

## SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, October 22

Saint John Paul II, Pope

Wednesday, October 23

Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

Thursday, October 24

Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

**SAINT JOHN CAPISTRANO** (b. 1386) was made governor of Perugia at age 26. Imprisoned after a battle against the Malatestas, he resolved to change his way of life completely. At 30, he entered the Franciscan novitiate and was ordained a priest four years later. John's preaching attracted great throngs at a time of religious apathy and confusion. He and 12 Franciscan brethren were received in the countries of central Europe as angels of God. They were instrumental in reviving a dying faith and devotion. John of Capistrano helped bring about a brief reunion with the Greek and Armenian Churches. When the Turks captured Constantinople in 1453, John was commissioned to preach a crusade for Europe's defense. He concentrated his efforts in Hungary and led the army to Belgrade. Under General John Hunyadi, they gained an overwhelming victory. Worn out by his efforts, Capistrano was easy prey to an infection after battle. He died October 23, 1456.

## 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!

## "BRING THE LITTLE CHILDREN TO ME."

"Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule. The home is well suited for education in the virtues..."

*Catechism of the Catholic Church, n° 2.223*

## WHOM HAVE YOU WELCOMED LATELY?

### 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.**

## 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: \$1,240 / GOAL: \$5,000**



# Holy Cross Parish

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

OCTOBER 20, 2024

29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, B

Isaiah 53:10-11

Psalms 33

Hebrews 4:14-16

Mark 10:35-45

## RECEIVING GOD'S MERCY

I once saw God's mercy as patient, benevolent tolerance, a kind of grudging forgiveness, but now mercy has become for me God's very self-understanding, a loving allowing, a willing breaking of the rules by the One who made the rules—a wink and a smile, a firm and joyful taking of our hand while we clutch at our sins and gaze at God in desire and disbelief.

Mercy is a way to describe the mystery of forgiveness. More than a description of something God does now and then, it is who God is. According to Jesus, "Mercy is what pleases me, not sacrifice" (Matthew 9:13, 12:7). The word is hesed in Hebrew, and it means steadfast, enduring, unbreakable love. Sometimes the word is translated as "lovingkindness" or "covenant love." God has made a covenant with all of creation (see Genesis 9:8-17) and will never break the divine side of the covenant. It's only broken from our side. God's love is steadfast. It is written in the divine image within us. It's given; it sits there. We are the ones who clutch at our sins and beat ourselves instead of surrendering to divine mercy. That refusal to be forgiven is a form of pride. It says, "I'm better than mercy. I'm only going to accept it when I'm worthy and can preserve my so-called self-esteem." Only the humble person, the little one, can live in and after mercy.

The mystery of forgiveness is God's ultimate entry into powerlessness. Look at the times when we have withheld forgiveness. It's often our final attempt to hold a claim over the one we won't forgive. It's the way we finally hold onto power or seek the moral high ground over another person: "I will hold you in unforgiveness, and you're going to know it just by my coldness, by my not looking over there, by my refusal to smile." We do it subtly, to maintain our sense of superiority. Non-forgiveness is a form of power over another person, a way to manipulate, shame, control, and diminish them. God in Jesus refuses all such power.

If Jesus is the revelation of what is going on inside the eternal God (see Colossians 1:15), which is the core of Christian faith, then we are forced to conclude that God is very humble. That is amazing, and difficult to imagine. This God seems never to hold rightful claims against us. Abdicating what we thought was the proper role of God, this God "has thrust all my sins behind God's back" (see Isaiah 38:17).

We do not attain anything by our own holiness but by ten thousand surrenders to mercy. A lifetime of received forgiveness allows us to become mercy. Mercy becomes our energy, our meaning. Perhaps we are finally enlightened and free when we can both receive mercy and give it away—without payment or punishment.

## For Reflection

- ★ How can I trust in Jesus's mercy during my times of need?
- ★ In what ways can I serve others selflessly, following Jesus's example?

<https://young-catholics.com/3412/29th-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](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

## OCTOBER 20, 2024

**Celebrant**

Rev. Chris Welch

**Lector:** Jessica Aikins

**Eucharistic Minister:** Daphne Thompson, Annette Hammond, Toni Zeleski

**Mass Intention**

**For the support of the World Missions**

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, 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? CALLED?**

RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults into the Catholic faith. For more information, go to [myrcia.org](http://myrcia.org).

**Holy Cross Parish RCIA Contact:**

Maureen Joy (607) 263-5132

**Pope Francis's October intention: May the Church continue to sustain a Synodal lifestyle, promoting participation, communion, and mission among all.**

## 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:

Tuesday, November 12, 12 p.m.

Saturday, November 16, 3 p.m. and

Sunday, November 19, 2 p.m.

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

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

### **NEED ASSISTANCE?**

#### **HAVE HELP TO OFFER?**

- ☼ 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.

### **REMEMBERING LOVED ONES**

For All Saints/All Souls day weekend (11/1-3), please to bring pictures of your departed loved ones for the Table of Remembrance.

### Upcoming Events

**10/20: SPECIAL COLLECTION – Mission Sunday; Rosary after mass**

**10/24: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**

**10/26: Bible Study, 9 a.m.**

**10/31: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**

**11/01: All Saints' Day mass, 9 a.m.**

All Saints' Day mass, St. Mary's Oneonta, 12:10 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**11/02: Bible Study, 9 a.m.**

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

**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, 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**

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024**

Mass Attendance: 45

Collection: \$606.00

Hurricane Relief: \$122.00

Insurance: \$200.00