

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, May 20

Saint Bernadine of Siena, Priest

Wednesday, May 21

Saint Cristóbal Magallenes, Priest
and Companions, Martyrs

Thursday, May 22

Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

Cristóbal and his 24 companion martyrs lived under a very anti-Catholic government in Mexico, determined to weaken its people's Catholic faith. Churches, schools, and seminaries were closed, foreign clergy expelled. Cristóbal established a clandestine seminary at Totatiche, Jalisco. He and the other priests had to minister secretly to Catholics during the presidency of Plutarco Calles (1924-28). All the martyrs were diocesan priests except three laymen. They all belonged to the Cristero movement, pledging allegiance to Christ and the Church he established to spread the Good News in society—even if Mexico's leaders had made it a crime to receive baptism or celebrate the Mass.

BUILDING COMMUNITY: The Parish Pastoral Council will be planning the Parish Picnic at the next Council meeting Sunday, June 1, after mass Meetings are open, and all are welcome to attend and participate!

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! BUILD COMMUNITY

Holy Cross will host the Baccalaureate for graduating seniors, Weds., Jun. 11, 7 p.m.

Join us to celebrate our community's seniors. Come lend your voice to the choir.
Rehearsals: Tues., Jun 3, 12 p.m. UMC;
Mon., Jun. 9, & Weds., Jun. 11, 6 p.m.

HOLY CROSS PARISH PICNIC

Saturday, June 14, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., Parish Grounds. Come join the fun!



"They will not hunger or thirst anymore"

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.

Drop off donations in the box at the back of church. Thank you for your generosity.

Learn how to love your spouse more at the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on June 27-29, 2025 in Huntington, NY. Explore your relationship with each other, God, the Church. Limited registration; \$100 application fee. For info/to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or <https://wwmectw.org/>.

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: \$4,220 / GOAL: \$5,000



Holy Cross Parish

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

MAY 18, 2025

5th Sunday of Easter, C

Acts 14:21–27

Psalms 145

Revelations 21:1–5a

John 13:31–33a, 34–35

A reflection of Christ is in us. There is no point in trying to know what it consists in. So many people on earth radiate the holiness of Christ without realizing it and perhaps without even daring to believe it. And it is better that way.

—Brother Roger of Taizé

LOVE ONE ANOTHER: THE BELOVED COMMUNITY

When we talk about building a world where all people can achieve justice and fulfill our potential as human beings, we really mean all people. That is Dr. [Martin Luther] King's vision of "Beloved Community," where all people can live in peace. Beloved Community is an acknowledgment that the only way for a peace to ever be sustainable, the only way that our people can always be safe, is if all people are free....

Building Beloved Community is not about loving the people who are easy to love. It is about cultivating love for those that are difficult to love. Those people over there. The others. Those who root for the [Boston Red Sox]. The people who voted for that guy. The people who work in the very systems that are destroying our communities. The corrupt corporate CEO. The foreign dictator responsible for countless deaths.

If you are not struggling to love people, if you are not trying to build understanding with those you disagree with, then you are not really doing the work of building Beloved Community. The work of building Beloved Community is understanding that we're not trying to win over people, but to win people over. Historically, winning a war has meant defeating the opponent. There is a clear winner and a clear loser.... But in nonviolence, there is no real victory until everyone is on the same side.

Dr. King once wrote, "The aftermath of nonviolence is the creation of the beloved community, while the aftermath of violence is tragic bitterness." While violence may be effective in temporarily keeping us safe from harm, it can never create relationships. Violence can never heal the harm that has been done. Violence can never bring about reconciliation. Violence can never create Beloved Community. Only love can do that. ...

We're all like localized vibrations of the infinite goodness of God's presence. Love is our very nature. Love is our first, middle, and last name. Love is all; not [love as] sentimentality, but love that is self-forgetful and free of self-interest.

This is also marvelously exemplified in Gandhi's life and work. He never tried to win anything. He just tried to show love, and that's what ahimsa really means. It's not just a negative. Nonviolence doesn't capture its meaning. It means to show love tirelessly, no matter what happens. That's the meaning of turning the other cheek. Once in a while you have to defend somebody, but it means you're always willing to suffer first for the cause—that is to say, for communion with your enemies. If you overcome your enemies, you've failed. If you make your enemies your partners, God has succeeded.

Adapted from <https://cac.org/daily-meditations/the-beloved-community-2023-08-02/>

For Reflection

- ★ How does the idea of God dwelling with us comfort me?
- ★ What can I learn from Jesus' focus on love and service despite betrayal?

<https://young-catholics.com/3551/5th-sunday-of-easter-year-c/>

Holy Cross Parish

96-98 Main Street, PO Box 118
Morris NY 13808

<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

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 18, 2025

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Greeter: Marguerite Webster

Lector: Daphne Thompson

Eucharistic Ministers: Jen Spivey, Toni Zaleski, Carol Tyson

May 25

Greeter: Joe Tyson

Lector: Marguerite Webster

Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Turner, Toni Zaleski, Jen Spivey

Mass Intention

For Betty O'Brien

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 all those who greet, read, serve, and sing at mass. each Sunday

The Holy Father'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.
- ☼ 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

- 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.**
Mass 12:10, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta
- 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 [Participation is confidential!]
- 06/01: Special Collection-Catholic Communication Campaign**
Christian Formation after mass
- 06/05: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
- 06/11: Morris Baccalaureate, 7 p.m.**
- 06/08: Coffee hour after mass, parish hall**
- 06/09: Catholic Charities Otsego & Delaware Counties Open House, 1-3 p.m., Richmondville
- 06/12: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
- 06/14: Come joins us for the Parish Picnic, 11 a.m.**
- 06/15: Rosary after mass**

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025

Mass Attendance: 56

Collection: \$370.00

Utilities: \$110.00