

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 3
Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin

Tuesday, March 4
Saint Casimir

Wednesday, March 5
Ash Wednesday (Holy Day of
Obligation)

Friday, March 7
Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Mar-
tyrs

Saturday, March 8
Saint John of God, Religious

We cannot live in a world interpreted for us by others. An interpreted world is not a hope. Part of the terror is to take back our listening, to use our own voice, to see our own light. —St. Hildegard of Bingen

FREE TAX PREPARATION

AARP: Elm Park Methodist Church Oneonta; by appt; call (607) 376-5542.

SUNY Oneonta: Alumni Hall 145; Wednesday evenings, Saturday mornings; by appointment; call (607) 436-2171; email: vita@oneonta.edu

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.

SAVE THE DATE! WE NEED YOUR HELP!

LENTEN FISH DINNER

Friday, March 28, 4:30–6:30 p.m.

Can you donate butter, coffee, or a dessert? We'd also love to see you there. Please sign up in the back of church. Thank you for your care and commitment.

CAN YOU HELP? ASHES TO GO

Mother Tracy of Zion Episcopal is looking for volunteers to help offer Ashes to Go on Wednesday, 7–9 a.m., near the traffic light on Main and Broad Streets. To help:

Call or text (607) 783-1281 OR
Email tracy@zionchurchmorris.org

WHAT ARE YOU GIVING UP FOR LENT?

Five ideas that challenge but cultivate virtue:

1. Mortify your will through the practice of obedience—do this by cheerfully serving the people in your life.
2. Attend especially to tasks you don't like doing.
3. Embrace annoyances—when others annoy you, examine yourself and discern how you, too, act or think in that way.
4. **Impose a strict watch on your tongue.**
5. Check impulsive actions—will this action really help anyone?

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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: \$3,970 / GOAL: \$5,000



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

MARCH 2, 2025

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time, C

Sirach 27:4–7

Psalm 92

1 Corinthians 12:54–58

Luke 6:39–45

WORDS REVEAL OUR TRUE SELVES

This Sunday we reflect on the power of our words. The first reading teaches that our words reveal who we really are. Good words show a good heart while bad words reveal inner problems. Our speech can lift others up or tear them down. The Gospel also connects our hearts and actions. Jesus compares people to trees, saying that good trees bear good fruit, meaning our actions and words reflect our inner goodness. If our hearts are good, we will naturally do and say good things.

We need to be careful with our words. Speaking kindly and truthfully can show our faith and love for others; kind words build strong friendships and trust. Harsh or dishonest words can hurt people and damage our witness as Christians; they create distance and conflict. Reflecting on how we speak helps us grow in holiness. Our words also impact our relationships. By watching what we say, we can strengthen our bonds with others and show them Christ's love.

In the Gospel, Jesus also teaches about humility and self-examination, telling us to look at our own faults before judging others. We often judge people based on their appearance, wealth, or status. But what really matters is the condition of their hearts. Our conversations reveal our true beliefs and values. What we say shows what is inside us. Our words can impact our relationships deeply. When we speak with love and humility, we build others up. But if we are proud and critical, we can harm relationships. We must be aware of our own weaknesses and strive to improve.

Pride blinds us to our own faults. We become hypocrites, thinking we are better than others. This pride is a barrier to holiness and prevents us from leading others to Christ. Self-examination helps us recognize our own sins and grow in humility.

If it is not right do not do it; if it is not true do not say it. —Marcus Aurelius

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Dare to declare who you are. It is not far from the shores of silence to the boundaries of speech. The path is not long, but the way is deep. You must not only walk there, you must be prepared to leap.

—St. Hildegard of Bingen

For Reflection

- ★ In what ways can I speak more kindly and truthfully?
- ★ How do my actions and words show my faith?
- ★ What steps can I take to strengthen my relationships with others?

PRAYER: Lord, help us to speak with kindness and truth. Give us hope in Christ's victory over death. Teach us to be humble and see our own faults. Guide us to live faithfully and love others as You love us. AMEN.

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

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]



MARCH 2, 2025

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Greeter: Pat Kristofik

Lector: Kerry L Mess

Eucharistic Ministers: Toni Zaleski, Jen Spivey, Diane Turner

March 9

Greeter: Marguerite Webster

Lector: Jessica Aikins

Eucharistic Ministers: Daphne Thompson, Carol Tyson, Jen Spivey

Mass Intention

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, Nadine Joy, Michelle Lee, Fred Lemister, Teresa Meyers, Connie Mockovciak, Rich Morley, Clara Murphy, John Neary, Diane Neczesny, Karen Newell, Betty O'Brien, 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 all those who volunteer to serve the parish: sacristan, greeters, lectors, Eucharistic ministers

Pope Francis's March intention: That broken/in crisis families may find the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering gifts in difference.

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

WHERE DO WE BEGIN? BEGIN WITH THE HEART. —St. Julian of Norwich

Generations of Faith Sponsored Social
Wednesday, March 26, 6:30–8:30 p.m., Corpus Christi Church Parish Hall, 2001 Route 9, Round Lake; Presenter: Bishop Sharfenberger

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

- 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 service,** 7:30 a.m., St. Mary's Oneonta
Ash Wednesday mass, 9 a.m., 12:10 p.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 Coffee Hour after mass,** Parish Hall
Start of Busy Person's Retreat using *Come into the Silence*, Sundays after 10:30 mass, St. Mary's Oneonta
Gather Us In Lenten Reflection, 1 p.m., Sacred Heart Sidney; call Paula (607) 563-7066 to RSVP
- 03/13: Liturgy of the Word,** 10 a.m.
- 03/14: Stations of the Cross,** 4 p.m.
- 03/15: Bible study,** 9 a.m., Parish Hall
- 03/16: Rosary after mass**
- 03/28: Lenten Fish Dinner,** 4:30–6:30 p.m.
- 03/29: Ignite Men's Conference;** for info or to register see: www.ignitecatholicmen.org/
- 03/30: Special Collection for Catholic Relief Services Annual Appeal**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025

Mass Attendance: 31

Collection: \$938.00

Utilities: \$20.00