Saints for the Week

Monday, November 2
Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Tuesday, November 3
Saint Martin de Porres, Religious

Wednesday, November 4
Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

4 Cornerstones of Empire

- Political Power
- Economic Power
- Military Power
- Ideological Power

4 Cornerstones of Inner Empire

- Supremacy
- Privilege
- Hatred
- Fear

Embodying the cornerstones of empire leads to disembodiment of God's love. The cornerstones of inner empire lead to dehumanization of others and the self. Supremacy allows us to believe in our own inherent superiority over others. Privilege affords us unearned advantages we protect or ignore at others' expense. Hatred manifests in active hostility toward others (or parts of ourselves). And fear fuels self-protection: When we fear losing control, status, or safety, we build walls inside ourselves, like the walls of Jericho, impenetrable to danger, but also impenetrable to authentic love.

Jesus models the cornerstones we need in our daily lives: humility, responsibility, compassion, and connection. These practices restore our sense of humanity toward others and ourselves....

- **Humility** helps us see each other as equal, with reverence and openness to all and our environment. We are stardust among an infinite cosmos.
- **Responsibility** makes us accountable for our actions, stewards of one another and the land.
- **Compassion** promotes empathy, love, benevolence, to tap into God's tenderness for the world.
- **Connection** is radical solidarity, belonging, and courage; it invites us to action. We see that one injustice against a group of people is injustice to us all because of our sacred interconnectedness.

We must have the courage to shake our spiritual world's foundations. In examining and creating awareness of our entitlement, privilege, and position of power in communities, we rediscover understanding of self, others, God, and the planet. To bring about God's kingdom, we start with ourselves.

Crossan, J.D. (2008). God and Empire. HarperOne.
Arellano-Gonzalez, J. (2025). Dismantling Your Inner Empire. *The Mendicant*, Fall 2025. https://cac.org/news/dismantling-your-inner-empire/

1914 Participation is achieved first of all by taking charge of the areas for which one assumes personal responsibility: by the care taken for the education of his family, by conscientious work, and so forth, [one] participates in the good of others and of society.

1915 As far as possible citizens should take an active part in public life. The manner of this participation may vary from one country or culture to another. "One must pay tribute to those nations whose systems permit the largest possible number of the citizens to take part in public life in a climate of genuine freedom."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church

Upcoming Events

11/01: Christian Formation after mass

11/05: Liturgy of the Word

11/06: First Friday Devotion, 2:30 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

11/07: First Saturday (Fatima) devotion, 9 a.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

11/08: Coffee hour, Pastoral Council after mass

11/12: Liturgy of the Word

11/15: Coffee Hour after mass

11/19: Liturgy of the Word

11/22: Special Collection: Campaign for Human Development
Christian formation after mass

11/29: Advent Fair after mass (see box inside)

12/04: First Friday Devotion, 2:15 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

Holy Cross Parish

November 1, 2026
All Saints Day
Revelation 7:2–4, 9–14
Psalm 24
1 John 3:1–3
Matthew 5:1–12a

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

The challenge is to let go of fear and claim the deeper truth of who I am. When you forget your true identity as a beloved child of God, you lose your way in life. You become scared and start doing things not freely, but because of fear. But when you make space for God in your life and begin to listen to God's loving voice, you suddenly start to realize perfect love. You can claim it, and you can gradually let go of your fear. The fear may come back tomorrow and you will have to struggle, and you can again return from fear to love. Every time you feel afraid, you can open yourself to God's presence, hear God's voice again, and be brought back to perfect love that casts out fear and brings in greater freedom.

–Henri Nouwen

Catholic Civics for Election Season 10

In his message for the 52nd World Day of Peace on January 1, 2019, Pope Francis recalled us to the **Beatitudes of the Politician** proposed by Vietnamese Cardinal Cardinal François-Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuận:

- Blessed be the politician with a lofty sense and deep understanding of his role.
- Blessed be the politician who personally exemplifies credibility.
- Blessed be the politician who works for the common good and not his or her own interest.
- Blessed be the politician who remains consistent.
- Blessed be the politician who works for unity.
- Blessed be the politician who works to accomplish radical change.
- Blessed be the politician who is capable of listening.
- Blessed be the politician who is without fear.

