

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 11
Saint Claire, Virgin

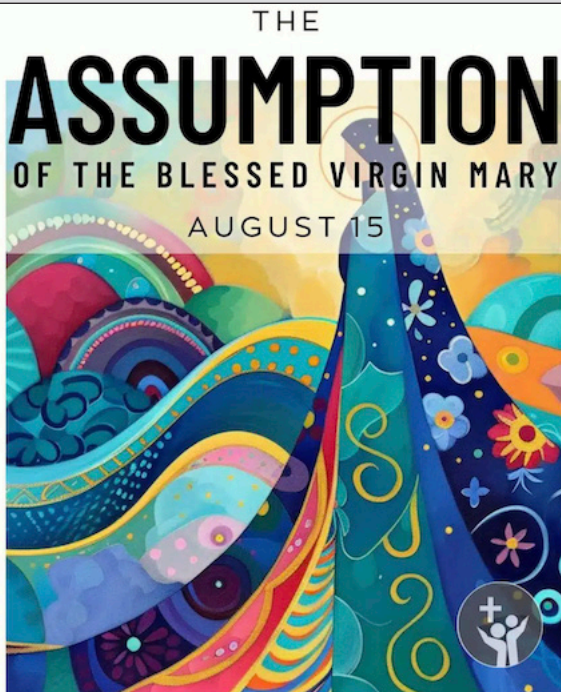
Tuesday, August 12
Saint Janes Frances de Chantal,
Religious

Wednesday, August 13
Saints Pontian, Pope and Hip-
polytus, Priest, Martyrs

Thursday, August 14
Saint Maximillian Kolbe, Priest
and Martyr

Friday, August 15
The Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obliga-
tion)

Friday, August 16
Saint Stephen of Hungary



BUILDING COMMUNITY: Our next Pastoral Council meeting is Sunday, August 24, after mass. Meetings are open, and all are welcome to attend and participate!

The doctrine of the **ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** is an important belief for Catholics. It teaches that Mary was taken up to heaven, body and soul, at the end of her life. This means she did not go through the usual process of decay. Instead, God brought her directly to heaven.

Pope Pius XII declared this belief as official Church teaching in 1950. He did this through a formal statement called a dogma. This makes the Assumption a central part of Catholic faith. While the Bible does not specifically mention the Assumption, the Church has believed in it for many centuries.

The Assumption shows Mary's special relationship with Jesus. As His mother, she had a unique role in His life and mission. By taking her to heaven, God honored her faithfulness and obedience. This event also highlights the respect and honor given to Mary within the Church.

On this day, we think about how Mary is closely linked to Jesus and how she lived a life of strong faith. This celebration highlights the idea that we can have life forever and be saved. It teaches us that God's special help can change us, helping us live in harmony with God after we die.

This event shows that Mary was a prime follower of Jesus, representing her complete rescue. It represents a part that goes beyond normal ideas of time and space. Mary's Assumption puts her in the role of someone who prays for us and guides us, going beyond what we can fully understand. It's an idea that's both very human and very mysterious.

The Assumption gives hope to all believers. It reminds them that they, too, can look forward to eternal life with God. By reflecting on Mary's journey to heaven, Catholics are encouraged to live faithful lives, trusting in God's promises.

<https://young-catholics.com/430/the-assumption-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary/>



AUGUST 10, 2025

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, C
Wisdom 18:6–9
Psalm 33
Hebrews 11:1–2, 8–19
Luke 12:32–48

In the course of a dialogue, when we are contradicted, even brusquely, we can find peace of heart by entrusting to the Holy Spirit those we are speaking with—and doing this, naturally, without their even realizing it.

—Brother Roger of Taizé

In the New Testament, and particularly for Jesus, the most common image for what God is offering us is a banquet. It's not a trophy, not a prize, not a reward reserved for later, but a participative and joyous party now. A banquet has everything to do with invitation and acceptance; it is never a command performance.

Matthew's Gospel contains the parable of the wedding banquet (Matthew 22:1–14). A king sends out his servants to let the guests know that the banquet has been prepared.

"But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business" (22:5). These are not bad things, but just "busyness with many things" that keep them from "the one important thing" (Luke 10:41–42), which is the banquet of conscious divine union. At the end of the parable, the king instructs the servants, "Go out and invite everyone you can find to the wedding feast." The servants returned with "the good and the bad alike" (22:9–10). That phrase has been shocking to most Christians, because we have been taught to believe that Jesus' message is primarily a moral matter in which "bad" people would clearly not belong. Once we know it is primarily a mystical matter, a realization of union, it reframes the entire journey. Almost by accident, we find ourselves becoming "moral," but morality did not earn us a ticket to the banquet.

