

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 22

Saint Mary Magdalene

Thursday, July 25

Saint James, Apostle

Friday, July 26

Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SAINT MARY MAGDALENE was a close follower of Jesus. The Gospels mention her many times. Jesus healed her from seven demons. After that, she became one of His most devoted followers.

Mary Magdalene was present at many key events in Jesus' life. She stood by Jesus during His crucifixion. She watched as He was buried. On Easter morning, she went to His tomb and found it empty. She was the first person to see the risen Jesus.

Mary Magdalene's story shows her deep love for Jesus. She is remembered for her loyalty and faith. Even when things were hard, she stayed close to Jesus. Her story encourages us to stay faithful, too.



Visit NationalCatholicSingles.com for more information and to register. (Can't find your question answered on the website? Call 704-665-0455.)

OTSEGO COUNTY SENIOR PICNIC IN THE PARK

Wednesday, August 21, 10:30 a.m.,
Glimmerglass State Park, West Pavillion
Admission: \$8.00 Registration required by
Thursday, August 15. Use the form below.
Questions? Call Otsego County Office for
the Aging: (607) 547-4232

THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING, THE MEADOWS, 140 CO HWY 33 W, COOPERSTOWN, NY 13326

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Lunch Choice: Turkey Ham & Cheese Egg Salad
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

JULY 21, 2024

16th Sunday Ordinary Time, B

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalms 23

Ephesians 2:13-18

Mark 6:30-34

Holy Cross Parish

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

When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. Mark 6:34

What is compassion? It's an attribute by which someone sees the suffering of another and experiences true empathy for them. This empathy, in turn, leads the person to reach out and share in the person's suffering, helping them to endure whatever they are going through. This is what Jesus experienced within His own Sacred Heart as He looked out upon this vast crowd.

The Scripture above introduces the familiar miracle of the feeding of the five thousand with only five loaves of bread and two fish. And though the miracle itself offers much to ponder, this introductory line also gives us much to ponder regarding our Lord's motivation for performing this miracle.

When Jesus looked out at the large crowd, He saw a group of people who seemed lost, were searching and were spiritually hungry. They desired some direction in their lives, and, for that reason, they were coming to Jesus. But what's very helpful to reflect upon is Jesus' Heart. He was not annoyed by their insistence, He was not burdened by them; rather He was deeply moved by their spiritual poverty and hunger. This moved His Heart to "pity," which is a form of sincere compassion. For that reason, He taught them "many things."

Interestingly, the miracle was simply an extra blessing but was not the primary action Jesus took on account of His compassionate Heart. First and foremost, His compassion led Him to teach them.

Jesus looks at each one of us with the same compassion. Whenever you find yourself confused, lacking direction in life and spiritually hungry, Jesus gazes at you with the same gaze He offered this vast crowd. And His remedy for your needs is to teach you, also. He wants you to learn from Him by studying the Scripture, by daily prayer and meditation, by reading the lives of the saints and learning the many glorious teachings of our Church. This is the food that every wandering heart needs for spiritual satisfaction.

Reflect, today, upon the most compassionate Heart of our Divine Lord. Allow yourself to see Him gazing at you with the utmost love. Know that His gaze is one that drives Him to speak to you, to teach you and to lead you to Himself. Trust this most compassionate Heart of our Lord and allow Him to reach out to you in love.

Lord, help me to see You as You gaze at me with the most heartfelt love and compassion. I know You know my every struggle and my every need. Help me to open myself up to You and Your mercy so that You become my true Shepherd. Jesus, I trust in You.

For Reflection

- ★ How does God's promise of wise and just leaders give me hope?
- ★ What can I learn from Jesus' example of compassionate leadership?
- ★ In what ways can I show compassion to those around me?

<https://young-catholics.com/3343/16th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-b/>

Holy Cross Parish

96-98 Main Street, PO Box 118
Morris NY 13808

<https://parishes.rcda.org/holycross/>
Our bulletin and Pastoral Council minutes are posted on our website. If you have a notice for the bulletin, please email: holycrossrcchurch@gmail.com

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
Richard Meyers (607) 263-5588

Parish Pastoral Council Chair

Kerry L. Mess (607) 386-1951

Parish Pastoral Council Members

Dana Mochovciak, Jenna Turner, Carol Tyson, Marguerite Webster

Liturgical Ministry

Marguerite Webster (607) 263-5478

Faith Formation

Daphne Thompson (607) 263-2410

Ministry to the Homebound

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

RCIA Contact

Maureen Joy (607) 263-5132



JULY 21, 2024

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Lector: Marguerite Webster

Eucharistic Ministers: Carole Barry,
Diane Turner, Carol Tyson

Mass Intention

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

WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS PARISH! CURIOUS? BEING CALLED?

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

Pope Francis's July intention: May the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer the power of the Lord as a sign of compassion and hope for all.

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.

The National Eucharistic Congress began this past Wednesday, July 17. This amazing event offers us a great opportunity to reflect on the Eucharist and our relationship with Jesus Christ. You can find out more about the Revival and Congress, including a livestream of the events in at the Congress, at the following link: <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>



SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024

Mass Attendance: 55

Collection: \$928.00

Upcoming Events

- 07/21: Rosary after mass
- 07/25: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.
- 07/27: Weekly Bible Study, 9 a.m. in Parish Hall
- 07/28: SPECIAL COLLECTION – Holy Father
Pastoral Council Meeting after mass; meeting is open to all parishioners
Hartwick Seminary Summer Institute of Theology (July 28–August 2)
- 07/31: Hartwick Seminary Summer Institute of Theology, Fr. Chris Welch presentation, 2:30 p.m.
- 08/01: Hartwick Seminary Summer Institute of Theology, Dr. Mel Sperti presentation, 2:30 p.m.
- 08/01: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.
- 08/02: Holy Hour, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- 08/03: Weekly Bible Study, 9 a.m. in Parish Hall
- 08/08: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.
- 08/10: Step Up Men's Retreat, 8:15 a.m.–3:30 p.m., St. Edward the Confessor, Clifton Park; to register, go to <https://www.rcda.org/StepUp>
- 08/11: Coffee Hour after mass
- 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.