Saints for the Week

Monday, November 9
Dedication of the Lateran Basillica

Tuesday, November 10
Saint Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

Wednesday, November 11
Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

Thursday, November 12
Saint Josephat, Bishop & Martyr

Friday, November 13
Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

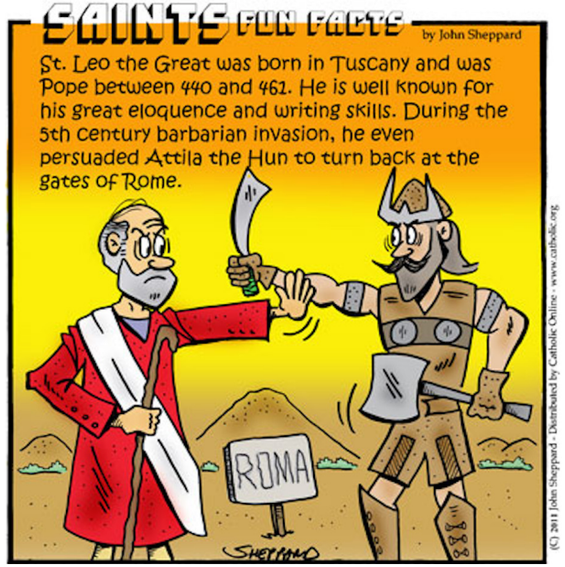
Leo I was pope in a time of great disturbances, in the world and Church. In 452, he went out to persuade Attila the Hun, who had already conquered large parts of northern Italy, not to attack Rome. According to legend, during the negotiations, Attila had a vision of the Apostles St Peter and St Paul, carrying drawn swords, and threatening Attila if he dared to attack the city of Rome. Three years later, Pope Leo again tried to defend Rome against Genseric, a Vandal king. Pope Leo could not get Genseric to spare the city, but he convinced Genseric to spare the Archbasilica of St John Lateran and the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul. The city was captured, but thousands of innocent people were saved taking refuge in the Christian edifices.

In the Church, Pope Leo focused on preserving the teachings handed down from the Apostles. He promoted the Ecumenical Council held in Chalcedon (modern Kadiköy, Turkey). There, the Council Fathers reaffirmed the truth of the union of divine and human in Jesus.

Pope Leo shows through 100 sermons and letters he is both a theologian and a pastor: attentive to the importance of communion between the churches, and never forgetting the needs of the faithful. He strove in all actions to "uphold justice with constancy," and to "offer clemency with love"– all in the name of Jesus, since "without Christ we can do nothing, but with Him, we can do all."

Pope Leo was the first Pope named Leo, and the first Pope to be remembered as "the Great" (later, Gregory I and Nicholas I would also be accorded the honor). Leo is the first Pope whose sermons we have. He is one of two Popes recognized as a Doctor of the Church.

https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/11/10/st--leo-the-great--pope-and-doctor-of-the-church.html



Prayer of Saint Augustine of Hippo
(354-430 AD)

O God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our heart is restless until it rests in you.
Grant us to know you and to love you,
that in knowing you we may know ourselves,
and in loving you we may love all things rightly.
Let my soul find its rest in you alone;
let my will be conformed to yours,
my desires be ordered by your wisdom,
and my life be spent in your praise.
Keep our feet in the way of peace,
and bring us at last to that rest
which you have prepared for all who love you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Holy Cross Parish

November 8, 2026
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, A
Wisdom 6:12–16
Psalm 63
1 Thessalonians 4:13–18
Matthew 25:1–13

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

The knowledge of Jesus' heart is a knowledge of the heart. And when we live in the world with that knowledge, we cannot do other than bring healing, reconciliation, new life and hope wherever we go. The desire to be relevant and successful will gradually disappear, and our only desire will be to say with our whole being to our brothers and sisters of the human race, "You are loved. There is no reason to be afraid. In love God created your inmost self and knit you together in your mother's womb" (see Psalm 139:13).

—Henri Nouwen

Reflection: To whom do you long to say, "You are loved. There is no reason to be afraid"?

The burden of what I have to say to you this afternoon is, "What is your name, who are you and can you find a way to hear the sound of the genuine in yourself?" There are so many noises going on inside of you, so many echoes of all sorts, so [much] internalizing of the rumble and the traffic, the confusions, the disorders by which your environment is peopled that I wonder if you can get still enough—not quiet enough—still enough to hear rumbling up from your unique and essential idiom the sound of the genuine in you. I don't know if you can. But this is your assignment…

There is something in every one of you that waits, listens for the sound of the genuine in yourself and if you cannot hear it, you will never find whatever it is for which you are searching…

You are the only you that has ever lived; your idiom is the only idiom of its kind in all the existences and if you cannot hear the sound of the genuine in you, you will all of your life, spend your days on the ends of strings that somebody else pulls…

Who are you? How does the sound of the genuine come through to you?…Don't be deceived and thrown off by all the noises that are a part even of your dreams, your ambitions…that you don't hear the sound of the genuine in you because that is the only true guide that you will ever have and if you don't have that you don't have a thing. You may be famous, you may be whatever the other ideals are which are a part of this generation but you know you don't have the foggiest notion of who you are, where you are going, what you want. Cultivate the discipline of listening to the sound of the genuine in yourself.

Howard Thurman, "The Sound of the Genuine," Baccalaureate Address, Spelman College, May 4, 1980. Text edited by Jo Moore Stewart, Spelman Messenger 96, no. 4 (Summer 1980): 14–15.

When did an act of Love change everything?

Looking for parishioners: Join a Parish Planning Committee to support Pastoral Council's work.

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.

Holy Cross Parish

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

Facebook: 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
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?

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 helioscare.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.

Altar of Remembrance

During November, you are welcome to share photos of your loved ones on the altar of remembrance at the back of church.

Upcoming Events

11/08: Coffee hour, Pastoral Council after mass

11/11: Charismatic Healing Mass, 7 p.m., Christ Our Light Loudonville

11/12: Liturgy of the Word

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11/22: Special Collection: Campaign for Human Development
Christian formation after mass
St. Mary's Rosary Society Sunday Brunch, Elks Lodge 84-86 Chestnut Street, 11:30 a.m.–2 p.m.; $15 adults, $10 children 3-10 years

11/26: St. Mary's Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner, 12:30–2 p.m. with takeout and delivery for homebound
Donations accepted 11/16-17; contact John Korb 607.267.0527. To volunteer for set up, food prep Mon–Weds or serving Thurs, contact Cindy Korb 607.267.0539 or email Thanksgivingvolunteer2026@gmail.com by 11/20. For takeout or delivery, contact Deb Bruce by 11/24, 607.433.0356 or oneontathanksgiving@gmail.com. General questions, contact John Korb geog13@gmail.com.

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

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

12/05: First Saturday (Fatima) devotion, 9 a.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

12/03: Liturgy of the Word

12/06: Christian Formation after mass

Sunday, November 1, 2026

Mass Attendance: 79
Collection: $1819
All Soul's Day: $195

November 8, 2026

Celebrant
Rev. Chris Welch

Greeters: Jackie and Chet McAdams
Lector: Maureen Joy
Eucharistic Minister: Jim Lee

November 15
Greeter: Berry Spivey
Deacon: Paul Cerosaletti
Lector: Marguerite Webster
Eucharistic Minister: Jen Spivey

Mass Intention
Pro Populo (For the people)

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 the voices and music of the congregation