

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, April 28

Saint Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr; Saint Grignon de Montfort, Priest

Wednesday, April 29

Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

Thursday, April 30

Saint Pius V, Pope

Friday, May 1

Saint Joseph the Worker

Saturday, May 2

Saint Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Saint Athanasius (c. 296–May 2, 373) led a tumultuous but dedicated life of service to the Church. The great champion against the widespread heresy of Arianism, the teaching by Arius that Jesus was not truly divine, he was named a doctor of the Church for vigorous writings.

Born into a Christian family in Alexandria, Egypt, and given a classical education, Athanasius became secretary to Alexander, the bishop of Alexandria, entered the priesthood and was eventually named bishop himself. His predecessor, Alexander, had been an outspoken critic of a new movement growing in the East—Arianism.

When Athanasius assumed his role as bishop



of Alexandria, he continued the fight against Arianism. At first, it seemed the battle would be easily won and Arianism would be condemned. Such, however, was not to be the case. The Council of Tyre was called and for unclear reasons, the Emperor Constantine exiled Athanasius to northern Gaul, the first in a series of travels and exiles reminiscent of Saint Paul's life.

After Constantine died, his son restored Athanasius as bishop. This lasted only a year, however, for he was deposed once again by a coalition of Arian bishops. He took his case to Rome, and Pope Julius I called a synod to review the case and other related matters.

Five times Athanasius was exiled for defending of the doctrine of Christ's divinity. During one period of his life, he had 10 years of relative peace—reading, writing, and promoting the Christian life along the lines of the monastic ideal to which he was greatly devoted. His dogmatic and historical writings are almost all polemic, directed against every aspect of Arianism.

Among his ascetical writings, his *Life of St. Anthony* achieved astonishing popularity and contributed greatly to the establishment of monastic life throughout the Western Christian world. adapted from: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-athanasius/>

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

APRIL 26, 2026

4th Sunday of Easter, A

Acts 2:14a, 36–41

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:20b–25

John 10:1–10

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

Forgiving is one of the most unbelievable, one of the most indispensable Gospel realities for anyone who wants to follow Christ. And a heart overflowing with kindness is close to a miracle in our lives.

—Brother Roger of Taizé

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: GOD IS CALLING EVERYONE

What, then, does it mean to follow the call of Jesus?

History is continually graced with people who somehow learned to act beyond and outside their self-interest and for the good of the world, people who clearly operated by a power larger than their own. Consider Gandhi, Oskar Schindler, and Martin Luther King Jr. Add to them Rosa Parks, Mother Teresa, Dorothy Day, Óscar Romero, César Chávez, and many unsung leaders. Their inspiring witness offers us strong evidence that the mind of Christ still inhabits the world. Most of us are fortunate to have crossed paths with many lesser-known persons who exhibit the same presence. I can't say how one becomes such a person. All I can presume is that they were all called. They all had their Christ moments, in which they stopped denying their own shadows, stopped projecting those shadows elsewhere, and agreed to own their deepest identity in solidarity with the world.

But it is not an enviable position, this Christian thing. Following Jesus is a vocation to share the fate of God for the life of the world. To allow what, for some reason, God allows—and uses. And to suffer ever so slightly what God suffers eternally. Often, this has little to do with believing the right things about God—beyond the fact that God is love itself.

Those who respond to the call and agree to carry and love what God loves—which is both the good and the bad—and to pay the price for its reconciliation within themselves, these are the followers of Jesus Christ. They are the leaven, the salt, the remnant, the mustard seed that God uses to transform the world. The cross, then, is a very dramatic image of what it takes to be usable for God. It does not mean they are going to heaven and others are not; rather, it means they have entered into heaven much earlier and thus can see things now in a transcendent, whole, and healing way.

Saints are those who wake up while in this world, instead of waiting for the next one. Francis of Assisi, William Wilberforce, Thérèse of Lisieux, and Harriet Tubman didn't feel superior to anyone else; they just knew they had been let in on a big divine secret, and they wanted to do their part in revealing it.

God is calling every one and every thing, not just a few chosen ones, to God's self (Genesis 8:15–17; Ephesians 1:9–10; Colossians 1:15–20). To get every one and every thing there, God first needs models and images who are willing to be “conformed to the body of Christ's death” and transformed into the body of Christ's resurrection (Philippians 3:10). These are the “new creation” (Galatians 6:15), and their transformed state is still seeping into history and ever so slowly transforming it into “life and life more abundantly” (John 10:10).

adapted from: <https://email.cac.org/t/d-e-giituik-dduxulkd-s/>

For Reflection

- ★ In what ways can I better listen to Jesus's voice?
- ★ How can I support others in my faith community?

<https://young-catholics.com/5503/4th-sunday-of-easter-year-a/#thoughts>

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

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, 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

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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
- ☼ Oneonta Community Health Center
No-cost healthcare services for uninsured adults (607) 433-0300
Office hours: Tues. 6-8 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- 04/26: **Pastoral Council meeting after mass**
- 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: **Celebration of Life for Nadine Joy, 10:30 a.m., Hillington Cemetery; reception following at the Parish Hall**
- 05/07: **Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
- 05/10: **Coffee Hour 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**
- 05/21: **Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
- 05/24: **SPECIAL COLLECTION: Eastern European Collection**
Christian Formation after mass
- 05/28: **Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
- 06/04: **Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
06/05: First Friday Devotion, 2:30 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta
06/06: First Saturday (Fatima) devotion, 9 a.m., St. Mary's Oneonta
- 06/07: **SPECIAL COLLECTION: Catholic Communications Campaign**

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026

Mass Attendance: 52

Collection: \$737.00

Candles: \$123 / Insurance: \$60

APRIL 26, 2026

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Greeter: Deb Newell and Marie Goupil

Lector: Marguerite Webster

Eucharistic Ministers: Jen Spivey

May 3

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Lector: Kerry L. Mess

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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, 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 Jen Spivey's smiling encouragement for music ministry