

## SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 14

Saint Kateria Tekakwitha, Virgin

Tuesday, July 15

Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church

Wednesday, July 16

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Friday, July 18

Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Franciscan mystical theologian Bonaventure (1221–1274) used dynamic, creation-centered metaphors to describe God: God, for Bonaventure, is not an offended monarch on a throne throwing down thunderbolts, but a “fountain fullness” that flows, overflows, and fills all things in one exclusively positive direction. God is a one-directional waterwheel of love, with no backslash. Reality is always in process, participatory; it is love itself...

God, as Trinity, is like a gushing fountain—that is, the source from which the river of all reality flows and to which it ultimately returns. Again, God is like the water of an overflowing fountain, generously showering all of creation with love. Or, God is like the expansive deep oceans that are like the vast depth of God’s faithful love. Like a song—where all of the notes in a carefully crafted order must be heard for the song to be known—so too, in its wide diversity, the various dynamic cosmic elements make up the interrelated cosmos. God’s self-revelation is like a book: it is first “written” within the consciousness of God...and then becomes the book “written without” as the whole creation—all created things are the expression of the divine Artist...

Then there is Bonaventure’s window metaphor. Each element of creation reveals some-

thing of the Creator like the array of colored glass in a stained-glass pane, which flashes with dynamic hues as sunlight passes through it.

While this Franciscan path of contemplation is desperately needed in our world today as we face massive suffering and vast ecological crises, we still live, in our western culture, with an emphasis on rationality, order and mind. Because our “I” is separated from the world around us, we struggle to be incarnational people and to see our world imbued with divine goodness. We fail to contemplate God’s love poured out into creation...

The Franciscan path to God calls us to gaze on the crucified Christ and to see there the humble love of God so that we may, like Francis, learn to see and love the presence of God’s overflowing goodness hidden, and yet revealed, in the marvelous diversity of creation. The one who contemplates God knows the world to be charged with the grandeur of God. Contemplation leads to a solidarity with all creation whereby all sorrows are shared in a heart of compassionate love, all tears are gathered in a womb of mercy, all pain is healed by the balm of forgiveness. The contemplative sees the threads of God’s overflowing love that binds together the whole of creation in a web of infinite love. We are called to see deeply that we may love greatly. And in that great love, rejoice in the overflowing goodness of God.

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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Jesus calls us to love one another. Renew your sacrament by attending the next upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. September 19-21 in Huntington, NY. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or <https://wwmectw.org/>.



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

JULY 13, 2025

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, C

Deuteronomy 30:10–14

Psalms 69

Colossians 1:15–20

Luke 10:25–37

*Risen Christ, when we have  
the simple desire to welcome  
your love, little by little a  
flame is kindled in the depths  
of our being. Fueled by the  
Holy Spirit, this flame of love  
may be quite faint at first.  
The amazing thing is that it  
keeps on burning.*

*And when we realize that  
you love us, the trust of faith  
becomes our own song.*

—Brother Roger of Taizé

### UNITY WITH THE SPIRIT (IS UNITY WITH ONE ANOTHER)

Long ago, Plotinus [205–270 CE] wrote, “If we are in unity with the Spirit, we are in unity with each other, and so we are all one.” [1] The words of this ancient Greek mystic are suggestive; for they call attention to the underlying unity of all of life. The recognition of the Spirit of God as the unifying principle of all life becomes at once the most crucial experience of humanity. It says that whoever is aware of the Spirit of God in themselves enters the doors that lead into the life of their fellow people. The same idea is stated in ethical terms in the New Testament when the suggestion is made that, if a person says they love God, whom they hath not seen, and does not love their brother or sister who is with them, they are a liar and the truth does not dwell in them [1 John 4:20]. The way is difficult, because it is very comforting to withdraw from the responsibility of unity with

one’s fellow people and to enter alone into the solitary contemplation of God. One can have . . . [perfect] solitary communion without the risks of being misunderstood, of having one’s words twisted, of having to be on the defensive about one’s true or alleged attitude. In the quiet fellowship with one’s God, one may seem to be relieved of any necessity to make headway against heavy odds. This is why one encounters persons of deep piety and religiosity who are intolerant and actively hostile toward their fellow people. Some of the most terrifying hate organizations in the country are made up in large part of persons who are very devout in their worship of their God.

The test to which Plotinus puts us, however, is very searching. To be in unity with the Spirit is to be in unity with one’s fellow people. Not to be in unity with one’s fellow people is thereby not to be in unity with the Spirit. The pragmatic test of one’s unity with the Spirit is found in the unity with one’s fellow people. We see what this means when we are involved in the experience of a broken relationship. When I have lost harmony with another, my whole life is thrown out of tune. God tends to be remote and far away when a desert and sea appear between me and another. I draw close to God as I draw close to my fellow people. The great incentive remains ever alert; I cannot be at peace without God, and I cannot be truly aware of God if I am not at peace with my fellow people.

### For Reflection

- ★ How can I live out God’s law of love in my daily life?
- ★ Who are the “neighbors” I find it hardest to love?
- ★ How can Jesus help me let go of excuses and choose kindness?

<https://young-catholics.com/3601/15th-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

Daphne Thompson (607) 263-2410

## Ministry to the Homebound

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

Jenn Spivey (207) 539-5094

## Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Maureen Joy (607) 263-5132 [RCIA]

## JULY 13, 2025

### Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

**Greeter:** The McAdams

**Deacon:** Paul Cerosaletti

**Lector:** Marguerite Webster

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Peg Lilley, Diane Turner

### July 20

**Greeter:** Joe Tyson

**Lector:** Marguerite Webster

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Toni Zaleski, Jen Spivey, Carol Tyson

### Mass Intention

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, Scarlett Parry, Evelyn Rowe, Martin Smith, Mike Stensland, Pat Stensland, Joe and Carol Tyson, Janet VanZandt, 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 a July 4th weekend with no rain

The Holy Father's July intention: May we learn to discern, know how to choose paths of life, rejecting anything leading away from Christ, 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](http://www.jmoconline.org).
- ☼ Helios Grief Support  
Group counseling for adults in Otsego, Schoharie, Delaware counties. See [helios-care.org](http://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

**07/13: 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** – Come help serve our neighbors (start: 7 a.m.)

**07/24: Liturgy of the Word**

Diocese of Albany, Young Adult (ages 20-39) Adoration, BBQ, Corn Hole Tournament, 5:30

p.m. St. Clement's Saratoga; register: <https://forms.gle/EFQ624xK2ndkNnTy8>

**07/27: Special Collection for the Holy Father**

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

07/28: Hymn Sing, 6 p.m. Otsego County Fair

**07/31: Liturgy of the Word**

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

**08/11-08/14: Vacation Bible School, 5-7 p.m. (light supper included), hosted at UMC Morris**



### SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2025

Mass Attendance: 60

Collection: \$764.10

Maintenance / Snow: \$55.00

Mission Coop: \$5.00