

## SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, April 21  
Saint Anslem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Thursday, April 23  
Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr

Friday, April 24  
Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr

Saturday, April 25  
Saint Mark the Evangelist

## Candid Conversations April 20-23



### Schedule of Events

**Brooke Bonomi**

**Adventurous Apostles**

Monday, April 20, 9:30 AM and 6:30 PM

**Dr. Matthew Kuhner**

**St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry**

**Synodality and Co-Responsibility**

Tuesday, April 21, 1:00 and 6:00 PM

**Holy Hour**

Wednesday, April 22, 6:30 PM

**Most Reverend Mark O'Connell**

**Bishop of Albany**

Thursday, April 23, 6:30 PM

**Join us for food, conversations, and fellowship!**



**JOE TYSON** (Jan 7, 1945 – Apr 13, 2026) was a pillar of Holy Cross Parish. He worked side by side with his wife Carol, involved in almost everything. While Carol served as sacristan, Joe also cared for the church. He led the Pastoral Council and even returned at age 81

to serve as a Council member again this past January. He was also incredibly talented and did maintenance for the parish. If something did not run right or was broken, Joe would fix it. Often called upon to check the boiler in the winter, he always seemed to know what to do. He was the “go-to guy,” and Maureen Joy argued, “If Joe couldn’t fix it, you might as well throw it out.” When Joe Sorrentino could no longer handle being head usher, Joe stepped up to take charge, serving over 20 years with his beautiful smile, greeting people as they entered the church. With his great sense of humor—always ready with a joke—he helped people feel at home at Holy Cross. Joe also had an adorable way with children; he and Carol ensured children had prizes at the summer parish picnic. It was also Joe who insisted we honor our elders, remembering and respecting those who came before us to lead the way. He instituted Miracle Sunday, celebrated after mass this past February, to provide parishioners a space to share about the miracles in their lives. He insisted miracles are all around us every day if only we open our eyes, like the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, to see them. Holy Cross will continue the tradition of Miracle Sunday each year in honor of Joe, who didn’t realize how much of a miracle he was to us.

## 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. Thank you.

## DIOCESAN APPEAL

As you plan your budget, consider a pledge. Use your bank’s Bill Pay for auto-payments or envelopes (table).



<https://thediocesanappeal.org/>

**CURRENT STATUS: \$4,793 / GOAL: \$6,379**

# Holy Cross Parish

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

**APRIL 19, 2026**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter, A

Acts 2:14, 22–23

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1 1:17–21

Luke 24:13–35

*We are called to be contemplatives, that is see-ers, men and women who are called to see the coming of God. The day of the Lord is indeed always coming. It is not a coming which will occur in some distant future, but a coming here and now among us. The Lord's coming is an ongoing event around us, between us, and within us. To become a contemplative, therefore, means to throw off—or better, to peel off—the blindfolds that prevent us from seeing his coming in the midst of our world.*

—Henri Nouwen

## ENCOUNTERING THE RISEN LORD

Today’s first reading features Peter’s speech to the crowd in Jerusalem. Filled with the Holy Spirit, he proclaims the Good News of Jesus Christ, starting with his own personal witness to the resurrection. Through his eloquent persuasive speech, he invites people to repent and be baptized in Jesus’s name.

Peter reminds us of the transformative power of resurrection. His words invite us to renew our faith, repent of our sins, and live as faithful disciples of the Risen Lord. He calls us to bear witness to this encounter, proclaim the Good News of Christ, and invite others to share in this life-changing experience.

## RECOGNIZING JESUS

We don’t know why the two disciples who walked with Jesus did not recognize him. Perhaps recognizing him so easily would have been too simplistic. Instead, they are forced to grapple with their feelings of disappointment

and confusion as they converse with him. They openly share their emotions with him, which serves as a model for us.

Often, during difficult times, we may not feel Jesus’ presence. We can, however, speak to him candidly about our feelings, without fear of expressing our negative emotions and disappointment. Such conversations can give us a fresh perspective. As the two disciples eventually recognize Jesus clearly in the conversation and the breaking of the bread. Jesus’s acts of sharing in conversation and a meal help heal the disciples pain. Talking with him transforms their hearts, turning them from despair to a passionate flame.

The common theme today is the transformative power of encountering the Risen Lord. Peter and the disciples on the road to Emmaus both experience a profound encounter with Jesus, which transforms their lives and gives them the courage to bear witness to the Good News. They remind us that our faith is not just a set of beliefs, but rather a personal encounter with the living God, who has the power to transform us and to fill us with hope.

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## For Reflection

- ★ How can I be open to seeing Christ’s presence in the people and world around me?
- ★ How does Jesus’s sharing conversation and bread teach me to be open and sharing with others?

# Holy Cross Parish

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

Facebook: [tiny.cc/HCMorris](https://www.facebook.com/tiny.cc/HCMorris)

Find our bulletin and Pastoral Council minutes on our website. If you have a notice for the bulletin, please email: [holycrossRC-church@gmail.com](mailto:holycrossRC-church@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

Allen Dangca, Celine Francisco, Scott Kolberg, Chet McAdams, Jackie McAdams, Kerry L. Mess, Dana Mochovciak

## 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



Pope Leo XIV's April intention: May priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation find the accompaniment they need and community support.

## 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](mailto: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

- 04/19: Faith formation**
- 04/20: Visitation for Joe Tyson, 4-6 p.m. Johnston & Stanimer Funeral home
- 04/21: Mass of Christian Burial, Joe Tyson, 10 a.m.**
- 04/23: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
- 04/26: Pastoral Council meeting**
- 04/30: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
- 05/01: First Friday Devotion, 2:30 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta
- 05/02: First Saturday (Fatima) devotion, 9 a.m., St. Mary's Oneonta
- 05/03: Christian Formation after mass**
- 05/07: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
- 05/10: Coffee Hour and Pastoral Council after mass**
- 05/14: Ascension mass, 9 a.m.; 12:10 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta**
- 05/17: SPECIAL COLLECTION: Catholic Charities; Rosary after mass**
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## SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026

Mass Attendance: 48

Collection: \$937.00

Easter: \$185.00 / Insurance \$35.00

# APRIL 19, 2026

## Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Pat Kristofik

**Deacon:** Paul Cerosaletti

**Lector:** Kerry L. Mess

## April 26

**Greeters:** Deb Newell and Marie Goupil

**Lector:** Marguerite Webster

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jen Spivey

## Mass Intention

**FOR THE SOUL OF JOE TYSON**

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, Jim and Jan Drummy, Jo Franklin, Sarah Grogan, Agnes Huff, Maureen Joy, Jim Lee, Michelle Lee, Fred Lemister, Carol and Jessica MacCumber, Doris Mensch, Jeffrey Meyers, Kelly Meyers, 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, 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
- ✠ in thanksgiving for the life and service of beloved parishioner Joe Tyson