

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, January 13

Saint Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Saturday, January 17

Saint Anthony, Abbot

As we have Parishioners discerning whether to serve on Holy Cross's Pastoral Council, let us support them in prayer.

Prayer for Discernment & Wisdom

O, Jesus Christ, Take me, Your child, and guide me in the right ways to that my eyes may not desire evil, nor my hands participate in it.

I humbly pray for the ability to discern and listen to the Holy Spirit and my guardian angel wherever they are guiding me. May my decisions be filled with Your divine wisdom and guidance to the glory and honor of Your name.

Thank You, Jesus. Amen.

Holy Cross Vision: A welcoming, vibrant community committed to growing in and sharing the love of Jesus

Holy Cross Mission: To care for the poor, abandoned, and the marginalized

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.

LIVING COMMUNITY TOGETHER

Come and Raise Your Voice in Joyful Song with Us!

The Community Service for Christian Unity is Sunday, January 25, 3 p.m. hosted by Gilbertsville Baptist Church. The choir is open to anyone who likes to sing. Rehearsals are at Gilbertsville Baptist Church:

Sunday, January 18, 1 p.m.

Saturday, January 24, 10 a.m.

Sunday, January 25, 2 p.m.

Pastoral Council Meeting Today!

The Pastoral Council meets today in the parish hall. Meetings are open to all.

PURPOSE OF THE COUNCIL

1. To serve God and the Parish by involving all Parishioners in the work of the Church.
2. To share responsibility for the Parish with the Pastor/Parish Administrator.
3. To seek and fulfill Parish and community needs.
4. To enhance channels of communications.
5. To assist in Parish administration.

Notice #1: "To serve God...by involving all Parishioners in the work of the Church."

How have I been involved in the work of the Church this week? What is my plan for this coming week?

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: \$4,533 / GOAL: \$6,379



Holy Cross Parish

JANUARY 11, 2026

Baptism of the Lord, A

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Psalm 29

Acts 10:34-38

Matthew 3:13-17

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Breath of Christ's loving, Holy Spirit, in the depths of our soul you set faith. It is like a surge of trusting, repeated countless times over in the course of our life. It can only be a simple act of trust, so simple that everyone can welcome it.

—Brother Roger of Taizé

REVELATION CALLS US TO ACT (Religious historian Diana Butler Bass)

Right now, we think it is hard to look at the world. It is difficult to watch the news, open social media, read a newspaper. All that division and anger and confusion and suffering and fear and pain. Authoritarianism, injustice, mass murder, starvation, war, genocide ... every single day I fear what I may see. But if being a follower of Christ invites us to be Christ's hands and feet, are we not also Christ's eyes?

What does God see when God looks at the world?

Certainly, God sees sin, sorrow, the shame, the pity, the terror, and the sheer horror of it all. The pathos of the world...

God sees beyond, through, and past the covering of the fig leaves. God sees creation

"without deceit." God beholds the world as it really is, a beloved community, a feast of abundance, sparkling in the light and glory of love.

And God invites us to see that goodness also—with our own eyes. To see differently, looking beyond, under, through, and past the shadows.

There are some among us who see the world—those prophets, saints, and heroes we admire—the visionaries in history and the rare ones in our midst. People like Martin Luther King Jr., a follower, a dreamer, a man with vision. When they ask us to *come and see*, many respond. And then we *go and do*. Come and see. Go and do likewise.

But seeing isn't only for visionaries. Every person called to follow is called, first and foremost, to come and see. The Light dwells with all of us, opening our eyes. The Light widens the circle of welcome. We are all seers. The Light beckons: *Come and see*.

What do you see today? January 5 was the twelfth and final day of Christmas. On January 6, the Christian calendar turns to a new season: Epiphany.... The Wise Men awaited a sign in the sky—a star—to guide them on this journey. Revelations break in, signs appear in dreams, light shines forth, and glory hovers all around. Such things are from the realms of miracle, awe, and wonder. They surprise and disrupt the normal course of existence. Epiphanies are not of our making.

But it would be a mistake to believe that we are only passive recipients of epiphanies. We need to be alert for their arrival.... Revelations can be missed if one isn't attentive or attuned to the possibilities of sacred surprise.... We cannot create epiphanies, but, like the Wise Men, we can respond to them. Epiphanies grab a hold of us; we can't shake them. Epiphanies beckon. The star invites; it calls to the attentive to do something—to act.

<https://cac.org/daily-meditations/revelation-calls-us-to-act/>

For Reflection

- ★ What role does the Holy Spirit play in my faith journey?
- ★ How can I live as a light for others in my daily life?

<https://young-catholics.com/3720/baptism-of-the-lord-year-a/#thoughts>

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 January intention: May praying with the Word of God nourish our lives and be hope for our communities to build a more missionary church.

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.

Upcoming Events

01/11: Coffee Hour and Pastoral Council after mass

01/15: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

01/18: Rosary after mass

01/22: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

01/24: A Day of Healing & Hope (for women experiencing miscarriage, stillbirth, infant loss), 9 a.m.–4 p.m., St. Clement's Church Saratoga Springs; www.eileentully.com

01/25: Come join us for the Prayer for Christian Unity Service, 3 p.m., Gilbertsville Baptist Church

02/01: Christian Formation after mass

02/04: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

02/06: First Friday Devotion, 2:30 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

02/07: First Saturday (Fatima) devotion, 9 a.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

02/08: Coffee Hour and Pastoral Council after mass

02/11: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

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02/18: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

02/22: SPECIAL COLLECTION: Black, Native American & Latin American Mission

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026

Mass Attendance: 50

Collection: \$1243.00

Solemnity of Mary: \$623.00

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Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Greeter: Chet and Jackie McAdams

Lector: Marguerite Webster

Eucharistic Ministers: Toni Zaleski

January 18

Greeters: John O'Brien

Deacon: Paul Cerosaletti

Lector: Maureen Joy

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, Kelly 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, 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 epiphanies and awakenings; may we be open to the gift of the Spirit