

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, July 9

Saint Augustine Zhao Rong,
Priest and Companions, Martyrs

Thursday, July 11

Saint Benedict, Abbot

Saturday, July 13

Saint Henry

WHOM HAVE YOU WELCOMED TODAY?

BUILDING COMMUNITY: The Parish Pastoral Council has begun a planning process for realizing our vision (top of front page) and mission (inside left panel). **The next Council meeting is Sunday, July 28 after mass** (on Upcoming Events list). **Meetings are open, and all are welcome to attend and participate!**

BUILDING COMMUNITY: Check out the **HOLY CROSS PARISH PICNIC, Saturday, June 15. Photos on back bulletin board.**

OTSEGO COUNTY SENIOR PICNIC IN THE PARK



Wednesday, August 21, 10:30 a.m.,
Glimmerglass State Park, West Pavillion
Admission: \$8.00 Registration required by
Thursday, August 15. Use the form below.
Questions? Call Otsego County Office for
the Aging: (607) 547-4232

After mass last week, we learned, five people were sponsored, a testimony to the generosity of those at Holy Cross. To learn more, call (800) 875-6564 or visit Unbound online at www.unbound.org.



UNBOUND

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

June 13, *The Evangelist* reported on the Albany Diocese's first **Pastoral Associate for Leadership Formation** program graduates. Our own **Matthew Tabone** was in this class. Check out the article on the bulletin board at the back of church.

THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING, THE MEADOWS, 140 CO HWY 33 W, COOPERSTOWN, NY 13326

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Lunch Choice: Turkey Ham & Cheese Egg Salad
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THIS EVENT IS HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NYS OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION & HISTORIC PRESERVATION – CENTRAL REGION

Holy Cross Parish

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

JULY 7, 2024

14th Sunday Ordinary Time, B

Ezekiel 2:2–5

Psalm 123

2 Corinthians 12:7–10

Mark 6:1–6a

MERCY EVER-PRESENT

As you breathe out, say “Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me.” —St. Symeon the New Theologian

What does it mean to ask Jesus Christ to have mercy on me? It's to ask God to have mercy on me in the waywardness of my ways. I know by my own actions that I'm not true to the person I really am called to be. I know this in my weakness, so I ask Christ to have mercy on me. At the very heart of this prayer is the heart of Jesus because God is love, and when love touches suffering, the suffering turns love into mercy. Jesus is like a field of boundless mercy.... There's an infinite love within us that we can in no way whatsoever increase—because it's infinite. God is infinitely in love with us. But just as we can't increase it, we can't threaten it either. We're an infinitely loved, broken person. In acceptance of the brokenness, the infinity of the love that shines through the brokenness gets brighter and brighter.

There's a moral imperative to do our best not to continue with things that are hurtful to ourselves and others. You have your list, and I have mine. That's important. But grounded in us is in an inner peace that is not dependent on the ability to overcome the hurtful thing. St. Paul had a thorn in the flesh and asked God to remove it, but God said, “Leave it there” (2 Corinthians 12:7–10). The thorn is the teacher, the place where it isn't looking good, if this is all up to you. But it's not up to you. It's up to God giving Godself to you as infinitely lovable in your brokenness and incompleteness. This is experiential salvation. [1]

The story comes to mind of the little fish swimming up to its mother, all in a panic: “Mama, Mama, what's water? I gotta find water or I'll die!” We live immersed in this water, and the reason we miss it is not that it is so far away but, paradoxically, so close: more intimate to us than our being itself....

[Mercy] is the water in which we swim. Mercy is the length and breadth and height and depth of what we know of God—and the light by which we know it....

The mercy of God does not come and go, granted to some and refused to others. Why? Because it is unconditional—always there, underlying everything. It is literally the force that holds everything in existence, the gravitational field in which we live and move and have our being. Just like that little fish swimming desperately in search of water, we, too—in the words of Psalm 103—“swim in mercy as in an endless sea.” Mercy is God's innermost being turned outward to sustain the visible and created world in unbreakable love. [2]

[1] Adapted from James Finley and Kirsten Oates, “The Way of a Pilgrim: Session 3,” Turning to the Mystics, season 9, ep. 6 (Albuquerque, NM: Center for Action and Contemplation, 2024), podcast.

[2] Cynthia Bourgeault, *Mystical Hope: Trusting in the Mercy of God* (Cambridge, MA: Cowley Publications, 2001), 20, 25.

<https://email.cac.org/t/d-e-etktyiy-tdduxulkd-yd/>; Questions: <https://young-catholics.com/3329/14th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-b/>

For Reflection

- ★ How can I trust in God's strength when I feel weak?
- ★ What can I do to strengthen my faith in Jesus?
- ★ How am I challenged to accept different ways of thinking?

Holy Cross Parish

96-98 Main Street, PO Box 118
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<https://parishes.rcda.org/holycross/>
Our bulletin and Pastoral Council minutes are posted on our website. If you have a notice for the bulletin, please email: holycrossrcchurch@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.

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Pastoral Associate (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

RCIA Contact

Maureen Joy (607) 263-5132



JULY 7, 2024

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Lector: Kerry L. Mess

Eucharistic Ministers: Carole Barry, Diane Turner, and Carol Tyson

Mass Intention

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, Kathleen Barry, Amy O'Brien, Diane DeDominicus, John O'Brien, Jo Franklin, Tony Giambra, Agnes Huff, Louisa Joy, Lynn Joy, Maureen Joy, Rebecca Joy, Michelle Lee, Valerie McCann, Teresa Meyers, Rich Morley, Clara Murphy, John Neary, Diane Neczesny, Karen Newell, Maria Papendrea, 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

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 July intention: May the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer the power of the Lord as a sign of compassion and hope for all.

Engage in Living Community

HAVE 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.



Visit NationalCatholicSingles.com for more information and to register. (Can't find your question answered on the website? Call 704-665-0455.)

Upcoming Events

- 07/10: Book study: *Lifeguard: Apostle's Creed*, 7 p.m., Gilbertsville Presbyterian
Book study: *If You Want to Walk on Water...* by John Ortberg, 6 p.m., United Methodist New Berlin
- 07/13: **Weekly Bible Study, 9 a.m. in Parish Hall**
Summer Concert, 2 p.m., Pathfinder Pavillion, Edmeston
Evening tea and devotional, 7 p.m., Gilbertsville Presbyterian
- 07/14: **Coffee Hour after mass**
- 07/18: **Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
Consolation Group, 10 a.m., St. Mary's Oneonta rectory
- 07/20: **Weekly Bible Study, 9 a.m. in Parish Hall**
- 07/21: **Rosary after mass**
- 07/25: **Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
- 07/27: **Weekly Bible Study, 9 a.m. in Parish Hall**
- 07/28: **SPECIAL COLLECTION - Holy Father**
Pastoral Council Meeting after mass
Hartwick Seminary Summer Institute of Theology (July 28-August 2)

SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024

Mass Attendance: 64
Collection: \$826.00