

## SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 4

Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Saturday, November 9

The Dedication of the Lateran  
Basilica

**SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO** is associated with reform. He lived during the Protestant Reformation and helped reform of the whole Church during the Council of Trent's final years. Although he belonged to Milanese nobility and was related to the powerful Medici family, Charles wanted to devote himself to the Church.

In 1559, his uncle, Cardinal de Medici was elected Pope Pius IV and made Charles cardinal-deacon and administrator of the Archdiocese of Milan. Charles was still a layman and a young student. Because of his intellectual qualities, Charles was entrusted with several important offices connected with the Vatican and later appointed secretary of state with responsibility for the papal states. The untimely death of his elder brother made Charles decide to be ordained a priest despite his relatives' insistence that he marry. Soon after being ordained a priest at age 25, Borromeo was consecrated bishop of Milan.

Working behind the scenes, Saint Charles kept the Council of Trent in session when at several points it was on the verge of breaking up. Borromeo encouraged the pope to renew the Council in 1562, after it had been suspended for 10 years. He took upon himself the task of the entire correspondence during the final phase.

Eventually, Borromeo was allowed to devote his time to the Archdiocese of Milan. The reform needed in every phase of Catholic life among both clergy and laity was initiated at a provincial council of all the bishops under him. Specific regulations were drawn up for bish-

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Grow and prosper in your marriage relationship, in keeping with the promise of the Lord. Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Find one by looking up [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or see below:

November 1-3, 2024, Glen Rock, NY

November 4-25, 2024, (Virtual)

November 8-10, Huntington, NY

Registration is limited, application fee \$100. For info or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson 860-337-2447 or <https://wwmectw.org/>.

**BE SURE TO VOTE  
TUESDAY, NOV. 5!**

ops and other clergy: If the people were to be converted to a better life, Borromeo had to be the first to give a good example and renew their apostolic spirit.

Charles took the initiative of setting a good example. He allotted most of his income to charity, forbade himself all luxury, and imposed severe penances upon himself. He sacrificed wealth, high honors, esteem, and influence to become poor. During the plague and famine of 1576, Borromeo tried to feed 60,000 to 70,000 people daily. He borrowed large sums of money that required years to repay. When civil authorities fled at the height of the plague, he stayed in the city ministering to the sick and dying, helping those in need. Work and the heavy burdens of his office began to affect Archbishop Borromeo's health, leading to his death at the age of 46.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-charles-borromeo/>

## 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 ensure our parish and Diocese can be your partner in faith.

## DIOCESAN APPEAL

As you plan your budget, consider a pledge. Use your bank's Bill Pay for auto-payments or use envelopes on the back table.

<https://thediocesanappeal.org/>

**CURRENT STATUS: \$1,240 / GOAL: \$5,000**



# Holy Cross Parish

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

**NOVEMBER 3, 2024**

31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, B

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Psalms 18

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 12:28b-34

## ONE SOURCE OF LOVE

**Yet before you can love your neighbor—your brother or sister—as yourself, you must first love yourself. And to first love yourself, you must know that God loves you now and loves you always.**  
—Archbishop Desmond Tutu, *God Has a Dream*

Authentic love is of one piece. How we love anything is how we love everything. Jesus commands us to “Love our neighbors as we love ourselves,” and he connects the two great commandments of love of God and of neighbor, saying they are “like” one another (Matthew 22:39). So often, we think this means to love our neighbor with the same amount of love—as much as we love ourselves—when it really means that it is the same Source and the same Love that allows us to love ourselves, others, and God at the same time! That is unfortunately not the way most people understand love, compassion, and forgiveness—yet it is the only way they ever work.

We cannot sincerely love another or forgive offenses inside of dualistic consciousness. Many pastors and priests have done the people of God a great disservice by preaching the gospel to them but not giving them the tools to live it out. As Jesus put it, “Cut off from the vine, you can do nothing” (John 15:5). The “vine and the branches” offer one of the greatest Christian mystical images of the non-duality between God and the soul. In and with God, I can love everything and everyone—even my enemies. Alone and by myself, my willpower and intellect will seldom be able to love in difficult situations over time. Many folks try to love by willpower, with themselves as the only source. They try to obey the second commandment without the first. It never works long term.

Finally, of course, there's a straight line between love and suffering. If we love anyone or anything deeply and greatly, it's fairly certain we'll soon suffer because we have offered control to another, and the cost of self-giving will soon show itself. Undoubtedly, this is why we are told to be faithful in our loves, because such long-term loyalty and truly conscious love will always lead us to the necessary pruning (John 15:2) of the narcissistic self.

