

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 3

Saint Martin de Porres, Religious

Tuesday, November 4

Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

ST. MARY'S 50TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

Dine-in at the Elk's Lodge with take-out and delivery for the homebound.

[To donate](#), make out to St. Mary's Catholic Church and note "Thanksgiving" or drop turkeys (≥ 20 lbs) off before mass 11/15-16. Contact John Korb (607-267-0527) with questions or for other drop off times.

[To volunteer for food prep](#), contact Cindy Korb (607-267-0539) by November 21.

[For take-out or delivery meals](#), contact Deb Bruce (607-433-0356) by November 25.

11/14-16: RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT Post-abortion Reconciliation & Healing

Dominican Retreat and Conference Center, Niskayuna; \$195 for room, board, materials; assistance available. For information or to register, contact: Pat Mousaw 518-222-1160, Katie Bolibaugh 518-495-3574, or rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com.

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.

HOW HAVE I SHARED GOD'S LOVE THIS WEEK?

START HERE: OPEN INVITATION TO YOU!

The Parish Pastoral Council the continues the planning process for realizing our vision (top of front page) and mission (inside left panel). **The next Council meeting is next Sunday, November 9, after mass with the coffee hour. Meetings are open, and all are welcome to attend and participate!**

SAVE THE DATE!
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE
This year's annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be Sunday, November 23 at 3 p.m. Please consider joining the choir or just gifting us with your presence at the service. More details in next week's bulletin.

 **HELP LIGHT THE WORLD WITH THE
LIGHT OF THE WORLD** 
This year's Otsego County Fairgrounds Holiday of Lights runs from 6-8 p.m. December 12-13 and 19-23. Let's remind people that **Jesus is the reason for the season**. Please see Matthew Tabone if you're interested in helping design and set up a display.

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: \$1,508 / GOAL: \$5,000



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

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All Souls' Day, C

Wisdom 3:1-9

Psalm 23

Romans 6:3-9

John 6:37-40

Jesus, The Patient Teacher

As Jesus travels with us in life, he teaches us how to return to the house of love. It is far from easy to grasp his teaching because we are driven to panic by looking at the impossible task, the high walls, the powerful waves, the heavy winds, and the roaring storm. We keep saying: "Yes, yes... but look!" Jesus is a very patient teacher. He never stops telling us where to make our true home, what to look for, and how to live. When we are distracted, we focus upon all the dangers and forget what we have heard. But Jesus says over and over again: "Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me, with me in them, bears fruit in plenty ... I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you, and your joy may be complete" (John 15:4,5,11). Thus, Jesus invites us to live in his house of love. —Henri Nouwen

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, When the form of this world has passed away, those who have welcomed God into their lives and have sincerely opened themselves to his love, at least at the moment of death, will enjoy that fullness of communion with God which is the goal of human life.

As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, "this perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity—this communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed—is called 'heaven'. Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness" (n. 1024).

After the course of our earthly life, participation in complete intimacy with the Father thus comes through our insertion into Christ's paschal mystery. St Paul emphasizes our meeting with Christ in heaven at the end of time: "Then we who are alive, who are left, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words" (1 Thes 4:17-18).

In the context of Revelation, we know that the "heaven" or "happiness" in which we will find ourselves is neither an abstraction nor a physical place in the clouds, but a living, personal relationship with the Holy Trinity. It is our meeting with the Father which takes place in the risen Christ through the communion of the Holy Spirit.

The Catechism sums up the Church's teaching on this: "By his death and Resurrection, Jesus Christ has 'opened' heaven to us. The life of the blessed consists in the full and perfect possession of the fruits of the redemption accomplished by Christ. He makes partners in his heavenly glorification those who have believed in him and remained faithful to his will. Heaven is the blessed community of all who are perfectly incorporated into Christ" (n. 1026).

This final state, however, can be anticipated in some way today in sacramental life, whose centre is the Eucharist, and in the gift of self through fraternal charity. If we are able to enjoy properly the good things that the Lord showers upon us every day, we will already have begun to experience that joy and peace which one day will be completely ours. We know that on this earth everything is subject to limits, but the thought of the "ultimate" realities helps us to live better the "penultimate" realities. We know that as we pass through this world we are called to seek "the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God" (Col 3:1), in order to be with him in the eschatological fulfillment, when the Spirit will fully reconcile with the Father "all things, whether on earth or in heaven" (Col 1:20).

from John Paul II, General Audience; https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/audiences/1999/documents/hf_jp-ii_aud_21071999.html

For Reflection

- ★ How do I handle being tried in the furnace of life? Can I maintain trust in God through trials?
- ★ How can I live in hope and *be* love for those around me?
- ★ How do I understand the promise of resurrection?

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

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

Marguerite Webster (607) 263-5478

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

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Pope Leo XIV's November intention: May those tempted by suicide find support, care, and love they need in their community and be open to life's beauty.

Living Caring 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.
- ☼ Helios Grief Support
Group counseling for adults in Otsego, Schoharie, Delaware counties. See helios-care.org; call (607) 432-5525.
- ☼ Oneonta Community Health Center
No-cost healthcare services for uninsured adults (607) 433-0300
Office hours: Tues. 6–8 p.m.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 30: Advent Fair after mass

Join us for a celebration of the beginning of a new church year the season of hope. If you have something you can share with the community—a craft, an art, a food, Christmas ornaments, etc.—and would like to showcase your wares, please contact Matthew Tabone to reserve a spot today.



Upcoming Events

11/02: **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS!**

Baptism: Anne Tabone

11/03: Exploring what life in Christ looks like in the real world, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta rectory basement

11/05: Memorial & Healing Mass (miscarriage, stillbirth, early infant death), 6:30 p.m., Church of St. Adalbert, Schenectady

11/06: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

11/07: First Friday Devotion, 2:30 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

11/08: Service for the Anointing of the Sick, 1 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

11/09: Coffee Hour after mass, Pastoral Council meeting

11/13: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

11/14-16: Rachel's Vineyard, Dominican Retreat and Conference Center, Niskayuna

11/16: Special Collection for Campaign for Human Development, Rosary after mass

11/20: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

11/28: St. Mary's 50th Annual Thanksgiving Meal

NOVEMBER: TABLE OF REMEMBRANCE

As we honor All Souls, please feel free to bring in photographs of loved ones who have passed and place them on the table at the back of church.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025

Mass Attendance: 47

Collection: \$800.00

Mission Sunday: \$100.00

Snow/Maintenance: \$60.00

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Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Greeter: Pat Kristofik

Lector: Kerry L. Mess

Eucharistic Ministers: Jen Spivey, Carol Tyson, Diane Turner

November 9

Greeter: Chet and Jackie McAdams

Lector: Maureen Joy

Eucharistic Ministers: Toni Zaleski, Carol Tyson, Jen Spivey

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, John Kristofik, Michelle Lee, Fred Lemister, Carol and Jessica MacCumber, Jeffrey Meyers, Teresa Meyers, Rich Morley, Mark Muller, Clara Murphy, John Neary, Diane Neczesny, 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, Betty O'Brien
- ✠ in thanksgiving for the gift of Miraculous Medals connected to us through Jim Lee