

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, June 11

Saint Barnabas, Apostle

Thursday, June 13

Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest
and Doctor of the Church

THE STORY OF SAINT BARNABAS

Barnabas, a Jew of Cyprus, comes as close as anyone outside the Twelve to being a full-fledged apostle. He was closely associated with Saint Paul—he introduced Paul to Peter and the other apostles—and served as a kind of mediator between the former persecutor and the still suspicious Jewish Christians.

When a Christian community developed at Antioch, Barnabas was sent as the official representative of the church of Jerusalem to incorporate them into the fold. He and Paul instructed in Antioch for a year, after which they took relief contributions to Jerusalem.

Later Paul and Barnabas, now clearly seen as charismatic leaders, were sent by Antioch officials to preach to the gentiles. Enormous success crowned their efforts. After a miracle at Lystra, the people wanted to offer sacrifice to them as gods—Barnabas being Zeus, and Paul, Hermes—but the two said, “We are of the same nature as you, human beings. We proclaim to you good news that you should turn from these idols to the living God” (see Acts 14:8-18).

But all was not peaceful. They were expelled from one town, they had to go to Jerusalem to clear

up the ever-recurring controversy about circumcision, and even the best of friends can have differences. When Paul wanted to revisit the places they had evangelized, Barnabas wanted to take along his cousin John Mark, author of the Gospel, but Paul insisted that since Mark had deserted them once, he was not fit to take along now. The disagreement that followed was so sharp that Barnabas and Paul separated: Barnabas taking Mark to Cyprus, Paul taking Silas to Syria. Later they were reconciled—Paul, Barnabas and Mark.

When Paul stood up to Peter for not eating with gentiles for fear of his Jewish friends, we learn that “even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy” (see Galatians 2:1-13).

PRAYERS OF SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

Prayer for Grace

“Let us therefore pray to our Lord Jesus Christ that he give us the grace to seek his Kingdom and to build within ourselves a moral Jerusalem. By doing this, we will be able to merit our place in the heavenly Jerusalem to sing Alleluia in its streets with all the saints and angels. But the One whose Kingdom is eternal for all ages must help us to do so.”

Your Name Is Joy

“Sweet Jesus, is there anything sweeter than you? To remember you is more delightful than everything else. Your name is joy; it is the true gate of our salvation. What else are you, Jesus, if not our Savior? Be our Redeemer. Give us the virtues of hope and love, just as you have given us faith, our primary joy. Give us the words that we need to praise you always. With the help and through the prayers of your mother. You who are blessed throughout the ages. Amen.”

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: \$4,901 / GOAL: \$5,000





Holy Cross Parish

JUNE 9, 2024
10th Sunday in Ordinary Time, B
Genesis 3:9–15
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1
Mark 3:20–35

DISOBEDIENCE AND HOPE IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN

This Sunday, we see God confronting Adam and Eve after their disobedience in the Garden of Eden. They had eaten the forbidden fruit, and now they faced the consequences. God tells them what will happen because of their actions, but He also gives a promise: In Genesis, God speaks of an offspring who will crush the serpent's head. This points to Jesus, who will overcome sin and death. Despite their disobedience, there is hope for the future. God's promise shows His love and mercy. This reminds us that sin has consequences. When we disobey God, it affects our lives. But God's promise of redemption is always there; he never leaves us without hope.

REDEFINING FAMILY

In Mark, Jesus faces opposition. His own family and religious leaders accuse Him of being possessed by evil. Jesus uses this moment to teach an important lesson. Jesus says that those who do the will of God are His true family. This means that spiritual kinship is more important than blood relations. Obedience to God makes us part of Jesus' family. We are invited to examine our own understanding of community and spiritual kinship. We are called to embrace our fellow believers as brothers and sisters in Christ, irrespective of societal or familial divisions. Through this redefinition of family, we are challenged to extend the boundaries of our love, acknowledging the unity we share as part of God's spiritual family.

FACING OPPOSITION

Jesus faced many challenges during His ministry. His own family did not understand Him. Religious leaders opposed Him. Despite this, Jesus stayed focused on His mission. We, too, may face opposition in our lives. People may not understand our faith. They might challenge us. But like Jesus, we must remain committed to God's will. The readings today remind us to stay strong in our faith. We have hope in God's promises. We are part of His family when we follow His commands. Let us face our challenges with courage, knowing that God is with us.

<https://young-catholics.com/32625/10th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-b/>

Congratulations to Matthew Tabone

He has finished his course and is now a certified Pastoral Associate.

For Reflection

- ★ What gives me hope during difficult times?
- ★ How can I strengthen my spiritual kinship with others?

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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: Thursday, 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

JUNE 9, 2024

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Deacon: Paul Cerosaletti

Lector: Daphne Thompson

Eucharistic Ministers: Toni Zeleski, Carole Barry

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, Amy O'Brien, Diane DeDominicus, 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, 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 June intention: For the formation of religious and seminarians, may they grow in their own vocations to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Engage in Living Community

WILL YOU ANSWER THE CALL?

On the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, Holy Cross brought the precious blood back to the Eucharist. We need a few more Eucharistic ministers to continue offering the precious blood each week. Please see Matthew Tabone to help.

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.

TOTUS, TOTUS, TOTUS

(Everyone, everyone, everyone)

Pope Francis has challenged us to include and welcome everyone to the community, including those on the margins.

**WHOM HAVE YOU WELCOMED INTO
OUR COMMUNITY LATELY?**

Upcoming Events

**06/09: SPECIAL COLLECTION – Catholic Communication Campaign
Coffee Hour after mass**

Undie Sunday: Donate underwear to the Magic Closet, 158 East Main Street, Morris NY; (607) 263-5116 or (607) 263-5859

06/12: Charismatic Renewal, Christ Our Light Church, Loudonville, 7 p.m.

06/13: Liturgy of the Word

Five Wishes advance care informational meeting, First Presbyterian Oneonta, 2 p.m. (607-432-6773)

06/15: Parish Picnic!

Peace & Justice refundable bottle/can collection, St. Mary's Oneonta

06/16: Rosary after mass

Peace & Justice refundable bottle/can collection, St. Mary's Oneonta

06/20: Liturgy of the Word

Consolation Group, St. Mary's Oneonta rectory, 10 a.m.

06/22: Weekly Bible Study, 9 a.m. in Parish Hall

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024

Mass Attendance: 35

Collection: \$873.00

Catholic Comm Collection: \$59.00

Mission Collection: \$205.00