

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 12

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal,
Religious

Tuesday, August 13

Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus

Wednesday, August 14

Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest
and Martyr

Thursday, August 15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin
Mary

Friday, August 16

Saint Stephen of Hungary

ASSUMPTION THURSDAY: On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: “We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory.” The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity with few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries, the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine; some authors in the West were hesitant, but by the 13th century there was universal agreement. The feast had various names—Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption—from at least the fifth or sixth century. Today it is celebrated as a solemnity.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary’s assumption into heaven. Revelation 12, however,

BUILDING COMMUNITY: The Parish Pastoral Council has begun a planning process for realizing our vision (top of front page) and mission (inside left panel). **The next Council meeting is Sunday, September 8, after mass. Meetings are open, and all are welcome to attend and participate!**

LOOKING FOR MORNING PEOPLE

Holy Cross is looking for a few more good greeters. Would you be willing to arrive 10 minutes before mass and greet people once a month? See the sign up sheet at the back of church or Marguerite Webster.

speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God’s people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testaments, her assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman’s victory. Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ’s resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus’ life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary’s share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.

In the light of the Assumption of Mary, it is easy to pray her Magnificat (Luke 1:46–55) with new meaning. In her glory she proclaims the Lord’s greatness and finds joy in God her savior. She leads others to recognize God’s holiness. She is the lowly handmaid who deeply revered her God and has been raised to the heights. From her position of strength she will help the lowly and the poor find justice on earth, and she will challenge the rich and powerful to distrust wealth and power as a source of happiness.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/assumption-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary/>

Holy Cross Parish

A welcoming, vibrant community committed to growing in and sharing the love of Jesus

AUGUST 11, 2024

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, B

1 Kings 19:4–8

Psalm 34

Ephesians 4:30–5:2

John 6:41–51

Today’s Gospel begins with the Pharisees murmuring about Jesus. They were arguing about his statement: “I am the bread come down from heaven.” They looked at one another and said: “He’s not from heaven. This is Joseph’s and Mary’s son. How can we believe the fantastic claims he is making? Why is he saying: ‘I have come down from heaven?’” And they refused to believe him.

Finally, Jesus responds to them by bluntly telling them to stop murmuring among themselves. Jesus then says: “No one can come to me unless my Father draws them. If they respond to my Father’s call, I will raise them up on the last day.” Jesus also says that if a person listens to the Father and learns from Him, they will come to Him. It is understandable why the Jews were murmuring about Jesus. He does sound a bit “out of his head.”

Jesus, however, does not stop there. He says: “I am the bread of life. It is true that our ancestors ate manna in the desert. However, I am the living bread come down from heaven! Anyone who eats this ‘bread’ will never die.” The people listening to Jesus were scandalized. After all, who was he to make such fantastic claims? He was a powerful preacher but being “the bread of life?” And then He goes one step further to say: “The bread that I

will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”

How would you respond if you heard a person making these claims? We automatically might categorize them as a ‘nut case’ or a religious fanatic. However, we never know when, how or through what individual, Jesus may come to us. After all, Jesus is the “living” bread. He has power far beyond our imagination. The reality is: he is always with us! However, we are not always aware of his presence.

Today invite yourself to be awake and alert. Jesus, our “bread from heaven,” may appear to us in strange or unusual ways. Or he may appear to us in the daily: disguised in a friend, an unexpected helping hand or in the quiet of the morning. Keep your eyes, ears, mind and heart open and alert. Don’t want to miss him! What a loss that would be!

<https://ferdinandbenedictines.blogspot.com/2015/08/reflection-john-641-51.html>

For Reflection

- ★ How do I see God supporting me in difficult times?
- ★ How do I feel knowing that God invites me to come to Him?

Image, questions: <https://young-catholics.com/3357/19th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-b/>



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<https://parishes.rcda.org/holycross/>

Our bulletin and Pastoral Council minutes are posted on our website. Council minutes are under Ministries & Committees. If you have a notice for the bulletin, please email: holycross-rcchurch@gmail.com by Wednesday, 7 p.m.

MISSION

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



SCHEDULE

Mass: Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

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

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Pastoral Associate (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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AUGUST 11, 2024

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Deacon: Paul Cerosaletti

Lector: Annette Hammond

Eucharistic Ministers: Toni Zeleski, Diane Turner

Mass Intention

For the soul of Keith Johns (requested by Toni Zeleski)

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, Kathleen Barry, Amy O'Brien, Diane DeDominicus, John O'Brien, Jo Franklin, Tony Giambra, Agnes Huff, Louisa Joy, Lynn Joy, Maureen Joy, Rebecca Joy, Michelle Lee, Valerie McCann, Teresa Meyers, Rich Morley, Clara Murphy, John Neary, Diane Neczesny, Karen Newell, Maria Papendrea, Joe and Carol 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

ARE YOU CURIOUS? IS THERE SOMEONE YOU WOULD LIKE TO INVITE? RCIA MAY BE CALLING YOU.

Pope Francis's August intention: May political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for the common good and caring for those in need.

Engage in Living Community

HAVE HELP TO OFFER? NEED ASSISTANCE?

- ☼ Butternut Valley Food Pantry
166 Marion Avenue, Gilbertsville NY
(607) 783-2267
Thurs., 3-5 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- ☼ The Lord's Table & Food Pantry
305 Main Street, Oneonta NY
(607) 432-1458
Mon./Weds./Fri., 4-5:30 p.m.
- ☼ The Magic Closet
158 East Main Street, Morris NY
(607) 263-5116 or (607) 263-5859
Weds./Sat. 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

FREE LUNCH MEALS for adults (18 & up):
Monday, Wednesday, Friday,
11-11:30 a.m.
Nehawa Park

SUNDAY AFTERNOON FIBER ARTS CIRCLE The Gatehouse

The Gatehouse Lounge now hosts a fiber arts circle of all ages on Sunday afternoons from 1-3 p.m. Knit, crochet, do needlework, spin: All are welcome. Includes a fiber swap: Bring fiber you don't want and take away what looks good to you (no bringing required for taking away).

WHOM HAVE YOU WELCOMED TODAY?

Upcoming Events

08/11: Coffee Hour after mass

08/12: Crushing Midnight Duo, 5:30-7 p.m., Pathfinder Village Pavillion, Edmeston, free!

08/14: Assumption Vigil mass, Mount Calvary Cemetery Oneonta, 6:30 p.m.

08/15: Assumption mass, 9 a.m.
Consolation Group, St. Mary's Oneonta rectory, 10 a.m.
Assumption mass, St. Mary's Oneonta, 12:10 p.m.
Off the Record, 6:30-8 p.m., Community House Lawn, Unadilla, free!

08/18: Rosary after mass

08/19: Small Town Big Band, 5:30-7 p.m., Pathfinder Village Pavillion, Edmeston, free!

08/22: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.
Realtime Dixieland Band, 6:30-8 p.m., Community House Lawn, Unadilla, free!

08/25: SPECIAL COLLECTION - Catholic Home Missions

08/29: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.
Barnyard Saints, 6:30-8 p.m., Community House Lawn, Unadilla, free!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2024

Mass Attendance: 51

Collection: \$1,225.00