

## SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 28

Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

Friday, November 1

Saint Benedict, Abbot

Saturday, November 2

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

**THE ORIGIN OF ALL SAINTS' DAY** can be traced back to the early Christian Church; it was established as a day to remember and celebrate the martyrs and other saints who had died for their faith. Over time, the scope of the holiday expanded to include martyrs and all faithful Christians who had lived virtuous lives. It is a day to recognize the saints' collective witness and express gratitude for their example.

The early Christian Church, strongly emphasized the veneration of martyrs who had suffered and died for their faith. These martyrs were seen as exemplary models of Christian virtue, and their graves or burial places became sites of pilgrimage and veneration. The anniversary of a martyr's death often became a day for commemorating their lives and the sacrifices they made for their faith.

Over time, the holiday's focus expanded beyond just martyrs to include all Christian saints—those who were recognized for their

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Shout with joy about your matrimonial covenant! 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.

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience will guide you along your path. 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/>.

exceptional holiness and devotion to God. This shift recognized that not all saints were martyrs, so a broader commemoration was needed.

In the Western Christian Church, Pope Gregory III (731-741) is often credited with establishing November 1st as the date for All Saints' Day. This date was chosen to coincide with the dedication of a chapel in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome to "All the Saints." It was an attempt to unify the various local celebrations of saints' feast days and set a universal date for honoring all the saints.

from <https://www.christianity.com/church/church-history/all-saints-day-november-1.html>

## 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!

## 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 27, 2024**

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

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalms 126

Hebrews 5:1-6

Mark 10:46-52

## FAITH CALLS US TO JOY

*For Dr. Barbara Holmes, our faith invites us to choose joy amid crisis and injustice:* Our current circumstances require resilience and the steadfast belief that joy is a healing inner event and a spiritual practice.... BIPOC folks who remember the ways of the elders have seen it in action. Performance of joy while the wounds are still being inflicted is not a display of otherworldly strength. It is an act of faith that God will not give us more than we can bear....

We are not required to fight for our reality; we can just live it. We can be weird and whole and as shapeshifting as necessary, for we are being called to another purpose. We are being invited to awaken to our true nature as spirit beings, energy sharers, and prophets of potential. The joy spoken of in Holy Scripture is accessible, but also has a certain "beyondness" to it: The world didn't give it and the world can't take it away. As we hear from Jesus in John 16:22: "So you have pain now; but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

*Brian McLaren describes the radical trust and resilience that spiritual practices can offer in difficult times:* We have to prepare ourselves to live good lives of defiant joy even in the midst of chaos and suffering. This can be done. It has been done by billions of our ancestors and neighbors. Their legacy teaches us to see each intensifying episode of turbulence as a labor pain from which a new creative opportunity can be born. Life will be tough; the only question is whether we will become tougher, wiser, and more resilient.... The communities that learn and teach ... spiritual resilience will become vital resources for everyone. (We can hope that some Christian communities will take part in this work.) These individual and communal practices will help us dump bitterness, fear, disappointment, and toxicity and refuel with mercy, vision, anticipation, and equanimity. They will help us ignore what deserves to be ignored and monitor what needs to be monitored. They will help us reframe our narratives, so we can mourn, grieve, and lament ... even as we imagine, celebrate, and labor for the birth of a better future....

To trust in the process is another way of saying to trust in an intelligence wiser than current human intelligence, to trust in a love deeper than current expressions of human love, to trust in a desire stronger and wiser than current expressions of human desire. Christians refer to this wisdom, love, and desire as God or the Divine or the Creative Spirit, and others can find their own ways of naming it.... To use familiar biblical language, we will need to walk by faith through the valley of the shadow of death [Psalm 23:4], always holding anticipative space for something beautiful to be born, especially during the most painful contractions.

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

## For Reflection

★ How does my faith help me in difficult times?

★ In what ways do I trust God with my future?

<https://young-catholics.com/3416/30th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-b/>

# Holy Cross Parish

96-98 Main Street, PO Box 118  
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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

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## OCTOBER 27, 2024

### Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

**Lector:** Marguerite Webster

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

### Mass Intention

**For the safety of all celebrating Halloween**

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

### 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.

**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

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

3 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?

### 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.**

### Upcoming Events

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

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

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024

Mass Attendance: 43

Collection: \$501.00

World Mission Collection: \$284.00