

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday, July 9

Saint Augustine Zhao Rong,
Priest and Companions, Martyrs

Friday, July 11

Saint Benedict, Abbot

A LEADING VOICE IN LIBERATION

Despite standing no taller than 5'1", Dom Câmara was a giant in his convictions. He did not begin his career, though, as a champion of justice and nonviolence. In his early years as a priest, Câmara offered a faith-based voice for an authoritarian political movement in Brazil called "Brazilian Integralist Action." A momentous exchange took place when the French Catholic Cardinal Gerlier urged Câmara to prioritize poverty as part of his work. The encounter became a transforming event in Câmara's faith that he described as being "thrown to the ground like Saul on the road to Damascus" (Acts 9:1–19). [1] Câmara dedicated the rest of his life to organizing the wider church to consider the systemic causes of poverty and violence.... Considered a leading voice for peace and justice in the twentieth-century Catholic Church, Dom Hélder Câmara was informally called the "bishop of the slums" for his steadfast commitment to the urban poor and economic justice.

Here are a few of the convictions that Dom Câmara lived by:

I would like to say to everyone:

- Where [humanity] is, the church must be present.
- The egoism of the rich presents a more serious problem than Communism.
- Today's world is threatened by the atom bomb of squalid poverty.
- Profound changes must be made in order to establish justice in every sphere throughout

the world.

- Without a deep personal conversion, no one can become an instrument for the conversion of the world....
- To revolutionize the world, the only thing needed is for us to live and to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ with real conviction.
- Dire poverty is revolting and degrading; it taints the image of God in every [human]....
- My door and my heart are open to all—to all without exception.
- Christ has prophesied what will happen at the last judgment: we shall be judged according to the way we have treated him in the persons of the poor, the oppressed, the downtrodden.

Banned by the media in his own country, Dom Hélder Câmara traveled the world spreading the message of the gospel and liberation. He urged contemplative, inner transformation as necessary for structural changes in our systems and world. Câmara connected the work of liberation with the liberation that God provides:

Just as the Father, the Creator, wants us to be co-creators, so the Son, the Redeemer, wants us to be co-redeemers. So, it is up to us to continue the work of liberation begun by the Son: the liberation from sin and the consequences of sin, the liberation from egoism and the consequences of egoism. That is what the theology of liberation means to us, and I see no reason why anyone should be afraid of a true, authentic theology of liberation.

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<https://veja.abril.com.br/religio/processo-de-canonizacao-de-dom-helder-camara-avanca-a-passos-largos/>

Holy Cross Parish

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

JULY 6, 2025

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, C

Isaiah 66:10–14c

Psalms 66

Galatians 6:14–18

Luke 10:1–12, 17–20

If spiritual values in many countries were not being called into question, our community would not be setting in motion a whole process that consists in welcoming, week after week, young people not just from North, East and South of Europe, but also young Africans, Latin Americans, and Asians.

Seeing all these young faces on our hill of Taizé, we realize that they come with vital questions: What does Christ want from me? How can I find a meaning for my life in him? Without always sensing it clearly, they are trying to follow Christ. The starting point of their search is this aspiration: How can God be everything for me?

The important thing for my brothers and myself is to respond to their trust by being above all men of prayer and listening, never spiritual masters.

At every age, doesn't every human being need to be listened to, and to receive a 'shock of meaning,' as if it were the very first time?

—Brother Roger of Taizé

WHAT IS THE SOURCE OF YOUR JOY? There are some who are dependent upon the mood of others for their happiness... There are some whose joy is dependent upon circumstances... There are some who must win their joy against high odds, squeeze it out of the arid ground of their living or wrest it from the stubborn sadness of circumstance... There are still others who find their joy deep in the heart of their religious experience. It is not related to, dependent upon, or derived from, any circumstances or conditions in the midst of which they must live. It is a joy independent of all vicissitudes. There is a strange quality of awe in their joy, that is but a reflection of the deep calm water of the spirit out of which it comes. It is primarily a discovery of the soul, when God makes known [God's] presence, where there are no words, no outward song, only the Divine Movement. This is the joy that the world cannot give. This is the joy that keeps watch against all the emissaries of sadness of mind and weariness of soul. This is the joy that comforts and is the companion, as we walk even through the valley of the shadow of death.

