

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 17

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Tuesday, November 18

Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

Friday, November 21

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, November 22

Saint Cecelia, Virgin and Martyr

REJOICE AND GIVE THANKS: The Butter-nut Valley Christian Churches Annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service is Sunday, November 23, at 3 p.m. at United Methodist Church in Morris.

RAISE YOUR VOICE IN THANKSGIVING:

If you like to sing, please join the choir! Rehearsal times at United Methodist are: Tuesday, November 18 at noon
Saturday, November 22 at 10 a.m.
Sunday, November 23 at 2 p.m.
If you have questions, contact Beth Child, bethlchild@aol.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.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF ALL SOULS:

☛ John & Daniel Ahern
☛ John Aikins
☛ Ralph, Stanley & Helen Benjamin
☛ Edward H. Carey, Sr. Dolores Carey
☛ Arthur, Audrey, John, and Katherine Carey Hutson
☛ Joanne Clarke
☛ Jennifer and Kelly Collier
☛ Edward & Jennee Darragh
☛ Joe & Marth DeLaurentiis, Butch DeLaurentiis
☛ Carol Geer
☛ Anthony Giambra
☛ Lynne Joy
☛ Marge Kurckler
☛ Richie Lehmann
☛ Dennis Mensch
☛ Alan Mess
☛ Robert J. and Alice E. Meyers
☛ Gertrude Nadley
☛ Ann and John Neary
☛ Barbara K. Hutson Novko
☛ Betty O'Brien
☛ Marguerite & Joseph Ruocco, Joseph Ruocco Jr., Robert Ruocco
☛ John and Jane Schaab
☛ Mary & Ted Sitts, and Theodore Sitts
☛ Joe and Margaret Sorrentino
☛ Joe & Shorty Spivey
☛ Irene & Leonard Starr
☛ Matthew Sullivan, William Sullivan
☛ Howard and Alice Talbot
☛ Dorothy and John Thomas Sr, John Thomas Jr
☛ Larry I. and Mark Anthony Turner
☛ Margaret and Joseph Tyson Sr, Dennis Tyson, Lorraine Tyson
☛ Rita Webster
☛ Frances and George Woodman

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: \$3,508 / GOAL: \$6,379



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

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, C

Malachi 3:19–20a

Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 3:7–12

Luke 21:5–19

All is Grace

All is grace. Light and water, shelter and food, work and free time, children, parents, and grandparents, birth and death – it is all given to us. Our very first vocation is to receive these gifts and say thanks.

–Henri Nouwen

CALM ENDURANCE

Our world seems to be falling apart. We hear so much today about political and economic turmoil, violence and war. And many of the global systems we've long trusted seem to be unravelling. How should we respond? Jesus talks about this in today's Gospel. He's with his disciples, looking at the great Temple of Jerusalem. It looks indestructible, yet Jesus warns: 'The time will come when not a single stone will be left on another – everything will be destroyed.' He's right, of course. The Romans destroy the Temple in 70AD. Jesus adds: There will be wars, earthquakes, famine, persecution and betrayal—all signs of collapse. His disciples must have looked shocked, for then he

says, 'Don't be frightened. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

...In his book *A Non-Anxious Presence*, Mark Sayers says this kind of calm presence is essential for our time because our world is becoming increasingly complex, chaotic and even overwhelming. We all live in a 'grey zone,' he says, 'a world between two eras, where the old certainties of the past are crumbling but the new order has not yet arrived.' In such times, anxiety spreads like wildfire. But Christians, he adds, are called to resist this contagion. Rooted in Christ, we can be calm, prayerful and resilient. A non-anxious presence in an anxious world. The root of our anxiety, he says, is our disconnection from God. Without a deep-rooted faith and trust in God, we'll never have the stability we need to navigate the storms of life.

His ideas aren't new. The saints have long urged us to find peace in God in troubled times. St Teresa of Ávila prayed: 'Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you; all things are passing, God never changes.' She teaches us that when we anchor our hearts in God, no disaster can rob us of peace. St Francis de Sales, known for his gentle wisdom, said something similar: 'Don't lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, not even if your whole world seems upset.' He reminds us that calm trust in God is itself a form of witness – people notice when a Christian stays serene while others panic. All these voices echo Jesus' words: Don't be scared. Endure, hold steady, trust God. If you look closely at the history of God's people, you can see that God consistently brings good out of disastrous situations.

And of course, Jesus suffers the ultimate evil in his crucifixion. And yet God transforms it into the greatest good – the salvation of us all. In the world of faith, crisis always precedes renewal.

Today, Jesus is telling us to stay calm, prayerful and resilient. For our stability comes not from human powers or global institutions, but from our unshakable faith in God's love.

Trust Jesus. The world may shake and stones may fall, but Jesus is our firm foundation.

adapted from: <https://www.deaconpeter.org/year-c-33rd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-3/>

For Reflection

- ★ How can I live more justly in my daily life?
- ★ How do these readings change my understanding of justice and reward?

<https://young-catholics.com/3689/33rd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-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

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.

ST. MARY'S THANKSGIVING DINNER

[To donate](#), checks 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. [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.

Upcoming Events

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

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

11/23: Faith formation after mass

Young Adults Group, 11:30 a.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

Butternut Valley Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, 3 p.m., United Methodist Church, Morris

11/26: Thanksgiving Vigil Mass, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

11/27: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

11/28: St. Mary's 50th Annual Thanksgiving Meal (see back page for details)

12/04: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

12/07: Faith Formation after mass

12/08: Immaculate Conception mass, 9 a.m.

Mass, 12:10 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

12/10: Penance Service, 12:10 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

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, NOVEMBER 9, 2025

Mass Attendance: 44

Collection: \$636.00

Utilities: \$120.00

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Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Greeter: Joe Tyson

Deacon: Paul Cerosaletti

Lector: Kerry L. Mess

Eucharistic Ministers: Jen Spivey, Carol Tyson

November 23

Greeter: Marguerite Webster

Lector: Daphne Thompson

Eucharistic Ministers: Carol Tyson, Toni Zaleski, Diane Turner

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
- ✧ in thanksgiving for the Trinity as a lifeline in times of distress