



Otsego County SENIOR PICNIC IN THE PARK

Admission Fee: \$8.00

Wednesday, August 9th
Glimmerglass State Park - West Pavilion

10:30 am Coffee, tea & cookies
12:00 pm Lunch
1:00 pm Bingo & other games



Lunch by:



Options are:
Turkey sandwich
Ham & cheese sandwich
Egg salad sandwich
** All served with a fruit cup,
potato salad and ice cream

Activities:

Guided stroll Guided hike
Corn Hole Music by DJ Jim Dorn
Pitch & other card games Ice cream with Dairy Ambassador

Questions? Call the Otsego County Office for the Aging: 607-547-4232

Reservations Required by July 28, 2023!

Complete & mail with your \$8.00 payable to OCCSC to:

The Office for the Aging, The Meadows, 140 Co Hwy 33 W, Cooperstown, NY 13326

Name: _____
Phone: _____
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 Egg Salad

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Transportation needed? Yes No

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This event is held in conjunction with the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation – Central Region



Holy Cross Parish

JULY 9, 2023
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Zechariah 9:9-10
Psalm 145
2 Romans 8:9, 11-13
Matthew 11:25-30

Hope in the Midst of Turmoil

In the midst of turmoil and adversity, the readings for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A bring us a message of hope, trust, and reliance on God's strength. The prophet Zechariah speaks of a future king who will come to restore the kingdom, bringing justice and peace.

The promise of a new beginning and the restoration of their homeland must have been difficult to believe in the face of despair and uncertainty. Yet, through Zechariah's words, God's promise shines as a beacon of hope, reminding the people that even in the darkest moments, God remains faithful and has a plan for their restoration.

Finding Solace in Jesus

In the Gospel for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, Jesus invites us to find rest and solace in Him. He acknowledges the burdens we carry, the struggles we face, and He offers to share our yoke, to lighten our load. Jesus assures us that the demands of God are not beyond our strength. He invites us to turn to Him, to place our trust in Him, and to seek His help when life becomes overwhelming.

This message is profoundly relevant in our own lives. We too encounter moments when we feel overwhelmed, burdened by the challenges and trials that come our way. We may face personal struggles, societal unrest, or the weight of expectations and responsibilities. In those moments, it is easy to rely solely on our own strength, to become consumed by worry and doubt.

Relying on Jesus in Difficult Times

But the readings remind us that we are not alone. Just as God promised a new king in Zechariah's time, He has given us Jesus Christ, the King of Kings, who offers us His love, mercy, and companionship. Jesus understands our burdens because He carried the weight of the world upon His own shoulders. He beckons us to come to Him, to surrender our anxieties, and to find solace in His gentle and compassionate presence.

Turning to Jesus in our times of need requires humility, faith, and a willingness to let go of our self-reliance. It means acknowledging that we cannot navigate life's challenges alone and that we need the help of our loving Savior. It involves surrendering our burdens and allowing Him to guide us along the path of righteousness, justice, and peace.

As we reflect on these readings for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, let us take comfort in the knowledge that God's promises endure, even in the most difficult of times. Let us trust in Jesus, who offers us rest for our weary souls and shoulders the weight of our burdens. May we seek His guidance, His strength, and His love in all aspects of our lives, knowing that with Him by our side, we can face any trial or tribulation. Let us turn to Him and say, "Lord Jesus, help me. I surrender my burdens to You. Grant me the grace to find rest and hope in Your loving embrace."

For Reflection

- ★ How can I cultivate a deeper trust and reliance on God's strength in my daily life?
- ★ How can I actively seek rest and renewal in Jesus? Am I intentional about seeking solace in Jesus and surrendering my burdens to Him?

<https://young-catholics.com/2818/14th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/#homilies>

Holy Cross Parish

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Morris NY 13808

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MISSION

To care for the poor,
abandoned, and
the marginalized.



SCHEDULE

Mass: Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Liturgy of the Word: Tuesday, 10 a.m.

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Parish Leader

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

Trustees

Michael Stensland (607) 783-2764
open (suggestions welcome)

Parish Council Chair

Kerry L. Mess (607) 386-1951

Liturgical Ministry

Marguerite Webster (607) 263-5478

Faith Formation

open — to start in autumn

Ministry to the Homebound

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098
Jenn Spivey (207) 539-5094

JULY 9, 2023

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Mass Intention

An individual may request a Mass be offered for a certain intention, for example: in thanksgiving for the intentions of another person (such as someone who has died. If you would like to request an intention for a mass, simply call the office to schedule: (607) 263-5143.

Pray for

- ✠ the deceased members of our parish and their families and friends
- ✠ the sick and their caregivers and all that have asked for our prayers, especially Diane Neczesny, Lynn Joy, Lorraine Tyson, Joe and Carol Tyson, Michelle Lee, Maria Pappendrea and her sister Camella, Sr. Theresa Ahern, MSBT, Teresa Meyers, Amy O'Brien, John O'Brien, Clara Murphy, John Zaleski
- ✠ 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

What do you dream for Holy Cross Parish? What would you like to see here? Let us know!
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Pope Francis's intention for July: For a Eucharistic Life.

May we place the celebration of the Eucharist at the front of our lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and with all our brothers and sisters.

Engage in Living Community

- ✧ Email the parish to volunteer as:
 - usher/greeter
 - lector
 - altar server or eucharistic minister
 - homebound minister
 - church cleaner/landscaper
 - counter
 - parish council member
- ✧ Butternut Valley Food Pantry, 166 Marion Avenue, Gilbertsville NY (607) 783-2267
Items needed: Canned dog & cat food, assorted soups, cup of noodles, top ramen, condiments, syrup, jam/jelly, chips, cake mixes
Please check expiration dates on food!
aluminum foil, laundry detergent, personal hygiene items
- ✧ The Lord's Table & Food Pantry, 305 Main Street, Oneonta NY (607) 432-1458
Donate items or call to volunteer (weekdays 4:30–6 p.m.)
Items needed: Peanut butter, juice, saltine crackers, rice (1 lb box or 2 lb bag), shampoo
- ✧ The Magic Closet, 158 East Main Street, Morris NY
Donate items or call to volunteer:

(607) 263-5116 or (607) 263-5859.
April to December: Wednesday and Saturday, 10 a.m.–noon

Upcoming Events

- 07/11: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
- 07/16: Mass and Coffee Hour**
- 07/20: St. Mary's Consolation Group, 10 a.m., rectory
- 07/23: Anointing of the Sick mass, 2 p.m. Sacred Heart, Sidney
- 07/30: Special collection: Holy Father**
- 08/09: Otsego County Senior Picnic in the Park (see back page)
- 08/12: **Altar Server Training, 10 a.m.–noon**
- 08/12: *Step Up Men's Conference (<https://www.rcda.org/StepUp>)
- 08/24: Fr. Chris on C.S. Lewis, *The Great Divorce*, 6 p.m. Hartwick Seminary
- 10/20–22: *Eucharistic Congress (<https://nyseucharisticcongress.org>)

*Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, Auriesville

Collection for Sunday, July 2, 2023
\$1,532.00