

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 28

Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

Tuesday, April 29

Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday, April 23

Saint Pius V, Pope

Thursday, May 1

Saint Joseph the Worker

Friday, May 2

Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday, May 3

Saints Phillip and James, Apostles

BUILDING COMMUNITY: The Parish Pastoral Council continues the process for realizing our vision (top of front page) and mission (inside left panel). **The next Council meeting today, after mass. Meetings are open, and all are welcome to attend and participate!**

WHOM HAVE YOU WELCOMED LATELY?

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 ensure our parish and Diocese can be your partner in faith.



Pope Francis was born Jorge Mario Bergoglio on December 17, 1936, in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He felt the call of God and was ordained a Jesuit priest on December 13, 1969. He was elected pope on March 13, 2013. In Rome, Pope Francis, or Francisco, was known as *il Papa*, which means *Father*. The pope is the Bishop of Rome and the leader of the worldwide Catholic Church. He lives in Vatican City, which is a municipality inside the city of Rome. In his time as pope, Francis shared a vision of Church that emphasizes hope, mercy, and care for each other. Pope Francis was the first Jesuit pope. He chose the name Francis after St. Francis of Assisi, who is known for his care for the poor. He entered eternal life on April 21, 2025.

FINDING GOD EVERYWHERE

Pope Francis was a Jesuit priest and followed an approach to spirituality that was founded by St. Ignatius of Loyola. Ignatian spirituality is rooted in our awareness that God can be found in everyone, every place, and in everything. Consider where you find God in your everyday life, whether in people you know, places you visit, or things you enjoy.

DIOCESAN APPEAL

As you plan your budget, consider a pledge. Use your bank's Bill Pay for auto-payments or use envelopes on the back table.

<https://thediocesanappeal.org/>

CURRENT STATUS: \$3,730 / GOAL: \$5,000



Holy Cross Parish

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

APRIL 27, 2025

Divine Mercy Sunday, C

Acts 5:12–16

Psalms 118

Revelations 1:9–11a, 12–13, 17–19

John 20:19–31

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: GRACE IS GOD'S NAME

The goodness of God fills all the gaps of the universe, without discrimination or preference. God is the gratuity of absolutely everything. The space in between everything is not space at all but Spirit. God is the “goodness glue” that holds the dark and light of things together, the free energy that carries all death across the great divide and transmutes it into life. When we say that Christ “paid the debt once and for all,” it simply means that God’s job is to make up for all the deficiencies in the universe. What else would God do?

*God of all loving, you
welcome us at all times.
Why should we wait for
our hearts to be changed
in order to live rooted in
you? You offer us all we
need to soothe and heal
our wounds.*

—Brother Roger of Taizé

Grace is not something God gives; grace is who God is. Grace is God’s official job description. Grace is what God does to keep alive—forever—all things that God has created in love. If we are to believe the primary witnesses—the prophets, the mystics, the saints, the transformed people—an unexplainable goodness is at work in the universe. (Some of us call this phenomenon God, but that word isn’t necessary. In fact, sometimes it gets in the way of the experience, because too many have named God something other than Grace).

There’s no way that the Scriptures, rightly understood, present God as an eternal torturer. Yet many Christians seem to believe this, and many are held back from trusting God’s goodness because of this “angry parent in the sky” that we have created. The determined direction of the Scrip-

tures, fully revealed in Jesus, is that God’s justice is not achieved by punishment, but by the divine initiative we call grace, which enables us to bring about internal rightness, harmony, balance, and realignment with what is.

The concept of grace is first called mercy, or *hesed* in Hebrew: the ever-faithful, covenant-bound, infinite and eternal love of God. All God’s power for renewal and resurrection proceeds from this source, never from punishment. Jesus punishes nobody! I would go so far as to call grace the primary revelation of the entire Bible. If we miss this message, all the rest is distorted and even destructive. I cannot emphasize this strongly enough.

The only prerequisite for receiving the next grace is having received the previous one. As the mystics have often said, God “hides.” Every moment is not obvious as God, as grace; it looks quite simply like another ordinary moment. But our willingness to recognize it as gratuitous—as a free gift, as self-revelatory, as a possibility—allows it to be that way. God’s hiding ceases. God and grace become apparent as a gift in each moment. And those who learn how to receive gifts keep receiving further gifts. “From God’s fullness we have all received, grace upon grace” as John 1:16 puts it.

