

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 27

Saint Augustine of Canterbury,
Bishop

Wednesday, May 29

Saint Paul VI, Pope

Friday, May 31

The Visitation of the Blessed Vir-
gin Mary

Saturday, June 1

Saint Justin, Martyr

On the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we reflect on the beautiful encounter between Mary and her cousin Elizabeth, as described in the Gospel of Luke, which draws attention to the virtues of humility, faith, and joy Mary exemplifies for us.

When Mary received the angel Gabriel's message she would conceive the Son of God, she humbly accepted her role in God's plan. Filled with the Holy Spirit, she journeyed to visit her cousin Elizabeth, also with child. Mary's visitation reminds us of the importance of reaching out to others, especially in times of need. It demonstrates the power of genuine love and solidarity as Mary selflessly went to assist Elizabeth during her own miraculous pregnancy.

Upon Mary's arrival, Elizabeth recognized the significance of Mary's presence and exclaimed, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!" Mary responds with the Magnificat, encapsulating her deep faith and trust

in God's providence. Mary's faith teaches us to trust in God's promises and give glory to Him always.

The encounter between Mary and Elizabeth celebrates the joy that springs from a life of faith and surrender to God's will. Both women exude a contagious joy arising from their encounter with the divine. Elizabeth's baby, John the Baptist, leaps in her womb at Mary's voice, recognizing the presence of the unborn Christ. This reminds us that true joy comes from embracing the presence of Jesus in our lives, allowing Him to transform us from within.

As we reflect on the Feast of the Visitation, we are called to imitate the virtues Mary and Elizabeth display. We are invited to approach others with humility, compassion, and a readiness to serve; encouraged to deepen our faith, to trust in God's plan for our lives, and to surrender ourselves to His will. We are reminded that true joy is found in encountering Christ and sharing His love.

HOLY CROSS PARISH PICNIC

JUNE 15, 11 A.M. – 4 P.M.

WE NEED YOU TO HELP IT HAPPEN!

Holy Cross will provide meat (ham-
burgers and hot dogs).

See sheets at the back of church.

Sign up to bring: Sign up to help:

- a side
- a desert
- a drink
- a yard game
- set up (10 a.m.)
- cook/grill
- clean up (4 p.m.)



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.

<https://thediocesanappeal.org/>

CURRENT STATUS: \$4,411 / GOAL: \$5,000

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 offertory and Diocesan Appeal to help ensure our parish and Diocese can be one of your partners in faith. Thank you!



MAY 26, 2024

The Most Holy Trinity Sunday, B

Deuteronomy 4:32–34,
39–40

Psalm 33

Romans 8:14–17

Matthew 28:16–20

On Trinity Sunday, we think about the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This idea can seem hard to understand, but it shows us how God is all about relationships. God is three Persons who share love and purpose. We are made to want friendship and love, just like God. Being part of this relationship with God fills us with peace and happiness. It feels right because it meets our need for being close to others. This happiness is so strong that we want to share it with everyone. Trinity Sunday reminds us that our faith is more than just following rules or doing church activities. It's about being part of God's family. Jesus tells us to bring more people into this family. As we learn more about the Trinity, we want to help others feel this joy too. We spread God's love by inviting more people to join us.

The genius of the Trinitarian doctrine has the power to rearrange our universe. We know nothing about this being called God, except that this God is perfect giving and perfect receiving. The very nature of this Being we call God is communion, receptivity, and generosity, one hundred percent unhindered dialogue between three. It all begins with three. This isn't just an abstraction; it's the foundational template of reality. Reality is total, continual givenness and perfect, humble receptivity; that is the very form and the shape of being as we know it. It is the very source, the very pattern, and the very goal of reality.

The wonderful thing about living in our time is that scientists like astronomers and physicists say that this is true. Many looking through microscopes or telescopes see this same pattern of utter relationship. They are discovering that if reality is anything, it's absolutely relational. It's something we used to know, something our ancestors knew. But pretty much since the Enlightenment, at least in the West, we've dismissed the possibility. We've been producing individualists who try to save themselves by believing things intellectually. In this view of religion, it's not a mystery of participation. It's not a mystery of surrendering; no surrender is even necessary. Instead, it's a quest to get the right information, which only makes us prouder and more self-centered. It makes community less possible, which is clearly evident from our politics and our international relations. Everyone is put back upon themselves, where the only question we're able to ask is "How can I get to heaven?" That's not even a gospel question! It's a question of the ego. It's not the question of the Trinity within us.

The conversion that's needed right now is to this foundational definition of God as relationship. Only people who submit to that conversion can possibly be converted to Jesus and not have their faith distorted. When there isn't a primary understanding of who Jesus is as part of the Trinity, Jesus will be used for our own nationalistic and egocentric purposes, as a means of power and a ticket to heaven. Can we all be converted, not to Jesus (as strange as that must sound) but to the Trinity, where Jesus Christ actually exists? Only inside the mystery of the Trinity can we begin to understand what Jesus is saying, and what the meaning of salvation is, and what the mystery is that he's inviting us into.

For Reflection

- ★ What does being a child of God mean to you personally? How does this identity help you face challenges in your life?
- ★ Reflect on your experiences of community and relationship. How do these experiences help you understand the idea of the Trinity?

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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: Thursday, 10 a.m.

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

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

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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

MAY 26, 2024

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Lector: Marguerite Webster

Eucharistic Minister: Diane Turner

Mass Intention

For those who gave everything that we might be free

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, Diane DeDominicus, John O'Brien, Jo Franklin, Tony Giambra, Aggi Huff, Louisa Joy, Lynn Joy, Maureen Joy, Rebecca Joy, Michelle Lee, 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 May intention: For the formation of religious and seminarians, may they grow in their own vocations to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

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.

TOTUS, TOTUS, TOTUS

(Everyone, everyone, everyone)

Pope Francis has challenged us to include and welcome everyone to the community, including those on the margins.

WHOM HAVE YOU WELCOMED INTO OUR COMMUNITY LATELY?

- ☼ Email the parish to volunteer as:
usher/greeter,
lector,
homebound minister,
counter,
altar server,
Eucharistic minister
parish council member

Upcoming Events

- 05/26: SPECIAL COLLECTION – Eastern European Collection
- 05/30: Liturgy of the Word
- 06/01: Weekly Bible Study, 9 a.m. in Parish Hall
First Saturday Devotion to Mary, St. Mary's Oneonta, 9 a.m.
- 06/02: SPECIAL COLLECTION – Visiting missionary
- 06/06: Liturgy of the Word
- 06/08: Weekly Bible Study, 9 a.m. in Parish Hall
- 06/09: 06/02: SPECIAL COLLECTION – Catholic Communication Campaign
Coffee Hour after mass
Undie Sunday: Donate underwear to the Magic Closet, 158 East Main Street, Morris NY; (607) 263-5116 or (607) 263-5859
- 06/13: Liturgy of the Word
- 06/15: Parish Picnic!
Peace & Justice refundable bottle/can collection, St. Mary's Oneonta
- 06/16: Rosary after mass
Peace & Justice refundable bottle/can collection, St. Mary's Oneonta
- 06/20: Liturgy of the Word
Consolation Group, St. Mary's Oneonta rectory, 10 a.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

Mass Attendance: 49

Collection: \$617.00