

04/02/2023 The Pope's intention for March is for victims of abuse.

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Our Mission Statement at Holy Cross:
To care for the poor, abandoned and the marginalized.

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For the deceased members of our parish and their families and friends

Pray for the sick and their caregivers and all that have asked for our prayers, especially Howard Hubbard, Diane Neczesny, Lynn Joy, Becky Barringer, Lorraine Tyson, Carol Tyson, Michelle Lee, Maria Papendrea, Valarie Manchester, Sr. Theresa Ahern, MSBT, Teresa Meyers, Amy Obrien, Linda Zoder, Bob Zoder, John Zaleski, Joe Tyson

Pray for all the men and women of our parish family serving in the military and all First Responders and emergency personnel. **Ryan Barry, Jim Barry, Meghan Barringer**

From Fr. Chris: Rejoice! This is the day that the Lord has made. God's love and mercy have been poured out for all and to all. By his sacrifice on the cross, Jesus has conquered sin and defeated death. No longer do sin and death have power over us. A new day dawns, for new life has dawned for all of us: a life in God's tender loving care that survives sin and overcomes death. Jesus has shown us the way to the Father. The crosses we carry—our fears and our struggles, our sorrows and our traumas—are united with the cross of our Lord, which did not end in pain and death but with joy and life. May the promise of the Resurrection fill us with hope, enliven our lives, and lead us to life eternal. Alleluia!

We will celebrate With Father Chris

April 2 at 8:30am

PALM SUNDAY

First Reading:

The Word of the Lord

Psalm

Second Reading:

The Word of the Lord

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to

The Gospel of the Lord

Today, when we are only a few days from Holy Week, our Lord is asking us to fight to live some very specific things, small, but at times, not very easy. We shall explain them throughout this commentary: basically, it is a matter of persisting with His word. How important it is to always refer our life to the Gospel! Let's ask ourselves: What would Jesus do in this situation I have to face now? How would He treat this person who I find so especially difficult to treat? What would be His reaction before this circumstance? A Christian must be — according to Saint Paul— “another Christ”: “yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me” (Gal 2:20). How is it, our Lord's reflection, in our daily life? Am I His mirror?

Our Lord says “If God were your Father you would love me” (Jn 8:42). How does our daily desire to know the Master materialize? With what kind of devotion do we read the Gospel, even though we may have little time at our disposal? What trace will it leave in my life, in my day? When looking at me can it be said, that I read Christ's life?

April:

April 2: Palm Sunday – We will meet in the hall and process with our palms. We will celebrate with Fr. Chris.

April 6th thru the 9th, The Triduum, all services will be at St. Mary's. On Good Friday, there will be Stations of the Cross with a short service to venerate the CROSS here at Holy Cross at 4PM.

April 16th we will celebrate with Fr. Chris and there will be a reception following the Mass to celebrate my 80th birthday and my retirement.

April 23rd

April 30th

The Magic Closet hours are: April to December – Wednesday and Saturday 10am to noon. They always need volunteers.

**The Butternut Valley Food Pantry is located at 166 Marion Ave. Gilbertsville, NY
phone number is: 607-783-2267**

Collection for March 26, 2023	\$.00
Total Donation for Easter flowers	\$395.00
in memory of Marguerite and Joseph Ruocco, Joanne Clarke, The Ahern Family, The Joy Family, The Lehmann Family, The Foote Family, the Benjamin and Kristifik Families, The Geer Family, The Tyson and Sitts Families.	
Diocesan Assessment as of 1/1/23	\$1,069.00

“Thus sin renders the soul miserable, weak and torpid, inconstant in doing good, cowardly in resisting temptation, slothful in the observance of God’s commandments. It deprives her of true liberty and of that sovereignty which she should never resign; it makes her a slave to the world, the flesh, and the devil; it subjects her to a harder and more wretched servitude than that of the unhappy Israelites in Egypt or Babylon. Sin so dulls and stupefies the spiritual senses of man that he is deaf to God’s voice and inspirations; blind to the dreadful calamities which threaten him; insensible to the sweet odor of virtue and the example of the saints; incapable of tasting how sweet the Lord is, or feeling the touch of His benign hand in the benefits which should be a constant incitement to his greater love. Moreover, sin destroys the peace and joy of a good conscience, takes away the soul’s fervor, and leaves her an object abominable in the eyes of God and His saints. The grace of justification delivers us from all these miseries. For God, in His infinite mercy, is not content with effacing our sins and restoring us to His favor; He delivers us from the evils sin has brought upon us, and renews the interior man in his former strength and beauty. Thus He heals our wounds, breaks our bonds, moderates the violence of our passions, restores with true liberty the

supernatural beauty of the soul, reestablishes us in the peace and joy of a good conscience, reanimates our interior senses, inspires us with ardor for good and a salutary hatred of sin, makes us strong and constant in resisting evil, and thus enriches us with an abundance of good works. In fine, He so perfectly renews the inner man with all his faculties that the Apostle calls those who are thus justified new men and new creatures.”

—Venerable Louis Of Grenada, p. 46

Let us not be seduced by spiritual pride. Jewish people considered themselves superior to other Christians. It is not necessary to speak, here, of separated brethren. But let us rather think of us. How often some Catholics consider themselves better than other Catholics just because they follow this or that movement, or because they observe this or that discipline, they abide by this or to that liturgical trend. Some, because they are rich; others, because they studied more. Some, because they hold important positions; others, because they come from noble families. “I would like that each one should feel the joy of being Christian.... God guides his Church, He sustains it always, especially at times of difficulty” (Benedict XVI).