

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 13

Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday, December 17

Saint Anthony, Abbot

SAINT HILARY OF POITIERS, a staunch defender of Christ's divinity was a gentle, courteous man, devoted to writing some of the greatest theology on the Trinity. Like his Master, he was labeled a "disturber of the peace." In a very troubled period in the Church, he lived out his holiness in both scholarship and controversy.

Raised a pagan, he converted to Christianity when he met his God of nature in the Scriptures. His wife was still living when he was chosen, against his will, to be bishop of Poitiers in France. He was taken up with battling the 4th century heresy, Arianism, which denied the divinity of Christ.

When Emperor Constantius ordered all Western bishops to sign a condemnation of Athanasius, the great defender of the faith in the East, Hilary refused and was banished from France to Phrygia. Eventually he was called "Athanasius of the West."

While writing in exile, some semi-Arians, hoping for reconciliation, invited him to a council the emperor called to counteract the Council of Nicea, but Hilary defended the Church. When he sought public debate with the heretical bishop who had exiled him, the Arians, fearing the meeting and its outcome, begged the emperor to send Hilary back home; he was welcomed by his people. from <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-hilary-of-poitiers/>

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.

HOW HAVE YOU SHARED GOD'S LOVE THIS WEEK?

WHO IS A DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH?

This liturgical year C, you will read the names of many Doctors of the Church in the Saints for the Week. What does this mean? Who are these people, and why are they special?

The Doctors of the Church are teachers of the faith who have demonstrated exemplary holiness and have deepened the whole Church's understanding of the Catholic faith. They must be officially declared doctors by a papal proclamation. Such men and women also are known particularly for the depth of understanding and the orthodoxy of their theological teachings.

Though their teachings are not infallible, being a "doctor" means that they contributed significantly to the formulation of Christian teaching in at least one significant area in a way that has impacted later generations.

Requirements to be a Doctor of the Church:

1. great sanctity; only those who have already been declared to be saints by the Church may be named a doctor.
2. eminent learning; often demonstrated by being known as great teachers of the Faith.
3. proclamation by the Church; usually, such proclamation is made by the pope.

from <https://www.simplycatholic.com/doctors-of-the-church/>

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

JANUARY 12, 2025

Baptism of the Lord, C

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Psalm 104

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

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 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. from <https://email.cac.org/t/d-e-swfdd-dduxulkd-z/>

For Reflection

- ★ How does Jesus' baptism show his support for humanity?
- ★ How can we live out the unity and love of the Trinity in our communities?

<https://young-catholics.com/3464/baptism-of-the-lord-year-c/>

The Eucharist is alive. If a stranger who knew nothing about the Eucharist were to watch the way we receive, would he know this? When you and I approach the Eucharist, does it look like we believe we are about to take into our bodies the living person, Jesus Christ, true God and true man? How many times, Lord, have I forgotten that the Eucharist is alive! As I wait in line to receive you each day, am I thinking about how much you want to unite yourself with me? Am I seeing your hands filled with the graces you want to give me? Am I filled with awe and gratitude that you love me so much as to actually want to come to me in this incredibly intimate way? Or am I distracted, busy with other thoughts, preoccupied with myself and my agendas for the day? How many times, Jesus, have I made you sad, mindlessly receiving you into my body, into my heart, with no love and no recognition of your love? How many times have I treated you as a dead object? The Host that we receive is not a thing! It's not a wafer! It's not bread! It's a person – He's alive!

—Vinny Flynn

Holy Cross Parish

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<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

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

Daphne Thompson (607) 263-2410

Ministry to the Homebound

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

Jenn Spivey (207) 539-5094

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Maureen Joy (607) 263-5132 [RCIA]

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Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Greeter: Marguerite Webster

Deacon: Paul Cerosaletti

Lector: Annette Hammond

Eucharistic Ministers: Carol Tyson, Jen Spivey

January 19

Greeter: Jen Spivey

Lector: Jessica Aikins

Eucharistic Ministers: Carol Tyson, Carole Barry, Diane Turner

Mass Intention

For all the unborn; let us put them in Jesus' care.

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

Pray for

- ✠ the newly baptized Crew Patrick Meyers
- ✠ the sick, their caregivers, and all who have asked for our prayers, especially Sr. Theresa Ahern MSBT, Kathleen Barry, Jo Franklin, Tony Giambra, Agnes Huff, Lynn Joy, Maureen Joy, Michelle Lee, 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
- ✠ 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
- ✠ the deceased members of our parish and their families and friends

Pope Francis's January intention: Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, may their right to an education always be respected.

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.

FREE WINTER COATS –ANGEL NETWORK

@ My Neighbor's Closet, 3097 County Highway 11, Hartwick (607-431-8320)
Delivery may be available; call Mrs. Clarvoe
Mostly adult sizes, professionally cleaned
If you need a child-sized coat, let us know; we may be able to obtain donations.

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

Upcoming Events

- 01/12: Coffee hour after mass, Pastoral Council meeting after mass—ALL are welcome!**
- 01/14: **Come sing with us:** Rehearsal for Christian Unity Service, 12 p.m., UMC Morris
- 01/16: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
- 01/18: **Come sing with us:** Rehearsal for Christian Unity Service, 10:30 a.m., UMC Morris
- 01/19: Rosary after mass**
Christian Unity Service, 3 p.m., United Methodist Church Morris
- 01/23: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
- 01/25: Bible study, 9 a.m., parish hall**
- 01/26: Faith formation after mass**
- 01/30 Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**

LOOKING FOR SOME GOOD HANDS

The little drummer boy gave what he could to the newborn king, his time and drumming talent.

Holy Cross could use your talent. Might you be willing to volunteer to greet, lector, serve, clean, count?

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025

Mass Attendance: 41

Collection: \$569.00

Initial Offering: \$40