

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, September 12

Feast of the Holy Name of Mary

Thursday, September 14

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Friday, September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

Saturday, September 16

Saints Cornelius and Cyprian

THE SEVEN SORROWS DEVOTION

There is a traditional Catholic devotion related to the seven sorrows of Mary:

- ✞ The prophesy of Simeon at the presentation of Jesus in Jerusalem
- ✞ The flight into Egypt to escape Herod
- ✞ Losing Jesus in the temple in Jerusalem when he was an adolescent
- ✞ Seeing Jesus as he carried his cross
- ✞ The death by crucifixion of Jesus Christ
- ✞ Taking the body of Jesus down from the cross
- ✞ The burial of Jesus in the tomb.

After meditating on each sorrow, seven Hail Marys are said. The seven graces for this devotion, which were revealed to St. Bridget by the Blessed Virgin Mary, are:

- ☼ I will grant peace to their families.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

We are blessed to have you worship with us as we nurture each other in faith. While visiting our community, we humbly ask you to consider investing in our parish offeratory and Diocesan Appeal to help ensure our parish and Diocese can be one of your partners in faith. Thank you!

- ☼ They will be enlightened about the divine mysteries.
- ☼ I will console them in their pains and I will accompany them in their work.
- ☼ I will give them as much as they ask for as long as it does not oppose the adorable will of my divine Son or the sanctification of their souls.
- ☼ I will defend them in their spiritual battles with the infernal enemy and I will protect them at every instant of their lives.
- ☼ I will visibly help them at the moment of their death, they will see the face of their Mother.
- ☼ I have obtained from my divine Son, that those who propagate this devotion to my tears and dolours, will be taken directly from this earthly life to eternal happiness since all their sins will be forgiven and my Son and I will be their eternal consolation and joy.

AWAKEN THE SPIRIT: Individual Virtual Retreat with Dan Schutte

Choose a retreat in September, October, or November; at your own pace, time, schedule

- 20 video reflections, music videos
- a downloadable digital workbook/journal
- opportunity for live Zoom conversation with Dan and others

For more information, visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/awakenschutte>

DIOCESAN APPEAL

As you plan your budget, consider a pledge. Use your bank's Bill Pay feature to set up automatic payments or use envelopes on the back table (Please change date to 23-24).

<https://thediocesanappeal.org/>



SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, A

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalm 95

Romans 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20

For Reflection

- ★ How well do love my neighbors? Are there any instances where I've prioritized my own interests over the well-being of others? How can I shift my perspective to embrace a deeper sense of responsibility for those around me?

Today, St. Paul reminds us that love is the fulfillment of the law; we must love our neighbor as we love ourselves. "But we almost always hear that wrong. We hear 'Love your neighbor *as much as yourself*...' If you listen closely to Jesus's teaching however, there is no 'as much as' in there. It's just 'Love your neighbor *as yourself*'—as a continuation of your very own being. It's a complete seeing that your neighbor is you. There are not two individuals out there, one seeking to better herself at the price of the other, or to extend charity to the other; there are simply two cells of the one great Life. Each of them is equally precious and necessary."¹

For St. Francis, the order of things was turned upside down, just as it had been for the apostles.... Jesus, whom they followed and called friend, embraced, mingled with, touched, loved, cured, and broke bread with the outcasts, the marginal, the unclean of his day.... In a social structure shaped by exclusion of the leprous, the ritually unclean, the "non-chosen," the women, the possessed, tax collectors, sinners—Jesus embraced them all, both individually and as social groups. In fact, Jesus's very identity was as one who proclaimed the good news to the poor, who announced the inbreaking of the reign of God, and who lived the announcement by being at the side of the poor himself.²

¹ Cynthia Bourgeault, *The Wisdom Jesus: Transforming Heart and Mind—a New Perspective on Christ and His Message* (Boston, MA: Shambhala Publications, 2008), 30–32.

² Marie Dennis, Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, Joseph Nangle, and Stuart Taylor, *St. Francis and the Foolishness of God*, rev. ed. (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1993, 2015), 5–6, 6–7.

Last week, we celebrated the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. And the Gospel declares that she will be the Mother of Jesus, who would be "God with us." This week we will celebrate both the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary and Our Lady of Sorrows (see back page).

Mary is a rich and multivalent symbolic figure in all of the Gospels. In Luke's infancy narrative, she emerges as the spokesperson for ancient Israel, speaking, in her Magnificat, in the words and cadences of Hannah.

In Matthew's Christmas account, she is compelled to go into exile in Egypt and is then called back to her home, recapitulating thereby the journey of Israel from slavery to freedom. She is thus the symbolic embodiment of faithful and patient Israel, longing for deliverance.

In John's Gospel, she is, above all, mother—the physical mother of Jesus and, through him, the mother of all who would come to new life in him. As mother of the Lord, she is, once again, Israel, that entire series of events and system of ideas from which Jesus emerged and in terms of which he alone becomes intelligible. Hans Urs von Balthasar commented in the same vein that Mary effectively awakened the messianic consciousness of Jesus through her recounting of the story of Israel to her son.

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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

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Dana Mochovciak, Jenna Turner, Carol Tyson, Marguerite Webster

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Marguerite Webster (607) 263-5478

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Daphne Thompson (607) 263-2410

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Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

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SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Lector: Kerry L. Mess

Eucharistic Minister: Carole Barry

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, their caregivers, and all who have asked for our prayers, especially Sr. Theresa Ahern MSBT, Amy O'Brien, John O'Brien, Jo Franklin, Lynn Joy, Michelle Lee, Teresa Meyers, Clara Murphy, Diane Neczesny, Maria Papendra and sister Camella, Karina Tabone and (welcome to) new baby Matthew Tabone, Joe and Carol Tyson, Lorraine Tyson, 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



<https://www.pexels.com/photo/a-grayscale-of-the-pieta-at-a-cemetery-10946668/>

Pope Francis's intention for September: For people living in inhumane life conditions on the margins not to be overlooked or considered less important

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
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.)
Needed: Peanut butter, juice, rice (1 lb box, 2 lb bag), saltine crackers, shampoo
- ⊗ The Magic Closet
158 East Main Street, Morris NY
Donate items or call to volunteer: (607) 263-5116 or (607) 263-5859.
Weds. & Sat., 10 a.m.–noon

**WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS PARISH!
ARE YOU CURIOUS? BEING CALLED?
WE'D LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN US.**

RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults into the Catholic faith.

For more information, go to myrcia.org.

Holy Cross Parish RCIA Contact:

Maureen Joy (607) 263-5132

UPCOMING EVENTS

09/10: Religious Education Registration, Coffee hour after mass (in hall)

***09/12: Parish Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. rectory**

9/14: Exaltation of the Holy Cross Prayer Service with Benediction, 6:30 p.m.

09/21: Consolation Group (grieving loss of a loved one, job, life situation, pet, freedom to travel or anything important in your life), St. Mary's, 10 a.m.

09/23: Diocesan Marriage Jubilee, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Albany, 4 p.m.

09/24: Special collection (Catholic U.)

9/30: Women's Day Retreat, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. with lunch

10/01: Religious Ed program begins, opening class grades preK–grade 10

10/20–22: Eucharistic Congress; Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, Auriesville NY (<https://nyseucharisticcongress.org>)

***Correction:** Last Sunday's bulletin listed the first Parish Council as 9/13. The meeting is this Tuesday, September 12.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

Mass Attendance: 44

Collection: \$1,802.00