

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 6

Saint Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

Tuesday, October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

Thursday, October 9

Saint Denis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest

Saturday, October 11

Saint John XXIII, Pope

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

We celebrate October as the month of the rosary because of the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, also celebrated as Our Lady of Victory or Victories, on October 7. Pope St. Pius V established the feast in 1571 to celebrate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on Oct. 7, 1571. Before the decisive battle, St. Pius V requested all Western Christians pray the rosary; thus he attributed the victory to the power of the Marian prayer rather than the power of ships and cannons.

Pope Leo XIV, however, asked all Catholics to pray the rosary every day this October for peace, personally and with our families and communities.

The Spiritual Foundation of the Rosary

At its heart, the prayers of the Rosary lead the believer through the lives of Jesus Christ and his mother Mary. With its repetitive prayers—the Hail Mary, Our Father, and Glory Be—the Rosary invites us to meditate on meaningful events in Christ's life.

This repetition allows our minds to settle into a deeper state of reflection. Research shows that practicing meditation, such as praying the Rosary, can reduce stress levels by as much as 30%, leading many believers to experience profound peace and clarity during their prayers.

Mother Teresa, who loved the rosary, said, “I

OPEN INVITATION—To YOU!

The Parish Pastoral Council the continues the planning process for realizing our vision (top of front page) and mission (inside left panel). **The next Council meeting is next Sunday, October 12, after mass with the coffee hour. Meetings are open, and all are welcome to attend and participate!**

used to pray that God would feed the hungry, or do this or that, but now I pray that he will guide me to do whatever I'm supposed to do, what I can do. I used to pray for answers, but now I'm praying for strength. I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things.” Let us pray the rosary this month for peace in ourselves, so we can be peace for others.

PRAYING THE ROSARY

Make the Sign of the Cross.

Holding the Crucifix, say the Apostles' Creed.

On the first bead, say an Our Father.

Say one Hail Mary on each of the next three beads.

Say the Glory Be.

For each of the five decades, announce the Mystery (5 each in: Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, Luminous), then say the Our Father.

While fingering each of the ten beads of the decade, say a Hail Mary while meditating on the Mystery. Then say a Glory Be.

Then pray, “O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of thy mercy.”

After all five decades, say the Hail, Holy Queen, followed by this dialogue and prayer:

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/249212/our-lady-of-victory-and-why-october-is-the-month-of-the-rosary>
<https://www.usccb.org/news/2025/pope-asks-everyone-pray-rosary-peace-throughout-october>
<https://www.catholicworldmission.org/post/the-miraculous-power-of-the-rosary>
<https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary>



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

OCTOBER 5, 2025

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, C

Hebrews 1:2–3, 2:2–4

Psalms 95

2 Timothy 1:6–8, 13–14

Luke 17:5–10

Trust in Christ is not conveyed by means of arguments which attempt to persuade at all costs and thus end up causing anxiety, and even fear.

—Brother Roger of Taizé

WILLING TO CHANGE: Peter Armstrong, a seminarian at Yale Divinity School, looks to the Gospels for practical guidance to help something new emerge: For a long time, it seemed that politics in the United States was “old hat.” I sometimes thought that supporting one party or another was almost like choosing Coke or Pepsi; you might have a preference, but it didn't really make a difference. But recently our politics have grown more and more divided with many religious people exclu-

sively focusing on narrow issues of abortion or sexual identity while disregarding the lives of so many—refugees, the poor, the incarcerated, the abused or addicted, people at risk from climate change or pollution. What will it take to come together and work for the common good—not only our personal interests? The old way of doing things just isn't cutting it for anyone anymore, not on the left or the right.

Just as Jesus was moved to ministry by entering into relationship with other people along his path, we too are moved by stories and relationships. For me, it took actually showing up at different events in order to learn about white (and male, and straight, and other forms of) privilege—and meeting people who were experiencing the negative side of this phenomenon—for me to have my heart transformed with compassion and a desire for action. In short, I could read all about redlining, mass incarceration, and the case for reparations, but it wasn't until I actually started showing up at actions with the intention of being transformed through relationship with other people that I began to want to become a better ally.

