

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, April 16

Saint Bernadette Soubirous

SAINT BERNADETTE OF LOURDES

Saint Bernadette Soubirous, born January 7, 1844, in Lourdes, France, in a poor family, was a shepherdess, spending much of her early life tending to her family's sheep in the countryside near Lourdes. Her humble beginnings as a shepherdess helped shape her simple, trusting faith.

On February 11, 1858, when she was 14 years old, Bernadette saw a beautiful lady in a small cave near her town. This lady appeared 18 times to Bernadette. She told Bernadette to pray for sinners and asked for a chapel to be built at the site of the visions. The lady also showed Bernadette a hidden spring of water in the cave. This water became famous for its healing properties.

Saint Bernadette had poor health throughout her life. Even as a child, she suffered from asthma and other illnesses, which made her weak and often unable to attend school or work. Her family's poverty meant they couldn't afford good medical care. Despite her sickness, she showed great faith and strength, especially during the Marian apparitions.

Her health did not improve when she became an adult. She joined a convent, where she hoped to live a quiet life of prayer, but

her health issues continued. Bernadette often offered up her suffering, seeing it as a way to share in the sufferings of Christ. She died young, at the age of 35, after a long battle with a painful bone disease. Her life of suffering, combined with her deep faith, made her an example of patience and trust in God's will for many people.

The Church investigated her claims carefully before confirming the authenticity of the apparitions. Today, Lourdes is one of the most visited pilgrimage sites in the world, with millions of people coming to pray and seek healing at the grotto and its spring.

St. Bernadette is the patron saint of Lourdes, France, where she saw the apparitions of the Virgin Mary. She is also the patron saint of bodily illness, poverty, people ridiculed for their piety, and shepherds.

from: <https://young-catholics.com/2366/st-bernadette/>

TOTUS, TOTUS, TOTUS

(Everyone, everyone, everyone)

Pope Francis has challenged us to include and welcome everyone to the community, including those on the margins. If you see someone new in church, please introduce yourself by name. It helps us get to know one another and create a vibrant parish community life. Thank you!

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 help ensure our parish and Diocese can be one of your partners in faith. Thank you!

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.



<https://thediocesanappeal.org/>

CURRENT STATUS: \$2,969 / GOAL: \$5,000



APRIL 14, 2024

3rd Sunday of Easter, B

Acts 3:13–15, 17–19

Psalms 4

1 John 2:1–5a

Luke 24:35–48

REPAIRING RELATIONSHIPS

Repentance is not complete until confession and pardon lead to penance that allows community to be restored. Archbishop [Desmond] Tutu's insistence on real material transformation... is evidence of his faith in Christ's incarnation, which shows us how much flesh and blood matter to God. Salvation is not offered to us as some kind of metaphysical prize. It is offered to us in our bodies as God's manifest power to change human lives. While Jesus may have done the hardest work for us, some of us still long for a way both to engage the consequences of our sin and to have a hand in repairing the damage we have done. We want to participate in our own redemption, instead of sitting... while Jesus does all the work. We want to be agents of God's grace.

Just for a lark, imagine going to your pastor and confessing your rampant materialism, your devotion to things instead of people, and your isolation from the poor whom Jesus loved. Then imagine being forgiven and given your penance: to select five of your favorite things—including perhaps your Bose radio and your new Coach book bag—and to match them up with five people who you know would turn cartwheels to have them. Then on Saturday, put your lawn mower in your trunk, drive down to that transitional neighborhood where all the old people live and offer to mow lawns for free until dark. Discerning sinners will note that none of this is standard punishment. It is penance, which is not for the purpose of inflicting pain but for the much higher purpose of changing lives by restoring relationships.

Something like that might really get my attention. I might begin to understand that repentance means more than saying "I'm sorry" and that God's grace requires more of me than singing every verse of "Just As I Am."

