Saints for the Week

Monday, November 23
Saint Clement I, Pope & Martyr
Saint Columban, Abbot
Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest & Martyr

Tuesday, November 24
Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

Wednesday, November 25
Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr

Deadly (and Social) Sins

Fourth century Eastern Christian ascetic monk Evagrius Ponticus wrote to other monks about "eight evil thoughts" that interfered with their spiritual practice. His student John Cassian brought the "eight evil thoughts" to the Western church. In the sixth century, Saint Gregory the Great, who became Pope Gregory I, altered these to become deadly sins.

Do You Remember? Quiz yourself!

? Saint Gregory the Great formalized a list of "deadly sins" based on his commentary on which book in the Bible?

? Gregory the Great's list had how many sins?

? Who later revised Pope Gregory I's list?

? How many deadly sins can you name?

In 1925, Westminster Abbey Canon Frederick Donaldson gave a sermon on a companion group of seven sins called "social sins." Mohandas Gandhi used this list in his work for Indian independence from the British. In 2008, Apostolic Penitentiary of the Vatican Bishop Gianfanco Girotti put out an updated list: genetic manipulation, morally debatable experiments, drug use and trafficking, polluting the natural environment, violation of the rights of human nature (contributing to the widening divide between rich and poor), excessive accumulation of wealth, and inflicting/creating poverty. Catholic Conscience (.org) used both lists to create another update: technology without humanity; misuse of creation; promoting or profiting from ignorance; industry without conscience; cultures of indifference; unjust accumulation of wealth politics of fear, hate, or exclusion.

More on social sin: https://catholicconscience.org/catholiccivics/

Butternut Valley Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service TODAY, 3 p.m. United Methodist

NEXT SUNDAY
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.

Pastoral Council Nominations

Advent is a season of hope. We look forward to love in the world and share our love with one another. For the seasons of Advent and Christmas, we seek nominations for Council. Please consider nominating someone or yourself.

Nomination cards will be at the ends of pews with the start of Advent next week. Please put cards in the collection basket. Thank you.

Help Light the World with the Light of the World

This year's Otsego County Fairgrounds Holiday of Lights runs from 6-8 p.m. December 12-13 and 19-23. Let's remind people that **Jesus is the reason for the season**. Please see Matthew Tabone if you're interested in helping design and set up a display.

Holy Cross Parish

November 22, 2026
Christ the King, A
Ezekiel 34:11–12, 15–17
Psalm 23
1 Corinthians 15:20–26, 28
Matthew 25:31–46

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

All is grace. Light and water, shelter and food, work and free time, children, parents, and grandparents, birth and death – it is all given to us. Our very first vocation is to receive these gifts and say thanks. –Henri Nouwen

How might I express gratitude as a vocation?

"Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you… And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.'"

Too often, we make God in our own image. We are in danger of doing so with this solemnity of Christ the King. Jesus never actually called himself a king; it was Pilate who asked him if he were the "King of the Jews" (Luke 23:3). Jesus did refer often to "the kingdom of God" and noted that, "My kingdom is not of this world" (John 18:36). Earthly kings rule; they have power and control. Jesus's kingdom, however, is built on love and mercy.

Thus, for Jesus "king-ship" is really "**kin**-ship." He said to his Apostles, "No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you" (John 15:15). And what did Jesus make known to us? The words we heard in the Gospel a month ago: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind…You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:39). And there is no love of God where there is not love of our neighbor.

Loving neighbor, however, is more than just individual action. It is also societal; this was the meaning of a Jubilee year in the Judaic tradition. It required freeing all slaves, returning land to its original owners, and rest for the poor (preventing wealth concentration, ensuring fair distribution of land and resources). When we forget to love our neighbor through our societal structures, we engage in social sin: "Actions and attitudes opposed to the will of God and the good of neighbor, as well as the structures arising from such behavior, appear to fall into two categories today: on the one hand, the all-consuming desire for profit, and on the other, the thirst for power, with the intention of imposing one's will upon others. In order to characterize better each of these attitudes, one can add the expression: 'at any price'" (Compendium, 119). Jesus warns us that societies will be judged by how we have treated the least in our midst. Jesus washed his disciples' feet to model for us what the kingdom of God looks like, a "rain" of love.

A religion true to its nature must also be concerned about man's social conditions…Any religion that professes to be concerned with the souls of men and is not concerned with the slums that damn them, the economic conditions that strangle them, and the social conditions that cripple them is a dry-as-dust religion.

–Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

For Reflection

- What does it mean to see Jesus in others?
- How can I make Jesus' love more visible in my daily life?

https://young-catholics.com/3006/solemnity-of-christ-the-king-year-a/#thoughts

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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

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Kerry L. Mess (607) 386-1951

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

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

Upcoming Events

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
Butternut Valley Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, 3 p.m. United Methodist Morris

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 on back)

12/03: Liturgy of the Word

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

12/06: Christian Formation after mass

12/08: Feast of the Immaculate Conception mass, 5 p.m.

12/10: Liturgy of the Word

Sunday, November 15, 2026

Mass Attendance: 60
Collection: $525
Human Development: $100

November 22, 2026

Celebrant
Rev. Chris Welch

Greeter: Maureen Joy
Lector: Pat Kristofik
Eucharistic Minister: Toni Zaleski

November 29
Greeter: Marguerite Webster
Lector: Jim Lee
Eucharistic Minister: Carol Tyson

Mass Intention
For the Soul of Michelle Lee

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 Laura Tabone joining the crew of altar servers

Do You Remember? 1) Book of Job 2) seven 3) Thomas Aquinas 4) pride, greed, envy, wrath, lust, gluttony, sloth