

## SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, June 24

Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Friday, June 28

Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

Saturday, June 29

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

### SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

Originally named Simon, St. Peter was a fisherman when Jesus called him to become a disciple. Jesus declared He would build His Church upon Peter, dubbing him “rock” (Matthew 16:18). Throughout their time together, Peter’s impulsive nature often led him to speak before thinking, resulting in some humorous and awkward moments. But his unwavering faith in Christ’s divinity and teachings laid the foundation for his leadership in the early Church.

In contrast to Peter, St. Paul began his journey as an ardent persecutor of Christians. Originally known as Saul, he was a zealous Pharisee who sought to eradicate the fledgling Christian movement. He played a significant role in the stoning of St. Stephen, the Church’s first martyr. But God had a different plan for him.

Next weekend, please welcome Rev. Bill Martin who will be with us to celebrate Mass and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 17 developing countries. To learn more, call (800) 875-6564 or visit Unbound online at [www.unbound.org](http://www.unbound.org).



Everything is a choice. This is life’s greatest truth and its hardest lesson. It is a great truth because it reminds us of our untapped power to be ourselves and to live the life we imagined. **WHAT WILL YOU CHOOSE TO DO DIFFERENTLY THIS WEEK?**

In a moment of divine intervention, Jesus appeared to Saul on the road to Damascus, illuminating his heart and transforming his life forever. This encounter led to Saul’s conversion and his subsequent mission as the great apostle to the Gentiles. Renamed Paul, he became a passionate and tireless proclaimer of the Gospel, traveling extensively and establishing numerous Christian communities.

<https://young-catholics.com/8483/saints-peter-and-paul-apostles/>

## 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**

## EVEN IN THE STORMS OF LIFE: FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE

The Jesuit scientist Teilhard de Chardin wrote that “Love is the physical structure of the universe.” If our God is both incarnate and implanted, both Christ and Holy Spirit, then an unfolding inner dynamism in all creation is not only certain, but also moving in a positive direction. A divine goal is always before us, waiting to be unveiled. The strong death wishes, mass shootings, suicides, and the high amount of emotional struggle we experience in our world today is surely, in part, a result of our major failure to provide Western civilization with a positive and hopeful understanding of our own “good news.”

Foundational hope demands a foundational belief in a world that is still and always unfolding to something better. This is the virtue of hope. Personally, I have found that it is almost impossible to heal individuals over the long haul, if the whole cosmic arc is not also a trajectory toward the good.

Admittedly, sometimes the suffering and injustices of our time make it hard to believe in the arc of love. Indigenous Choctaw elder and Episcopal Bishop Steven Charleston describes in practical terms how this love and foundational hope surround us at all times:

*Hope lets us literally see the presence and action of the holy in our everyday lives. This is not an imaginary desire viewed through rose-colored glasses. It is the solid evidence of the power of love made visible in abundance. Sometimes, in this troubled world of ours, we forget that love is all around us. We imagine the worst of other people and withdraw into our own shells. But try this simple test: Stand still in any crowded place and watch the people around you. Within a very short time, you will begin to see love, and you will see it over and over and over. A young mother talking to her child, a couple laughing together as they walk by, an older man holding the door for a stranger—small signs of love are everywhere. The more you look, the more you will see. Love is literally everywhere. We are surrounded by love.*

### For Reflection

- ★ What storms in my life do I need to bring to Jesus?
- ★ How does Christ’s love change the way I live?

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image, questions: <https://young-catholics.com/3313/12th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-b/>



My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me and you will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen. [Thomas Merton]

**JUNE 23, 2024**  
*12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, B*  
Job 38: 1, 8–11  
Psalm 107  
2 Corinthians 5:14–17  
Mark 4:35–41

# Holy Cross Parish

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PO Box 118  
Morris NY 13808

holycrossrchurch@gmail.com

https://parishes.rcda.org/holycross/

## 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

# JUNE 23, 2024

## Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

**Lector:** Marguerite Webster

**Eucharistic Minister:** Diane Turner, Carole Barry, Toni Zeleski

## Mass Intention

**For peace in our hearts and the destruction of fear**

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

**OCCSC** OTSEGO COUNTY COUNCIL SENIOR CITIZENS

**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

Lunch options are:  
• Turkey sandwich  
• Ham & cheese sandwich  
• Egg salad sandwich  
\*\* All served with potato salad and ice cream

ACTIVITIES  
• Guided Stroll  
• Corn Hole  
• Pitch & other games  
• 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch Choice: Turkey Ham & Cheese Egg Salad  
Transportation needed? Yes No  
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THIS EVENT IS HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NYS OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION & HISTORIC PRESERVATION - CENTRAL REGION

## 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.

## Upcoming Events

- 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
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- 06/30: Parish Pastoral Council meeting after mass, rectory
- 07/02: Evening tea and devotional, 7 p.m., Gilbertsville Presbyterian
- 07/06: Summer Concert, Eddie and the Bird-Dog Show, 6:30 p.m., Knapp Park, Laurens
- 07/09: Summer Concert, 2 p.m., Pathfinder Pavillion, Edmeston  
Evening tea and devotional, 7 p.m., Gilbertsville Presbyterian
- 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

**SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024**

Mass Attendance: 68

Collection: \$895.00