

## SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 17

Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Friday, February 21

Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday, February 22

The Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle

**SERVITE ORDER:** In the prosperous city of Florence in the middle of the 13th century, the city was torn with political and religious strife. Morals were low; religion seemed meaningless.

In 1240, seven noblemen of Florence decided together to leave the city for a quiet place for prayer and direct service of God. At first, they struggled to provide their families since two were still married, and two were widowers.

They wanted to lead a life of penance and prayer but were soon disturbed by constant visitors from Florence. They next withdrew to the deserted slopes of Monte Senario.

In 1244, this small group adopted a religious uniform (habit) similar to the Dominican one. They chose to live under St. Augustine's Rule and adopted the name, the Servants of Mary.

Members of the community came to the United States from Austria in 1852, and settled in New York and later in Philadelphia. Community members combined monastic life and

**BUILDING COMMUNITY:** The Parish Pastoral Council has begun a planning process for realizing our vision (top of front page) and mission (inside left panel). **The next Council meeting is Sunday, February 23, after mass. Meetings are open, and all are welcome to attend and participate!**

"Love is your task—to love yourself by striving to become the best version of yourself, to love others by encouraging them and assisting them in their quest to become the best versions of themselves, and to love God by becoming all you were created to be."

MATTHEW KELLY

active ministry. In the monastery, they led a life of prayer, work and silence while in the active apostolate they engaged in work teaching, preaching, and other ministerial activities.

### REFLECTION

**The time of the seven Servite founders compares to our situation today: The best of times and the worst of times" (Charles Dickens). Some feel called to a countercultural life, even in religion. All of us are faced in a new and urgent way with the challenge to make our lives decisively centered in Christ.**

Adapted from: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/seven-founders-of-the-servite-order/>

## 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.

## DIOCESAN APPEAL

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

<https://thediocesanappeal.org/>

**CURRENT STATUS: \$3,830 / GOAL: \$5,000**



# Holy Cross Parish

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

**FEBRUARY 16, 2025**

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, C

Jeremiah 17:5–8

Psalms 1

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16–20

Luke 6:17, 20–26

### GO AHEAD, DO SOMETHING: HOW ABOUT LOVE?

Author, storyteller, and theologian Megan McKenna challenges us to imitate Jesus., considering the importance of translation when it comes to understanding the meaning of Jesus' words: The blessings and woes have so much depth and latitude, so many layers of meaning that are unveiled throughout the gospel of Luke, especially in the parables. Even the meaning of the word beatitude is rich and complex when seen from different perspectives. . . . In Elias Chacour's book *We Belong to the Land*] there is a marvelous description of a beatitude that enhances our understanding of what Jesus means when he says "blessed are you":

Knowing Aramaic, the language of Jesus, has greatly enriched my understanding of Jesus' teaching. Because the Bible as we know it is a translation of a translation, we sometimes get a wrong impression. For example, we are accustomed to hearing the Beatitudes expressed passively:

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they shall be satisfied.  
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.  
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

*Blessed* is the translation of the word *makarioi*, used in the Greek New Testament. However, when I look further back to Jesus' Aramaic, I find that the original word was *ashray*, from the verb *yashar*. *Ashray* does not have this passive quality to it at all. Instead, it means 'to set yourself on the right way for the right goal; to turn around, repent. . .

How could I go to a persecuted young man returning to Gaza, for instance, and say, 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted,' or 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of justice, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven?' That man would revile me, saying neither I nor my God understood his plight and he would be right.

When I understand Jesus' words in Aramaic, I translate like this: 'Get up, go ahead, do something, move, you who are hungry and thirsty for justice, for you shall be satisfied. Get up, go ahead, do something, move, you peacemakers, for you shall be called children of God.' To me this reflects Jesus' words and teachings much more accurately. I can hear him saying: 'Get your hands dirty to build a human society for human beings; otherwise, others will torture and murder the poor, the voiceless, and the powerless.' Christianity is not passive but active, energetic, alive, going beyond despair. . . . 'Get up, go ahead, do something, move,' Jesus said to his disciples.

The beatitudes mean deeper mercy for those who experience more divisive misery, deeper blessings for those whose hope is dimmest. They give an ultimate authority to certain people and their plight in the world. They signify not just a religious attitude, but a social attitude toward realities that should not exist among humans.

adapted from: <https://email.cac.org/t/d-e-qulithk-tdduxulkd-z/>

### For Reflection

- ★ How do Jesus' teachings about the poor and hungry inspire me?
- ★ How can I share the hope of the resurrection with others?

<https://young-catholics.com/3489/6th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c/>

# 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. If you have a notice for the bulletin, please email: [holycross-rcchurch@gmail.com](mailto:holycross-rcchurch@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: Every Saturday 4-4:45 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta. Call the parish office (607-432-3920) for an appointment if you need a different time.

## 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

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

## Ministry to the Homebound

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

Jenn Spivey (907) 539-5094

## Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Maureen Joy (607) 263-5132 [RCIA]

## FEBRUARY 16, 2025

### Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

**Greeter:** Jen Spivey

**Lector:** Annette Hammond

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Carol Tyson, Daphne Thompson, Diane Turner

February 23

**Greeter:**

**Lector:** Marguerite Webster

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Diane Turner, Toni Zaleski, Jen Spivey

### Mass Intention

#### For the Grogan Family

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, Lynn Joy, Maureen Joy, Michelle Lee, Fred Lemister, Teresa Meyers, Connie Mockovciak, Rich Morley, Clara Murphy, John Neary, Diane Neczesny, Karen Newell, 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 the dedicated service of Fr. Chris Welch

Pope Francis's February intention: That the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel called to serve.

## Engage in Living Community

### 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.

### ONEONTA WARMING STATION: IN NEED

Bottled water/juice boxes  
Breakfast/granola/protein bars  
Single serve oatmeal packets/lg box of oats  
Single serve snack items (try to avoid nuts)  
Shelf stable, single serve microwavable items (e.g. Chef Boyardee, soups, Hormel meals, tuna, single serve cereal, mac and cheese, noodle cups)  
Paper towels, toilet paper

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

Learn to listen and communicate better with your spouse. Check out a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME.org) for help in your communication, skills, and growth in intimacy and in faith with one another.  
March 21-23, 2025 in Burlington, VT  
April 25-27, 2025 in East Sandwich, MA

### Upcoming Events

- 02/16: Rosary after mass
- 02/19: Holy Hour, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta
- 02/20 Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.
- 02/21: Men's Group, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta
- 02/22: Bible study, 9 a.m., Parish Hall
- 02/23: Pastoral Council meeting
- 02/27: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.
- 02/28: Blood Drive, 3-7 p.m., Laurens Central School
- 03/01: Bible study, 9 a.m., Parish Hall
- 03/02: Faith formation after mass
- 03/03-04: Ecumenical, Interfaith Advocacy days, Westminster Presbyterian Church Albany; register: <https://bit.ly/4hh1yBh>
- 03/05: Ash Wednesday mass, 9 a.m. 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta
- 03/06: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.
- 03/07: First Friday Adoration, 3 p.m. Stations of the Cross, 4 p.m.
- 03/08: Bible study, 9 a.m., Parish Hall
- 03/09: Special Collection for Black, Native American & Latin American Mission  
Start of Busy Person's Retreat using *Come into the Silence*, Sundays after 10:30 mass, St. Mary's Oneonta

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025

Mass Attendance: 30

Collection: \$340.00

Evangelist: \$18.00

Utilities: \$45.00