

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 11

Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

Tuesday, November 12

Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

Wednesday, November 13

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini,
Virgin

Friday, November 15

Saint Albert the Great, Bishop,
Doctor of the Church

Tuesday, November 16

Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint
Gertrude, Virgin

FIRST AMERICAN SAINT: On March 31, 1889, **MOTHER FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI**, a tiny, frail nun, daughter of a Lombard farmer, arrived in New York with six members of the order she had formed, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Pope Leo XIII had sent her to work among the Italian immigrants who were finding neither a welcome nor prosperity in the New World, and worse, in the eyes of the Church, were losing their faith and piety.

Mother Cabrini and her six set to work New York's slums. To support their first orphanage, they begged their way through Little Italy's squalor and managed to set up a tiny, ill-equipped hospital for the Italian poor. Though funds came mostly in small change, Mother Cabrini's masterful will

overcame obstacles that seemed insurmountable. For 28 years she traveled indefatigably, setting up schools, hospitals, orphanages and novitiates across the country in U.S. cities.

Her shrewdness in acquiring property for these institutions and raising funds to pay for it made her seem to many a sharp businessman a kind of saintly Hetty Green. She was as tough as she was canny. When a group of high binding Chicago contractors tried to get the better of the sisters in remodeling a hotel into a hospital, the little Italian nun fired them out of hand, tucked up her habit, and stumped about the scaffoldings for weeks directing the laborers herself. She was an American after America's heart, and in 1909, in her 59th year, she became a U.S. citizen.

Pope Pius XI decided that, after her death in 1917, the canonization process could begin earlier than the typical 50 years after someone's death. She was canonized on July 7, 1946, making her the first American citizen saint.

<https://time.com/4380994/frances-cabrini-first-american-saint/>

SAINT GERTRUDE THE GREAT, a Benedictine nun in Helfta, Saxony, was one of the great mystics of the 13th century. Together with her friend and teacher Saint Mechtild, she practiced a spirituality called "nuptial mysticism"; she came to see herself as the bride of Christ. Her spiritual life was a deeply personal union with Jesus and his Sacred Heart, leading her into the very life of the Trinity.

Gertrude lived the rhythm of the liturgy, where she found Christ. In the liturgy and in Scripture she found the themes and images to enrich and express her piety. There was no clash between her personal prayer life and the liturgy. <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-gertrude-the-great/>

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 10, 2024

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, B

1 Kings 17:10-16

Psalms 146

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

THE WIDOW'S TRUST

In the first reading, we meet a widow struggling to survive. She has very little, but when Elijah asks her for food, she trusts God's promise and shares what she has. Her trust leads to a miracle as her jar of flour and jug of oil do not run out. This widow's faith is an example. Even when we have little, we can trust in God's promises. Her story shows us that God provides for those who put their faith in Him. In our lives, we often face pressures to rely on ourselves or on material things. The widow reminds us to trust in God. By doing so, we open ourselves to God's blessings, just as she did.

THE SCRIBES' MOTIVES

During the time of Jesus, people felt great pressure to fit in with the dominant cultures of the Romans and the Greeks. These cultures influenced many aspects of daily life, including language, customs, and beliefs. Jews were challenged to maintain their identity and faith amidst these pressures. The scribes stood out by holding on to their Jewish traditions and symbols. They did not give in to the surrounding culture, and this made them popular among their fellow Jews. Their resistance was seen as brave, earning them honor and respect. We must, however, question their motives. Did they resist because of true faith, or were they seeking honor and prestige? Their actions seemed more about gaining approval from others rather than genuinely serving God.

In our lives today, we face pressures to conform to societal norms and values that may not align with our faith. Like the scribes, we might sometimes be tempted to act in ways that earn us praise and acceptance. We need to examine our motives and ensure that our actions come from a place of genuine faith and devotion to God. The example of the scribes teaches us to be mindful of why we do what we do. Are we living our faith to please God, or are we seeking recognition from others? True faith is about sincere devotion and trust in God, not about gaining honor or prestige.

Let us remember the souls of:

Joanne Clarke
Marguerite & Joseph Ruocco
Sr, Joseph Ruocco Jr, Robert
Ruocco
Ted & Mary Sitts, Teddy Sitts
Marg & Joseph Tyson Sr, Dennis
Tyson, Lorraine Tyson
Rita Webster

THE WIDOW'S SACRIFICE

The Gospel story of the widow's mite shows a different kind of bravery. The widow gives all she has, even though it means she will have nothing left. Her sacrifice is real and comes from her deep trust in God. Unlike the scribes, the widow does not gain any honor from her actions. No one notices her but Jesus. Her faith and trust are pure, and her sacrifice shows her deep love for God.

The challenge for us: Are we willing to give all we have to God? Her story encourages us to trust in God's care, even when it is difficult. True sacrifice is giving without expecting anything in return.

<https://young-catholics.com/3423/32nd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-b/>

For Reflection

- ★ How do the pressures of our culture affect my faith?
- ★ How can I practice true humility in my faith?

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: holycrossrcchurch@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

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Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

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RCIA Contact

Maureen Joy (607) 263-5132

NOVEMBER 10, 2024

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Lector: Annette Hammond

Eucharistic Minister: Daphne Thompson, Carol Tyson, Toni Zaleski

Mass Intention

For

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

WELCOME! 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 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

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

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.

Holy Cross now has four gracious volunteer greeters. We'd like one more. Would you be willing to arrive 10 minutes before mass to 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.

WHOM HAVE YOU WELCOMED LATELY?

Upcoming Events

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

11/13: Holy Hour, 6:30 p.m. St. Mary's Oneonta

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; altar server training 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.]

11/27: Thanksgiving mass, 6:30 p.m. St. Mary's Oneonta

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

11/30: Scriptural mystery of the Rosary for the souls in purgatory, 10:15 a.m.*

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024

Mass Attendance: 48 (All Saints': 19)

Collection: \$1061.00

All Saints: \$90.00

All Souls: \$40.00