

06/04/2023 The Pope's intention for June: We pray for the abolition of Torture. This Sunday we will have Coffee HOUR immediately following Mass. All are welcome to come and share some time together.

There is a special collection this weekend for the Catholic Communication Campaign. The basket is in the back.

BENEFIT FOR TERESA MEYERS – THIS SATURDAY, JUNE 3 AT 4PM at St. James Church 305 Main St, Oneonta, NY. A spaghetti dinner will be served from 4-6pm. Cost \$10, Seniors' \$8, children 5-12 \$5. Under 5 free. There will be baskets and gift items raffled. Drawing at 6pm – must be present for prizes. See flyer in back of church.

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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 Lynn Joy, Lorraine Tyson, Joe and Carol Tyson, Michelle Lee, Maria Papendrea and her sister Camella, Valarie Manchester, Sr. Theresa Ahern, MSBT, Teresa Meyers, Amy Obrien, John O'Brien, Clara Murphy

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: I am thankful to Deacon Paul for leading a Communion Service at St. Mary's and Maureen Joy for leading one at Holy Cross last week. Sadly, there will be occasions when a priest is not available to offer Mass. I will be traveling with the College Students July 1-2 so we will need to have communion services that weekend.

On Tuesday, June 6th, the first of our Plaza Talks will take place. We will gather at 6:30 for refreshments and a talk on spirituality of summer.

Bishop Edward Scharfenberger reassigned Fr James O'ROURKE to St Clements Church in Saratoga Springs. This assignment will take effect on July 1, 2023. We thank Fr O'Rourke for his ministry and ask the people of St Mary's Oneonta and Holy Cross in Morris to keep him in their prayers as he begins his new ministry. Bishop Scharfenberger has reassigned the pastoral responsibilities of St Paul's Church in Hancock to Sacred Heart Sidney. This will also take effect on July 1, 2023.

Save the DATE: October 20-22, 2023 at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville, NY. Catholics from across New York State will be coming together to celebrate the REAL PRESENCE of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. See the poster in the back of the church.

To register: (<https://nyseucharisticcongress.org>)

We will celebrate Trinity Sunday June 4th at 8:30am

First Reading: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9 (Renewal of the Tablets) Moses got up early in the morning and climbed Mount Sinai as God had commanded carrying the two tablets of stone. God descended in the cloud and took up His position there beside him and called out the name, God. God passed in front of him and called out, “God, God, a God of mercy and grace, endlessly patient – so much love, so deeply true.” At once, Moses fell to the ground and worshipped, saying, “Please, O Master, if You see anything good in me, please Master, travel with us, hard-headed as these people are. Forgive our iniquity and sin. Own, us, possess us.”

The Word of the Lord

Psalm Daniel 3:52 – 55 blessed are you, O Lord, God of our ancestors! You alone are praiseworthy and high above us, and Your name will be blessed forever! Blessed are You in the Temple of Your Glory, You are praiseworthy and high above us forever. Blessed are You on the throne of Your Glory: You are praiseworthy and high above us forever. Blessed are You who take the time to observe what is going on here below, You are praiseworthy and high above us forever.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 (Farewell) That is about it friends. Be cheerful. Keep things in good repair. Keep your spirits up. Think in harmony. Be agreeable. Do all that, and the God of Love and Peace will be with you for sure. Greet one another with a holy embrace. All the brothers and sisters here say hello.

The Word of the Lord

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 3:16-18 Belief in the Son Sent by the Father. This is how much God loved the world: He gave His Son, His one

and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in Him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God did not go to all the trouble of sending His Son merely to point an accusing finger; telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again. Anyone who trusts in Him is acquitted; anyone who refuses to trust Him has long since been under the death sentence without knowing it. And why? Because of that person's failure to believe in the one-of-a-kind Son of God when introduced to Him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Read this passage again before coming to Mass on Sunday.

