

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 10
Saint Scholastica, Virgin

Tuesday, February 11
Our Lady of Lourdes

Friday, February 14
Saint Cyril, Monk; Saint Methodi-
us, Bishop

*To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given
for some benefit.*

WILL YOU SHARE YOUR GIFTS?

We need a couple more greeters before mass and counters after mass once a month. Please see Marguerite Webster or Kerry Mess.

FREE TAX PREPARATION

AARP: Elm Park Methodist Church Oneonta; by appt; call (607) 376-5542.

SUNY Oneonta: Alumni Hall 145; Wednesday evenings, Saturday mornings; by appointment; call (607) 436-2171; email: vita@oneonta.edu

Hartwick College: Richfield Springs Community Center; Friday, Feb. 7, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.; for info call (315) 735-7534 or (607) 431-4338; for appointment email vita@hartwick.edu

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.

SAVE THE DATES!

- **PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**
Sunday, February 23, after mass, Parish Hall
- **LENTEN FISH DINNER** 
NOTE: THIS IS A CHANGE – Friday, March 28, 4:30–6:30 p.m., Parish Hall
- **PARISH PICNIC** 
Saturday, June 14,
11 a.m.–1 p.m., Parish Grounds

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.

FRIDAY IS VALENTINE'S DAY

WHAT IS THE SPIRIT CALLING ME TO DO IN LOVE THIS WEEK?

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 9, 2025

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, C

Isaiah 6:1–2a, 3–8

Psalm 138

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

Luke 5:1–11

FREEDOM IN LOVE: UNTANGLING FROM THE NETS OF LIFE

Reflecting on this week's Gospel, we understand the act of leaving behind their nets was not just a physical action for those who become Jesus's disciples, but a metaphor for a deeper spiritual journey. These fishermen were called to abandon the familiar, comfortable, and secure, to embark on a journey of faith, trusting in Jesus' promise of a new kind of 'fishing.'

The act of the disciples leaving their nets behind as they followed Jesus is profoundly symbolic. Their nets represented not just their jobs, but their identities, security, and the known world. To leave these behind was an immense leap of faith and trust in the Lord's plan. This gesture was necessary for their complete dedication to Jesus. In our lives, we are often faced with similar decisions. What are our 'nets' that we cling to for security or identity? Are they material possessions, certain lifestyles, or even outdated beliefs and prejudices? To follow Jesus wholeheartedly, certain aspects of our lives that are comfortable yet ultimately hindering our spiritual growth might need to be left behind.

Thus, abandoning our nets can look different for each of us. It might mean re-evaluating our priorities, changing certain habits, or letting go of relationships or pursuits that lead us away from our faith. It's a call to discernment, to identify what truly brings us closer to God and what keeps us entangled in the shallow waters, away from the depths of a profound spiritual journey. This act of leaving behind is not just about loss; it's about freeing ourselves to fully embrace the call of Christ, much like the disciples did, with faith and trust in His path for us.

adapted from <https://young-catholics.com/7285/left-behind-abandon-your-nets-lesson-plan/>

For Reflection

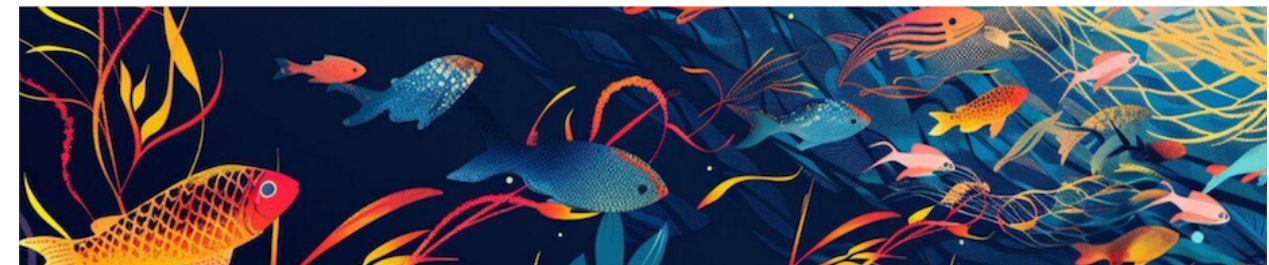
- ★ What 'nets' hold me back from a closer relationship with Jesus?
- ★ Who can be a partner for accountability and encouragement in working free of my nets?

SUSCIPE PRAYER (St. Ignatius of Loyola)

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,
my memory, my understanding,
and my entire will,
All I have and call my own.

You have given all to me.
To you, Lord, I return it.

Everything is yours; do with it what you will.
Give me only your love and your grace,
that is enough for me.



Holy Cross Parish

96-98 Main Street, PO Box 118
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<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

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]

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Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Greeter: Marguerite Webster

Lector: Jessica Aikins

Eucharistic Ministers: Daphne Thompson, Carol Tyson, Jen Spivey

February 16

Greeter: Jen Spivey

Lector: Annette Hammond

Eucharistic Ministers: Carol Tyson, Daphne Thompson, Diane Turner

Mass Intention

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 the dedicated service of Joe and Carol Tyson

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

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.

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

ARE YOU CURIOUS?

IS THERE SOMEONE YOU WANT TO INVITE?

RCIA MAY BE CALLING YOU.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is for those interested in joining the faith.

Upcoming Events

- 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
- 02/19:** Holy Hour, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta
- 02/20:** Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.
- 02/21:** Men's Group, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta
- 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
- 03/02:** Faith formation after mass
- 03/03-04:** Ecumenical, Interfaith Advocacy days, Westminster Presbyterian Church Albany; register: <https://bit.ly/4hh1yBh>
- 03/05:** Ash Wednesday mass, 9 a.m. mass, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta
- 03/06:** Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.
- 03/07:** First Friday Adoration, 3 p.m. Stations of the Cross, 4 p.m.
- 03/08:** Bible study, 9 a.m., Parish Hall
- 03/09:** Special Collection for Black, Native American & Latin American Mission

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Mass Attendance: 35

Collection: \$1110.00

Evangelist: \$157