



SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 13
Our Lady of Fatima
Tuesday, May 14
Saint Matthias, Apostle

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The story begins on May 13, 1917, when three young shepherd children, Lucia dos Santos and her cousins Jacinta and Francisco Marto, reported seeing a luminous figure hovering above a small oak tree. The figure revealed herself as the Virgin Mary, radiating love and warmth. This marked the first of six apparitions that occurred on the 13th of each month until October.

During the apparitions, the Lady urged the children to pray the Rosary daily, offered predictions about future events and conveyed a profound message of repentance, conversion, and peace. She spoke of humanity's need to turn away from sin and embrace a life of prayer and devotion. The children were also entrusted with three secrets, which were later revealed to the world.

The Miracle of the Sun

The most extraordinary event associated with the apparitions occurred on October 13, 1917, in what is now known as the "Miracle of the Sun."

Tens of thousands of people gathered at the Cova da Iria, the site of the apparitions, witnessed a series of extraordinary phenomena. The sun appeared to dance, change colors, and descend towards the earth. This awe-inspiring spectacle left an indelible impression on all who were present, believers and skeptics alike.

The message of Our Lady of Fatima remains as relevant today as it was over a century ago. In a world filled with turmoil, violence, and spiritual unrest, the call to prayer, conversion, and peace resonates deeply. Our Lady's plea for repentance and devotion serves as a reminder that, as individuals and as a society, we have the capacity to embrace goodness, reconcile with one another, and build a world rooted in love and compassion.

The apparitions also conveyed a prophetic element. The first two secrets, revealed by Lucia in 1941, concerned a vision of Hell and a warning of the outbreak of World War II. The third secret, initially withheld until 2000, described the assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II in 1981. These revelations emphasize the importance of heeding messages imparted by Our Lady of Fatima and potential consequences of ignoring them.

The Act of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary is commonly known as the First Five Saturdays devotion. Learn more at: <https://young-catholics.com/8741/our-lady-of-fatima/>

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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: \$4,311 / GOAL: \$5,000



Holy Cross Parish

MAY 12, 2024

7th Sunday of Easter, B

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26

Psalm 103

1 John 4:16-16

John 17:11b-19

COMPASSION THROUGH CONNECTION

I think our greatest fear is our deepest desire: to love and to be loved. We long to be for another and to give ourselves nobly to another, but we fear the cost of love. Deep within we yearn for wholeness in love, but to become more whole in love we must accept our weaknesses and transcend our limits of separation in order to unite in love. We long for oneness of heart, mind and soul, but we fear the demands of unity. Sometimes I think we choose to be alone because it is safe. To be comfortable in our isolation is our greatest poverty.

Compassion transcends isolation because the choice to be for another is the rejection of being alone. The compassionate person recognizes the other as part of oneself in a way that is mystical and ineffable. It is not a rational caring for another but a deep identification with the other as brother and sister.

We must seek to unite—in all aspects of our lives—with one another and with the creatures of the earth. Such union calls us out of isolated existences into community. We must slow down, discover our essential relatedness, be patient and compassionate toward all living creatures, and realize that it is a shared planet with finite resources. We are called to see and love in solidarity with all creation. Only in this way can the earth enjoy justice and peace which means right, loving relations with the natural world of God's creation.

Compassion requires a depth of soul, a connectedness of soul to earth, an earthiness of person to person, and a flow of love from heart to heart.

Compassion is realized when we know ourselves related to one another, a deep relatedness of our humanity despite our limitations. It goes beyond the differences that separate us and enters the shared space of created being. To enter this space is to have space within ourselves, to welcome into our lives the stranger, the outcast, and the poor. Love is stronger than death and the heart that no longer fears death is truly free. Compassion flourishes when we have nothing to protect and everything to share. It is the gravity of all living beings that binds together all that is weak and limited into a single ocean of love.

We have the capacity to heal this earth of its divisions, its wars, its violence, and its hatreds. This capacity is the love within us to suffer with another and to love the other without reward. Love that transcends the ego is love that heals. When we lose ourselves for the sake of love, we shall find ourselves capable of real love.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

For Reflection

- ★ Jesus prayed for unity among all believers. Reflect on your own community. Are there divisions that need healing? What steps can you take to promote unity within your local church or community?
- ★ Jesus sent His followers into the world just as He was sent by the Father. How do you witness to the love and teachings of Jesus in your daily life? Are there opportunities you might be missing to share the Gospel 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

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Kerry L. Mess (607) 386-1951

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Dana Mochovciak, Jenna Turner, Carol Tyson, Marguerite Webster

Liturgical Ministry

Marguerite Webster (607) 263-5478

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Daphne Thompson (607) 263-2410

Ministry to the Homebound

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

Jenn Spivey (207) 539-5094

MAY 12, 2024

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Deacon: Paul Cerosaletti

Lector: Daphne Thompson

Mass Intention

For the soul of Tom Rizzo

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 May 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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**HOLY CROSS
PARISH PICNIC
SATURDAY, JUNE 15**

"Finally—and this is perhaps the most difficult aspect of what concerns the practice of conformity to the will of God—we should desire virtue itself and the degrees of grace only insofar as God wishes to give them, and not desire more. Our whole ambition should be to attain the degree of perfection that has been appointed for us, since it has not been given to everybody to reach the same height. It is obvious that however well we may correspond with the graces given us, we can never equal the humility, charity and other virtues of the Blessed Virgin. And who can even presume to imagine that he can reach the same heights as the Apostles? Who can equal St. John the Baptist whom Christ called the greatest of the children of men? Or St. Joseph to whom God entrusted His Son? In this we must as in all else submit to the will of God. He must be able to say of us, My will is in them; it rules and governs everything. So when we hear or read that God in a short time has brought some souls to a very high degree of perfection and shown them signal favors, enlightened their understanding and imbued their hearts with His love, we should repress any desire to be treated likewise so as not to fall short in pure love of conformity to His Will. We should even unite ourselves still more closely to His Will by saying, 'I praise Thee, O Lord, and bless Thee for deigning to show Thyself with so great love and familiarity to the souls Thou has chosen...' —Jean Baptiste Saint-Jure

UPCOMING EVENTS

05/12: 🌸 **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!** 🌸

Coffee Hour after mass

05/16: Liturgy of the Word

05/18: Weekly Bible Study, 9 a.m. in Parish Hall

05/19: **SPECIAL COLLECTION – Catholic Charities** (See also QR code)

Rosary after mass

05/23: Liturgy of the Word

05/25: Weekly Bible Study, 9 a.m. in Parish Hall

05/26: **SPECIAL COLLECTION – Eastern European Collection**

05/30: Liturgy of the Word

06/01: Weekly Bible Study, 9 a.m. in Parish Hall

06/02: **SPECIAL COLLECTION – Catholic Communication Campaign**

06/06: Liturgy of the Word

06/09: 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

06/13: Liturgy of the Word

06/15: Parish Picnic!

06/16: Rosary after mass



SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

Mass Attendance: 49

Collection: \$1,207.00