Joy is a gift that is there even when we are sorrowful, even when we are in pain, even when things are difficult in our lives. The joy that Jesus offers is a joy that exists in very, very difficult situations.... What we have to start sensing is that in the spiritual life, joy is embracing sorrow and happiness, pain and pleasure. It is deeper, fuller. It is more. It is something that remains with us. It is something of God that is very profound. It is something we can experience even when we are in touch with very painful things

in our lives. If there is anything the church wants to teach us it is that the joy of God can be with us always—in moments of sickness, in moments of health, in moments of success, in moments of failure, in moments of birth, in moments of death. The joy of God is never going to leave us...

When we can face our own painful situation, we will discover that hidden in the pain is the treasure—a joy that is there for us to experience here and now. It is very important that we get in touch with this. That is what the spiritual life—the life with God—is about. It is being in touch with that love that becomes joy in us... Underneath all our fluctuations is a deep solid divine stream that is called joy.

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For Reflection

- ★ What are some blessings in your life that bring me joy?
- ★ How do I experience joy in sharing God's love with others?

<https://young-catholics.com/3596/14th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c/>

Holy Cross Parish

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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

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Dana Mochovciak, Jenna Turner, Carol

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Marguerite Webster (607) 263-5478

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Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

Jenn Spivey (207) 539-5094

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Maureen Joy (607) 263-5132 [RCIA]

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Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Greeter: Pat Kristofik

Lector: Kerry L Mess

Eucharistic Ministers: Jen Spivey, Carol Tyson, Diane Turner

July 13

Greeter: The McAdams

Deacon: Paul Cerosaletti

Lector: Marguerite Webster

Eucharistic Ministers: Peg Lilley, Diane Turner

Mass Intention

For the Tabone family welcoming new life

If you would like to request an intention for a mass, call Kerry (607) 386-1951 with the intention, your name, and call back number OR use the parish email (see left panel).

Pray for

- ✠ for the sick, their caregivers, and all who asked for our prayers, especially Sr. Theresa Ahern MSBT, Kathleen Barry, Jo Franklin, Sarah Grogan, Agnes Huff, Maureen Joy, Nadine Joy, Michelle Lee, Fred Lemister, Carol and Jessica MacCumber, Teresa Meyers, Rich Morley, Mark Muller, Clara Murphy, John Neary, Diane Neczesny, Karen Newell, Betty O'Brien, John O'Brien, Kathy Osborne, Maria Papendrea, Evelyn Rowe, Martin Smith, Mike Stensland, Pat Stensland, Joe and Carol Tyson, Janet Van-Zandt, 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 democratic community

Pope Francis's July intention: That we learn to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject anything that leads away from Christ and the Gospel.

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

07/05: First Saturday (Fatima) Devotion, 9 a.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

07/06: Christian Formation after mass

07/09: Charismatic Healing Liturgy, 7 p.m., Christ Our Light, Loudonville

07/10: Liturgy of the Word

07/12: Rosa Mystica Shrine Feast Day Celebration, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Edmeston; for more info and schedule, see QR code



07/13: Coffee hour after mass, parish hall

07/16: Holy Hour and Night Prayer, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

07/17: Liturgy of the Word

07/17, 24, 31: Zoom Scripture Study on Revelation, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. online, Sacred Heart Parish Center Sidney

07/19: Holy Cross Food Sale, Morris Yard Sale Day

07/24: Diocese of Albany, Young Adult (ages 20-39) Adoration, BBQ, Corn Hole Tournament, 5:30 p.m. St. Clement's Saratoga; <https://forms.gle/EFQ624xK2ndkNnTy8>

07/27: Special Collection for the Holy Father

07/27–08/01: Hartwick Seminary Institute of Theology

08/09: Step Up Men's Conference, St. Edward the Confessor Church Clifton Park

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2025

Mass Attendance: 53

Collection: \$1,163.00

Holy Day: \$2.00