As a straight white man whose faith has been formed in contemplative Christian circles, places dominated by white, male speakers (even if the majority of audiences consist of women), I need to seek out voices that are different from my own. In a multicultural, multiethnic, pluralistic society, choosing to live comfortably in a bubble of people who share almost everything in common with me—as I have done for most of my life thus far—is a rejection of God's work of Creation, for God didn't create us all the same.

We are not meant to live isolationist lives, because God created diversity and it was good (see Genesis 1). . . .

The work of getting to know others different than ourselves, made so difficult by our society's divisions, is nevertheless the work of following Jesus...Many say that their faith is personal and not to be mixed with their politics. But, in my journey...I've come to understand that religion has everything to do with politics. Jesus wasn't executed because he went around healing people; he was crucified as the worst kind of criminal because his Gospel message was viewed as dangerous by the ruling class. In fact, the entire Gospel of Luke is one long lesson in speaking truth to power—to the corrupt elite in Jerusalem. If we Christians claim to have anything to do with Jesus, then we must inherently be engaged with the political issues of our time.

<https://cac.org/daily-meditations/willing-to-be-changed-2019-11-22/>

For Reflection

- ★ When have I struggled with doubt or impatience in my faith?
- ★ How does fear sometimes stop me from doing what God calls me to do?
- ★ What steps can I take to grow in faith and trust in God?

<https://young-catholics.com/3659/27th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c/>

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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.

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Ministry to the Homebound

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Pope Leo XIV's October intention: May believers of different religious traditions collaborate to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

Living Caring 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.
- ☼ 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.
- ☼ Holy Sews
Sew burial layettes for infants: (607) 432-5125; holysewsononeonta@yahoo.com
- ☼ Oneonta Community Health Center
No-cost healthcare services for uninsured adults (607) 433-0300
Office hours: Tues. 6–8 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- 10/05: Hosting Fr. Joseph Nyanti representing Diocese of Gbarnga
Christian Formation after mass
Blessing of the Animals, 1 p.m., St. Francis Shrine @ Sacred Heart, Sidney
- 10/08: Pause and Pray, Wednesdays, 6–7 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta
- 10/09: **Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
10/10–11: Harvest Festival, Sacred Heart Sidney
- 10/12: **Coffee hour after mass, Pastoral Council meeting after mass - Come join us!**
10/14: Rosary Society, 9 a.m. mass, potluck brunch at 12 p.m., Sacred Heart Sidney
- 10/15: Pause and Pray, Wednesdays, 6–7 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta
- 10/16: **Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
- 10/19: **Special Collection for Mission Sunday**
Rosary after mass
- 10/22: Pause and Pray, Wednesdays, 6–7 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta
- 10/23: **Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
10/29: Pause and Pray, Wednesdays, 6–7 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

Mass Attendance: 43

Collection: \$615.00

Catholic University: \$220.00

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Celebrant

Rev. Joseph Nyanti, representing Diocese of Gbarnga, Liberia, West Africa

Greeter: Pat Kristofik

Lector: Kerry L Mess

Eucharistic Ministers: Jen Spivey, Carol Tyson, Diane Turner

October 12

Greeter: The McAdams

Lector: Maureen Joy

Eucharistic Ministers: Toni Zaleski, Diane Turner, Jen Spivey

Mass Intention

If you would like to request an intention for a mass, call Kerry (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, John Kristofik, Michelle Lee, Fred Lemister, Carol and Jessica MacCumber, Teresa Meyers, Rich Morley, Mark Muller, Clara Murphy, John Neary, Diane Neczesny, Karen Newell, John O'Brien, Kathy Osborne, Maria Papendrea, Scarlett Parry, Evelyn Rowe, Martin Smith, Mike Stensland, Pat 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, Betty O'Brien
- ✠ in thanksgiving for friends from far away