

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 20

Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr;
Saint Sebastian, Martyr

Tuesday, January 21

Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday, January 23

Saint Vincent, Deacon and Mar-
tyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin

Friday, January 24

Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church

Saturday, January 25

The Conversion of Saint Paul,
Apostle

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

WILL YOU SHARE YOUR GIFTS?

We need a few more people to serve as greeters before mass and counters after mass once a month. Volunteering shares your gifts and helps develop community.



If you can help or recommend someone you think can:

for greeters, please see Marguerite Webster;
for counters, please see Kerry Mess.

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** 
Friday, March 14, 4:30–6:30 p.m., Parish Hall
- **PARISH PICNIC** 
Saturday, June 14, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., Parish Grounds

MOTHER TERESA WISDOM ON PRAYER

Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts.

I used to pray that God would feed the hungry, or do this or that, but now I pray that he will guide me to do whatever I'm supposed to do, what I can do. I used to pray for answers, but now I'm praying for strength. I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things.

WHAT IS THE SPIRIT CALLING ME TO DO IN LOVE? HOW CAN I ANSWER THE CALL?

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

JANUARY 19, 2025

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, C

Isaiah 62:1–5

Psalm 96

1 Corinthians 12:4–11

John 2:1–11

JESUS WORKING IN OUR LIVES: TRUST AND GIFTS (Ann Corkery)

In the time and culture of Jesus, a wedding was a major event that could last for several days. Running out of wine would be a major embarrassment to the hosts. Mary recognizes the problem and brings it to Jesus' attention in a pithy declaration: "They have no wine." Mary does not tell Jesus what to do or how to do it. She simply states the need, fully trusting in His response to her words. Mary, the model of advocacy, lays a template for intercessory prayer.

I wish I could better model Mary in my own life. I must admit I tend to pray with a solution and outcome in mind. I have tried to model Mary's complete trust in my own relationship with her Son. Yes, I state my needs and concerns although I know that He knows them. I try to step back and simply lay them before Him as Mary did, speaking from the heart and trusting. I may have a solution in mind, but I do not know all variables that may play out. The key is to let God's will, not mine, unfold.

I find that when I am truly able to let go—to trust in God's response—peace can be found even in trying circumstances. Prayers are answered in unexpected ways. Unforeseen circumstances occur that shed light, open doors, and bring insight. I find this to be true throughout my life in varied circumstances. I am still a work in progress, but Mary is my model.

After pondering Mary's advocacy, I am drawn to how Jesus chooses to perform His miracle. He could have simply made the wine from nothing, but he involves the servers who fill the jars to the brim with water. He takes the ordinary and transforms it into the extraordinary. Does Jesus not do this with us? Water, bread, and wine are ordinary, and of this world. We, too, are tied to this world and have our deficits, weaknesses, and blind spots. We have finite knowledge and insight into the Divine. Yet Jesus takes each of us and breathes life into our souls.

Like the wedding servers, we are asked to do our part in God's plan. Through God's Providence, we are each given different gifts to fulfill His plan. As St. Paul notes, "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." Our challenge is to recognize these gifts and to be ever mindful that they are given to us from God for a purpose. Some are called to use their gifts in a public forum. Leaders in government, medicine, and the media come to mind. Many of us are called to use our gifts in a more intimate way. Perhaps it is within a local community, church, or within our own families. If we trust in Him, we can be advocates for change and true channels of grace. Our challenge is to follow Mary's instruction to the servers, "Do whatever He tells you." This requires prayer, discernment, and trust in God's lead.

Jesus asks for our trust in Him. In turn, He asks us to do His will. As Mary advocates for us, we too are called to advocate for others in the world.

adapted from <https://composingcatholic.com/2022/01/28/the-wedding-feast-at-cana-a-reflection-by-ann-corkery/>

For Reflection

- ★ How can I use my gifts to help others in my community?
- ★ How can I trust Jesus to help me with areas needing transformation in my life?

<https://young-catholics.com/3469/2nd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c/>

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

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 (607) 263-2410

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: Jen Spivey

Lector: Jessica Aikins

Eucharistic Ministers: Carol Tyson, Carole Barry, Diane Turner

January 26

Greeter: Joe Tyson

Lector: Marguerite Webster

Eucharistic Ministers: Tony Zaleski, Annette Hammond, Jen Spivey

Mass Intention

For all asking for our family's prayers

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

Pray for

- ✠ the newly baptized Crew Patrick Meyers
- ✠ 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
- ✠ 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
- ✠ the deceased members of our parish and their families and friends

Pope Francis's January intention: Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, may their right to an education always be respected.

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.

FREE WINTER COATS –ANGEL NETWORK

@ My Neighbor's Closet, 3097 County Highway 11, Hartwick (607-431-8320)
Delivery may be available; call Mrs. Clarvoe
Mostly adult sizes, professionally cleaned
If you need a child-sized coat, let us know; we may be able to obtain donations.

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

Upcoming Events

01/19: Rosary after mass

Christian Unity Service, 3 p.m.,
United Methodist Church Morris

01/23: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

01/24: March for Life Bus

01/25: Bible study, 9 a.m., Parish Hall

01/26: Faith formation after mass

01/30 Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

02/01: Bible study, 9 a.m., Parish Hall

02/02: Candlemas Day, distribution of candles for the home; St. Blaise blessing of the throats after mass

02/06 Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

02/08: Bible study, 9 a.m., Parish Hall

ARE YOU CURIOUS? IS THERE SOMEONE YOU WANT TO INVITE?

RCIA MAY BE CALLING YOU.

HOW HAVE I SHARED GOD'S LOVE WITH THOSE AROUND ME THIS WEEK?

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

Mass Attendance: 49

Collection: \$689.00

Insurance: \$155.00