Saints for the Week

Monday, September 28
Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr
Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

Tuesday, September 29
Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

Wednesday, September 30
Saint Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Thursday, October 1
Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

Saturday, October 2
The Holy Guardian Angels

Humility in Action: St. Thérèse

In her youth, Thérèse Françoise Marie Martin Alençon desired to save souls. She begged to be let into the convent at age 15 and took the name 'Theresa of the Child Jesus and of the Holy Face.' Because Thérèse experienced the pain and fatigue of illness—she died of tuberculosis at age 24—she had to find a simple way to accomplish her goal. She developed a "theology of the little way" or "spiritual childhood" with its foundation of humility.

Saving souls was not, for Thérèse, some grandiose gesture or action; it was the everyday deceptively ordinary or insignificant acts that help us grow closer to one another and thus closer to God. Thérèse believed in the awareness that man, even in his smallness, ends up divinized by Grace.

Source: https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/10/01/st--therese-of-the-child-jesus--carmelite---virgin-doctor-of-the.html

Upcoming Events

09/27: Special Collection: Catholic Universities; Christian Formation after mass
Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee, 3 p.m. Christ Our Light, Loudonville; for info/to register, email marriage.jubilee@rcda.org

09/30: Gathered in Faith: Is Asking for Miracles a Waste of Time? 6-8 p.m., Corpus Christi Round Lake. Registration required: QR code or email gathered52@gmail.com

10/01: Liturgy of the Word

10/02: First Friday Devotion, 2:30 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

10/03: First Saturday (Fatima) devotion, 9 a.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

10/04: Christian Formation after mass

10/08: Liturgy of the Word

10/11: Coffee Hour after mass

10/15: Liturgy of the Word

10/18: Special Collection: Mission Sunday
Christian formation after mass

10/22: Liturgy of the Word

10/25: 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

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Mass Attendance: 60

Collection: $956

Holy Cross Parish

September 27, 2026
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A
Ezekiel 18:25–28
Psalm 25
Philippians 2:1–11
Matthew 21:28–32

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

Christ Jesus, you were a human being, you know how humans aspire to inner peace. Our soul asks you: 'Give us peace within.' And in our darkness, you kindle the fire of your forgiveness and your compassion, a fire which never dies away.
–Brother Roger of Taizé

Living in Christ: Justice Through Actions

Today's readings focus on us living in love. Last week Jesus told the parable of the vineyard, in which those who began work at the start of the day were upset that those who came late in the day received the same wage. Jesus reminds us that the owner of the vineyard is living in love by giving all the same day's wage.

Like the early morning workers, the Jews in Ezekiel complain that God is unfair. At this point in history, the Jews lived in exile in Babylon and felt God was punishing them for the sins of their ancestors. God, however, is love and cares for each and every one of us. Ezekiel points out that it is not the sins of the fathers, but their own conduct that has caused the Jews' separation and exile. Even so, there is hope. In his book *Just Mercy*, Bryan Stevenson wrote, "Each of us is more than the worst thing we've ever done." Ezekiel points out God's justice: If we repent for having done wrong, we will be forgiven in God's infinite love and mercy for us. And it is never too late.

Being willing to admit we are wrong and repent requires humility. Paul reminds the Philippians that Jesus humbled himself for our sake, suffering even death on a cross, to show us the depths of Divine Love. Paul encourages us to follow Jesus's model of living in love through humility and service to others without considering what reward we might get.

Jesus's quiz in the Gospel reiterates this theme. It is the son who refuses to go work in the vineyard but then has a change of heart and goes to work who lives in love. Despite his words, he chooses to act and obey his father's wishes. The son who says he will go to work but does not lacks the humility and obedience of love. While his words may seem pleasing to his father, his actions betray his words and are not. In Joel, God says to "rend your hearts, not your garments" because actions speak louder than words. If we profess our love but then act for our own self interest to the detriment of others like the chief priests and elders in Jesus's day, we cause our own exile. When we choose humility and obedience to God's will, we choose love. As humans, we will inevitably fail at this; but Ezekiel and Jesus remind us that those who repent are forgiven, regardless of what they have done.

For Reflection

- Do my actions match my words when it comes to faith?
- What steps can I take to be more aware of my need for God's mercy?

https://young-catholics.com/2935/26th-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.

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Adult: Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098
Youth: Bridgette Shepardson (607) 287-324

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

Pope Leo XIV's September intention: Pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to clean water.

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.

Parable of the Vineyard: Dignity of Work & Rights of Workers

Do You Remember? Quiz yourself!

? The dignity of work and rights of workers is one of seven principles of what Catholic teaching?

? In this teaching, what is the economy supposed to serve?

? This teaching argues work is not just a way to make a living but what else?

? This teaching argues for five rights of workers. Name as many as you remember.

? What does the vineyard symbolize in Jesus's teachings in the Gospels?

Catholic Civics for Election Season 1

"All social values are inherent in the dignity of the human person, whose authentic development they foster. Essentially, these values are: truth, freedom, justice, and love. Putting them into practice is the sure and necessary way of obtaining personal perfection and a more human social existence. They constitute the indispensable point of reference for public authorities, called to carry out substantial reforms of economic, political, cultural and technological structures and the necessary changes in institutions necessary to empower and encourage individuals in their search for the truth that is God."

Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, 197

Did You Know? 1) Catholic Social Teaching 2) people [not people serving the economy] 3) Our continuing participation in God's creation 4) the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative 5) the relational field of the dynamic interactiveness of the Kingdom of God

September 27, 2026

Celebrant
Rev. Chris Welch

Greeters: Jackie and Chet McAdams
Lector: Marguerite Webster
Eucharistic Minister: Diane Turner

October 4
Greeters: Deb Newell and Marie Goupil
Lector: Kerry L. Mess
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 Sr. Theresa Ahern MSBT, Kathleen Barry, Jo Franklin, Sarah Grogan, Agnes Huff, Maureen Joy, Nadine Joy, John Kristofik, Michelle Lee, Fred Lemister, Carol and Jessica MacCumber, 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, Evelny Rowe, Martin Smith, Mike Stensland, Joe and 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 cool breezes of autumn and the colors of the leaves