<https://cac.org/daily-meditations/grace-is-gods-name/>

For Reflection

- ★ How can I strengthen my faith like Thomas?
- ★ In what ways can I experience and share the peace of Christ?
- ★ What actions can I take to bring hope and healing to those around me?

<https://young-catholics.com/3529/divine-mercy-sunday-year-c/>

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

Facebook: [tiny.cc/HCMorris](https://www.facebook.com/tiny.cc/HCMorris)

Find our bulletin and Pastoral Council minutes 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.

RECONCILIATION: St. Mary's Oneonta, every Saturday 4–4:45 p.m. Call the parish office (607-432-3920) for a different time.

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

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

Ministry to the Homebound

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Maureen Joy (607) 263-5132 [RCIA]

APRIL 27, 2025

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Greeter: Joe Tyson

Deacon: Paul Cerosaletti

Lector: Marguerite Webster

Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Turner, Toni Zaleski

May 4

Greeter: Pat Kristofek

Lector: Kerry L Mess

Eucharistic Ministers: Toni Zaleski, Carol Tyson, Jen Spivey

Mass Intention

For the souls of Sr. Patricia Sullivan, MSBT; Ken Harbraugh; David Speri; and Pope Francis

If you would like to request an intention for a mass, simply call the office to schedule: (607) 263-5143.

Pray for

- ✠ for the sick, their caregivers, and all who have asked for our prayers, especially Sr. Theresa Ahern MSBT, Kathleen Barry, Jo Franklin, Tony Giambra, Sarah Grogan, Agnes Huff, Maureen Joy, Nadine Joy, Michelle Lee, Fred Lemister, Teresa Meyers, Connie Mockovciak, Rich Morley, Clara Murphy, John Neary, Diane Neczesny, Karen Newell, Betty O'Brien, John O'Brien, Maria Papendrea, Mike Stensland, Joe and Carol Tyson, John Zaleski
- ✠ for all those in our parish family serving in the military and all first responders and emergency personnel: Ryan Barry, Jim Barry, Meghan Barringer
- ✠ for the deceased members of our parish and their families and friends
- ✠ in thanksgiving for Pope Francis's 12 years modeling Jesus's love and example

Pope Francis's April intention: That new technologies not replace human relationships, but respect human dignity and help us face the crises of our times.

Engage in Living Community

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.
- ✧ My Neighbor's Closet
3097 County Highway 11, Hartwick NY
(607) 431-8320/cooperstownangel@gmail.com
Tues/Sat: 9 a.m.–12 p.m.
Weds: 4–7 p.m.
Contact if you need someone to shop for you and coordinate getting you items.
- ✧ Jail Ministries of Otsego & Schoharie
Seeking volunteers "helping troubled lives find hope and wholeness in the Christian walk." www.jmoconline.org.
- ✧ Helios Grief Support
Group counseling for adults in Otsego, Schoharie, Delaware counties. See helios-care.org; call (607) 432-5525.
- ✧ Friends of Recovery, Delaware/Otsego
Grassroots addiction recovery by, about, for individuals and families in recovery
22 Elm Street, Oneonta NY
(607) 267-4435
Mon/Tues/Fri: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Weds/Thurs: 9 a.m.–7 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- 04/27: Pastoral Council meeting after mass**
Divine Mercy Holy Hour, 2:30–3:30 p.m.; watch The Chosen, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta
- 05/01: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
05/03: First Saturday Fatima Devotions, 9 a.m., St. Mary's Oneonta
- 05/04: Christian Formation after mass**
- 05/08: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
- 05/11: Happy Mother's Day! Celebrate at Coffee Hour after mass**
- 05/15: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
- 05/18: Special Collection for Catholic Charities Rosary after mass**
- 05/22: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
- 05/25: Special Collection for Eastern Europe**
- 05/29: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
- 06/01: Special Collection for Catholic Communication Campaign**
- 06/05: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
- 06/12: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
- 06/14: Come joins us for the Parish Picnic, 11 a.m.**

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025

Mass Attendance: 52

Collection: \$815.00

Lenten Rice Bowls: \$147.00

Flowers: \$100 / Insurance: \$200