

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 7

Saint John Baptiste de la Salle,
Priest

Friday, April 11

Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Mar-
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SAINT JOHN BAPTISTE DE LA SALLE,
founder of Brothers of the Christian
School, is the patron saint of teachers/edu-
cators. To learn more, visit: tiny.cc/JBdlS.
SAINT STANISLAUS is the Patron Saint of
Poland. To learn more, visit: tiny.cc/StStan.

For I was hungry and you gave me food MAY IS OUR FOOD PANTRY MONTH

Needed: Assorted soups, cup of noodles,
top ramen, condiments, syrup, jam/jelly,
chips, cake mixes

Please check expiration dates; food may
not be expired! Needed too: aluminum foil,
laundry detergent, personal hygiene items
The pet pantry needs canned dog, cat food.

HOW HAVE YOU SHARED GOD'S LOVE THIS WEEK?

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.

LIVING THE COMMANDMENT OF LOVE

Jesus said: "The whole law and the prophets
depend on these two commandments:

- ♥ You shall love the Lord, your God, with
all your heart, with all your soul, and
with all your mind.
- ♥ You shall love your neighbor as your-
self" (Matthew 22:40).

This second commandment is challenging;
it requires us to see our neighbors [see Luke
10:29-37] as *a continuation of ourselves*.

Jesus gave us a set of instructions for what
this looks like in daily life (Matthew 25: 31-
40); they are the corporal works of mercy:

7 CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

- ♥ **Feed the hungry**
Buy only what you need; share with others.
- ♥ **Give drink to the thirsty**
*Make an effort not to waste water; consider who
doesn't have access to clean water.*
- ♥ **Shelter the homeless**
Donate warm clothing, blankets to shelters.
- ♥ **Visit the sick**
*Give blood; visit with elderly neighbors; assist
caregivers of chronically ill family members.*
- ♥ **Visit the prisoners**
*Donate to the Angel Tree Party in December for
children of incarcerated parents.*
- ♥ **Bury the dead**
*Send a card to someone who's lost a loved one;
pray for those loved ones you have lost.*
- ♥ **Give alms to the poor**
*Participate in the CRS Lenten Rice Bowl; skip a
morning coffee/treat and donate the funds.*

DIOCESAN APPEAL

As you plan your budget, con-
sider a pledge. Use your bank's
Bill Pay for auto-payments or
use envelopes on the back table.

<https://thediocesanappeal.org/>

CURRENT STATUS: \$3,970 / GOAL: \$5,000



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

APRIL 6, 2025

5th Sunday of Lent, C

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalms 126

Philippians 3:8-14

John 8:1-11

A MOVEMENT OF LOVE AND LIBERATION

At the center of Jesus' message as prophet and wisdom teacher is the vision of a world as an egalitarian community of beings, not a hierarchy of individuals. His parables and aphorisms disorient our conventional expectations and suggest a way of being in the world where all are valued, especially the vulnerable and outcast. He shows us how to live this message by doing so himself: his unsettling parables and sayings are embodied in his own practices of living among the marginalized and siding with those considered inferior by conventional standards. He tells us also when and where to do it: now and here....

This evangelism or good news, however, is not offered as an imperative or as an accomplished fact, but rather as an invitation: it is ... inviting us to live differently. It does not appear to be principally a matter of the intellect or the will, but of the heart. The alternative to the conventional hierarchical, dualistic paradigm of life is, according to Jesus, the way of death to the old life and rebirth to the new. At the center of this new life is love to God and others: not just a moderate or "sensible" love, but God-intoxication and compassion for others that knows no limits....

Those who have followed Jesus most radically, regardless of their other errors and failings—people like Paul, Augustine, Teresa of Avila, Julian of Norwich, John Woolman, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, Dorothy Day, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Sojourner Truth, Martin Luther King Jr., Mother Teresa, and many others less well known—passionately loved both God and the world (and everything in it).... These people seem to know no limits, either in their outrageous intimacy with God nor with their borderless love for all living things. ...

In the context of massive suffering and violence—which is the context of our common life—the JESUS movement is constantly generating the revolutionary and holy Spirit of freedom and liberation; in the same moment and place, it offers "a balm to heal the sin-sick soul" of each and every one of us, oppressor and oppressed, in whatever ways we ourselves are broken—in wrong relation, that is, with one another, ourselves, and the Spirit that connects us....

