

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 30
Saint Andrew, Apostle

SAINT ANDREW's life shows us what it means to be brave and committed. He left his job as a fisherman to follow Jesus, which meant letting go of comfort and security. But he did it because he believed in something bigger than himself. This inspires us to make brave choices, too. We all have times when we need to take a step of faith even if it feels uncertain.

Andrew always eagerly shared his faith with others. He brought his brother Peter to Jesus and welcomed strangers who wanted to know more. We can learn from his example by sharing good things with others: our beliefs, time, or kindness. Just like him, we can make an impact by including others, showing them care.

He also traveled to many places to share his message, facing dangers and challenges and never gave up, even when things were hard. He reminds us to keep trying. His dedication can encourage us to stay strong.

Finally, Andrew's life teaches us about humility. He never wanted the spotlight. We can learn to be humble like Andrew, putting others first and being kind in our actions.

<https://young-catholics.com/4821/st-andrew-apostle/>

WHOM HAVE YOU WELCOMED TODAY?

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.

EVE OF NEW JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

The Feast of Christ the King marks the end of the liturgical year. Advent begins the new liturgical year C of readings.

The year 2025 is also a Jubilee Year. It officially begins on Christmas Eve when Pope Francis celebrates mass. He has declared it a year of hope:

"We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire..."

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

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: \$2,040 / GOAL: \$5,000



Holy Cross Parish

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

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

Christ the King, B

Daniel 7:13-14

Psalm 93

Revelation 1:5-8

John 18:33b-37

THE EVERLASTING KINGDOM OF CHRIST

The Solemnity of Christ the King helps us understand Jesus' eternal rule. In the first reading, we see a vision of "one like a Son of man" coming with the clouds of heaven. This vision points to Jesus and His eternal kingship. Jesus' kingdom is different from any earthly kingdom. Earthly kings come and go, but Jesus' rule is everlasting. His kingdom is one of peace, justice, and love that will never fade away. Daniel's vision shows all people, nations, and languages serving Jesus. This universal reign of Christ includes everyone. Jesus invites all of us into His kingdom, regardless of our background. His kingship is for everyone who believes and follows Him. This reminds us of the hope we have in Jesus' eternal kingdom. Unlike earthly kings who take and rule by power, Jesus rules with love and service. His kingdom is eternal and unshakable. We can find true peace and joy by being part of His everlasting kingdom.

CHRIST, THE FAITHFUL WITNESS AND ETERNAL KING

This feast reminds us of Jesus' ultimate authority and love. In the second reading, Jesus is called the "faithful witness," the "firstborn from the dead," and the "ruler of the kings of the earth." These titles show His power and His role as our King and Savior. Jesus' faithfulness is central to His kingship. He came to testify to the truth and to show us the way to God. By His death and resurrection, He freed us from our sins and opened the path to eternal life. His sacrifice is a clear sign of His love and commitment to us. As the ruler of the kings of the earth, Jesus has authority over all creation. His kingdom is not limited by time or space. His eternal reign brings hope and security, knowing that He is in control. The reading reminds us that Jesus will come again in glory. Every eye will see Him, and all will recognize His kingship. This promise encourages us to remain faithful and to live according to His teachings. We are called to honor Jesus as our King. His love, sacrifice, and authority are unmatched. By following Him, we become part of His eternal kingdom, where true peace and joy are found.

THE TRUE KINGSHIP OF CHRIST

The Gospel shows Pilate judging Jesus by the world's standards. We often judge others the same way. We look at their clothes, status, and actions. This reveals what we think is important. Pilate saw kingship as earthly power and control. When the Israelites asked for a king, God warned them of the heavy burdens a human king would bring. Worldly kings take from their people and rule through fear and power. They demand service and take what they want.

Jesus' kingship is different. He gives rather than takes. At the Last Supper, Jesus washed His disciples' feet, showing that true kingship means serving others. Jesus does not seek to be served, but to serve. He is humble and preaches truth, not manipulating through fear. His humility is a model for us. Imagine how free we would be if we were like Him, motivated only by our relationship with God. We would seek to please the Father above all else.

from: <https://young-catholics.com/3433/solemnity-of-christ-the-king-year-b/>

For Reflection

- ★ In what ways is Jesus' kingdom different from earthly kingdoms?
- ★ In what ways can I serve others as Jesus served His disciples?

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 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

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Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

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RCIA Contact

Maureen Joy (607) 263-5132

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Greeter: Betty O'Brien

Lector: Marguerite Webster

Eucharistic Ministers: Tony Zaleski, Jenn Spivey, Carol Tyson

Mass Intention

For healing for John Zaleski

If you would like to request an intention for a mass, simply call the office to schedule: (607) 263-5143.

Pray for

- ✠ he 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, Lynn Joy, Maureen Joy, Rebecca Joy, Michelle Lee, Valerie McCann, 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

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 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

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

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.

HOLIDAY SPIRIT: SHARING OUR LOVE

Donate a grocery, Walmart, or generic (Visa) gift card (any amount) for the Advent Giving Tree for those in need by Dec. 15.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024

Mass Attendance: 54

Collection: \$728.00

Campaign for Human Develop.:
\$210.00

Upcoming Events

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.

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

12/3: Penance Service, 12:10 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. St. Mary's Oneonta

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

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

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

Angel Tree Party (for children of incarcerated parents), 11 a.m.–1:30 p.m. St. Mary's Oneonta (contact for info: Mary Ann Hartman 607-226-1785)

12/8: Advent Fair after mass, parish hall

12/9: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, 9 a.m. mass

12:10 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. mass St. Mary's Oneonta

12/10: Holy Hour, 6:30 p.m. St. Mary's Oneonta

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

12/14: Holiday Bazaar Craft Fair, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Laurens Central School

Sunday, December 1, 2024

Greeter: Pat Kristofik

Lector: Kerry L Mess

Eucharistic Ministers: Carole Barry, Annette Hammond, Diane Turner