Penance is the acceptance of responsibility for repair, and it is one of the most healing things a repentant sinner can do, as well as one of the most painful... True repentance ... promises us reunion with God and one another. It promises us restoration to community, and to all the responsibilities that go along with life in relationship.

meditation from: <https://email.cac.org/t/d-e-vjhtihk-tdduxulkd-f/>

image and questions from: <https://young-catholics.com/3218/3rd-sunday-of-easter-year-b/>

For Reflection

- ★ How does the message of repentance in the readings challenge or comfort me in my own spiritual journey?
- ★ Forgiveness of sins is a theme that runs through all the readings. Whom do I need to forgive in my life, and from whom do I need to seek forgiveness?

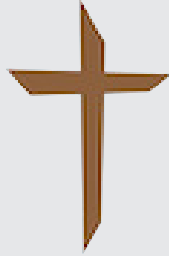


Holy Cross Parish

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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

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Kerry L. Mess (607) 386-1951

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Dana Mochovciak, Jenna Turner, Carol Tyson, Marguerite Webster

Liturgical Ministry

Marguerite Webster (607) 263-5478

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Daphne Thompson (607) 263-2410

Ministry to the Homebound

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

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APRIL 14, 2024

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Deacon: Paul Cerosaletti

Lector: Becky Barringer

Mass Intention

For the soul of Lorraine Tyson, daughter-in-law of Carol and Joe Tyson

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, Tony Giambra, Aggi Huff, Louisa Joy, Lynn Joy, Maureen Joy, Rebecca Joy, Michelle Lee, Teresa Meyers, Rich Morley, Clara Murphy, Diane Neczesny, Karen Newell, Maria Papendrea, Tom Rizzo, Joe and Carol Tyson, 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

The resurrection is not Jesus' private miracle; it's the new shape of reality. It's the new shape of the world. It's filled with grace. It's filled with possibility. It's filled with newness.

—Richard Rohr

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 Contact:** Maureen Joy (607) 263-5132

Pope Francis's April intention: For the role of women, may the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture.

Engage in Living Community

ARE YOU GRIEVING? CONSOLATION GROUP
This group meets the 3rd Thursday each month (April 18) at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's rectory. If you are grieving loss of any kind, come visit.

EARTH FEST — Saturday, April 20

Come to Milford Central School to learn about environmental issues: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

BOTTLE/CAN COLLECTION — April 20–21
Put nickel refundable in NY bottles and cans in the recyclable container in front of St. Mary's garage, 9 a.m.–after mass each day

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE — April 23

The Red Cross has an emergency blood shortage, having lost 40% of its donors. To help, consider making a donation. Sidney Elks Lodge (104 River Street), Tuesday, April 23: 1–6 p.m.

CANDID CONVERSATIONS — April 22–26
Join St. Mary's Oneonta in a series of guest speakers during the Easter season. Watch the bulletin for more information.

ST. MARY'S HOLY SEWS — April 25

Holy Sews makes layettes for families who lose their baby in the 2nd trimester: Cut ribbons for tunics and wraps, tie ribbons on bears, add ribbons to memory cards etc. Sew kits at home. To join the chapter, call Sallyann Lamanna (607-432-5125) or holysewsononeonta@yahoo.com

DRIVE THROUGH RECYCLING — April 27
Engage in spring cleaning: Recycle Christmas lights, shredding, printer cartridges and toner, tooth care (all brands), eyeglasses
Brewery Ommegang; contact ocainfo.org to sign up for a drop off time

Upcoming Events

04/14: Coffee hour after mass, Pastoral Council meeting after mass

04/16: Liturgy of the Word

04/21: Rosary after mass

04/23: Liturgy of the Word

04/28: Women's Retreat after mass (contact Maureen Joy if you plan to attend)

05/05: Anthony Tabone First Communion Crowning of Mary after Mass

✧ Butternut Valley Food Pantry
166 Marion Avenue, Gilbertsville NY
(607) 783-2267

✧ The Lord's Table & Food Pantry
305 Main Street, Oneonta NY
(607) 432-1458

✧ The Magic Closet
158 East Main Street, Morris NY
(607) 263-5116 or (607) 263-5859

CAMP BREAKAWAY — June 29–July 3

For youth grades 6–12 (teens split into middle and high school groups) to experience Pyramid Life Center and its mission of community, self-discovery, and the healing power of nature, and God. Cost: \$430. Visit www.pyramid.org/breakaway2024/ to register.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

Mass Attendance: 62

Collection: \$2391.00