

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 23

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Saint Padre Pio

Thursday, September 26

Saints Cosmos and Damien, Mar-
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Friday, September 27

Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

Saturday, September 28

Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint
Lawrence Ruiz and Companions,
Martyrs; Our Lady, Undoer of
Knot

OUR LADY UNDOER OF KNOTS is a Marian devotion centered around a Baroque painting by Johann Melchior Georg Schmittner (circa 1700). It depicts the Virgin Mary, surrounded by angels, untying a series of knots in a long ribbon. The idea is that Mary can help us “untie the knots” in our lives, anything from personal issues to larger societal problems.

The devotion traces back to St. Irenaeus, a second-century bishop, who made a comparison between Eve and Mary. He noted that as Eve “tied the knot” of disobedience by eating the forbidden fruit, Mary “untied it” by giving birth to Jesus. Practicing this devotion typically involves saying a novena to Our Lady Undoer of Knots—a set of prayers recited for nine consecutive days that asks for Mary’s intercession to help untie specific knots in our lives, often used by people facing challenges or making decisions, looking for guidance or solutions.



from: <https://young-catholics.com/480/our-lady-undoer-of-knots/>

GOD HAS CHOSEN...ME!

As we pray for vocations, both ordained and lay, this month, please consider what God might be calling you to. How might you help build community a single Sunday a month?

*God has chosen me,
God has chosen me to set alight a new fire.
God has chosen me,
God has chosen me to bring to birth a new king-
dom on earth.*

*God has chosen me, chosen me:
—Bernadette Farrell*

Please consider how you are being called 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.

Look for Marguerite Webster or Kerry Mess who would love to talk with you and answer your questions.

Psalm 19:8, 10: "The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart. The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul; the decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple." God can refresh our soul and our marriage. Check out a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

November 1-3, 2024, Glen Rock, NY

November 4-25, 2024, (Virtual)

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. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or <https://www.mectw.org/>.

Holy Cross Parish

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

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, B

Wisdom 2:12, 17–20

Psalm 54

James 3:16–4:3

Mark 9:30–37

If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.

Mark 9:35

This Sunday the readings invite us to reflect on humility, wisdom, and service to challenge us to examine how we live our faith and interact with others.

TRUE WISDOM: The first reading speaks of the just person suffering because of their righteousness. The wicked plot against the just, trying to see if God will save them. This passage reminds us that living a righteous life may lead to suffering and opposition. We learn from this reading that true wisdom is not always appreciated. Sometimes, doing the right thing brings challenges and hardships; but we are called to remain faithful and trust that God sees and knows our struggles.

This reflection helps us understand that wisdom from God leads us on a path that may not be easy, but it is the right path. We should seek wisdom that brings peace, righteousness, and a closer relationship with God. Staying true to this wisdom, even when it is hard, is our call as Christians.

RIGHTEOUS LIVING: The second reading speaks about the conflicts that arise from selfish desires. James urges us to seek peace and righteousness instead of giving in to jealousy and selfish ambition. He reminds us that true wisdom comes from God and leads to good deeds. Righteous living means putting God’s will above our own desires. It involves seeking peace, being gentle, and showing mercy. These actions reflect God’s wisdom and bring harmony into our lives and communities.

James’ message encourages us to examine our motives and actions. Are we driven by selfishness, or are we seeking to live in a way that honors God and serves others? By choosing righteousness and peace, we align our lives with God’s will.

HUMILITY AND SERVICE: In the Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples about true greatness. He tells them that whoever wants to be first must be the servant of all. He then places a child in their midst, showing them that welcoming the least is welcoming Him.

This lesson on humility and service is crucial for us. Jesus turns the idea of greatness upside down. Instead of seeking power and status, He calls us to serve others, especially those who are vulnerable and in need. By serving others with humility, we follow Jesus’ example. It is not about being noticed or praised, but about genuine care and love for others. This is how we live out our faith and show the world the love of Christ.

For Reflection

- ★ How do I seek true wisdom in my life?
- ★ What does humility mean to me?
- ★ How can I align my actions with God’s will?

<https://young-catholics.com/3390/25th-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 are posted on our website. Council minutes are under Ministries & Committees. If you have a notice for the bulletin, please email: holycross-rcchurch@gmail.com by Wednesday, 7 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.

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

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Lector: Jessica Aikins

Eucharistic Minister: Tony Zeleski, Carole Barry, Annette Hammond

Mass Intention

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, 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 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 September intention: May we hear the cry of the Earth, victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and personally care for our world.

Engage in Living Community

WHOM HAVE YOU WELCOMED TODAY?

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.

CARING CONNECTIONS Catholic Charities

Caring Connections is offered to individuals and families who are struggling to meet their basic needs. Individuals and families in need of accessing program must come to their local Catholic Charities office (176 Main Street, Oneonta, 607-432-0061) to complete an application. Mon/Tues/Weds/Fri: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Thurs: 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

**IF I MUST FALL, THEN LET ME FALL.
THE ONE I AM BECOMING WILL CATCH ME.**

-Israel Baal Shem Tov, Hasidic Rabbi

Upcoming Events

09/22: SPECIAL COLLECTION – Catholic University Collection

09/28: Bible Study, 9 a.m.

09/29: 52nd Annual Marriage Jubilee [special wedding anniversary couples], 3 p.m., Christ Our Light Loudonville

10/03: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m., Holy Hour following until 12 p.m.

10/05: Bible Study, 9 a.m.

10/07: Deacon Andrew Haskins on Canon Law: Marriage & Annulments, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

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

10/12: Bible Study, 9 a.m.

10/11-12: Harvest Festival, Sacred Heart Sidney

10/17: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

10/19: Bible Study, 9 a.m.

10/19: Unleashing Love Diocesan Women's Conference, St. Edward the Confessor Church, Clifton Park (www.rcda.org/UnleashingLove)

10/20: SPECIAL COLLECTION – Mission Sunday

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

Mass Attendance: 43

Collection: \$1,140.00

Religious Education: \$24.00