

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, August 4
Saint John Vianney, Priest

Wednesday, August 5
Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

Thursday, August 6
TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Friday, August 7
Saint Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs
Saint Cajetan, Priest

Saturday, August 8
Saint Dominic, Priest

Upcoming Events

08/02: Christian Formation after mass

08/03: Morris Hymn Sing, 7 p.m., Otsego County Fair

08/06: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

08/07: First Friday Devotion, 2:15 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

08/08: First Saturday (Fatima) devotion, 9 a.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

08/09: Coffee Hour after mass

08/13: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

08/15: Feast of the Assumption, mass 9 a.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

08/16: Rosary after mass

08/20: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

08/23: SPECIAL COLLECTION: Catholic Home Missions

DID YOU KNOW?
BASILICA OF SAINT MARY MAJOR

- ? The Basilica of Saint Mary Major is one of how many Papal Basilicas in Rome?
- ? Who appeared in a dream to an Italian aristocrat and Pope Liberius (310-366) inspiring the construction of the church?
- ? What miracle happened, confirming the location of the church at Esquiline Hill?
- ? What is the name of the most important Marian icon housed in the Basilica?
- ? To which saint, patron of painters, is the icon attributed?
- ? What relic does the basilica house?
- ? How many popes are buried here?
- ? Which modern pope chose to be buried at Saint Mary Major?

<https://www.basilicasantamariamaggiore.va/en/basilica/storia-e-arte.html> (Answers inside.)

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026

Mass Attendance: 69

Collection: \$785

Holy Father Collection: \$370

ON THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

So how about those tents? Why didn't Jesus want Peter to build those shelters on the mountain?

In the Holy Land, many shrines are built over holy sites. A site is not holy for the building itself, the gold, the marble, the iconography or art—as magnificent as it may be—but for the memory of believers, the community of people who have gathered in these places throughout centuries to recall together: "We have seen his glory."

Christ's glory is not held in a single physical location on Mount Tabor, Mount Zion, or in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Rather, that glorious vision of Christ is memorialized, passed on, in our

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AUGUST 2, 2026

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A
Isaiah 55:1–3
Psalm 145
Romans 8:35, 37–39
Matthew 14:13–21

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

When we wake up each morning, if praise of the Risen Christ were to fill our hearts ... Then, in the monotony of daily life, an inner surge of vitality would reveal our hidden longing.

—Brother Roger of Taizé

GOD GIVES FREELY TO ALL

This Sunday's readings remind us that God gives without cost. Isaiah speaks of food and drink offered freely to all. This shows that God's love and care are not limited. He does not ask for payment or special qualifications. He simply invites everyone to come and receive. Paul reminds us that nothing can separate us from God's love. Not trouble, hardship, or anything else. God's love is constant, no matter what happens.

Life can be hard. We face struggles, losses, and disappointments. Sometimes, we may feel distant from God or wonder if He is still with us, but Paul assures us that no challenge is greater than God's love. Even in the hardest times, He is with us.

In the Gospel, the disciples are unsure how to feed the crowd. They feel helpless in the situation, but Jesus shows them that even when things seem impossible, He is there to help. He takes what little they have and makes it enough. It reminds us, no matter what we are facing, God does not leave us; His love is steady and unbreakable. God does not wait for us to be worthy; He does not give based on what we have to offer. He simply sees our needs and provides. We sometimes forget this when we worry about our own struggles. We might feel unworthy or think we have nothing



to give. God does not see it that way. He invites us to come as we are, trusting that He will take care of us. This Sunday reminds us to trust in His generosity.

PRAYER: Lord, You give freely and love without limits. Help us to trust in Your care, even when we feel uncertain. Remind us that You are always with us, providing for our needs. Open our hearts to receive Your gifts with gratitude. May we share Your love with others. Amen.

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For Reflection

- ★ How do I see God's generosity in my life?
- ★ How can I be more open to receiving God's gifts?
- ★ In what ways can I share what I have with others?

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

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Find our bulletin and Pastoral Council minutes on our website. If you have a notice for the bulletin, please email: holycrossRC-church@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

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Ministry to the Homebound

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Pope Leo XIV's August intention: That in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel and build community.

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; holysewsoneonta@yahoo.com
- ☼ Oneonta Community Health Center
No-cost healthcare services for uninsured adults (607) 433-0300
Office hours: Tues. 6-8 p.m.



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memories and those of Christ's followers. We are told each mass Jesus's original command, to "do this in memory of me." His followers beheld his glory, and we do, too, even now, 2,000 years later, as we recall it and remember it together.

The Eucharist, the community's shared remembering of Christ's sacrifice and revelation of himself in glory, makes Christ present in our world. Rather than build a monument to holiness, we are called to become the living stones. Our lives, hearts, and communities are called to become a testament to the transfiguration we have seen. The church is not real estate; we don't need to pitch a tent. We just have to go out and share the memory.

adapted from : <https://uscatholic.org/articles/202307/a-reflection-for-the-feast-of-the-transfiguration/>

AUGUST 2, 2026

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Greeters: Deb Newell and Marie Goupil

Lector: Kerry L. Mess

Eucharistic Minister: Jen Spivey

August 9

Greeters: Jackie and Chet McAdams

Lector: Marguerite Webster

Eucharistic Minister: Carol Tyson

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, Jim and Jan Drummy, Jo Franklin, Sarah Grogan, Agnes Huff, Maureen Joy, Jim and Michelle Lee, Fred Lemister, Carol and Jessica MacCumber, Doris Mensch, Jeffrey Meyers, Kelly Meyers, Lucille 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, Carol Tyson, Janet Van-Zandt, Royce Webster
- ✠ 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 God's love and care for us

Did You Know answers: 1) four 2) Virgin Mary 3) 4) Salus Populi Romani 5) St. Luke the Evangelist 6) Holy Child, manager Jesus was laid in after birth 7) eight 8) Pope Francis