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me? How can I express my love for all that God has created? What do I imagine that heaven will be like? How am I preparing for eternal life with God? How often do I judge or condemn others? How can I accompany others instead of judging them?

Many times on this Sunday we find ourselves confronted with difficulty in understanding the specialized language of “three in one” – “one in three” – and we go home unmoved – and, perhaps, more than a bit puzzled by the most wonder filled mystery at the core of our Christian faith – instead of being drawn more into the heart of God and being moved more fully – more deeply – to celebrate/dance/and tap into the energy of the early followers of Jesus. St Paul says it well “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy spirit be with all of you.” Grace, Love, Communion – “three” – words that say something about the God who is around us, beside us, and within us. The challenge is to live our lives within this “three-ness” in such a way that makes a difference in our world so in need of grace, love and communion. But, how can we do this? I suggest that to believe is to have the courage to come close enough to hear God's invitation to life, to respond with the love and knowledge of our own story. What is the story of your belief – of your courage – of your experience of the love of God that surrounds you, is beside you, and deep within sets your heart on fire? The question for us on this Trinity Sunday is: Do we want to be a “one” alone? Or, do we want to learn the steps of love from one another, from all of creation, and from the HOLY ONE? Today we are invited to have our lives and relationships be a mirror of God's life – that of an ever widening circle of grace, inviting us to join in the love of God for all.

Anyone interested in participating more fully in our Sunday Liturgy, and other ministries, there will be a training session later this month.

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

A note about Mass intentions: We have the beautiful practice of accepting Mass intentions. An individual may request a Mass be offered for a certain intention: for example: in thanksgiving for the intentions of another person (such as a birthday or anniversary), or as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. We must never forget the great spiritual benefit and infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass. It is a wonderful spiritual gift. If you would like to request an intention for a mass, simply call the office to schedule. Rectory phone – 607-263-5143

Collection for May 28, 2023

\$1,721.00

List of needed pantry items for both the food pantry and the pet pantry. Also, the ladies ask to please check the expiration dates of donated foods.

Canned Dog & Cat food	Assorted soups			
Cup of Noodles	Top Ramen	Condiments	Syrup	Jam/Jelly
Personal hygiene	Aluminum foil	Laundry Detergent	Chips	Cake Mixes

The Gospel story of Mary's visit to Elizabeth. I've always been fascinated by Mary's "haste" in this story of the Visitation. Upon hearing the message of Gabriel concerning her own pregnancy and that of her cousin, Mary "traveled to the hill country "in haste" to a town of Judah" to see Elizabeth.

Why did she go with such speed and purpose? Because she had found her mission, her role in the theo-drama. We are dominated today by the ego-drama in all of its ramifications and implications. The ego-drama is the play that I'm writing, I'm producing, I'm directing, and I'm starring in. We see this absolutely everywhere in our culture. Freedom of choice reigns supreme: I become the person that I choose to be.

The theo-drama is the great story being told by God, the great play being directed by God. What makes life thrilling is discovering our role in it. This is precisely what has happened to Mary. She has found her role—indeed a climactic role—in the theo-drama, and she wants to

conspire with Elizabeth, who has also discovered her role in the same drama. Like Mary, we have to find our place in God's story.

An email from Steve Jobs, sent to himself, remarking on how much we all need each other:

"I grow little of the food I eat, and of the little I do grow I did not breed or perfect the seeds.

I do not make any of my own clothing.

I speak a language I did not invent or refine.

I did not discover the mathematics I use.

I am protected by freedoms and laws I did not conceive of or legislate, and do not enforce or adjudicate.

I am moved by music I did not create myself.

When I needed medical attention, I was helpless to help myself survive.

I did not invent the transistor, the microprocessor, object oriented programming, or most of the technology I work with.

I love and admire my species, living and dead, and am totally dependent on them for my life and wellbeing."

Thank you Matthew Tabone for repairing the sign for the Church. It looks great.