

## SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Thursday, November 9

Feast of the Dedication of Lateran Basilica

Friday, November 10

Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Saturday, November 11

Saint Martin of Tours

The Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome commemorates a building known as Basilica of St. John Lateran.

The early Christians gathered quietly in their homes. But when the Emperor Constantine converted to Christianity, the followers of Jesus no longer feared persecution. Constantine donated a family palace to the Church and it became the Basilica of St. John Lateran.

The Lateran Basilica is dedicated to St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist. It is named Lateran in honor of the family which originally owned the property. It is the oldest church in Rome.

This feast day reminds Catholics of our past. It also makes us think of the importance of religious freedom.

<https://young-catholics.com/4762/the-dedication-of-the-lateran-basilica/>

St. Martin of Tours was a 4<sup>th</sup> century soldier in the Roman military during a time when Christianity had become legalized in the Roman Empire. He was a catechumen, being instructed in the Catholic faith in preparation for baptism.

A popular story recounts that when he was a soldier and approached by a beggar, he cut off half of his cloak and gave it to the man. That night, Jesus appeared to him in a dream and said, “Martin, who is still but a catechumen, clothed me with this robe.”

Martin was baptized after his dream. He refused to continue fighting after his baptism, “I am the soldier of Christ: it is not lawful for me to fight.” He was the first conscientious objector and accused of being a coward. He offered to go into the battle unarmed and was accepted; but before the battle began, the other side agreed to a truce. Martin was released from service.

After being released from the military, he continued to study Christianity. He started a monastery in Tours, France. He evangelized people in the region and reluctantly became bishop. He organized his diocese into parishes, regularly visiting each one.

St. Martin’s love of peace and his role as patron saint of soldiers made his feast day a traditional day to end conflicts. Armistice Day, which brought an end to the fighting of World War I, took place on November 11, 1918. The annual observance of Armistice Day eventually became Veteran’s Day in the U.S. So there is a real connection between St. Martin of Tours’ feast day and the observance of Veteran’s Day.

St. Martin of Tours is the patron saint of conscientious objectors, soldiers, tailors, the poor, and winemakers.

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31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, A

Malachi 1:14b–2:2b, 8-10

Psalm 131

1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13

Matthew 23:1–12

### OUR NATURAL ANCESTORS

We now turn our thoughts to the Creator, or Great Spirit, and send greetings and thanks for all the gifts of Creation. Everything we need to live a good life is here on Mother Earth. For all the love that is still around us, we gather our minds together as one and send our choicest words of greetings and thanks to the Creator. Now our minds are one. —Thanksgiving Address, Haudenosaunee Confederacy

*Potawatomi author Kaitlin Curtice invites us to consider how we pray in, for, and with nature:*

The gifts of prayer—of sweetgrass, sage, tobacco, and cedar—are said to have been given to us to keep us connected to Segmekwe, Mother Earth, to share her good gifts and to ask Creator to hear us, to be present with us. As a Potawatomi person, I pray to remember, and I pray to keep the shkodé, the fire, lit inside of me....

Growing up in the Baptist tradition, I heard little mention of communicating with God through the earth. On Sundays, we would often hear sermons about how prayer is something we should just try harder at, instead of something we enter into. When I began to pray in Potawatomi, I understood something different about prayer—that it is a holistic act that involves all of me, and all of the creatures around me, communing with God.

If we truly believe that God surrounds us, we believe that prayer is an everyday experience of being alive.... When you step outside and engage with the world in quiet listening, prayer will happen, and it will take on its own way of being for you. Perhaps prayer is just poetry, and we are living the expressions of what it means to be human. This is why Creator gave us gifts to remember.... When I burn sage or lay tobacco down, I know that I am tethered to a love that has remained steady throughout the centuries and that always calls me back to its own sacredness. And that sacredness will always lead me back out to the world to do the work of love.

*Curtice frequents a state park on land where the Muscogee Creek and Cherokee peoples lived:*

I hear the trees speaking, and they remember everything. As the rocks invite me to sit, they’re asking me to take a moment to remember. And when the water stills to reflect the blue Georgia sky, I am being asked to remember, to reclaim something. So I lay my tobacco on the water’s surface and whisper, “You’re not forgotten.” I listen to the ancestors and to the created world that longs to tell its own stories. I whisper a prayer to Kche Mnedo, to Mamogosnan, Creator, who never forgets, who knows the language of every tribe.... If we listen, the land is speaking. If we listen, we are doing the active work of paying attention, not only to our own lives but also to history telling its own story again and again.

