

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 3

Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr;
Saint Ansgar, Bishop

Wednesday, February 5

Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday, February 6

Saint Paul Miki and Companions,
Martyrs

Saturday, February 8

Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Jose-
phine Bahkita

CENTER FOR CONTINUING ADULT LEARNING

Single presentation and multi-session classes offered Monday through Friday all year.

For schedules, membership details, etc. see:
www.ccaloneonta.org

CCAL Office: 31 Maple St Oneonta 13820
(607) 441-7371 / ccaloneonta@gmail.com
Hours: Tuesday–Thursday, 12:30–4:30 p.m.

HOW HAVE YOU SHARED GOD'S LOVE THIS WEEK?

THE EMPOWERED CAREGIVER

If you care for someone with dementia, join this free series of classes (you may register for any or all) at Fox Care Center Oneonta: (607) 206-4514/athayer@alz.org

- ⚙ Supporting Independence, Tues. 3/4, 1–2:30 p.m.
- ⚙ Communicating Effectively, Tues. 3/11, 1–1:45 p.m.
- ⚙ Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors, Tues. 3/11, 1:25–2:30 p.m.
- ⚙ Exploring Care and Support Services, Tues. 3/18, 1–2:30 p.m.

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.

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: \$3,830 / GOAL: \$5,000



Holy Cross Parish

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

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Presentation of the Lord, C

Malachi 3:1–4

Psalm 24

Hebrews 2:14–18

Luke 2:22–40

Today we receive candles to remind us of Christ's light and protection and to invite us to renew our commitment to follow Christ. As Jesus was presented to God in the temple, let us re-present ourselves to God, lights to the world, living in service and love.

Make a special place at home for your blessed candle and light it on special occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, or graduations.

CANDLEMAS: FOLLOWING JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD — BEING A LIGHT FOR OTHERS

Just as salt is necessary for life, so is light. Without light, we have no plants, no warmth, no beacons. Next, just as salt can become so diluted that it loses its intrinsic character as salt, so darkness, as the Gospel of John puts it, seeks to overcome the light (John 1:5). "This little light of mine" can shine, but it can also be snuffed out. Thus light, too, is a precious commodity that must be preserved. And just as too much salt can kill, too much light can blind. Effective light does not call attention to itself; rather, it lights up the world...

For the disciples, Jesus is the light of the world. Yet as he states in John 9:5, he is the light "as long as I am in the world." The disciples therefore take up his role: acting as he instructs them... They too can be the light of the world... Once the disciples recognize that they are light, they also recognize that their role is to shine so that others can find their way. Jesus knows that, just as salt can lose its intrinsic identity, light can be hoarded and fail to fulfill its proper function. He states first the obvious: "A city built on a hill cannot be hid" (Matthew 5:14). His followers are to become like that city: a refuge, a home, a place where there is salt and light, love and compassion...

That light cannot be restricted to the house church (or any church building or community), as the city metaphor indicates. To be the light of the world is to shine...in any place where there is loneliness or despair, sickness or pain. Even in times and places, still today, when the church has had literally to go underground, it cannot be hid since it is known for its good deeds. If we think of a church as a house, as a home where family and friends gather, we get a different image than if we think of a place to be visited maybe for an hour on Sunday. And if we think of our homes as the place where our light shines, we are more likely to be patient with the children or with those whose minds have reverted to childhood; we are more likely to find that light within ourselves as we go through the day... Any faith that does not manifest itself in works is not faith; it is complacency and self-satisfaction. It is not salt, because it contributes nothing to the earth. It is not light, since its shining is only for self-reflection. Disciples are to glorify God by being their true selves: salt and light; existing for others rather than for only themselves.

adapted from: <https://cac.org/daily-meditations/being-a-light-for-others/><https://young-catholics.com/2281/feast-of-the-presentation-of-the-lord/>

For Reflection

- ★ How does recognizing God in my life change the way I live?
- ★ How can I help others recognize God in their lives?

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: holycross-rcchurch@gmail.com by noon Thursday.

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: Every Saturday 4–4:45 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta. Call the parish office (607-432-3920) for an appointment if you need 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

Jenn Spivey (907) 539-5094

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Maureen Joy (607) 263-5132 [RCIA]

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Greeter: Pat Kristofik

Lector: Kerry L Mess

Eucharistic Ministers: Toni Zaleski, Annette Hammond, Diane Turner

February 9

Greeter: Marguerite Webster

Lector: Jessica Aikins

Eucharistic Ministers: Daphne Thompson, Carol Tyson, Jen Spivey

Mass Intention

For the souls lost in the helicopter/plane crash in Washington D.C. this past week

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

Pray

- ✕ for the sick, their caregivers, and all who have asked for our prayers, especially Sr. Theresa Ahern MSBT, Kathleen Barry, Jo Franklin, Tony Giambra, Agnes Huff, Lynn Joy, Maureen Joy, Michelle Lee, Teresa Meyers, Connie Mockovciak, Rich Morley, Clara Murphy, John Neary, Diane Neczesny, Karen Newell, 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 volunteer counters Pat Kristofik, Berry Spivey, Andrew Turner

Pope Francis's February intention: That the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel called to serve.

Engage in Living Community

POST-ABORTION HEALING AND SUPPORT

Project Rachel is the Church's healing ministry to those who have been involved in abortion. It is a diocesan-based network of specially trained priests, religious, counselors, and laypersons who provide a team response of care for those suffering, women and men. Call our confidential helpline 518-312-3825.

HAVE HELP? 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.

ONEONTA WARMING STATION: IN NEED

Bottled water/juice boxes
Breakfast/granola/protein bars
Single serve oatmeal packets/lg box of oats
Single serve snack items (try to avoid nuts)
Shelf stable, single serve microwavable items (e.g. Chef Boyardee, soups, Hormel meals, tuna, single serve cereal, mac and cheese, noodle cups)
Paper towels, toilet paper
Bring donations to Catholic Charities 176 Main Street Oneonta. Many thanks!

Upcoming Events

- 02/02: Candlemas Day, distribution of candles for the home; St. Blaise blessing of the throats after mass; Faith formation after mass**
- 02/06 Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
- 02/07: First Friday adoration, 3 p.m.**
- 02/08: Bible study, 9 a.m., Parish Hall**
- 02/09: Coffee hour after mass**
- 02/13 Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
- 02/15: Bible study, 9 a.m., Parish Hall**
- 02/16: Rosary after mass**
- 02/20 Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
- 02/22: Bible study, 9 a.m., Parish Hall**
- 02/23: Pastoral Council meeting**
- 02/27: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
- 03/01: Bible study, 9 a.m., Parish Hall**
- 03/03-04: Ecumenical, Interfaith Advocacy days, Westminster Presbyterian Church Albany; register: <https://bit.ly/4hh1yBh>**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

Mass Attendance: 40

Collection: \$527.00

Candles: \$14.50

Maintenance/Snow: \$10

Evangelist: \$40