

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Thursday, November 21

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, November 22

Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

The Compassionate Friends (TCF) Oneonta Region will host a candle lighting ceremony on Sunday, December 8 to remember our departed children, grandchildren, or siblings at the UUSO Church, 12 Ford Avenue in Oneonta. Attendees may bring a small photo of their loved one; please plan to arrive at 6:30 p.m. to set the photo on the memory table. Candles provided. Refreshments will be served. For more information, go to www.tcfoneonta.org or call Chapter Leader Al Davino, 607-746-7396.

LET US REMEMBER THE SOULS OF:

Carey Family, Joanne Clarke, Charles and Grave Dooley, Hutson Family, Alan Mess, Alice Meyers, Jen and Kelly Meyers, Robert Meyers, Nadley Family, Marguerite and Joseph Ruocco Sr, Joseph Ruocco Jr, Robert Ruocco, Ted and Mary Sitts, Larry Turner, Mark A Turner, Teddy Sitts, Marg and Joseph Tyson Sr, Dennis Tyson, Lorraine Tyson, Rita Webster, George and Francis Woodman

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.

PRESENTATION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

When Mary was asked to be the mother of the Savior, she was completely free to accept or reject the offer. Her response, "Let it be done to me," was a great act of faith. Because she did not understand what was happening, she must have known that there would be difficulties ahead.

She replied yes to the angel's announcement and agreed to become the mother of Jesus, and the Church has declared Mary to be the Mother of God. Because she was the first to say yes to the Messiah, the Church has declared her to be the Mother of the Church.

The feast of the presentation of Mary dates back to the 6th century in the East and the 15th century in the West. It is based on an ancient tradition that says Mary was taken to the temple in Jerusalem when she was 3-years-old and dedicated to God. What we celebrate on this day is the fact that God chose to dwell in Mary in a very special way. In response, Mary placed her whole self at the service of God. Every moment since your Baptism, God invites you to be open to his grace and dedicate yourself to him, as Mary did.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/presentation-of-mary/>

WHOM HAVE YOU WELCOMED TODAY?

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: \$1,440 / GOAL: \$5,000



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

NOVEMBER 17, 2024

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, B

Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm 16

Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Mark 13:24-32

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE AND SOCIAL RENEWAL

Nothing that is worth doing can be achieved in our lifetime; therefore we must be saved by hope. Nothing which is true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate context of history; therefore we must be saved by faith. Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone; therefore we are saved by love. No virtuous act is quite as virtuous from the standpoint of our friend or foe as it is from our standpoint. Therefore we must be saved by the final form of love which is forgiveness. —Reinhold Niebuhr, *The Irony of American History*

Esteemed theologian Dr. Barbara Holmes (1943–2024) draws wisdom from theologian Reinhold Niebuhr:

Reinhold Niebuhr's words ring true. Although we wish it was otherwise, the struggle for justice is never completed in one lifetime or one rebellion. The shifting of systems, the turning of hearts, the forgiveness of oppressions and the dissipation of anger (righteous or not) takes time. It is not easy to confront injustice. It requires solidarity and the inevitable loss of life. It requires that each generation aver, "we are ready to be free by any peaceful means necessary." ...

No matter how desperate our personal or communal situations seem, we are oscillating at both high and low frequencies between the good and the grotesque. We cannot always see the path toward the common good; often it seems that evil has won the day, and sometimes the leap of faith required to bridge chasms of disagreement seems to be a [desperate] choice.

And yet, even during our worst times, there are opportunities to facilitate human flourishing through the creative exchanges of ideas, authenticity, culture, and religious expression. The contemplative turn is necessary because the illusion of reality that frames our everyday life limits the in-breaking of Spirit and dims discernment.

For me a spiritual practice that matters includes social renewal. Instead of blaming others about the state of our union, instead of blaming one political party or another, we can reflect on our own complicity and support of systems that abandoned the poor, warehoused our children in failing schools, and failed to provide adequate health care. As a spiritual practice, we can wake up to the possibility of building a new order. We can improvise those possibilities; try them out in the creative microcosm of a shared public life, realizing that our way of life could be improved so that all members of society thrive....

I quote from an article I wrote titled "Still on the Journey": I believe that as a spiritual practice we can imagine and create "a political system responsive to the people and respectful of global neighbors, a health system that is comprehensive in scope and not profit driven, an educational system shaped by innovation, improvisation, technology, and practicality." Can we be honest now about what is not working? Can we re-envision new options? I believe that we can, if we want to.

<https://email.cac.org/t/d-e-slyuuo-tdduxulkd-yk/>

For Reflection

- ★ In what ways can I be a light to others?
- ★ How do I trust in God's promises?

<https://young-catholics.com/3428/33rd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-b/>

Holy Cross Parish

96-98 Main Street, PO Box 118
Morris NY 13808

<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 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

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Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

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RCIA Contact

Maureen Joy (607) 263-5132

NOVEMBER 17, 2024

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Deacon: Paul Cerosaletti

Greeter: Marguerite Webster

Lector: Jessica Aikins

Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Turner, Carole Barry

Mass Intention

For the memory of Robert 'Cubby' Joy

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 and son John Patrick, 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, NOVEMBER 10, 2024

Mass Attendance: 54

Collection: \$874.00

Utilities Collection: \$185.00

All Souls Collection: \$20.00

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

**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

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.

ARE YOU CURIOUS? IS THERE SOMEONE YOU WANT TO INVITE?

RCIA MAY BE CALLING YOU.

Upcoming Events

11/17: SPECIAL COLLECTION – Campaign for Human Development; Rosary, 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.*

12/1: Advent Festival after mass, parish hall; Eucharistic minister training for current servers and anyone interested

12/5: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

12/6: Holy Hour, 6:30 p.m.

12/7: Bible Study, 9 a.m.

12/8: Advent Fair, parish hall

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

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING ADVENT HOPE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1: ADVENT FESTIVAL

☪ Make wreaths; pick up advent calendars

☪ Enjoy refreshments and fellowship

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8: ADVENT FAIR

★ Bring in your homemade crafts to sell

★ Enjoy refreshments and fellowship

Sunday, November 24, 2024

Greeter: Betty O'Brien

Lector: Marguerite Webster

Eucharistic Ministers: Tony Zaleski, Jenn Spivey, Carol Tyson