

## SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 10

Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest

Born in the Castile region of Spain, **SAINT JOHN OF AVILA** was sent at age 14 to the University of Salamanca to study law. He later moved to Alcala and studied philosophy and theology before his ordination as a diocesan priest. After John's parents died and left him as their sole heir to a considerable fortune, he distributed his money to the poor. In 1527, he traveled to Seville, hoping to become a missionary in Mexico. The archbishop persuaded him to stay and spread the faith in Andalusia. During nine years of work there, he developed a reputation as an engaging preacher, a perceptive spiritual director, and a wise confessor.

Because John was not afraid to denounce vice in high places, he was investigated by the Inquisition but was cleared in 1533. He later worked in Cordoba and then in Granada, where he organized the University of Baeza, the first of several colleges run by diocesan priests who dedicated themselves to teaching and giving spiritual direction to young people.

He was friends with Saints Francis Borgia, Ignatius of Loyola, John of God, John of the Cross, Peter of Alcantara, and Teresa of Avila. John of Avila worked closely with members of

the Society of Jesus and helped their growth within Spain and its colonies. John's mystical writings have been translated into several languages. He was beatified in 1894, canonized in 1970, and declared a doctor of the Church on October 7, 2012. St. John of Avila's liturgical feast is celebrated on May 10.

**REFLECTION:** Saint John of Avila knew that the lives of Christians can contradict the Good News of Jesus Christ—for example thinking racism is OK—implicitly encouraging Christians to live their faith-halfheartedly, and causing obstacles to non-Christians who might accept Baptism. In 16th-century Spain, those who advocated reforming the Church were often suspected of heresy. Saint John of Avila held his ground and was eventually recognized as a very reliable teacher of the Christian faith.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-john-of-avila/>

### For I was hungry and you gave me food MAY IS OUR FOOD PANTRY MONTH

**Please check expiration dates; food may not be expired! Needed:** Assorted soups, cup of noodles, top ramen, condiments, syrup, jam/jelly, chips, cake mixes, individual snacks; **also needed:** aluminum foil, individually wrapped toilet paper, paper towels. Pet pantry needs dry dog/cat food.

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

## 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: \$3,970 / GOAL: \$5,000**



# Holy Cross Parish

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

**MAY 4, 2025**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter, C

Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41

Psalms 30

Revelations 5:11–14

John 21:1–19

*Bearers of fragility and of radiance, of the abyss and of fullness, human beings are never irrevocably doomed to the darkness of despair. Hope can be glimpsed even in a life overwhelmed by trials.*

—Brother Roger of Taizé

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER: POSSIBILITY, AN ONGOING CELEBRATION

What might happen if every Easter we celebrated the resurrection not merely as the resuscitation of a single corpse nearly two millennia ago, but more—as the ongoing resurrection of all humanity through Christ? Easter could be the annual affirmation of our ongoing resurrection from violence to peace, from fear to faith, from hostility to love, from a culture of consumption to a culture of stewardship and generosity ... and in all these ways and more, from death to life. What if our celebration of Easter was so radical in its meaning that it tempted tyrants and dictators everywhere to make it illegal, because it represents the ultimate scandal: an annual call for creative and peaceful insurrection against all status quos based on fear, hostility, exclusion, and violence? What if we never stopped making Easter claims about Jesus in AD 33, but always continued by making Easter claims on us today—declaring that now is the time to be raised from the deadness of fear, hostility, exclusion, and violence to walk in what Paul called “newness of life”? What if Easter was about our ongoing resurrection “in Christ”—in a new humanity marked by a strong-benevolent identity as Christ-embodying peacemakers, enemy lovers, offense forgivers, boundary crossers, and movement builders? What kind of character would this kind of liturgical year form in us? How might the world be changed because of it?

