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In the first reading, the Israelites offer their first fruits to God, showing their trust and gratitude. They recognize that everything they have comes from Him. This act of trust is a powerful example for us.

In the second reading, Paul encourages us to trust in Jesus for our salvation. Believing in our hearts and confessing with our mouths shows our faith. This trust in God's promise is essential for our spiritual journey.

In the Gospel, Jesus' time in the desert teaches us about trusting God in times of trial. Jesus resists the devil's temptations by relying on God's word. His trust in God helps Him stay focused on His mission.

Trusting God means believing that He will guide and support us. It means turning to Him in prayer and relying on His strength. During Lent, we are called to deepen our trust in God through prayer, fasting, and acts of charity.

Let's use this Lenten season to strengthen our trust in God. By relying on Him, we can face any challenge and grow in our faith. Trust in God is the foundation of our spiritual journey.

Reflecting on the themes of the 1st Sunday of Lent helps us deepen our faith. By focusing on the concepts of temptation, salvation, and trust, we prepare our hearts for Easter. Let these reflections guide us through Lent as we grow closer to God.

Lord, help us to trust in You and resist temptation. Guide us to share Your love and salvation with everyone. Strengthen our faith during this Lenten season. AMEN.

<https://young-catholics.com/3499/1st-sunday-of-lent-year-c/>

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.

O love of God, without which life has no meaning, and no harbor, leave us not alone with our little lives, our broken dreams, our insistent problems, but invade our spirit with thy vitality, that we may be renewed in all the ways of our lives, that we may turn from this place, this day, with all that is within us, washed and purified and refreshed. We seek this with simplicity of heart, and with quiet faith and confidence that thou would not deny thy love to thy children.

from <https://cac.org/daily-meditations/what-is-mysticism-weekly-summary/>

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



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

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Deuteronomy 26:4–10

Psalm 91

Romans 10:8–13

Luke 4:1–13

SALVATION FOR ALL

The 1st Sunday of Lent highlights salvation for all. In the second reading, Paul tells us that salvation is available to everyone who calls on the Lord, reminding us that God's love and mercy are open to all people, regardless of their background.

This inclusiveness is central to the Gospel. Paul emphasizes that there is no difference between Jew and Gentile. Anyone who believes in Jesus and calls on His name will be saved. This universal offer of salvation shows us that God's love knows no boundaries.

We are called to share this message with others. Just as God's love is inclusive, so should our outreach be. We should welcome and support everyone in their journey toward faith. Our actions should reflect the inclusiveness of God's love. Living out this message means being open to others. It means being willing to listen, help, and guide those who seek God. It also means living a life that reflects God's love and mercy, showing others the way to salvation through our example.

As we begin Lent, let's remember that salvation is for everyone. We are all called to share this good news with the world. Let us be instruments of God's inclusive love, welcoming all who seek Him.

TEMPTATION AND RESISTANCE

In the Gospel, Jesus faces three significant temptations in the desert. Each temptation tests His commitment to His mission and His trust in God: The first temptation is for physical comfort. The devil challenges Jesus to turn stones into bread. Jesus resists, showing that His mission is not about satisfying His own needs but about fulfilling God's will. The second temptation is for worldly power. The devil offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if He will worship him. Jesus rejects this, choosing the Kingdom of God over earthly authority. This decision points to His ultimate sacrifice on the cross. The third temptation is for glory. The devil tells Jesus to throw Himself from the temple and let the angels save Him. Jesus resists, focusing on His mission rather than seeking personal glory. He uses His power only for God's purpose, not for His own benefit. These temptations are relevant to us as well. We face similar challenges in our lives. By following Jesus' example, we can resist temptations and stay focused on our mission to serve God and others.

TRUST IN GOD

This Sunday emphasizes the importance of trust in God. The readings remind us to rely on God in every situation. Trust is a key aspect of our faith journey, especially during Lent.

Jesus promised his disciples three things: that they would be completely fearless, absurdly happy, and in constant trouble.

—G. K. Chesterton

For Reflection

- ★ What temptations do I face that challenge my faith?
- ★ How does the inclusiveness of God's love influence my actions toward others?

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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)

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MARCH 9, 2025

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Greeter: McAdams Family

Deacon: Paul Cerosaletti

Lector: Jessica Aikins

Eucharistic Ministers: Daphne Thompson, Carol Tyson, Jen Spivey

March 16

Greeter: Jen Spivey

Lector: Maureen Joy

Eucharistic Ministers: Carol Tyson, Daphne Thompson, Diane Turner

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, 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 clean and care for the church and its grounds

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 microwaveable items (e.g. Chef Boyardee, soups, Hormel meals, tuna, single serve cereal, mac and cheese, noodle cups); Paper towels, toilet paper

Upcoming Events

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

03/11: Taize prayer, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

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

Watch *The Chosen*, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

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, MARCH 2, 2025

Mass Attendance: 41

Collection: \$690.00

Religious Education: \$20

Ash Wednesday Attendance: 20