We cannot enjoy the spirituality that truly is of God unless we are enjoying the struggle for justice-love, compassion, nonviolence, and forgiveness in the world. And we cannot stay in the struggle unless we are drawing personal strength from God whom JESUS loved, however we may experience and image this sacred power.

Liberating oppressed peoples and creatures—
Healing personal wounds, ours and others'—
Liberating us from fear, greed, and lack of confidence—
Healing peoples, nations, tribes, and earth—
It all goes together in God.

<https://cac.org/daily-meditations/a-movement-of-love-and-liberation/>

For Reflection

- ★ In what ways can I show mercy and forgiveness to others?
- ★ How can I apply the mantra "Forgive her. Change me" in my daily life?

<https://young-catholics.com/3521/5th-sunday-of-lent-year-c/>

Holy Cross Parish

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

<https://parishes.rcda.org/holycross/>

Facebook: tiny.cc/HCMorris

Find our bulletin and Pastoral Council minutes on our website. If you have a notice for the bulletin, please email: holycrossRCchurch@gmail.com

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.

RECONCILIATION: St. Mary's Oneonta, every Saturday 4–4:45 p.m. Call the parish office (607-432-3920) for a different time.

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Pastoral Associate (Parish Leader)

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

Trustees

Michael Stensland (607) 783-2764

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Dana Mochovciak, Jenna Turner, Carol Tyson, Marguerite Webster

Liturgical Ministry

Marguerite Webster (607) 263-5478

Faith Formation

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

Ministry to the Homebound

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Maureen Joy (607) 263-5132 [RCIA]

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Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Greeter: Pat Kristofik

Lector: Jessica Aikins

Eucharistic Ministers: Toni Zaleski, Carol Tyson, Jen Spivey

April 13

Greeter: The McAdams Family

Deacon: Paul Cerosaletti

Lector: Kerry L Mess

Eucharistic Ministers: Daphne Thompson, Carol Tyson

Mass Intention

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

Pray for

- ✠ for the sick, their caregivers, and all who have asked for our prayers, especially Sr. Theresa Ahern MSBT, Kathleen Barry, Jo Franklin, Tony Giambra, Sarah Grogan, Agnes Huff, Maureen Joy, Nadine Joy, Michelle Lee, Fred Lemister, Teresa Meyers, Connie Mockovciak, Rich Morley, Clara Murphy, John Neary, Diane Neczesny, Karen Newell, Betty O'Brien, John O'Brien, Maria Papendrea, Mike Stensland, Joe and Carol Tyson, John Zaleski
- ✠ for all those in our parish family serving in the military and all first responders and emergency personnel: Ryan Barry, Jim Barry, Meghan Barringer
- ✠ for the deceased members of our parish and their families and friends
- ✠ in thanksgiving for Scott & Amanda Kolberg for starting the parish Facebook page

Pope Francis's April intention: That new technologies not replace human relationships, but respect human dignity and help us face the crises of our times.

Engage in Living Community

WHERE DO WE BEGIN? BEGIN WITH THE HEART. —St. Julian of Norwich

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.
- ✧ Jail Ministries of Otsego & Schoharie
Seeking volunteers "helping troubled lives find hope and wholeness in the Christian walk." See www.jmoconline.org.
- ✧ Helios Grief Support
Group counseling for adults in Otsego, Schoharie, Delaware counties. See helioscare.org; call (607) 432-5525.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: "Remember not the events of the past, see, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? In the desert I make a way." Jesus can make a way; he can make all things new in your marriage. For info/to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit <https://wwmectw.org/>.

Upcoming Events

- 04/06: Christian Formation after mass**
Watch *The Chosen*, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta
- 04/10: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
- 04/11: Stations of the Cross, 4 p.m.**
Lenten Penance Service, 6–8 p.m.
- 04/13: Coffee Hour after mass**
Watch *The Chosen*, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta
- 04/17: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
- 04/18: Stations of the Cross, 4 p.m.**
Special Collection for the Holy Land
(Parish envelopes put in at St. Mary's will get to Holy Cross.)
Confession, Sacred Heart Sidney, 12–1:30 p.m.
- 04/19: Bible study, 9 a.m., Parish Hall**
- 04/24: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**

Saint Mary's Easter Triduum Celebration

- ✠ Holy Thursday mass: 6:30 p.m.
- ✠ Good Friday service: 5 p.m.
- ✠ Easter Vigil mass: 8 p.m.
- ✠ Easter Sunday masses: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025

Mass Attendance: 59

Collection: \$696.00

Catholic Relief Services: \$442.00

Easter Flowers: \$30.00