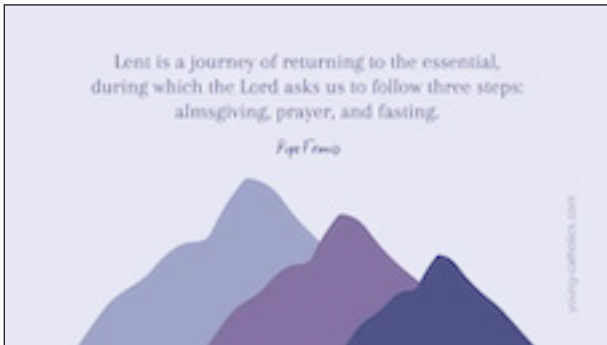


SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday, February 14
Ash Wednesday



LENT 2024

Look here for various Lenten activities and wonderful resources around the Diocese.
www.RCDA.org/Lent/Resources



“Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside. You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. You flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blindness. You breathed your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for you.” (Saint Augustine)



REMEMBER THE PARISH IN YOUR WILL.

Most adults do not have a legal will. Write your will today by visiting MyCatholicWill.com.

This Lent, protect those you love most in under 15-minutes through the online, easy-to-use form.

Leave a legacy of faith by including the parish in your will.

www.MyCatholicWill.com
Use code: PARISH20 to save 20%

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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: \$1,969 / GOAL: \$5,000



Holy Cross Parish

FEBRUARY 11, 2024
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, B
Leviticus 13:1–2, 44–46
Psalm 32
1 Corinthians 10:31–11:1
Mark 1:40–45

PREPARING FOR LENT: TO LIVE IS TO CHANGE

The Greek word for “repent” (metanoia) means to change your mind. I’d like to emphasize change, because that’s not something we humans as a species are attracted to. We’re much like animals in this regard. Animals are creatures of habit. Those of us with a dog or a cat know their behavior is predictable. If we change some daily routine, they’ll get upset. I’m afraid to say that we’re much the same. We like things the way we like things. And yet the first words out of Jesus’ mouth tell us that he’s come to give us a philosophy of change: “Repent,”—change your mind—“for the kingdom of heaven has come near” (Matthew 3:2).

Part of resilience is making a decision to remain open to ongoing growth and change: Each of us has a range of resilience (the ability to meet, learn from, and not be crushed by the challenges and stresses of life).... Of even more import than the different resiliency ranges people have is their conscious decision to maximize the ways in which they can become as hardy as possible. They may not call this resilience, but it is their ability to be open to life’s experiences, and so to learn. [1]

St. John Henry Newman (1801–1890) said, “Here below to live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often.” [2] That’s a very different philosophy than most of us have. Our natural approach is to keep in cruise control. The way we do it is the way we do it, and any change is considered dangerous, heretical, and new. But here in this Gospel we were given a program of change and growth from the beginning. If we don’t grow, if we don’t change, we end up the same at 70 as we were at 17. We all know people like that, and we may even be one of them. Such people aren’t very fun to live with. They want to pick and win fights. It’s what a lot of politics is today. The important thing is not the truth or what’s good for the whole, but what’s good for the small part of which I’m a part.

If people refuse to change, what my mother used to call “bull-headedness,” the world will only get worse. We have to learn how to dialogue, how to forgive, and how to trust, and how to give people the benefit of the doubt. In the United States, our country has become very cynical about truth and love. We hear politicians take oaths to be fair and just leaders and we all know it doesn’t mean anything. We expect everybody to be for the truth of their group and their “kingdoms.” But Jesus tells us to change our minds and accept the kingdom of God, which is what’s good for the whole.

[1] Robert J. Wicks, *Bounce: Living the Resilient Life*, 2nd ed. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2023), 5.

[2] John Henry Newman, *An Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine*, 6th ed. (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 1989, 2015), 40.

from: <https://cac.org/daily-meditations/to-live-is-to-change/>

For Reflection

- ★ Jesus broke societal and religious norms to heal the leper. What boundaries might you be called to cross to show God’s love to others?
- ★ The leper trusted Jesus’ will and timing for his healing. How can you cultivate a deeper trust in God’s timing and plan for your life, especially in areas where you seek change or healing?

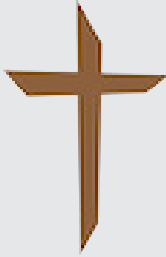
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MISSION

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 Pastoral Council Chair

Kerry L. Mess (607) 386-1951

Parish Pastoral 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

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Deacon: Paul Cerosaletti

Lector: Becky Barringer

Mass Intention

For Bishop Ed on the anniversary of his ordination as bishop

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, Tom DeLaurentiis, Amy O'Brien, John O'Brien, Jo Franklin, Aggi Huff, Louisa Joy, Lynn Joy, Michelle Lee, Teresa Meyers, Clara Murphy, Diane Neczesny, 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 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

Pope Francis's February intention: For the terminally ill, may they and their families receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Engage in Living Community

Keep Our Community Warm One Brick At A Time

Catholic Charities is conducting a fundraising campaign to help individuals and families who need help with heat and utility costs. It is selling bricks (\$25 each) for a fireplace, to be displayed in front windows of Catholic Charities, Main Street, Oneonta. To sponsor and purchase a paper brick, come to a Catholic Charities office (Cobleskill, Oneonta, or Sidney), Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. and 1:30–4:00 p.m. or Thursday, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. and 1:30–6:30 p.m. You can mail a check to: Catholic Charities, 176 Main Street, Oneonta, NY 13820. All money raised will be used in your local community to help keep children, seniors, and adults warm this winter.



Lent is traditionally when Christians take the opportunity to reflect on our relationship with God and renew our faith. Imagine it as spring cleaning: We throw open the windows to let the fresh air of springtime in. Dan Schutte has created a virtual Lenten retreat to use at your own pace and on your own time. Each of 21 videos includes an inspirational reflection and music to enrich your prayer. Access lasts from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday. Registration also includes a downloadable retreat workbook/journal to help you reflect on your experience and offer you a place to keep notes. Registration fee \$100 per person. <https://www.danschutte.com/lenten-retreat-2024/>

Upcoming Events

02/11: Butternut Food Pantry Souper Bowl Sharing & Caring Collection

Coffee Hour after mass

Lenten Meal planning meeting, parish hall

Children's Lenten preparation

02/13: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

Bible study after

02/14: Ash Wednesday, communion service, ashes distribution, 6:30 p.m.

02/18: SPECIAL COLLECTION – Black, Native American & Latin American Mission

02/20: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

Bible study after

02/21: Charismatic Healing Liturgy, Christ Our Light RC Church, Loudenville, NY, 7:30 p.m. (see also albanyccr.org)

02/27: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

Bible study after

03/03: Parish Pastoral Council meeting, rectory after mass

03/10: SPECIAL COLLECTION – Catholic Relief Services Annual Appeal

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

Mass Attendance: 46

Collection: \$953.00