

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 20

Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest

Wednesday, October 22

Saint John Paul II, Pope

Thursday, October 23

Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

Friday, October 24

Saint Anthony Marie Claret, Bishop

THE FEAST OF ST. JOHN PAUL II commemorates a recent pope and champion of the Holy Rosary. Devoted to this prayer from his youth, John Paul II promoted it throughout his religious life, and as pope, he particularly called for the family recitation of the Rosary. He added the Luminous Mysteries to further the Faithful's catechetical meditation on Christ's life.

THE FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET (on his death anniversary) honors the founder of the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and fervent devotee of the Blessed Virgin Mary. St. Anthony is known to have begun every sermon with instructions on how to pray the Rosary, and he prayed three Rosaries every day.

"It can be said that the Rosary is a compendium of our holy religion." St. Anthony Mary Claret

<https://covenantcatholic.org/devotion-of-the-month/october-dedicated-to-the-holy-rosary/>

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.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 30: Advent Fair after mass

Join us for a celebration of the beginning of a new church year the season of hope.

If you have something you can share with the community—a craft, an art, a food, Christmas ornaments, etc.—and would like to showcase your wares, please contact Matthew Tabone for more details.



The History of the Rosary is debated. Tradition relates in 1214, St. Dominic withdrew into a forest near Toulouse, France and prayed especially hard to Our Lady to enlighten him as to what to do in order to bring the Albigensian heretics to her Divine Son. Mary appeared with three angels and asked him: "Dear Dominic, do you know which weapon the Blessed Trinity wants to use to reform the world?" Then Our Lady instructed him, explaining how the Rosary was to be prayed, giving us through St. Dominic the Rosary as we largely know it today. As each decade was said, one of the 15 principal mysteries of the life of Jesus and Mary was to be the subject of meditation. In 2002, the year of the Rosary, Saint Pope John Paul II added the Luminous Mysteries.

MYSTERIES OF LIGHT (LUMINOUS MYSTERIES) Baptism in the Jordan, Wedding Feast at Cana, Proclamation of the Kingdom of God, the Transfiguration, Institution of the Eucharist (at the Last Supper)

<https://catholichomeandchurch.com/blogs/soul-scroll/the-history-of-the-rosary>

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: \$1,508 GOAL: \$6,379



Holy Cross Parish

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

OCTOBER 19, 2025

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, C

Exodus 17:8–13

Psalms 121

2 Timothy 3:14–4:2

Luke 11:1–8

Prayer is Personal

Issues easily imprison; a person can set free. Issues easily divide us; a person can unite. Issues easily exhaust; a person can give rest. Issues easily destroy; a person can offer new life. Despair is caused by orientation toward issues, but hope emerges when we direct ourselves with heart and mind to the person of a saving God. That is prayer.

—Henri Nouwen

The prophets saw that idolatry and dominating power are two aspects of the same phenomenon. Both are attempts to exert excessive control: to control God in one case and dominate other people in the other. Idolatry is a flight from both God and relationship with God's Creation.

The biblical prophets called out the many false idols that people grab hold of in attempts to feel substantial, secure, and in control. These idols include power, wealth, fame, beauty, knowledge, and possessions. For the prophets, these idols were a double abomination. First, people inevitably resort to multiple forms of oppression—lies, manipulation, bribery, forced labor, theft, murder—in pursuit of these idols. Second, bowing down to these false deities ultimately distances people from Living Presence (God) and from life itself.

Over two millennia ago, these biblical prophets envisioned a different world, a world pressing to be born. In place of imperial culture, the prophets articulated another way of living in God's Creation. Countering extraction, force, and separation, the prophets lifted up trust, right relationship, and becoming. In prophetic understanding, these three qualities embodied the way of faithfulness to Living Presence, the way of aliveness.

Trust in life itself is essential to aliveness. The prophets repeatedly admonished the people for trusting in wealth and influence, for seeking security in power and possessions—trusting in extraction. Instead, they called people to trust Living Presence by trusting the gift of life, the God-given gift of unfolding, unexpected, ever-creating life. Rather than seeking more things, the prophets called for seeking the more in life. Rather than seeking to be in maximal control of life, the prophets called people to participate in the fullness of life. This is the response to the desire to extract: receive and appreciate the more within life itself.

In Creation as it truly is—a world that consists of multiple layers of interdependent relationships—the call of life is to live in right relationship, not to maximize control. Undue control deadens relationships.... For the prophets, full participation in life cannot be derived from oppressive relationships in which one party exerts undue control over another or extracts in a way that diminishes the other. Fullness flows only from relationships in which all parties have age-appropriate agency. Fullness in relationship emerges from the flourishing nurtured within mutually beneficial relationships. The entry ticket to every relationship is vulnerability to hurt, rejection, and loss. A truly rich life requires that we embrace this vulnerability, that we properly manage our desire for control—that we trust life.

from: <https://email.cac.org/t/d-e-sjdilhk-tdduxulkd-w/>

For Reflection

- ★ What does patience in prayer look like for me, and how can I cultivate it?
- ★ What challenges do I face when it comes to trusting in God's timing?

<https://young-catholics.com/3669/29th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c/>

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<https://parishes.rcda.org/holycross/>

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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.

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Pastoral Associate (Parish Leader)

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

Trustees

Marguerite Webster (607) 263-5478

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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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; holysewsoneonta@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

10/19: Special Collection for Mission Sunday; Rosary after mass

10/28: Cooking with Fr. Joe–Chicken Curry, 4–7 p.m., Sacred Heart Sidney
Register by 10/21, Paula 607-563-7066

10/23: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

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11/02: **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS!**
Christian Formation after mass

11/03: Life in Christ–Explore what it means to live a moral life, 6 p.m., St. Mary's rectory basement, Oneonta

11/06: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

11/09: Coffee Hour after mass

11/16: Special Collection for Campaign for Human Development



HELP LIGHT THE WORLD WITH THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD



This year's Otsego County Fairgrounds Holiday of Lights runs from 6–8 p.m. December 12–13 and 19–23. Let's remind people that **Jesus is the reason for the season**. Please see Matthew Tabone if you're interested in helping design and set up a display.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2025

Mass Attendance: 56

Collection: \$450.00

Insurance: \$80.00

Candles: \$21.50

OCTOBER 19, 2025

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Greeter: Joe Tyson

Deacon: Paul Cerosaletti

Lector: Kerry L. Mess

Eucharistic Ministers: Jen Spivey, Carol Tyson

October 26

Greeter: Marguerite Webster

Lector: Daphne Thompson

Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Turner, Toni Zaleski, 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, 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 all that we have and take for granted