Until we love and until we suffer, we all try to figure out life and death with our minds. Then a Larger Source opens up within us and we “think” and feel quite differently through “knowing the Love, which is beyond all knowledge” (Ephesians 3:19). Thus, Jesus would naturally say something like, “This is my commandment: you must love one another!” (John 13:34). Authentic love (which is always more than an emotion) initially opens the door of awareness and aliveness, and then suffering for that love keeps that door open for mind, body, and will to enter. I suspect for most of us that is the work of a lifetime.

## For Reflection

- ★ What does faithful love look like in my relationships?
- ★ How can I better reflect Jesus' love in my actions?

<https://young-catholics.com/3420/31st-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-b/>

<https://email.cac.org/t/d-e-ettjyx-tdduxulkd-yd/>

# Holy Cross Parish

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

*Our bulletin and Pastoral Council minutes [see Ministries & Committees] are on our website. If you have a bulletin notice, email: [holycrosschurch@gmail.com](mailto:holycrosschurch@gmail.com) by Thursday, 12 p.m.*

## 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.

St. Mary's Oneonta Masses:

Vigil Mass – Saturday, 5 p.m.

Sunday Mass – Sunday, 10:30 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

## NOVEMBER 3, 2024

**Celebrant**

Rev. Chris Welch

**Lector:** Kerry L Mess

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Carole Barry, Annette Hammond, Diane Turner

**Mass Intention**

**For the soul of Kyle Burch (requested by Lynn and Austin Rinella)**

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, Diane DeDominicus, Jo Franklin, Tony Giambra, Agnes Huff, Louisa Joy, Lynn Joy, Maureen Joy, Rebecca Joy, Michelle Lee, Valerie McCann, Pam McGraw, Teresa Meyers, Connie Mockovciak, Rich Morley, Clara Murphy, John Neary, Diane Neczesny, Karen Newell, John O'Brien, Maria Papendrea, Mike Stensland and family, 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

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024

Mass Attendance: 50

Collection: \$805.00

Snow Removal: \$130.00

Mission Sunday: \$25.00

**Pope Francis's November intention: For anyone who has lost a child, may they find support in their community and receive peace and consolation.**

## Engage in Living Community

**GOD CALLS...**

**ARE YOU LISTENING?**

Time, treasure, talent. Stewardship calls us to share our gifts with the community.

**Please consider how God is calling you to contribute to our community life.**

**Currently, Holy Cross is looking for a few more good greeters. Would you be willing to arrive 10 minutes before mass and greet people once a month?**

Perhaps you'd like to lector or be a Eucharistic minister or sing. Opportunities are waiting for you. We could use you!

**Look for Marguerite Webster or Kerry Mess who would love to talk with you and answer your questions.**

**IT'S TIME TO SING TOGETHER AGAIN!  
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

Join the choir for the annual Community Thanksgiving Service, at Zion Episcopal Church in Morris, Sunday, November 24 at 3 p.m. We will have rehearsals

12 p.m. Tuesday, November 12 (Methodist),

2 p.m. Saturday, November 16 (Episcopal),

2 p.m. on Sunday, November 24.

**Please spread the word among singing friends. All are welcome!**

**Interested? Contact: [bethlchild@aol.com](mailto:bethlchild@aol.com)**

**WHOM HAVE YOU WELCOMED LATELY?**

## Upcoming Events

11/07: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

11/09: Bible Study, 9 a.m.

Scriptural mystery of the Rosary for the souls in purgatory, 10:15 a.m.\*

11/10: Coffee Hour in honor of veterans, Parish Pastoral Council Meeting after mass

11/12: Thanksgiving Service choir rehearsal, 12 p.m., Zion Episcopal Morris

11/14: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

11/16: Bible Study, 9 a.m.

Scriptural mystery of the Rosary for the souls in purgatory, 10:15 a.m.\*

Thanksgiving Service choir rehearsal, 3 p.m., Zion Episcopal Morris

11/17: SPECIAL COLLECTION – Campaign for Human Development; Rosary after mass

11/21: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

11/23: Bible Study, 9 a.m.

Scriptural mystery of the Rosary for the souls in purgatory, 10:15 a.m.\*

11/24: Thanksgiving Service, 3 p.m., Zion Episcopal Morris [choir rehearsal, 2 p.m.]

11/28: Liturgy of the Word, 9:30 a.m.

*\*This prayer combines the rosary with scripture and meditations. Each week we will pray a different Mystery.*

**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](http://myrcia.org) or see Maureen Joy.