

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, June 24

Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Thursday, June 23

Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin

Friday, June 27

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, June 25

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Saint Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr, and Doctor of the Church

On these days, everyone in the village cooks their finest meals, and then they open up their village to strangers and invite all to have a meal with them.... Originally, before colonization wiped out many of the villages, there were over one hundred Pueblo villages. If each of these feasts was spaced out at different times, that means any stranger would have access to food every three to four days or so. In this way, the generosity of feast days is not only an incredible act of hospitality; it is a huge safety net for the most unfortunate people in their society....

Recently, a group of six Native Alaskans showed up at our house for an unexpected visit. We had such a great time talking and visiting that, before we knew it, it was time for supper. With elders present, we knew we had to find something nourishing to feed the group—and quickly. We had a large pack of hot dogs left over from a recent event. We threw together all the cans of various kinds of pinto beans we had, and we ran to the garden to gather lettuce for a salad, which was the only vegetable in season at the time.

These are the times when you just make do with what you have. Generosity doesn't have to look like a lavish occasion or a perfectly executed meal. It just has to look like love.

Share what you have.

ARE YOU CURIOUS? IS THERE SOMEONE YOU WANT TO INVITE? RCIA MAY BE CALLING YOU.

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: \$4,470 / GOAL: \$5,000



Holy Cross Parish

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

JUNE 22, 2025

Corpus Christi Sunday, C

Genesis 14:18–20

Psalms 110

1 Corinthians 11:23–26

Luke 9:11b–17

EUCCHARISTIC SOLIDARITY

There is no more sacred ritual I perform within the church context than serving communion. It is a duty I do not take lightly. I relish the opportunity to preside over the table and invite others into a moment of remembrance and reflection. Whether in the most modest of sanctuaries or in the grandest of buildings, standing before the people with unleavened bread and a cup of wine (or grape juice, as in my own tradition) is a humbling act....

When I stand behind the table, calling the gathered community to remembrance, I call forth all their sacred memories: those connected to the biblical text and those that emerge from their own lives. In that divine moment and in this one, I take seriously the exhortation in 2 Peter 1:13: "As long as I live in the tent of this body," I will call the people to remembrance....

We do this in remembrance of the Holy One, who was and is and is to come.... In remembrance of the warriors for justice, the table turners, and the freedom riders. Those prophets who stood outside the gates of the city and declared the Word of the Lord. Those poets who penned indictments against inhumanity and degradation.

In remembrance of those who have experienced justice delayed and justice denied. Those whose sadness has yet to turn to joy, and those whose weeping has endured for more than one night.... We are all welcome at this table, whether with visible wounds or unblemished flesh, in the radical belief that only God's justice quenches our thirst, heals our spirits, and renews our hearts. ...

Today, the century of determinism is becoming humble as some of the most qualified scientists discern an element of the unpredictable in their research. The history of humanity is not a mere successions of causes and effects. Does it not leave room for the unexpected intervention of God? And is this not true in the life of each person as well?

—Brother Roger of Taizé

Eucharist is the heart of Christian community. We know in our bodies that eating the bread and drinking the wine involve something much deeper and far more extensive than consuming elements of the ritual meal.... We [all] strive to become what we have received and to do what we are being made....

Eucharistic solidarity orients us to the cross of the lynched Jesus of Nazareth, where we grasp the enormity of suffering, affliction, and oppression as well as apprehend our complicity in the suffering, affliction, and oppression of others.... Eucharistic solidarity teaches us to imagine, to hope for, and to create new possibilities. Because that solidarity enfolds us, rather than dismiss "others," we act in love; rather than refuse "others," we respond in acts of self-sacrifice—committing ourselves to the long labor of creation, to the enfleshment of freedom....

At the table that Jesus prepares, all may assemble: In his body we are made anew, a community of faith—the living and the dead. In our presence, the Son of Man gathers up the remnants of our memories, the broken fragments of our histories, [and] judges, blesses, and transforms them. His Eucharistic banquet re-orders us, re-members us, restores us, and makes us one.

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WHOM HAVE YOU WELCOMED TODAY?

JESUS'S INCLUSIVE TABLE

Randy and Edith Woodley share how they have experienced the Indigenous value of hospitality:

The most formalized and, quite frankly, the most beautiful demonstration of generosity and hospitality in Indian Country we have observed is during the Pueblo Indian Feast Days. Each of the nineteen Pueblos has its feast days at different times from the others, and some even do this twice a year. We have been fortunate enough to attend two different Pueblo Feast Days.

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.

Holy Cross Parish

96-98 Main Street, PO Box 118
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

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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JUNE 22, 2025

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Greeter: Joe Tyson

Lector: Marguerite Webster

Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Turner, Toni Zaleski, Jen Spivey

June 29

Greeter: Marguerite Webster

Lector: Kerry L Mess

Eucharistic Ministers: Peg Lilley, Diane Turner, Carol Tyson

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 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
- ✠ in thanksgiving for Fr. Chris's vocation (anniversary June 25th) and service

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

06/22: Rosary after mass

06/26: Liturgy of the Word

Morris Farmers' Market, 3-5:30 p.m., Guy Rathbert Park

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

07/03: Liturgy of the Word

07/06: Christian Formation after mass

07/10: Liturgy of the Word

07/13: Coffee hour after mass, parish hall

07/17: Liturgy of the Word

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 15, 2025

Mass Attendance: 51

Collection: \$629.50

Initial Offering: \$2.00