Saints for the Week

Monday, November 16
Saint Margaret of Scotland
Saint Gertrude, Virgin

Tuesday, November 17
Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Wednesday, November 18
Dedication of the Basillicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles
Saint Rose Pilippine Duchesne, Virgin

Saturday, November 21
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

What Do I Bring to the Table?

Each of us is invited to the table of the Lord. We have different gifts for different roles in the community, being salt and light for the world and fishers of people.

Five parishioners answered the call to join the Pastoral Council this past winter (**see left inside panel**). Jim Lee began writing for the bulletin and then began serving as a Eucharistic minister and lector. Bridgette and Winnie Shepardson began leading the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children's faith formation.

Mary Tabone joined our choir to add her voice in song. Marta Dangca has joined to share her talent playing guitar. John Perry and Seth Sterling have begun their journey as altar servers.

What are your talents? How might you be called to serve the community? There are many ways to do this. Join a current ministry. Perhaps you see a gap or something the community needs even if the role doesn't currently exist. **Come talk to us!** See Matthew Tabone or a Pastoral Council member (inside left panel)

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.

We Remember: Book of Remembrance

Sr Theresa Ahern MSBT
Jennifer & Kelly Collier
Joanne Clarke
Anita DeLaney
Butch DeLaurentiis, Martha & Joe
Anthony Giambra
Anna & Peter Gilbert
Nadine Joy
Mary Kielkopt
John Kristofik
Catherine & Robert Lee
Christian Lee
Michelle Lee
Thad Lee
Dennis Mensch
Alan Wm. Mess
Alice Meyers
Robert J Meyers Sr
Betty O'Brien
Virginia Quinn
Joseph Ruoceo, Jr
Marguerite & Joseph Ruoceo Sr
Robert Ruoceo
Joe & Shorty Spivey
Irene and Leonard Starr
Pat Stensland
Howard & Alice Talbot
John Sr. &c Dorothy Thomas
John Thomas Jr.
Larry Turner
Mark Anthony Turner
Joe Tyson
Joyce VanWormer
Al Vaccaro
Frank Vaccaro Jr
Stella Vaccaro
Frances Woodman
Frank Vaccaro Sr
George Woodman

When did an act of Love change everything?

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

November 15, 2026
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, A
Proverbs 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31
Psalm 128
1 Thessalonians 5:1–6
Matthew 25:14–30

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

The Spirit of God in us recognizes God in the world. The eyes and ears by which we see God in others are in fact spiritual sensitivities that allow us to receive our neighbors as messengers of God. Thus, to go to the poor is to go to the Lord.
–Henri Nouwen

Using Our Gifts for the Glory/Kingdom of God

"It helps, now and then, to step back and take the long view. The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts; it is even beyond our vision. We accomplish in our lifetime only a fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us. No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection. No pastoral visit brings wholeness. No program accomplishes the church's mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about. We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water the seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities. We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest. We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own." This prayer is called the Oscar Romero Prayer (it's been attributed to a deacon, a bishop, and a cardinal; what is certain is that it was not written by Archbishop Romero).

Often we can feel overwhelmed by life and expectations. Today's readings and Gospel highlight the need to do what little we can with what we have. Not everything is ours to do. God has gifted each one of us with different charisms, different gifts, what we are to be about. Jesus often mentions "being about my father's work." Each one of us is gifted with the opportunity to be about "the father's work."

In the Our Father, we say, "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, *on earth* as it is in heaven." Bringing about God's Kingdom on earth happens when we use the gifts and talents we have to contribute in positive ways to our world, whether that's our immediate circle or the larger world. It is not ours to question the gifts or charisms we have; it is simply ours to do. It will not be everything, but we each have a purpose and responsibility. If we accept this, we can work "Ad maiorem Dei gloriam," for the glory of God. This may require us to face our fears so we can act. As small or as big as that may be, it is ours to do.

For Reflection

- How do I use my talents and resources for good?
- What fears hold me back from taking action?
- When have I taken a risk and seen good results?

https://young-catholics.com/2996/33rd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/#thoughts

Holy Cross Parish

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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

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.
- 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

11/19: Liturgy of the Word
Consolation Group, 10 a.m., St. Mary's Oneonta rectory dining room

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

12/10: Virtual Advent Gathering with Sr. Janet Shaeffer, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; register https://webapps.rcda.oorg/ or call 518-453-6670

Sunday, November 8, 2026

Mass Attendance: 75
Collection: $993
Utilities: $158

November 15, 2026

Celebrant
Rev. Chris Welch

Greeter: Berry Spivey
Deacon: Paul Cerosaletti
Lector: Kerry L Mess
Eucharistic Minister: Jen Spivey

November 22
Greeters: Maureen Joy
Lector: Pat Kristofik
Eucharistic Minister: Toni Zaleski

Mass Intention

For the Soul of Betty O'Brien

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 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 a growing community: Marta Dangca playing guitar; John Perry and Seth Sterling as altar servers