

## SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 26

Saint Phillip Neri, Priest

Tuesday, May 27

Saint Augustine of Canterbury,  
Bishop

Thursday, May 29

The Ascension of the Lord, Holy  
Day of Obligation  
Saint Paul VI, Pope

Saturday, May 31

The Visitation of the Blessed Vir-  
gin Mary

## HOW HAVE YOU SHARED GOD'S LOVE THIS WEEK?

**ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, APOSTLE TO THE ENGLISH:** In 596, Augustine, the prior of a monastery, led some 40 monks from Rome to evangelize the Anglo-Saxons in England. Augustine's group crossed the English Channel and landed in the territory of Kent, ruled by King Ethelbert, a pagan married to a Christian, Bertha. Ethelbert received them kindly, set up a residence for them in Canterbury and within the year, was baptized. After being consecrated a bishop in France, Augustine returned to Canterbury, where he founded his see.

## 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.**

Learn how to love your spouse more at the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on June 27-29, 2025 in Huntington, NY. Explore your relationship with each other, God, the Church. Limited registration; \$100 application fee. For info/to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or <https://wwmectw.org/>.

## 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: \$4,220 / GOAL: \$5,000**



# Holy Cross Parish

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

**MAY 25, 2025**

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, C

Acts 15:1–2, 22–29

Psalm 67

Revelations 21:10–14, 22–23

John 14:23–29

## LOVE IN ACTION

Intimacy with God does not belong to a special group of religious professionals but is and should be available to all. It is our birthright. It is why we were born. It is why we are here, to open ourselves "to the inner mystery of the heart of reality which is the heart of each one of us." [1] To open ourselves to that love, to see the world through its eyes, and to live from it with courage and commitment. . . .

*How many discoveries we shall make in the next world: We shall be astonished to meet people who, unacquainted with Christ, were living by him unawares.*

–Brother Roger of Taizé

All of this has to start with each of us. It has to start with my commitment to a practice of prayer. All of this has to start with my adopting a way of life that can help me grow and nourish my spiritual life, including building community, so that I may become God's hands and feet and microphone for healing and justice.

First commit to engaging with the world from a place of prayer, and not ideology; this gives you a felt sense of interconnectedness of all life in God and prevents othering.

Second, commit to doing the work of coming to terms with your social location and how it relates to systemic racism, poverty, militarism, ecological devastation, and some of the distorted moral narratives that are so prevalent. Are there privileges you need to acknowledge or let go of? Are there commitments you need to reevaluate?

Third, remember that talking about justice is not the same as doing justice, so simplify your life and commit to ethical living by buying all your necessities in socially responsible, ecologically minded, and human-scale companies. . . .

Practice works of mercy, making sure that your hands are touching the hands of someone who is suffering, [and] include Mother Earth in that as well.

Join a social movement, because changing your spending habits or serving others is only part of what is needed. Our lives and relationships do not happen in a vacuum but rather within institutions and systems that have their own crooked logic and are in need of massive changes. . . . As you move toward a life of personal and political holiness, may your journey be blessed and may your life and presence remind those around you of God's presence. Deepening your connection to God, in you and around you, do not be afraid to feel the love, the joy, and also the pain that are present. Don't be afraid to have a heart and to risk breaking your heart. Feel into it all and know that every time you are touching the pain, you are touching the sacred wound of God. God who is always accompanying us and guiding us. God who is suffering with us. . . . God whose life-giving love and justice will one day be "all in all" [1

Corinthians 15:28].

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## For Reflection

- ★ What does it mean to me that God's presence is everywhere?
- ★ What steps can I take to feel more connected to God's presence?

# 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](mailto: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

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

# MAY 25, 2025

## Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Greeter: Joe Tyson

Lector: Marguerite Webster

Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Turner, Toni Zaleski, Jen Spivey

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Greeter: Pat Kristofik

Lector: Kerry L Mess

Eucharistic Ministers: Toni Zaleski, 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, Maureen Joy, Nadine Joy, Michelle Lee, Fred Lemister, Jessica MacCumber, Teresa Meyers, Rich Morley, Clara Murphy, John Neary, Diane Neczesny, Karen Newell, Betty O'Brien, John O'Brien, Kathy Osborne, Maria Papendrea, Evelny Rowe, Martin Smith, 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 new life in spring

The Holy Father'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](http://www.jmoconline.org).
- ✧ Helios Grief Support  
Group counseling for adults in Otsego, Schoharie, Delaware counties. See [helios-care.org](http://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

05/25: Special Collection–Eastern Europe

05/29: Ascension Thursday, mass 9 a.m.

Mass 12:10, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

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](mailto:rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com) [Participation is confidential!]

06/01: Special Collection–Catholic Communication Campaign  
Christian Formation, parish council after mass

06/05: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

06/06–06/07: St. Mary's Parish Peace and Justice rummage sale

06/11: Morris Baccalaureate, 7 p.m.

06/08: Coffee hour after mass, parish hall

06/09: Catholic Charities Otsego & Delaware Counties Open House, 1-3 p.m., Richmondville

06/12: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

06/14: Come joins us for the Parish Picnic, 11 a.m.

06/15: Rosary after mass

## SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

Mass Attendance: 50

Collection: \$1828.00

Catholic Charities (2<sup>nd</sup>): \$307

Utilities: \$10