Retired Episcopal bishop and Choctaw citizen Steven Charleston offers this celebratory song for the coming of new light and new hope: “Rise up, faithful friends. Wake up, sleepers in the shadows. Wake up to see bright banners on your horizon. Wake up to see your redemption coming to you, the answer to so many of your prayers, the fulfillment of your dream from long ago. Rise up, faithful friends, to shout the good news to the morning sun: justice has arrived at last, mercy has returned, love has won the day. Rise up, good people of many lands, for this is the moment of change, the time when hope starts to be real and truth begins to speak to every courageous heart. Wake up, rise up, and rejoice!”

Imagine the impact of the ongoing recognition that we meet the risen Christ in all we encounter: ... imagine Easter opening a fifty-day period during which we constantly celebrate newness, freedom, change, and growth. As we would retell each year the story of the risen Christ appearing in the stranger on the Emmaus Road and on the beach, so part of every Easter season for us would mean meeting and inviting to our tables strangers, aliens, refugees, people of other religions or no religion at all, to welcome them as we would Christ, and to expect to meet Christ in them.

<https://email.cac.org/t/d-e-sdijjd-dduxulkd-a/>

### For Reflection

- ★ How has my relationship with Jesus changed over time? Have I moved from knowledge to deep love and commitment?
- ★ How can I show my love for Jesus through my actions, as Peter was called to do?

<https://young-catholics.com/3534/3rd-sunday-of-easter-year-c/>

# Holy Cross Parish

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<https://parishes.rcda.org/holycross/>

Facebook: [tiny.cc/HCMorris](https://www.facebook.com/HCMorris)

*Find our bulletin and Pastoral Council minutes on our website. If you have a notice for the bulletin, please email: [holycrossRCchurch@gmail.com](mailto:holycrossRCchurch@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: St. Mary's Oneonta, every Saturday 4–4:45 p.m. Call the parish office (607-432-3920) for 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 & RCIA [Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults]

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

## Ministry to the Homebound

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

# MAY 4, 2025

## Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

**Greeter:** Pat Kristofek

**Lector:** Kerry L Mess

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

May 11

**Greeter:** McAdams Family

**Deacon:** Paul Cerosaletti

**Lector:** Jessica Aikins

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Daphne Thompson, Diane Turner

## Mass Intention

**For wisdom for the papal conclave**

If you would like to request an intention for a mass, call (607) 386-1951 with the intention, your name, and call back number.

## Pray for

- ✠ for the sick, their caregivers, and all who have asked for our prayers, especially Sr. Theresa Ahern MSBT, Kathleen Barry, Jo Franklin, Tony Giambra, Sarah Grogan, Agnes Huff, Maureen Joy, Nadine Joy, Michelle Lee, Fred Lemister, Teresa Meyers, Connie Mockovciak, Rich Morley, Clara Murphy, John Neary, Diane Neczesny, Karen Newell, Betty O'Brien, 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 and presence of Maureen Joy

**Pope Francis's May intention: For working conditions, that each person find fulfillment, families be sustained in dignity, and society be humanized.**

## 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

**05/04: Christian Formation after mass**

**05/08: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**

**05/11: Happy Mother's Day! Celebrate at Coffee Hour after mass**

**05/15: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**

Catholic Charities 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Pasta Dinner, 5–7 p.m., Quality Inn 5206 NY 23 Oneonta; for tickets/info: (607) 432-0061

**05/17–05/20: St. Mary's Oneonta Mission**

**05/18: Special Collection–Catholic Charities Rosary after mass**

**05/22: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**

**05/25: Special Collection–Eastern Europe**

**05/29: Ascension Thursday, mass 9 a.m.**

**05/30–06/01: Rachel's Vineyard, Hope and Healing After Abortion retreat, Dominican Retreat & Conference Center Niskayuna NY; for info/to register: Pat Mousaw (518) 222-1160; [rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com](mailto:rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com) [Participation is strictly confidential!]**

**06/01: Special Collection–Catholic Communication Campaign**

**06/05: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**

**06/12: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**

**06/14: Come joins us for the Parish Picnic, 11 a.m.**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025**

Mass Attendance: 53

Collection: \$927.00

Easter Offerings: \$70

Insurance: \$20