

06/25/2023 The Pope's intention for June: We pray for the abolition of Torture.

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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 Diane Neczesny, 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 O'Brien, John O'Brien, Clara Murphy, John Zaleski

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: Fr. Francis Muriuhi a bona fide Catholic priest originally from the Diocese of Kigoma in western Tanzania. He was ordained a priest in 1996. Currently, he is a missionary in a neighboring country of Kenya and works both as a parish priest and a chaplain to the co-ed parish Catholic school. In his spare time, Fr. Francis loves the outdoor activities. Fr. Francis looks forward to sharing stories of faith from the people of the Diocese of Kigoma in Tansaniz with our parish. Please be welcoming to his word. See below some information about these people.

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 today with Fr. Chris**  
**June25th at 8:30am**  
**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13 (Jeremiah's Faith in Crisis)** I hear  
whispering behind my back: "There goes old 'Danger-Everywhere,' Shut him up!  
Report him!" Old friends watch, hoping I will fall flat on my face; 'One misstep

and we will have him, we will get rid of him for good!” But God, a most fierce warrior, is at my side. Those who are after me will be sent sprawling – slapstick buffoons falling all over themselves, a spectacle of humiliation no one will ever forget. Oh, God-of-the-Angel-Armies, no one fools You. You see through everyone, everything. I want to see You pay them back for what they have done. I rest my case with You. Sing to God! All praise to God! He saves the weak from the grip of the wicked.

### The Word of the Lord

**Psalm 69: 8-1-, 14, 17, 33-35** My brothers shun me like a bum off the street; my family treats me like an unwanted guest. I love you more than I can say. Because I am madly in love with you, they blame me for everything they dislike about you. When I poured myself out in prayer and fasting, all it got me was more contempt. Rescue me from the swamp. Do not let me go under, pull me out of the clutch of the enemy; this whirlpool is sucking me down. Do not look the other way, your servant cannot take it. I am in trouble. Answer right now! For God listens to the poor, He does not walk out on the wretched. You heavens, praise Him; praise Him, earth; also ocean and all things that swim in it. For God is out to help Zion, rebuilding the wrecked towns of Judah. Guess who will live there – the proud owners of the land?

**Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15 (Mankind’s Sin through Adam)** You know the story of how Adam landed us in the dilemma we are in – first sin, then death, and no one exempt from either sin or death. That sin disturbed relations with God in everything and everyone, but the extent of the disturbance was not clear until God spelled it out in detail to Moses. So death, this huge abyss separating us from God, dominated the landscape from Adam to Moses. Even those who did not sin precisely as Adam did by disobeying a specific command of God still had to experience this termination of life, this separation from God. But Adam, who got us into this, also points ahead to the One who will get us out of it. Yet the rescuing gift is not exactly parallel to the death-dealing sin. If one man’s sin put crowds of people at the dead-end abyss of separation from God, just think what God’s gift poured through one man, Jesus Christ, will do!

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**A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 10:26-33 (Resurrection to the Twelve)      “Do not be intimidated. Eventually everything is going to be out in the open, and everyone will know how things really are. So do not hesitate to go public now. Do not be bluffed into silence by the threats of bullies. There is nothing they can do to your soul, your core being. Save your fear for God, who holds your entire life – body and soul – in His hands. “What’s the price of a pet canary? Some loose change, right? And God cares what happens to it even more than you do. He pays even greater attention to you, down to the last detail – even numbering the hairs on your head! So do not be intimidated by all this bully talk. You are worth more than a million canaries. Stand up for Me against the world opinion and I will stand up before my Father in heaven. If you turn tail and run, do you think I will cover for you?”**

***The Gospel of the Lord***

***Read this passage again before coming to Mass on Sunday.***

**When has your faith in Jesus been most seriously tested? Remember, you have been saved by the grace of God in the person of Jesus Christ. Do not fear those who can take away your mortal life, for the Lord will protect and defend you into life everlasting. As the prophet Jeremiah guarantees us, the Lord hears the whisperings of His people. Let us stand up and let no one take away the hope and power of faith that Jesus alone grants us. As the Lord exhorts us in the Book of Lamentations, let us rise from the corner of every street and unite with those whose dignity as daughters and sons of God is totally denied, for they are all worth more than so many sparrows.**

**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 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 June 18, 2023**

**\$2967.00**

**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**

**On Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, we will have a liturgy celebration with Communion at 10:am here at Holy Cross. All are welcome.**