In Luke 14, we find three different banquet parables. People are either avoiding them, trying to create hierarchies at them, or simply refusing to come. Just as in Matthew 22, the host almost has to force people to come, and Jesus even offers a bit of nonsensical advice: "When you give a lunch or a dinner, don't ask your friends, brothers, relations, or rich neighbors" (Luke 14:12). He lists the people that we'd logically invite and says, "Don't invite them ... for fear they might repay you in return." (Remember, all rewards for Jesus are inherent, not about expecting something later.) But his message is also a warning against ego systems of reciprocity, and an invitation to pure gratuity.

Jesus is always undercutting what we think is common sense. This passage calls us to nondual thinking and to change our entire form of consciousness. "When you have a party, invite those who are poor, crippled, maimed, or blind, because the fact that they cannot pay you back will mean you are fortunate" (14:13)—because now you are inside of a different mind that will allow you to read all your life from a worldview of abundance instead of a worldview of scarcity. God is clearly into abundance and excess, and God's genuine followers share in that largesse: first in receiving it and resting in it, then in allowing it to flow through them toward the world.

For Reflection

- ★ What does it mean to be ready for God in daily life?
- ★ How can I be a better steward of what God has given me?

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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

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Faith Formation & RCIA [Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults]

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

Ministry to the Homebound

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Holy Father's August intention: When coexistence seems difficult, may we not succumb to battle for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

Living Caring Community

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.
- ☼ My Neighbor's Closet
3097 County Highway 11, Hartwick NY
(607) 431-8320/cooperstownangel@gmail.com
Tues/Sat: 9 a.m.–12 p.m. / Weds: 4–7 p.m.
Contact if you need someone to shop for you and coordinate getting you items.
- ☼ Helios Grief Support
Group counseling for adults in Otsego, Schoharie, Delaware counties. See helios-care.org; call (607) 432-5525.
- ☼ Friends of Recovery, Delaware/Otsego
Grassroots addiction recovery by, about, for individuals and families in recovery
22 Elm Street, Oneonta NY
(607) 267-4435
Mon/Tues/Fri: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Weds/Thurs: 9 a.m.–7 p.m.
- ☼ Holy Sews
Sew burial layettes for infants: (607) 432-5125; holysewsononeonta@yahoo.com
- ☼ Oneonta Community Health Center
No-cost healthcare services for uninsured adults (607) 433-0300
Office hours: Tues. 6–8 p.m.



Upcoming Events

08/10: Coffee Hour after mass

08/13: Catholic Charismatic Renewal Healing Liturgy, Christ Our Light Church Loudonville, 7 p.m. (mass 7:30 p.m.)

08/14: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

Assumption vigil mass, 6:30 p.m. St. Mary's Oneonta

08/15: Feast of the Assumption, mass 9 a.m.

Mass 12:10 p.m. St. Mary's Oneonta

08/17: Rosary after mass

08/21: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

08/21–24: Women's Cursillo Weekend, Dominican Retreat and Conference Center Niskayuna; see [https://albanycursillo.org/for info](https://albanycursillo.org/for%20info)

08/23: Installation of Mother Tracy by Bishop Williamson, 2 p.m., Zion Episcopal Church:
Lend your voice for the celebration: Contact Cheryl Ernst: chernst88@yahoo.com

08/24: Special Collection for Catholic Home Missions

08/28: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

09/04: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

09/07: Christian Formation after mass

09/11: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

09/14: Coffee hour after mass

Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Mass, Christ Our Light Church Loudonville, 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025

Mass Attendance: 53

Collection: \$1,061.00

Offerings: \$5.00

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Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Greeter: The McAdams

Lector: Marguerite Webster

Eucharistic Ministers: Toni Zaleksi, Peg Lilley, Diane Turner

August 17

Greeter:

Deacon: Paul Cerosaletti

Lector: Kerry L Mess

Eucharistic Ministers: Jen Spivey, Carol Tyson

Mass Intention

If you would like to request an intention for a mass, call Kerry (607) 386-1951 with the intention, your name, and call back number OR use the parish email (see left panel).

Pray for

- ✠ for the sick, their caregivers, and all who asked for our prayers, especially Sr. Theresa Ahern MSBT, Kathleen Barry, Jo Franklin, Sarah Grogan, Agnes Huff, Maureen Joy, Nadine Joy, Michelle Lee, Fred Lemister, Carol and Jessica MacCumber, Teresa Meyers, Rich Morley, Mark Muller, Clara Murphy, John Neary, Diane Neczesny, Karen Newell, John O'Brien, Kathy Osborne, Maria Papendrea, Scarlett Parry, Evelyn Rowe, Martin Smith, Mike Stensland, Pat Stensland, Joe and Carol Tyson, Janet VanZandt, 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, Betty O'Brien
- ✠ in thanksgiving for community, each other