

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 12

Saints Nareus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr

Tuesday, May 13

Our Lady of Fatima

Wednesday, May 14

Saint Matthias, Apostle

Thursday, May 15

Saint Isidore

Catholic Singles and Friends Weekend,

June 13-15, 2025: An all-inclusive social weekend in a beautiful setting (Pyramid Life Center, run by the Diocese of Albany in Paradox, NY) at a reasonable price. Register directly at <http://www.pyramidlife.org> or for more info email cathsing@yahoo.com.

WHOM HAVE YOU WELCOMED LATELY?

The Magic Closet, an outreach of Morris churches, needs donations of new underwear and socks in all sizes for children, particularly, as well as for adults. Thank you for bringing donations to church on “undie” Sunday. Donations may also be dropped off at the Magic Closet: Weds. & Sat., 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Parish House, Zion Episcopal, 158 E Main St., Morris

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 DATES! BUILD COMMUNITY

Holy Cross will host the Baccalaureate for graduating seniors, Weds., Jun. 11, 7 p.m.

Join us to celebrate our community's seniors. Come lend your voice to the choir. Rehearsals: Tues., Jun 3, 12 p.m. UMC; **Mon., Jun. 9, & Weds., Jun. 11, 6 p.m.**

HOLY CROSS PARISH PICNIC

Saturday, June 14, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., Parish Grounds. Come join the fun!



“They will not hunger or thirst anymore”

MAY IS OUR FOOD PANTRY MONTH

Please check expiration dates; food may not be expired! **Needed:** Assorted soups, cup of noodles, top ramen, condiments, syrup, jam/jelly, chips, cake mixes, individual snacks; **also needed:** aluminum foil, individually wrapped toilet paper, paper towels. Pet pantry needs dry dog/cat food.

Drop off donations in the box at the back of church. Thank you for your generosity.



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



Holy Cross Parish

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

MAY 11, 2025

4th Sunday of Easter, C

Acts 13:14, 43–52

Psalm 100

Revelations 7:9, 14b–17

John 10:27–30

You aspire to follow the Risen Christ, and you wonder by what sign you will know that you have encountered him. Are you able to understand that he is already alive in the depths of your being, in your heart of hearts? Is it still necessary to want to feel his presence?

–Brother Roger of Taizé

SHARING THE VOICE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

On Good Shepherd Sunday, we learn about the boldness of Paul and Barnabas in spreading the Good News about Jesus. Their example shows us the importance of sharing the message of the Good Shepherd. Just as they spoke courageously, we too must be willing to share the Good News so others can hear Jesus' voice.

Paul and Barnabas faced many challenge but did not give up. They understood people needed to hear about Jesus to follow Him. Their commitment inspires us to be brave in our faith and to share it with others, even when it is difficult. To help others hear the voice of the Good Shepherd, we must speak about Jesus in our daily lives through kind words, loving actions, and sharing our faith stories. When we do this, we help others recognize the voice of Jesus and follow Him.

THE INCLUSIVE CALL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

This Sunday we focus on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In Revelation, a great multitude stands before God, showing us that salvation is offered to everyone. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, wants all people to follow Him, not just a select few. Once, hearing God's voice was a privilege for priests and prophets, but Jesus changes this. He calls everyone to hear His voice and follow Him. His message is for all people, no matter who they are or where they come from. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, knows each of us by name. He cares for us and guides us on the right path. When we listen to His voice, we find the way to true peace and happiness. Today we are reminded of the inclusive love of Jesus. He reaches out to all of us, inviting us to be part of His flock. By following Him, we join the great multitude standing before God, united in faith and love.

JESUS, OUR GUIDING SHEPHERD

Today's Gospel of John happens before the resurrection. Jesus and His disciples are in Jerusalem for Hanukkah. During Hanukkah, a reading from the Book of Numbers, where Moses hears God's voice (Numbers 7:89), is traditional. So, it makes sense that Jesus would talk about His sheep hearing His voice. In the Book of Numbers, only Moses hears God's voice. But Jesus brings a new message. He wants everyone, not just priests and prophets, to hear Him. This shows His love and care for all people. God is speaking to us, but we need to listen. The noise and distractions of the world can make it hard to hear Him. We must find quiet times and places to focus on His message. In these moments of silence, we can hear Jesus guiding us. Remember that Jesus is our Shepherd. He knows us, loves us, and calls us to follow Him. By listening to His voice, we can find the path to eternal life.

For Reflection

- ★ How does knowing Jesus cares for everyone change my view of others?
- ★ In what ways can I join the great multitude standing before God in faith and love?

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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

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: McAdams Family

Deacon: Paul Cerosaletti

Lector: Jessica Aikins

Eucharistic Ministers: Daphne Thompson, Diane Turner

May 18

Greeter: Marguerite Webster

Lector: Daphne Thompson

Eucharistic Ministers: Jen Spivey, Toni Zaleski, Carol Tyson

Mass Intention

For the soul of John Posh

If you would like to request an intention for a mass, call (607) 386-1951 with the intention, your name, and call back number.

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 Rich Meyers fixing the kneelers so they can be propped up!

Pope Francis's May intention: For working conditions, that each person find fulfillment, families be sustained in dignity, and society be humanized.

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

- 05/11: Happy Mother's Day! Celebrate at Coffee Hour after mass**
- 05/14: Funeral for John Posh, 10 a.m.**
- 05/15: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
Catholic Charities 12th Annual Pasta Dinner, 5-7 p.m., Quality Inn 5206 NY 23 Oneonta; for tickets/info: (607) 432-0061
- 05/17-05/20: St. Mary's Oneonta Mission**
- 05/18: Special Collection-Catholic Charities Rosary after mass**
- 05/22: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
- 05/25: Special Collection-Eastern Europe**
- 05/29: Ascension Thursday, mass 9 a.m.**
- 05/30-06/01: Rachel's Vineyard, Hope and Healing After Abortion retreat, Dominican Retreat & Conference Center Niskayuna NY; for info/to register: Pat Mousaw (518) 222-1160; rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com [Participation is confidential!]**
- 06/01: Special Collection-Catholic Communication Campaign**
- 06/05: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
- 06/11: Morris Baccalaureate, 7 p.m.**
- 06/12: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
- 06/14: Come joins us for the Parish Picnic, 11 a.m.**

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025

Mass Attendance: 48

Collection: \$867.00

Easter: \$60 / Rice Bowls: \$133