

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 29

Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

Tuesday, September 30

Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Thursday, October 1

Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Friday, October 2

The Holy Guardian Angels

Saturday, October 4

Saint Francis of Assisi



BUILDING COMMUNITY: The Parish Pastoral Council has begun a planning process for realizing our vision (top of front page) and mission (inside left panel). **The next Council meeting is next Sunday, October 13, after mass with the coffee hour. Meetings are open, and all are welcome to attend and participate!**

Perhaps no aspect of Catholicism is as comforting to parents as the belief an angel protects their little ones from dangers real and imagined. Yet angels are not only for children. Their role is to represent individuals before God, to watch over them always, to aid their prayer, and to present their souls to God at death.

The concept of an angel assigned to guide and nurture each human being is a development of Catholic doctrine and piety based on Scripture but not directly drawn from it. Jesus' words in Matthew 18:10 best support the belief: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."

Devotion to the angels began with the birth of the monastic tradition. Saint Benedict gave it impetus and Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, the great 12th-century reformer, was an eloquent spokesman for the guardian angels that angelic devotion assumed its current form in his day.

A feast in honor of the guardian angels was first observed in the 16th century. In 1615, Pope Paul V added it to the Roman calendar.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/feast-of-the-guardian-angels/>

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: \$970 GOAL: \$6,379



Holy Cross Parish

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

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, C

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalms 146

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Luke 16:19-31

The experience of peace and reconciliation comes when people are very honest and compassionate with one another, when they are vulnerable and open about their mistakes and weaknesses. The seed that falls into broken ground bears much fruit. So perhaps it is wise to begin to shift our thinking. We want to move away from emulating successfulness and begin to dream about a life of fruitfulness.

—Henri Nouwen

JUSTICE AND MERCY: LOVING ALL

I believe in the philosophy and discipline of nonviolence. I accepted it not simply as a technique or as a tactic, but as a way of life, a way of living. We have to arrive at the point, as believers in the Christian faith, that in every human being there is a spark of divinity. Every human personality is something sacred, something special. We don't have a right, as another person or as a nation, to destroy that spark of divinity, that spark of humanity, that is made and created in the image of God. I saw Sheriff Clark in Selma, or Bull Connor in Birmingham, or George Wallace, the governor of Alabama, as victims of the system. We were not out to destroy these men. We were out to destroy a vicious and evil system.

Congressman John Lewis (1940–2020)

Dr. King so imbued this understanding of nonviolence into his followers that it became the ethos of the entire civil rights movement. One evening ... the large crowd of black and white activists standing outside the Ebenezer Baptist

Church was electrified by the sudden arrival of a black funeral home operator from Montgomery. He reported that a group of black students demonstrating near the capitol just that afternoon had been surrounded by police on horseback, all escape barred, and cynically commanded to disperse or take the consequences. Then the mounted police waded into the students and beat them at will. Police prevented ambulances from reaching the injured for two hours....

The crowd outside the church seethed with rage. Cries went up, "Let's march!" Behind us, across the street, stood, rank on rank, the Alabama State Troopers and the local police forces of Sheriff Jim Clark. The situation was explosive. A young black minister stepped to the microphone and said, "It's time we sang a song." He opened with the line, "Do you love Martin King?" to which those who knew the song responded, "Certainly, Lord!"... Right through the chain of command of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference he went, the crowd each time echoing, warming to the song, "Certainly, certainly, certainly Lord!" Without warning he sang out, "Do you love Jim Clark?"—the Sheriff?! "Cer ... certainly, Lord" came the stunned, halting reply. "Do you love Jim Clark?" "Certainly, Lord"—it was stronger this time. "Do you love Jim Clark?" Now the point had sunk in, as surely as Amos' in chapters 1 and 2: "Certainly, certainly, certainly Lord!"

Rev. James Bevel took the mike. We are not just fighting for our rights, he said, but for the good of the whole society. "It's not enough to defeat Jim Clark—do you hear me Jim?—we want you converted. We cannot win by hating our oppressors. We have to love them into changing." <https://email.cac.org/t/d-e-gqlhll-tdduxulkd-s/>

For Reflection

- ★ How can I incorporate acts of mercy and compassion into my daily life to live out the call of Jesus?
- ★ How do Amos's warnings about luxury and complacency apply to my own life and community today?

<https://young-catholics.com/3655/26th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c/>

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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

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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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Holy Father's September intention: May we, inspired by Saint Francis, know our interdependence with all creatures, loved by God and worthy of respect.

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.
- ☼ 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.
- ☼ Holy Sews
Sew burial layettes for infants: (607) 432-5125; holysewsononeonta@yahoo.com
- ☼ Oneonta Community Health Center
No-cost healthcare services for uninsured adults (607) 433-0300
Office hours: Tues. 6-8 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- 09/28: Special Collection for Catholic Universities**
10/01: Pause and Pray, Wednesdays 6-7 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta
- 10/02: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
10/03: First Friday devotion, 2:30 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta
10/04: First Saturday devotion, 9 a.m., St. Mary's Oneonta
Blessing of the Animals, 10:30 a.m., St. Mary's Oneonta
Penny Social, 2-3:30 p.m., Pittsfield Fire-house for St. Theresa's New Berlin
- 10/05: Hosting Fr. Joseph Nyanti representing Diocese of Gbarnga**
Christian Formation after mass
Blessing of the Animals, 1 p.m., St. Francis Shrine @ Sacred Heart, Sidney
- 10/09: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
10/10-11: Harvest Festival, Sacred Heart Sidney
10/11: Blessing of the Animals, 10:30 a.m., St. Mary's Oneonta
- 10/12: Coffee hour after mass, Pastoral Council meeting after mass - Come join us!**
10/14: Rosary Society, 9 a.m. mass, potluck brunch at 12 p.m., Sacred Heart Sidney
- 10/16: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
10/19: Special Collection for Mission Sunday
Rosary after mass
- 10/23: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

Mass Attendance: 43

Collection: \$695.00

Religious Education: \$5.00

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Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Greeter: Joe Tyson

Lector: Dana Mockovciak

Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Turner, Toni Zaleski, Jen Spivey

October 5

Greeter: Pat Kristofik

Lector: Kerry L. Mess

Eucharistic Ministers: Jen Spivey, Carol Tyson

Mass Intention

For Marta Dangca on her Confirmation

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, 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 rain to water the fields and quench our souls