Kaitlin B. Curtice, *Native: Identity, Belonging, and Rediscovering God* (Grand Rapids, MI: Brazos Press, 2020), 70, 71–72, 73.

from Center for Action and Contemplation: <https://email.cac.org/t/d-e-vdjka-idtrlydhr-w/>

### For Reflection

- ★ Am I receptive to God’s message in my life, allowing it to deeply affect me?
- ★ Do I recognize divine truth in simple, everyday interactions with others?

NOVEMBER 9



# Holy Cross Parish

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## MISSION

To care for the poor, abandoned, and the marginalized.



## SCHEDULE

Mass: Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Liturgy of the Word: Tuesday, 10 a.m.

## PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

### Parish Leader

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

### Trustees

Michael Stensland (607) 783-2764

Richard Meyers (607) 263-5588

### Parish Council Chair

Kerry L. Mess (607) 386-1951

### Parish Council Members

Dana Mochovciak, Jenna Turner, Carol Tyson, Marguerite Webster

### Liturgical Ministry

Marguerite Webster (607) 263-5478

### Faith Formation

Daphne Thompson (607) 263-2410

### Ministry to the Homebound

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

Jenn Spivey (207) 539-5094

## NOVEMBER 5, 2023

### Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

**Lector:** Marguerite Webster

**Eucharistic Minister:** Carole Barry

### Mass Intention

**For Richard Guernsey**

To request a mass intention, call the office to schedule: (607) 263-5143.

Congratulations to the Tabone family on the baptism of Jame and Matthew.

### Pray for

- ✕ the deceased members of our parish and their families and friends
- ✕ the sick, their caregivers, and all who have asked for prayers: Sr. Theresa Ahern MSBT, Amy O'Brien, John O'Brien, Jo Franklin, Aggi Huff, Louisa Joy, Lynn Joy, Maureen Joy, Nadine Joy, Rebecca Joy, Michelle Lee, Teresa Meyers, Clara Murphy, Diane Neczesny, Maria Papendrea and sister Camella, Karina Tabone, Joe and Carol Tyson, Lorraine Tyson, Fr. Chris Welch, John Zaleski
- ✕ all the men and women of our parish family serving in the military and all first responders and emergency personnel: Ryan Barry, Jim Barry, Meghan Barringer

## 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 offeratory and Diocesan Appeal to help ensure our parish and Diocese can be one of your partners in faith. Thank you!

**Pope Francis's intention for November: We pray for the Holy Father, as he fulfills his mission. May he continue with the Holy Spirit's help and guidance.**

### IT'S TIME TO SING TOGETHER AGAIN! COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Join the choir for the annual Community Thanksgiving Service, at First Baptist Church in Morris, November 19 at 3 p.m.

### Community Choir Rehearsals

Sat. 11/11, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Baptist Church, Broad Street

Tues. 11/14, 3–4 p.m.

Methodist Church, Church Street

Please attend at least one of the first two rehearsals. If you have a conflict but still wish to sing, please contact Beth Child to get music in advance. All voices need to be at the final rehearsal:

11/19, 2 p.m., (service at 3 p.m.)

Baptist Church, Broad Street

**Interested? Contact: bethlchild@aol.com**

**Please spread the word among singing friends. All are welcome!**

### CURIOUS? BEING CALLED? JOIN US.

RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults into the Catholic faith. **Holy Cross Parish RCIA**  
**Contact:** Maureen Joy (607) 263-5132

## DIOCESAN APPEAL

As you plan your budget, consider a pledge. Use your bank's Bill Pay feature to set up automatic payments or use envelopes on the back table (Please change date to 23-24).

<https://thediocesanappeal.org/>



### Upcoming Events

11/05: Parish Council meeting, after mass;  
Sunday school

11/07: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

11/11: Saint Agnes/Saint John's Holiday Bazaar, 8:30 a.m. –12:30 p.m., Afton Town Hall

Community Thanksgiving Singing Rehearsal, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Baptist Church, Broad Street

11/12: Coffee Hour after mass to honor our veterans

11/14: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

11/14: Community Thanksgiving Singing Rehearsal, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Methodist Church, Church Street

11/19: Community Thanksgiving Service, 3 p.m., Baptist Church, Broad Street  
\*\*\*Final rehearsal for singing, 2 p.m.

### COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

- ♥ Donate a 20+ pound turkey [bring to St. Mary's before/after mass 11/11-11/12 or 4-6 p.m., 11/15, or contact John Korb (607) 267-0527]
- ♥ Volunteer to set up, food prep: 11/20-11/22
- ♥ Volunteer to cook, prepare, serve or deliver meals: 11/23

Contact: Cindy Korb (607) 267-0539 or email Thanksgivingvolunteer2023@gmail.com by 11/17

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023**

Mass Attendance: 55

Collection: \$739.00