

## SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 27

Saint Angela Merici, Virgin



Tuesday, January 28

Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Friday, January 30

Saint John Bosco, Priest

## 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

## HOW HAVE YOU SHARED GOD'S LOVE THIS WEEK?

### FREE TAX PREPARATION

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

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

*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.

**Saint Angela Merici:** Patron saint of sickness, disabled and physically challenged people, and those grieving the loss of parents

**Saint Thomas Aquinas:** Patron saint of students and teachers and Catholic education

**Saint John Bosco:** Patron saint of Stage Magicians

## 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

**JANUARY 26, 2025**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, C

Nehemiah 8:2–4a, 5–6, 8–10

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 12:12–30

Luke 1:1–4, 4: 14–21

## THE JESUS MOVEMENT

*Retired Episcopal Bishop Michael Curry describes the early “Jesus Movement”:*

Jesus did not establish an institution, though institutions can serve his cause. He did not organize a political party, though his teachings have a profound impact on politics. Jesus did not even found a religion. No, Jesus began a movement, fueled by his Spirit, a movement whose purpose was and is to change the face of the earth from the nightmare it often is into the dream that God intends....

There's no denying it: Jesus began a movement. That's why his invitations to folk who joined him are filled with so many active verbs. In John 1:39 Jesus calls disciples with the words, “Come and see.” In Matthew, Mark, and Luke, he asks others to “Follow me.” And at the end of the Gospels, he sent his first disciples out with the word, “Go...” As in ... “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation” (Mark 16:15).

In Acts [1:8] he uses even more movement language: “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” If you look at the Bible, listen to it, and watch how the Spirit of God unfolds in the sacred story, I think you'll notice a pattern. You cannot help but notice that there really is a movement of God in the world.

*Curry calls for a revitalization of the Jesus Movement in our time, offering farmer and theologian Clarence Jordan (1912–1969) as a model of courage:*

We need people who will proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ, who will love justice, live mercy, and walk humbly with God, just like Jesus.

Pastor and biblical scholar Clarence Jordan was one of those people. In 1942, he worked with a team to found Koinonia Farm in Georgia, welcoming people of different races to live and work together, caring for each other and for the land. They called it a “demonstration plot” for the God Movement.... Jordan kept his eye on “the God Movement, the stirring of [God's] mighty Spirit of love, peace, humility, forgiveness, joy and reconciliation in the hearts of all of us.”

*Jordan once offered wise counsel to a young peace worker named Craig Peters. It is worth repeating today:*

I am increasingly convinced that [Jesus] thought of his messages as not dead-ending in a static institution but as a mighty flow of spirit which would penetrate every nook and cranny of [human] personal and social life.... I really don't think we can ever renew the church until we stop thinking about it as an institution and start thinking of it as a movement.

<https://cac.org/daily-meditations/the-jesus-movement/>

### For Reflection

- ★ What role does the Holy Spirit play in guiding my actions?
- ★ How can I help others feel valued and included in the Church?

<https://young-catholics.com/3476/3rd-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](mailto: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]



# JANUARY 26, 2025

## Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

**Greeter:** Joe Tyson

**Lector:** Marguerite Webster

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Tony Zaleski, Annette Hammond, Jen Spivey

February 2

**Greeter:** Pat Kristofik

**Lector:** Kerry L Mess

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Toni Zaleski, Annette Hammond, Diane Turners

## Mass Intention

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

## Pray

- ✠ for newly baptized Crew Patrick Meyers
- ✠ 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 Daphne Thompson cleaning church walkways before mass

**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

- 01/30 Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.
- 02/01: Bible study, 9 a.m., Parish Hall  
Fatima Devotions, 9 a.m., St. Mary's Oneonta
- 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.
- 02/08: 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 after mass

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

**RCIA MAY BE CALLING YOU.**

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

Mass Attendance: 39

Collection: \$572.00

Insurance: \$60.00

Maintenance/Snow: \$50.00