

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday, June 19
Saint Romuald, Abbot

Friday, June 21
Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

Saturday, June 22
Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop;
Saints John Fisher, Bishop and
Thomas More, Martyrs

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga (Luigi Gonzaga, 1568-1591) was the eldest son of the Marquis of Castiglione and heir to the family title. The Gonzagas were patrons of Renaissance artists and ruled what amounted to a kingdom. As a young man, Gonzaga wore armor and walked at his father's side when he reviewed troops. His life began to change after he contracted malaria, suffering frequent bouts of fever. At seven, Gonzaga, attracted to prayer, turned away from the courtly life. At nine, he and his brother were sent to their father's friend the Grand Duke Francesco de' Medici to learn the princely court customs. The Medici court, one of the grandest in Europe, was also full of intrigue, deceit, sex, and violence. Gonzaga withdrew from this world and desired to never offend God by sinning. In November 1579, he moved to Mantua to stay with the duke, a relative; here he discovered a book with brief lives of the saints. He began to pray the Psalms daily and later started meditating after he discovered a prayer book by a Jesuit. He went to daily Mass and weekly communion, fasting three days a week.

The young heir traveled with Maria of Austria, daughter of Charles V, to Madrid in 1582. He became a page attending the duke of Asturias and was later made a knight of the Order of St. James. The higher he rose in

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royal society, the more his thoughts turned to becoming a Jesuit like his confessor in Madrid. On August 15, 1583, he had an experience in prayer confirming his decision. His confessor said he needed his father's permission.

The marquis was enraged his heir wanted to renounce the careful plans for him. The marquis sent his sons to tour Italy's courts, hoping the experience would change his son's mind. It did not, and the father finally granted his assent. In November 1585, Aloysius renounced his inheritance, setting out for Rome; Superior General, Claudio Acquaviva admitted him to the Sant'Andrea novitiate. Although not yet 18, Gonzaga was mature beyond his years; he found the novitiate less rigorous than his own disciplined life but obediently followed the rules and guidance of his novice master. He finished philosophy studies before taking first vows and then went into theology. He returned to Castiglione in 1589 to negotiate peace between his brother and the duke of Mantua.

Plague and famine struck Italy in 1591, and Gonzaga threw himself into caring for plague victims. He begged alms for the sick and physically carried those he found in the streets to a hospital where he washed and fed them and prepared them for the sacraments. He told his spiritual director he had a premonition he would die soon. So many young Jesuits were becoming sick, the superior forbade Gonzaga to return to the hospital. He got permission to work at a hospital which did not treat anyone with contagious diseases, but Gonzaga contacted the plague caring for a man who had it. He died at 23.

<https://www.jesuits.global/saint-blessed/saint-alloysius-gonzaga/>

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



JUNE 16, 2024

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, B

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalms 92

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Mark 4:26-34

STARTING SMALL

Episcopal priest Becca Stevens is founder of Thistle Farms, a social enterprise run by survivors of sexual abuse, trafficking, and addiction. We share part of her story: My mother's example of showing love through practical means gave me the wherewithal to open a home for women survivors of trafficking, prostitution, and addiction more than twenty-five years ago in Nashville, Tennessee. It was a small house for five women. I said: "Come live free for two years with no authority living with you. Live free." . . . I figured that's what I would want if I were coming in off the streets or out of prison. . . . I did it because sanctuary is the most practical ideal of all. I wasn't interested in repackaging charity in shiny, new boxes with the latest words. I was bored by trendy cause-hawking that left me feeling disconnected. I was disillusioned by a bifurcated political system that numbs compassion. I wanted to do the work of healing from the inside out. And that begins with a safe home. . . . From its humble beginning, Thistle Farms now has thirty global partners that employ more than 1,600 women. . . . The mission to be a global movement for women's freedom is broad and is growing exponentially.

Rev. Stevens's mission reminds us of Jesus' parable (Luke 13:18-19) about the kingdom of God and a mustard seed's growth from tiny plant to large tree: Initially, it seemed a bit ridiculous to me to think that by starting a small community, we could somehow change the world, but now, it seems more ridiculous to me to think that somehow the world will change if we don't do something.

