

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, June 9

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Wednesday, June 11

Saint Barnabas, Apostle

Friday, June 13

Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church

In 2018, Pope Francis established the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of the Church, to be observed annually on the Monday after Pentecost. The title “Mother of the Church” has roots in the Bible. At the foot of the Cross, Jesus said to His mother, “Woman, behold your son,” and to the disciple John, “Behold your mother” (John 19:26-27). Many believe that John represents all of us. In this moment, Jesus was giving Mary to the Church as a mother.

IF YOU'RE HUNGRY...

Jesus once had [a conversation] with a group of religious leaders at the home of a prominent Pharisee. “When you give a banquet,” Jesus said to his host, “invite the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed.” He told them a parable about a man who prepared a banquet and invited many guests. When those on the guest list declined to attend, the man instructed his servant to go into the streets and alleyways in town and bring back the poor, the hungry... The servant obeyed, but told his master there was still room at the table. “Then go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come,” the master said, “so that my house will be full” (Luke 14:12-23). This is what God’s kingdom is like: a bunch of outcasts and oddballs gathered at a table, not because they are rich or worthy or good, but because they are hungry, because they said yes. And there’s always room for more.

...COME SAY “YES”: JOIN THE TABLE

We host the Morris Baccalaureate this Wednesday, June 11 at 7 p.m. and will have refreshments after the ceremony.

Can you donate a dessert or refreshment to celebrate Morris graduating seniors at the reception?

Drop off will be Tuesday, June 10, 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

Our parish picnic is this Saturday, June 15 at 11 a.m. in the parish backyard. Come join us for food, fellowship, and fun.

Please consider donating change for children’s prizes and signing up to bring a dish to share and build community.

WHOM HAVE YOU WELCOMED LATELY?

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: \$4,220 / GOAL: \$5,000



Holy Cross Parish

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

JUNE 8, 2025

Pentecost Sunday, C

Acts 2:1-11

Psalm 104

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

John 14:15-16, 23b-26

Jesus our peace, we know very little about praying but we remember your words, “I will send you the Holy Spirit, he will be a source of comfort, remaining with you for ever.”

—Brother Roger of Taizé

GOOD POWER

Despite the many abuses of power documented throughout history, power itself cannot be inherently bad. In the New Testament, the Holy Spirit is described as dynamis, which means power (Acts 10:38; 1 Corinthians 2:5). Jesus tells his disciples before his Ascension that “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. Then you will be my witnesses . . . to the very ends of the Earth” (Acts 1:8).

Once we come into contact with the Holy Spirit, our Inner Source, we become living icons of true, humble, and confident power. We no longer need to seek “power over” others, because we have discovered the “power within” and know it is a dignity shared with all of life. This is ultimately what it means to be a well-grounded person.

Paul states the divine strategy well in Romans 8:16: “God’s Spirit and our spirit bear common witness that we are indeed children of God.” The goal is a shared knowing and a common power, which is initiated and given from God’s side, as we see dramatized in the Pentecost event (Acts 2:1-13). To span the infinite gap between the divine and the human, God’s agenda is to plant a little bit of God, the Holy Spirit, right inside of us (John 14:16-17; Romans 8:9, 11; 1 Corinthians 3:16). Yet, as many have said, the Holy Spirit is still the “lost” or undiscovered person of the Trinity. If we have not made contact with our true power, the Indwelling Spirit, we will seek power in all the wrong places.

Remember that power, in and of itself, is not bad. It simply needs to be redefined as something larger than domination or force. If the Holy Spirit is power, then power has to be good, loving, and empowering, not something that is the result of ambition or greed. In fact, a truly spiritual woman, a truly whole man, is a very powerful person. If we do not name the good meaning of power, we will be content with the bad, or we will avoid claiming our own powerful vocations. What is needed, Martin Luther King Jr. wrote, “is a realization that power without love is reckless and abusive and that love without power is sentimental and anemic. Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice.”

King further wrote, “If we want to turn over a new leaf and really set a new humanity afoot, we must begin to turn humankind away from the long and desolate night of violence [caused by domination and power over others]. May it not be that the new humanity the world needs is the nonviolent human? . . . This not only will make us new people, but will give us a new kind of power. . . . It will be power infused with love and justice, that will change dark yesterdays into bright tomorrows, and lift us from the fatigue of despair to the buoyancy of hope.”

<https://email.cac.org/t/d-e-qukduil-tdduxulkd-yh/>

For Reflection

- ★ How does the Holy Spirit help us overcome barriers and divisions?
- ★ How can I use my unique talents to build up the Church and our communities?

<https://young-catholics.com/3572/pentecost-year-c/>

Holy Cross Parish

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Morris NY 13808

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

Facebook: [tiny.cc/HCMorris](https://www.facebook.com/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
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 & RCIA [Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults]

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

Ministry to the Homebound

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Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Greeter: The McAdams

Deacon: Paul Cerosaletti

Lector: Marguerite Webster

Eucharistic Ministers: Peg Lilley, Diane Turner

June 15

Greeter: Peg Lilley

Lector: Matthew Tabone

Eucharistic Ministers: Jen Spivey, Carol Tyson, Peg Lilley

Mass Intention

If you would like to request an intention for a mass, simply call the office to schedule: (607) 386-1951.

Pray for

- ✕ for the sick, their caregivers, and all who have 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, Betty O'Brien, John O'Brien, Kathy Osborne, Maria Papendrea, Evelny Rowe, Martin Smith, 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 spring beauty

The Holy Father's June intention: That each of us find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus and learn to have compassion on the world.

Engage in Living 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.
- ☼ Jail Ministries of Otsego & Schoharie
Seeking volunteers "helping troubled lives find hope and wholeness in the Christian walk." www.jmoconline.org.
- ☼ 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.

Upcoming Events

- 06/08: Christian Formation after mass, parish hall
- 06/09: Catholic Charities Otsego & Delaware Counties Open House, 1-3 p.m., Richmondville
- 06/11: **Morris Baccalaureate, 7 p.m.**
- 06/12: **Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
Helios Grief Support Group, 1-2 p.m., Clark Sports Center Cooperstown
- 06/14: **Come joins us for the Parish Picnic, 11 a.m., parish back yard**
- 06/15: **Coffee hour after mass, parish hall**
- 06/17: Helios Grief Support Group meeting, 10-11:30 a.m., St. James Church Oneonta
- 06/18: Holy Hour and Night Prayer, 6:30 p.m. St. Mary's Oneonta
- 06/19: **Liturgy of the Word**
- 06/22: **Rosary after mass**
- 06/26: **Liturgy of the Word**
- 06/29: **Pastoral Council meeting after mass, parish hall**
- 07/03: **Liturgy of the Word**
- 07/19: **Holy Cross Food Sale @ Morris Yard Sale Day**

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025

Mass Attendance: 50

Collection: \$800.75

Ascension Thursday: \$95

Catholic Communication: \$184