

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday, November 1
Solemnity of All Saints

Thursday, November 2
All Souls Day

Saturday, November 4
Saint Charles Borromeo

St. Charles Borromeo was born on October 2, 1538 near Milan, Italy. He came from a wealthy family and is known for his work implementing the reforms of the Council of Trent and creating seminaries to educate priests.

When he was 12, he decided to dedicate himself to service to the Church. His uncle gave him the family income from a Benedictine abbey. Charles said that any of the income which was not required to educate him to serve the people of God belonged to the poor.

Charles's father passed away when he was sixteen. When his brother passed away a few years later, his family wanted him to marry and have children, so the family name would not be lost; but Charles remained steadfast in his desire to serve the Church.

His uncle was Pope Pius IV. In 1559, the newly elected pope asked Charles to come to Rome. Shortly after Charles arrived, the pope made him a cardinal. He had many responsibilities and he carried out his duties faithfully. He was ordained a priest in 1563. Just one year later, Charles became the Archbishop of Milan.

At this time, the Protestant Reformation was growing in Europe. Charles was determined to reform the Church. He felt clergy needed to be better educated, so he founded seminaries.

He promoted the decrees of the Council of Trent in his archdiocese. He ended the sales of indulgences and pushed for simpler architecture in churches, so they did not distract from the worship of God. Many clergy did not

like his attempts to implement reform. At one point, a small corrupt religious order even tried to assassinate him.

When the plague hit Milan in 1576, he used much of his family's wealth to feed and care for victims. He also persuaded bishops and leaders of religious communities to provide aid to the sick and dying. He died on November 3, 1584. He was 46.

St. Charles Borromeo is the patron saint of those suffering from ulcers and intestinal issues, seminarians, bishops, spiritual directors, and apple orchards.

Be sure that you first preach by the way you live. If you do not, people will notice that you say one thing, but live otherwise

—St. Charles Borromeo

<https://young-catholics.com/2163/st-charles-borromeo/>

THE GUARDIAN'S FAREWELL

Softly and gently, dearly ransomed soul,
in my most loving arms I now enfold thee,
And o're the purging waters as they roll,
I poise thee and I lower thee and hold thee.

And with great care I dip thee into the lake;
And thou without a sob or a resistance
dost through the flood thy rapid passage take,
sinking deep, deeper into the dim distance.

Angels to whom the willing task is giv'n
shall tend and nurse and lull the as thou liest,
And masses on the earth and prayers in heav'n
shall aid thee at the throne of the most highest.

Farewell but not forever, loved one dear,
be brave and patient on thy bed of sorrow,
Swiftly shall pass the night of trial here,
and I will come and wake thee on the morrow

David Haas, from John H. Newman' "The Dream of Geron-tius"; <https://emptynestmw.com/the-guardians-farewell-remembering-loved-ones-who-have-passed-away/>



OCTOBER 29, 2023

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A

Exodus 22:20–26

Psalms 18

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Matthew 22:34–40

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

It has been said, "Love works for those who work at it." Our readings today tell us the same thing. Love does not come nicely packaged and colorfully wrapped. We must work at it, put it together little by little, day by day, and piece by piece, because love just doesn't happen.

Israel's oldest law code gives a few starters for love. It begins by telling us to have a marked respect for all others, especially disadvantaged Israelites and resident non-Israelites. It calls for equity in personal dealings.

What Jesus seems to be doing in today's Gospel is cutting through the complicated and legislative subtlety of the Pharisees.

Jesus is challenged by a skilled scholar of the Hebrew Torah. It is not meant to be a friendly question since there are 600 commandments of the law.

Staying on safe ground, Jesus quotes the Shema since this is one of Judaism's most sacred ethical precepts and an affirmation of monotheism. Jesus explains that loving God involves a commitment of will, the heart, life itself, the soul, and the mind. In other words, the love of God must be a total response in faithfulness with no competing friendship.

Jesus does not say that among all the laws this is the greatest, but that the whole of Scripture, all the laws and the prophets, must be interpreted through this commandment. It gives the law of love a singular and primary importance.

To ignore our neighbor as we embrace God is unthinkable. Yes, God knows that love is a sweet and beautiful thing, challenging every ounce of determination and courage in us. It is a gutsy commitment that allows another to take us for granted. Sometimes, it will be easier to love the God we don't see and ignore the brother or sister we do see.

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For Reflection

- ★ How do the social justice laws outlined in Exodus relate to my understanding of current social issues, such as immigration or minority rights?
- ★ Paul emphasizes actions over words in his letter. How does this message resonate with me in the context of today's digital world?
- ★ What action have I taken lately to love my neighbors? Do I consider all people my neighbors, even those I have strong disagreements with?

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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

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Michael Stensland (607) 783-2764

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Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

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OCTOBER 29, 2023

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Lector: Kerry L. Mess

Eucharistic Minister: Daphne Thompson

Mass Intention

For Maureen Joy

If you would like to request an intention for a mass, simply call the office to schedule: (607) 263-5143.

Pray for

- ✠ the deceased members of our parish and their families and friends
- ✠ the sick, their caregivers, and all who have asked for our prayers, especially Sr. Theresa Ahern MSBT, Amy O'Brien, John O'Brien, Jo Franklin, Aggi Huff, Louisa Joy, Lynn Joy, Maureen Joy, Rebecca Joy, Michelle Lee, Teresa Meyers, Clara Murphy, Diane Neczesny, Maria Papendrea and sister Camella, Karina Tabone and (welcome to) new baby Thomas 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

There is a mysterious solidarity in Christ between those who have already passed to the other life and we pilgrims in this one. Our deceased loved ones continue to take care of us from Heaven. They pray for us, and we pray for them and we pray with them.

—Pope Francis

Pope Francis's intention for October: For the Synod, may the church adopt listening and dialogue at every level, and accept guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Engage in Living Community

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, Sunday, November 19 at 3 p.m. We will have 1-2 rehearsals before the service and a final run through at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 19.

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

Interested? Contact: bethlchild@aol.com

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER NEEDED

♥ Donations of 20-pound or more turkeys [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]

♥ Volunteers for set up and food preparation: 11/20-11/22

♥ Volunteers to cook, prepare, deliver meals and serve: 11/23

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

WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS PARISH! CURIOUS? BEING CALLED?

RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults into the Catholic faith. For more information, go to myrcia.org.
Holy Cross Parish RCIA Contact:
Maureen Joy (607) 263-5132

Upcoming Events

10/31: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m. rectory

11/01: Mass, 9 a.m.

11/01: Mass 12:10 p.m. & 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

11/01: Veterans Resource Fair, 10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., Elks Lodge, 104 River Street, Sidney

11/02: Mass 12:10 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

11/03–04: Charismatic Renewal–Life in the Spirit, Church of St. Mary's, Clifton Heights, NY 6:30 p.m. / 8:30 a.m.

11/03–05: Men's Retreat, "Make My Joy Complete" at Dominican Retreat & Conference Center. For more information call Ellen Reuter (607) 563-3259.

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

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023

Mass Attendance: 47

Collection: \$1281.00

Special Collection: \$115.00