “hiding his face,” as it was called by many mystics and scriptures. God creates a vacuum that God alone can fill. Then God waits to see if we will trust our God partner to eventually fill that space within us, which now has grown even more spacious and receptive. This is the central theme of darkness, necessary doubt, or what the mystics call “God’s withdrawing of love.” What feels like suffering, depression, uselessness—moments when

God has withdrawn—are often deep acts of trust and invitations to intimacy on God’s part. On the soul’s inner journey, we meet a God who interacts with our deepest selves, allowing and forgiving mistakes. It is precisely this give-and-take, and knowing there will be give-and-take, that makes God so real as a Lover.

As Spanish mystic John of the Cross (1542–1591) wrote: *Say when you were very young the veil lifted just enough for you to glimpse the underlying Real behind it and then dropped again. Maybe it never recurred, but you could not forget. And this discovery became the prime mover of the rest of your life in ways you may not have even noticed... Say these [spiritual] practices fill your heart. They make you feel holiness like wind through every fiber of your being and think rivers of holy thoughts.... The passion of your love for God intensifies... Say prayer starts to dry up on your tongue. Sacred literature becomes fallen leaves, blows away. Meditation brings no serenity anymore. Devotion grows brittle, cracks. The God you bow down to no longer draws you... Say each of the familiar spiritual rooms you go to seeking refuge are dark now, and empty. You sit down anyway. You take off your clothes at the door and enter naked. All agendas have fallen away... This quietude deepens in proportion to your surrender. Say what’s secretly going on is that the Beloved is loving you back. That your first glimpse of the Absolute was God’s first great gift to you. That your years of revelation inside his many vessels was his second gift, wherein, like a mother, he was holding you, like a child, close to his breast, tenderly feeding you. And that this darkness of the soul you have come upon and cannot seem to come out of is his final and greatest gift to you. Because it is only in this vast emptiness that he can enter, as your Beloved, and fill you. Where the darkness is nothing but unutterable radiance.*

Last week the bulletin featured an introduction to Bishop Mark O’Connell’s vision of hope for the diocese. **We welcome Bishop Mark with joy.**

### For Reflection

- ★ How can I grow in trust that God is always with me?
- ★ What role does prayer play in deepening my relationship with the Holy Spirit?

<https://young-catholics.com/2578/6th-sunday-of-easter-year-a/#thoughts>

# Holy Cross Parish

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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](mailto: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

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## 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

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098



**Pope Leo XIV's May intention: May everyone, from large producers to small consumers, commit to avoiding food waste and all having access to quality food.**

## 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](mailto: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

- 05/12: The Impact of Alzheimer's & Dementia on Our Community, 6 p.m. United Methodist Morris; Community Meal 4-6 p.m.
- 05/14: Ascension mass, 9 a.m.; 12:10 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta
- 05/17: SPECIAL COLLECTION: Catholic Charities; Rosary after mass, Pastoral Council meeting after mass  
Discussion: Parish picnic and the 5-year Holy Cross Parish plan. **This is a time of hope and a time to build: "Like living stones, let [our]selves be built into a spiritual house to be a royal priesthood... so that [we] may announce his praises."** Meetings are open to all.
- 05/21: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.
- 05/24: SPECIAL COLLECTION: Eastern European Collection  
Christian Formation after mass
- 05/28: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.
- 06/04: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.
- 06/05: First Friday Devotion, 2:30 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta
- 06/06: First Saturday (Fatima) devotion, 9 a.m., St. Mary's Oneonta
- 06/07: SPECIAL COLLECTION: Catholic Communications Campaign

## SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

Mass Attendance: 55

Collection: \$1080.00

Candles: \$8.00

## MAY 10, 2026

### Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

**Greeters:** Chet and Jackie McAdams

**Lector:** Maureen Joy

**Eucharistic Minister:** Diane Turner

### May 17

**Greeters:** Pat Kristofik

**Deacon:** Paul Cerosaletti

**Lector:** Marguerite Webster

### Mass Intention

**FOR THE SOUL OF RICHARD CAMPBELL**

**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, Fr. Chris Welch, 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 those who cut the grass