

## SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 18

Saint John I, Pope, Martyr

Wednesday, May 20

Saint Bernadine of Siena, Priest

Thursday, May 21

Saint Christopher Magallanes,  
Priest and Companions, Martyrs

Friday, May 22

Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

Most of the saints suffer great personal opposition, even persecution. **SAINT BERNARDINE OF SIENA**, by contrast, seems more like a human dynamo who simply took on the needs of the world.

He was the greatest preacher of his time, journeying across Italy, calming strife-torn cities, attacking rampant paganism, attracting large crowds, following Saint Francis of Assisi's admonition to preach about "vice and virtue, punishment and glory."

Compared with Saint Paul by the pope, Saint Bernadine of Siena had a keen intuition of the needs of the time and solid holiness and boundless energy and joy. He accomplished all this despite having a very weak and hoarse voice, miraculously improved later because of his devotion to Mary.

When he was 20, the plague was at its height in his hometown Siena. As many as 20 people died in one day at the hospital. Bernadine offered to run the hospital and, with the help of other young men, nursed patients there for four months. He escaped the plague, but was so exhausted that a fever confined him for several months. He spent another year

## A TIME OF HOPE; A TIME TO BUILD

As we heard last week from Bishop O'Connell, this is a time of hope for us: "Like living stones, let [our]selves be built into a spiritual house to be a royal priesthood...so that [we] may announce his praises."

Pastoral Council meets today after mass to discuss our parish picnic and our 5-year plan. Watch for ways to engage with the planning process, or come to join the Council meeting; meetings are open to all.

caring for a beloved aunt whose parents had died when he was a child, and at her death began to fast and pray to know God's will for him.

At 22, he entered the Franciscan Order and was ordained two years later. For almost 12 years he lived in solitude and prayer, but he was sent to preach because of his gifts. He traveled on foot from town to town sometimes speaking for hours in one place.

Known for his devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus, Saint Bernadine devised a symbol—IHS, the first three letters of Jesus's name of in Greek—in Gothic letters on a blazing sun to displace the time's superstitious symbols and the insignia of factions. The devotion spread, and the symbol began to appear in churches, homes and public buildings. Some thought it a dangerous innovation and attempted three times to have the pope take action against him, but Bernadine's holiness, orthodoxy, and intelligence proved his faithfulness. When Saint Bernadine began as General of the Friars of the Strict Observance, there were 300 friars in the community; when he died there were 4,000.

adapted from <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-bernardine-of-siena/>

## 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: \$5,293 / GOAL: \$6,379**

# Holy Cross Parish

MAY 17, 2026

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

Acts 1:12-14

Psalm 27

1 Peter 4:13-16

John 17:1-11a

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

*To turn to God... does not mean to keep thinking about God... Human beings cannot be satisfied with a God that is object of thought. For then, when the thought vanished, God would vanish too... God is beyond all human thoughts. And the reality of God never disappears.*

—Meister Eckhart

## A DIFFERENT KIND OF JOY

Easter is the season of joy. The alleluias return. The story reaches its turning point. Death does not get the last word.

Easter is that gorgeous, sweet, closing note of the salvation hymn we believe with all our hearts: Christ has conquered death, and we will someday be with God forever. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Joy brings us incredible, brief, soul-filling moments when we feel the overwhelming love of God and our place in this world. Our soul cries: Yes. I am grateful. It is so good to be alive.

Joy is a gift from God and a feeling that bubbles up from wherever the soul lives. But that is not the only way joy shows up.

There is an aspect of joy we often miss around Easter, and it appears precisely when Easter comes and goes and life remains ... unfinished. We wake up

the next morning and discover that we are still carrying the same griefs, the same unanswered prayers, the same ache we carried throughout Lent.

This can feel confusing. Shouldn't we feel better? Was Easter not enough? But Easter joy is not the feeling that everything has been fixed. It is not happiness, resolution, or emotional closure. Easter joy is the ability to live in Christian anticipation and trust—patiently and imperfectly—even while we remain here in the long middle.

Joy is one of the most powerful experiences we can have because it is an emotion that can co-exist with our actual lives. Unlike happiness, joy can live alongside sadness, boredom, fear, or despair. It expands our capacity to hold contradictory truths at the same time—and because we know joy, we recover a strange, steady confidence that life is still worth loving, even when it hurts.

Scripture is honest about this. Jesus weeps at Lazarus's tomb, even knowing resurrection is coming. Paul speaks of being "sorrowful, yet always rejoicing" [2 Corinthians 6:10]. Revelation [21:4] promises a future where God will wipe away every tear—but that promise is not the same thing as pretending we are not crying now. This is where Easter joy lives. It is not joy instead of grief. It is joy with grief. Not joy that rushes us forward, but joy that allows us to remain human in the meantime.... This joy is more totalizing than optimism. It is truer than plain happiness. It is the deep assurance that the story is not finished, even when our lives feel painfully incomplete.

Easter joy is the grace of being able to say: This is hard. I am still waiting. And God is still good.

Not because everything has changed—but because, one day—poof—God promises everything will.

adapted from: <https://cac.org/daily-meditations/a-different-kind-of-joy/>

## For Reflection

- ★ What are some ways I can show love to those who are different from me?
- ★ How can I put Jesus' prayer into action in my life?

<https://young-catholics.com/2599/7th-sunday-of-easter-year-a/#thoughts>

# Holy Cross Parish

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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](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

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

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

- 05/17: SPECIAL COLLECTION: Catholic Charities; Rosary after mass, Pastoral Council meeting after mass**  
Discussion: Parish picnic and the 5-year Holy Cross Parish plan
- 05/20: Holy Hour and Night Prayer, 6:30 p.m. St. Mary's Oneonta
- 05/21: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
- 05/24: SPECIAL COLLECTION: Eastern European Collection**  
Christian Formation after mass  
Catholic Charismatic Renewal Pentecost mass & reception, 1:30 p.m. Christ Our Light Church Loudonville (see [albanycr.org](http://albanycr.org) or call Lenora, 518-867-1371)
- 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**  
Christian Formation after mass
- 06/11: Liturgy of the Word**
- 06/14: Coffee Hour after mass**

## SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026

Mass Attendance: 59

Collection: \$742.00

Utilities: \$164.00

# MAY 17, 2026

## Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

**Greeters:** Pat Kristofik

**Deacon:** Paul Cerosaletti

**Lector:** Kerry L. Mess

## May 24

**Greeters:** Marguerite Webster

**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 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 all those who clean the church, all our greeters, altar servers, lectors, and Eucharistic ministers