Catholic Civics for Election Season 11

The priority of the **family** over society and over the State must be affirmed. The family in fact is the condition for the existence of the state and all society… The family possesses inviolable rights and finds its legitimization in human nature and not in being recognized by the State. The family, then, does not exist for society or the State, but society and the State exist for the family.

Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, 214

With her social teaching the **Church** seeks to proclaim the Gospel and make it present in the complex network of social relations. It is not simply a matter of reaching out to man in society but of enriching and permeating society itself with the Gospel... For this reason, the Church is not indifferent to what is decided, brought about or experienced in society; she is attentive to the moral quality–that is, the authentically human and humanizing aspects–of social life.

Compendium 62

The political community is established to be of service to civil society, from which it originates… This vision is challenged by political ideologies of an individualistic nature and those of a totalitarian character, which tend to absorb civil society into the sphere of the State. **The State must provide an**

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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
Allan Dangca, Celine Francisco, Scott Kolberg, Chet McAdams, Jackie McAdams, Dana Mochovciak

Liturgical Ministry
Marguerite Webster (607) 263-5478

Faith Formation
Adult: Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098
Youth: Bridgette Shepardson (607) 287-3251

Ministry to the Homebound
Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

Pope Leo XIV's November intention: May we, without selfishness, use wealth properly, for service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

Living Caring Community:

When did an act of Love change everything?

Looking for parishioners interested in joining the Parish Planning Committee to support the Pastoral Council's work. See or call Kerry Mess.

November 29: Advent Fair after mass
Join us in the parish hall for coffee or juice, share some holiday goodies, make an advent wreath, sing along to favorite carols to usher in the new church year! To share art, a craft, food, ornaments, something else with the parish community, contact Matthew Tabone.

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 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 helioscare.org; call (607) 432-5525.

adequate legal framework for social subjects to engage freely in their different activities and it must be ready to intervene, when necessary and with respect for the principle of subsidiarity, so that the interplay between free associations and democratic life may be directed to the common good. Compendium 185, 417, 418

"I encourage financial experts and political leaders to ponder the words of one of the sages of antiquity: 'Not to share one's wealth with the poor is to steal from them and to take away their livelihood. It is not our own goods which we hold, but theirs…' **Money must serve, not rule!**" –Pope Francis, Joy of the Gospel, 57-58

Information is among the principal instruments of democratic participation. Participation without an understanding of the situation of the political community, the facts and the proposed solutions to problems is unthinkable. It is necessary to guarantee a real pluralism in this delicate area of social life, ensuring that there are many forms and instruments of information and communications. Compendium, 414

The action of the **State**… must be consistent with the principle of subsidiarity and create situations favorable to the free exercise of economic activity. It must also be inspired by the principle of solidarity and establish limits for the autonomy of the parties in order to defend those who are weaker. Solidarity without subsidiarity can easily degenerate into a "Welfare State", while subsidiarity without solidarity runs the risk of encouraging forms of self-centered localism and self-absorption. Compendium, 351

1913 It is necessary that all **participate**, each according to his position and role, in promoting the common good. This obligation is inherent in the dignity of the human person.

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November 1, 2026

Celebrant
Rev. Chris Welch

Greeters: Deb Newell and Marie Goupil
Deacon Candidate: Rob Bohm
Lector: Kerry L Mess
Eucharistic Minister: Diane Turner

November 8
Greeters: Jackie and Chet McAdams
Deacon: Paul Cerosaletti
Lector: Maureen Joy
Eucharistic Minister:

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 Kathleen Barry, Kevin Burke, Jo Franklin, Sarah Grogan, Agnes Huff, Maureen Joy, Pat Kristofik, Jim and Michelle Lee, Fred Lemister, Carol and Jessica MacCumber, Doris Mensch, Jeffrey Meyers, Kelly Meyers, Lucille 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, Royce Webster
- for all those in our parish family serving in the military, all first responders, emergency personnel: Ryan Barry, Jim Barry, Meghan Barringer
- for the deceased members of our parish and their families and friends
- in thanksgiving for all those no longer with us

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Mass Attendance: 73

Collection: $761 / Snow: $110