

**SAINTS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday, July 29

Saints Mary, Martha, and Lazarus

Wednesday, July 31

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Thursday, August 1

Saint Alphonsus, Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church



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

**BUILDING COMMUNITY:** The Parish Pastoral Council has begun a planning process for realizing our vision (top of front page) and mission (inside left panel). **We have a Council meeting THIS MORNING AFTER MASS. Meetings are open, and all are welcome to attend and participate!**

**TOTUS, TOTUS, TOTUS**  
(Everyone, everyone, everyone)

**WHOM HAVE YOU WELCOMED TODAY?**

**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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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



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

**JULY 28, 2024**

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time, B

2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalms 145

Ephesians 4:1-6

John 6:1-15

**MENDING THE WORLD: LOVING-KINDNESS & GENEROSITY**

There is a kabbalistic story in which the boundless, formless, unified Holy One wished to know its Holy Self, and so it contracted and poured itself into vessels. But the Divine Radiance was too much for these limited containers, and so they shattered, scattering shards of broken light across the universe, giving birth to all that is.

This sounds like modern cosmology, which also asserts that the universe expanded from an exceedingly high-density state, resulting in the full spectrum of material phenomena. I've dubbed this vessel-shattering version of the origins of the universe "the Jewish big bang." It comes from a teaching Rabbi Isaac Luria offered in the sixteenth century to illustrate how form arises from formlessness, how light gets trapped inside darkness, and how the Holy One needs us to participate in the unfolding goodness of creation. Humans, as the teaching goes, were created to excavate and lift the shards of light from the dense predicament of existence and restore the vessels to wholeness.

In mystical Judaism, this teaching is known as *tikkun olam*, the mending of the world. How are we to do this? The answer is: with every act of *chesed* (loving-kindness) and *tzedakah* (generosity). It means observing the directives found in the Torah.... It means cultivating a contemplative practice to nurture intimacy with the Divine, making an effort to welcome the stranger and care for the Earth. It means bending close to listen for what it is our sisters and brothers on the margins might need (and being willing to forgo our notions of what "helping" looks like, since our preconceived ideas of service sometimes get in the way of authentically serving). It means pressing our ear to the land to hear the heartbeat of the Mother, learning to read her pulses, diagnose her ailments, intuit healing remedies. It means slowing down enough to let the pain of the world all the way into our hearts, allowing our hearts to break open, and acting from that broken-open space. It means stepping up with humility, with curiosity, with love.

Our task is to mend the broken world. This is our job: to mend this shattered vessel, to repair the brokenness of the world. How do we do this? You might ask yourself this every single day, if you're anything like me. We do this through every act of loving kindness, every act of *chesed*. And we do this through every act of *tzedakah*, which is, for lack of a better translation, generosity, hospitality. It's sometimes translated as charity; it's an offering of ourselves, even when it's not convenient and not comfortable. The nice thing about Judaism, and this is true in Islam as well, is that our loving, kind thoughts count too. The actions [count], certainly, of course, but our loving thoughts make a difference. They help mend the world.

**For Reflection**

Miracles of abundance in today's readings remind us that God can do great things with what we offer. We should trust God with what we have and believe that He can use it for good.

- ★ What small gift can I offer to God today?
- ★ What miracles of abundance have I witnessed in my life?

<https://young-catholics.com/3348/17th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-b/>

<https://email.cac.org/t/d-e-vkrkjiy-tdduxulkd-f/>

# 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](mailto: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 28, 2024

### Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

**Lector:** Daphne Thompson

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Diane Turner,  
Carole Barry, Toni Zeleski

### Mass Intention

**For the soul of Larry Turner (requested by the Turner family)**

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](http://myrcia.org).

**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.

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

The National Eucharistic Congress began 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/>



### Upcoming Events

- 07/28: SPECIAL COLLECTION – Holy Father**  
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: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.** Hartwick Seminary Summer Institute of Theology, Dr. Mel Sperti presentation, 2:30 p.m.
- 08/03:** First Saturday Fatima Devotion, St. Mary's Oneonta, 9 a.m.
- 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.
- 08/11: Rosary after mass**
- 08/22: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
- 08/25: SPECIAL COLLECTION – Catholic Home Missions**
- 08/29: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**

**SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2024**

**Mass Attendance: 44**  
**Collection: \$781.50**