Now, I can see that one loving gesture is practically divine. We have to do small things and believe a big difference is coming. It's like the miraculous drops of water that seep through mountain limestone. They gather themselves into springs that flow into creeks that merge into rivers that find their way to oceans. Our work is to envision the drops as oceans. We do our small parts and know a powerful ocean of love and compassion is downstream. Each small gesture can lead to liberation. The bravest thing we can do in this world is not cling to old ideas or fear of judgment, but step out and just do something for love's sake. . . .

There is no secret formula to experiencing the sacred in our lives. It just takes practice and practicality. The deep truth of our lives and the fullness we are striving for don't happen with someone giving us the code to deep knowledge. Meaning and faith are not secret things. Sometimes what we need most is to remind one another of how the divine is all around us, calling us to see and taste it for ourselves.

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As we meditate on this Sunday's readings, we see the importance of living our faith. Our actions matter; God sees them. We might not always see the results, but we trust that God is working through us. Let us be encouraged by the promise in Ezekiel, the call to live by faith in Corinthians, and the parable of the mustard seed in the Gospel. God is with us in our small efforts and will use them to build His kingdom. We do not need to worry about being great in the eyes of the world. Instead, we focus on being faithful and humble servants of God.

<https://email.cac.org/t/d-e-fdijil-dduxukld-f/>, <https://young-catholics.com/3309/11th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-b/>

For Reflection

- ★ How can I trust God more with the small efforts I make each day?
- ★ How does understanding that God often works quietly and under the radar change my perspective on success and achievement?

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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.

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JUNE 16, 2024

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Lector: Kerry L. Mess

Eucharistic Minister: Carole Barry

Mass Intention

For fathers everywhere

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, 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

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!

Pope Francis's June intention: For migrants fleeing their homes from war or hunger; may they find welcome and new opportunities where they end up.

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.



OTSEGO COUNTY SENIOR PICNIC IN THE PARK

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21 ST @ GLIMMERGLASS STATE PARK - WEST PAVILION
ADMISSION \$8.00 • RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY THURSDAY AUGUST 15, 2024

10:30 am - Coffee and tea with a snack
12:00 pm - Lunch
1:00 pm - Bingo & other games

LUNCH BY Mel's at 22
Classic American Cuisine

ACTIVITIES

- Guided Stroll
- Corn Hole
- Pitch & other games

Lunch options are:

- Turkey sandwich
- Ham & cheese sandwich
- Egg salad sandwich

** All served with potato salad and ice cream

- Guided Hike
- Music by Jim Dorn
- Ice cream with Dairy Ambassador



HAVE QUESTIONS? CALL THE OTSEGO COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING: 607-547-4232
COMPLETE & MAIL WITH YOUR \$8.00 PAYABLE TO OCCSC TO:

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

Name: _____	Name: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City & Zip: _____	City & Zip: _____
Email: _____	Email: _____

Lunch Choice: Turkey Ham & Cheese Egg Salad Transportation needed? Yes No Lunch Choice: Turkey Ham & Cheese Egg Salad Transportation needed? Yes No

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Upcoming Events

- 06/16: Rosary after mass in church**
Peace & Justice refundable bottle/can collection, St. Mary's Oneonta
- 06/18: Faith Formation, Borders & Belonging,**
10-11:30 a.m., Sacred Heart Sidney
Evening tea and devotional, 7 p.m., Gilbertsville Presbyterian
- 06/19: Eucharistic Holy Hour, 6:30-7:30 p.m.,**
St. Mary's Oneonta
Book study: *If You Want to Walk on Water...* by John Ortberg, 6 p.m., United Methodist Church New Berlin
- 06/20: Liturgy of the Word**
Consolation Group, 10 a.m., St. Mary's Oneonta rectory
- 06/22: Weekly Bible Study, 9 a.m. in Parish Hall**
Ice Cream Social, 6:30 p.m., Gilbertsville Presbyterian
- 06/25: Evening tea and devotional, 7 p.m.,**
Gilbertsville Presbyterian
- 06/27: Liturgy of the Word**
- 06/22: Weekly Bible Study, 9 a.m. in Parish Hall**
- 06/30: Parish Pastoral Council meeting after mass, rectory**

SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 2024

Mass Attendance: 40
Collection: \$1,283.00
Catholic Comm. Collection: \$100.00
Religious Ed. Collection: \$125.00