

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Thursday, June 19

Saint Romuald, Abbot

Saturday, June 25

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

SAINT ROMUALD'S STORY

In the midst of a wasted youth, Romuald watched his father kill a relative in a duel over property. In horror he fled to a monastery near Ravenna. After three years, some of the monks found him to be uncomfortably holy and eased him out. Romuald spent the next 30 years going about Italy, founding monasteries and hermitages. He longed to give his life to Christ in martyrdom and got the pope's permission to preach the gospel in Hungary. He was struck with illness as soon as he arrived, and the illness recurred as often as he tried to proceed.

During another period of his life, Romuald suffered great spiritual dryness. One day as he was praying Psalm 31, he was given an extraordinary light and spirit which never left him.

At the next monastery where he stayed, Romuald was accused of a scandalous crime by a young nobleman he had rebuked for a dissolute life. Amazingly, his fellow monks believed the accusation. He was given a severe penance, forbidden from offering Mass and excommunicated—an unjust sentence that he endured in silence for six months.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-romuald/>

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.

SAINT ALOYSIUS GONZAGA'S STORY

At age 7, Aloysius experienced a profound spiritual quickening. His prayers included the Office of Mary, the psalms, and other devotions. By age 11, he was teaching catechism to poor children, fasting three days a week, and practicing great austerities. When 13, he traveled with his parents and the Empress of Austria to Spain and acted as a page in Philip II's court. The more Aloysius saw of court life, the more disillusioned he became, seeking relief in the saints.

A book about the experience of Jesuit missionaries in India suggested to him entering the Society of Jesus. His decision became final in Spain and began a four-year contest with his father. Eminent churchmen and laypeople were pressed to persuade Aloysius to remain in his "normal" vocation. Finally he prevailed, allowed to renounce his right to succession, and was received into the Jesuit novitiate.

Aloysius was faced with a new kind of penance—accepting different ideas about the exact nature of penance. He was obliged to eat more and take recreation with the other students. He was forbidden to pray except at stated times. He studied philosophy for four years, with Saint Robert Bellarmine as his spiritual adviser.

In 1591, when plague struck Rome, Jesuits opened a hospital. Because he nursed patients, Aloysius caught the disease. After his recovery fever persisted; he was so weak he could scarcely rise from bed. Yet he maintained his discipline of prayer, knowing that he would die three months later within the octave of Corpus Christi, at the age of 23.

<https://www.franciscan-media.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-aloysius-gonzaga/>

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: \$4,420 / GOAL: \$5,000



Holy Cross Parish

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

JUNE 15, 2025

The Most Holy Trinity, C

Proverbs 8:22–31

Psalms 8

Romans 5:1–5

John 16:12–15

Christ never sets us up as judges of one another. The Gospel emphasizes the importance of inner silence, even towards those who throw us into confusion and make us suffer.

—Brother Roger of Taizé

THE TRINITY AS LOVE

In the twenty-first century a new understanding of Trinity must be found that allows Christians to reconcile their image of God with a contemporary, scientific worldview. Theology needs to move away from concrete images of God in which God is pictured as an old man in the sky. The use of concepts such as being and person in our trinitarian theology have too often led to an understanding of God as a being or a person, or worse as three beings or three persons. Shifting from language of being and person to a concept of God as Love can help counteract this tendency to make God in our own image.

The primary analogy for God as Trinity offered [here] is Source of Love, Word of Love, and Spirit of Love. God the Father is the Unoriginate Source of Love, simply meaning the ultimate source, the source that has no origin itself because it is the origin of all love that exists. That Source of all love has been revealed in the Word of Love. The world was created in and through that Word of Love, and that Word of Love has been spoken into the world in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. The Source of Love is also continually enacted in the Spirit of Love, which is present in the world and active in the heart of all believers forming the Christian community into the body of Christ. As the body of Christ, this community is then called to be the ongoing presence of God as Love in the world. . . .

To affirm God as Trinitarian Love means that our relationships with each other have the potential to mirror such divine, three-fold love. Pope Francis said: "The human person grows more, matures more and is sanctified more to the extent that he or she enters into relationships, going out from themselves to live in communion with God, with others and with all creatures. In this way, they make their own that trinitarian dynamism which God imprinted in them when they were created. Everything is interconnected, and this invites us to develop a spirituality of that global solidarity which flows from the mystery of the Trinity."

We can choose to exercise the unfolding of love in our lives. I can meditate on a God who is Love, who has enfolded Godself as Love at the core of who I am and empowered me to participate in the unfolding of that Love in the world. Through that meditative prayer, we will come to better enact Love in the world. Our hearts can literally change our brains. Our altered brains will change our actions. That unfolding of love means I am empowered to live out my life in relationships that are loving, that engender mutuality and equality in the world.

For Reflection

- ★ What does the unity of the Holy Trinity teach us about working together?
- ★ How can we join in the "dance" of the Trinity in our daily actions?

<https://young-catholics.com/3576/trinity-sunday-year-c/>

Holy Cross Parish

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<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

Marguerite Webster (607) 263-5478

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: Peg Lilley

Lector: Matthew Tabone

Deacon: Paul Cerosaletti

Eucharistic Ministers: Jen Spivey, Carol Tyson

June 22

Greeter: Joe Tyson

Lector: Marguerite Webster

Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Turner, Toni Zaleski, Jen Spivey

Mass Intention

If you would like to request an intention for a mass, call (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, Betty O'Brien, John O'Brien, Kathy Osborne, Maria Papendrea, Evelyn Rowe, Martin Smith, Mike Stensland, Joe and Carol Tyson, Janet Van-Zandt, 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 community, all those who donated to, prepared for, sang at, participated in, attended this past week's Baccalaureate celebration and parish picnic

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

- 06/15: 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
- 06/28: Coping with Life Alone, one day zoom retreat, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., for those who have lost a spouse (death, divorce, separation); for information/registration, Jim (845)220-7883 or Denise (845)325-3147.
- 06/29: Pastoral Council meeting after mass, parish hall
- 07/13: Coffee hour after mass, parish hall
- 07/19: Holy Cross Food Sale, Morris Yard Sale Day
- 08/09: Step Up Men's Conference, St. Edward the Confessor Church Clifton Park



If you or someone in your family is in need of temporary assistance with food, health care expenses, home energy needs, check out <https://mybenefits.gov/screening/>. This site prescreens for many of the programs the state sponsors.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025

Mass Attendance: 58

Collection: \$940.00

Religious Education: \$120.00