

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 7
Our Lady of the Rosary

Wednesday, October 9
Saint Denis, Bishop, and Com-
panions, Martyrs; Saint John
Leonardi, Priest

Friday, October 11
Saint John XXIII, Pope

BUILDING COMMUNITY: The Parish Pas-
toral Council has begun a planning process
for realizing our vision (top of front page)
and mission (inside left panel). **The next
Council meeting is next Sunday, Octo-
ber 13, after mass with the coffee hour.
Meetings are open, and all are welcome to
attend and participate!**

ARE YOU LISTENING? GOD CALLS...

Time, treasure, talent. Stewardship calls us
to share our gifts with the community.

**Please consider how God is calling you to
contribute to our community life.**

**Currently, Holy Cross is looking for a few
more good greeters. Would you be will-
ing to arrive 10 minutes before mass and
greet people once a month?**

Perhaps you'd like to lector or be a Eucha-
ristic minister or sing. Opportunities are
waiting for you. We could use you!

**Look for Marguerite Webster or Kerry
Mess who would love to talk with you and
answer your questions.**

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY.

In his 1889 encyclical *Quamquam Pluries*,
Pope Leo XIII composed this prayer to Saint
Joseph, the Virgin Mary's husband, Jesus's
foster father, and the universal Church's pa-
tron saint. Pope Leo XIII also composed the
St. Michael prayer. He asked that this prayer to
St. Joseph be added to the end of the Rosary,
especially during October. The prayer may be
said after the customary *Salve Regina* and con-
cluding prayer. It may also be used to conclude
other Marian devotions.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH AFTER THE ROSARY
To you, O blessed Joseph, we have recourse in
our affliction. And having implored the help of
your thrice-holy Spouse, we now, with hearts
filled with confidence, earnestly beg you to take
us also under your protection. By that charity
with which you were united to the Immaculate
Virgin Mother of God, and by that fatherly love
with which you cherished the Child Jesus, we
beseech you and we humbly pray that you will
look down graciously upon that inheritance
which Jesus Christ purchased by His Blood,
and will help us in our need by your power and
strength. Defend, O most watchful guardian of
the Holy Family, the chosen off-spring of Jesus
Christ. Keep from us, O most loving Father,
all blight of error and corruption. Aid us from
on high, most valiant defender, in this conflict
with the powers of darkness. As you once res-
cued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now
defend God's Holy Church from the snares of
the enemy and from all adversity. Shield us ever
under your patronage, that, following your ex-
ample and strengthened by your help, we may
live a holy life, die a happy death, and attain to
everlasting bliss in Heaven. Amen.



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

OCTOBER 6, 2024

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, B

Genesis 2:18–24

Psalms 128

Hebrews 2:9–11

Mark 10:2–16

EMBRACING THE LITTLE WAY

My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness. —2 Corinthians 12:9
I am glad for weaknesses, constraints, and distress for Christ's sake, for it is when I am weak that I am strong. —2 Corinthians 12:10

Saint Paul, following Jesus, forever reversed the engines of ego and its attainments, and it is this precise reversal of values that Francis and Clare of Assisi understood so courageously and clearly. Seven centuries later, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, a Carmelite nun who became the youngest, least educated, and most quickly designated doctor of the Church, also sought this downward path, which she called “a new way” or her “little way.”

Thérèse, called the Little Flower, was right on both counts since her way of life was indeed very new for most people and very “lit-
tle” instead of the usual upward-bound Christian agenda. Doing “all the smallest things and doing them through love” was the goal for Thérèse. The common path of most Christianity by her time had become based largely on perfectionism and legalism, making the good news anything but good or inviting for generations of believers. Thérèse, almost counter to reason, declared: “If you want to bear in peace the trial of not pleasing yourself, you will give me [the Virgin Mary] a sweet home.” If you observe yourself, you will see how hard it is to be displeasing to yourself, and that it is the initial emotional snag that sends most of us into terribly bad moods without even realizing the mood's origins. To resolve this common problem, both Francis and Thérèse teach us to let go of the very need to “think well of yourself” to begin with! “That is your ego talking, not God,” they would say.

Only someone who has surrendered their foundational egocentricity can do this, of course. Psychiatrist and popular writer Scott Peck told me personally over lunch that this quote was “sheer religious genius” on her part, because it made the usual posturing of religion well-nigh impossible. It mirrors these teachings from St. Francis: “Show your love to others by not wishing that they be better Christians. We can patiently accept not being good. What we cannot bear is not being considered good, not appearing good.”

Until we discover the “little way,” we almost all try to gain moral high ground by obeying laws and thinking we are thus spiritually advanced. Yet Thérèse wrote, “It is sufficient to recognize one's nothingness and to abandon oneself as a child into God's arms.” [6] People who follow this more humble and honest path are invariably more loving, joyful, and compassionate, and have plenty of time for simple gratitude about everything.

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For Reflection

- ★ Do I trust God like a child trusts their parent?
- ★ Do I seek approval from others, or do I trust in God's love for me?
- ★ What does it mean to me to be a child of God?

Holy Cross Parish

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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 Thursday, 12 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
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

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Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098
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RCIA Contact

Maureen Joy (607) 263-5132

OCTOBER 6, 2024

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Lector: Kerry L. Mess

Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Turner, Peg Lilley, Carole Barry

Mass Intention

For all suffering the aftermath of Helene and the safety of all helping to clean up

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, Diane DeDominicus, Jo Franklin, Tony Giambra, Agnes Huff, Louisa Joy, Lynn Joy, Maureen Joy, Rebecca Joy, Michelle Lee, Valerie McCann, Pam McGraw, Teresa Meyers, Connie Mockovciak, Rich Morley, Clara Murphy, John Neary, Diane Neczesny, Karen Newell, John O'Brien, 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 October intention: May the Church continue to sustain a Synodal lifestyle, promoting participation, communion, and mission among all.

Engage in Living Community

NEED ASSISTANCE?

HAVE HELP TO OFFER?

- ☼ **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.

HELIOS CARE: GRIEF COUNSELING, & BE-REAVEMENT SERVICES, CAREGIVER RESOURCES

297 River Street Service Road, Suite 1, Oneonta
1-800-306-3870; Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
<https://helioscare.org>

PREPARING FOR END OF LIFE

Come join a conversation on paperwork and plans for our own or a loved one's death. Professionals will discuss health plans, wills, funeral planning, monuments, etc.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2-4 P.M.

Butternut Valley Grange Hall,
7 Bloom Street, Gilbertsville
[The building is handicapped accessible.]

Upcoming Events

10/06: Religious Education begins

10/07: Deacon Andrew Haskins on Canon Law: Marriage & Annulments, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

10/08: An evening of prayer for critical situations worldwide, Rosary at 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

10/09: United Methodist Community Meal, 4-6 p.m.

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

10/12: Bible Study, 9 a.m.

10/11-12: Harvest Festival, Sacred Heart Sidney

10/13: Coffee hour and Parish Council meeting after mass—all are invited!

10/16: Book study of *Jesus and the Barbequed Fish Breakfast* by Dan Daly SJ, 6:30 p.m., Sacred Heart Sidney

10/17: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

Consolation Group, 10 a.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

10/19: Bible Study, 9 a.m.

Diocesan Women's Conference, St. Edward the Confessor Church Clifton Park (www.rcda.org/UnleashingLove)

10/20: SPECIAL COLLECTION – Mission Sunday; Rosary after mass

10/24: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

10/26: Bible Study, 9 a.m.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

Mass Attendance: 63

Collection: \$1,320.00