

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, January 20

Saint Fabian, Pope & Martyr;
Saint Sebastian, Martyr

Wednesday, January 21

Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

Friday, January 23

Saint Vincent, Deacon & Martyr;
Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin

Saturday, January 24

Saint Frances de Sales, Bishop &
Doctor of the Church

MOTHER MARIANNE COPE was born Barbara Koob (later Americanized to 'Cope') 23 January 1838 in Hessen, Germany. Her family immigrated to the United States in 1839, settled in Utica, New York, and became a naturalized citizen in 1850.

Barbara felt an attraction to religious life but, as one of the older children, delayed following her vocation to help her family. After eighth grade, she went to work in a textile factory. Nine years later, at age 24, one month after her father's death, she applied to the Sisters of St Francis in Syracuse, NY. She was given the name 'Marianne.'

Initially, Sr. Marianne taught and eventually became a principal. Marianne's gifts and talents were soon recognized, and she held several administrative positions in the congregation. She participated in the Sisters of St Francis establishing two of the first hospitals in Central New York, which were among the first general hospitals in the US: St. Eliz-

abeth's in Utica (1866) and St. Joseph's in Syracuse (1869). Both hospitals were unique for their time, open to care for all sick regardless of their nationality, religion or color. As administrator of St. Joseph's, Sr. Marianne was open to doctors-in-training, but she stipulated that the patients had the right to decline being seen by a student. Sr. Marianne was ahead of her time in recognizing the need of "out-cast" patients such as alcoholics for hospital care.

In 1883, the King and Queen of Hawai'i sent out 50 requests asking for help in caring for their sick poor, especially because of leprosy (Hansen's disease). As Mother General of her congregation, Mother Marianne was the only one who responded; she replied, "I am not afraid of any disease." For the next 35 years, Mother Marianne and her sisters not only cleaned up the existing hospitals but established new hospitals for the lepers.

Mother Marianne collaborated with the "Apostle to Lepers" Father Damian on several major projects. As he himself was dying of the disease, Mother Marianne promised to continue his work. She also promised her sisters that none of them would ever get the disease, her first miracle.

When the sisters assumed control of the Kalaupapa leper colony on Molokai, they knew they would be exiled there. The sisters not only cleaned up the facilities for the lepers, but also established homes and schools for the healthy dependents of the lepers as well as the lepers. Mother Marianne consistently enforced the standards of cleanliness and care she had pioneered in Utica and Syracuse especially through hand washing.

Mother Marianne Cope, known as "Beloved Mother of Outcasts" in Hawai'i is the patron saint of Lepers, Outcasts and HIV patients.

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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: \$X,XXX / GOAL: \$6,379



Holy Cross Parish

JANUARY 18, 2026

2nd Sunday Ordinary Time, A

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Psalms 40

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

John 1:29-34

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

If there is any concept worth restoring to its original depth and vocative potential, it is the concept of hospitality. It is one of the richest biblical terms that can deepen and broaden our insight in our relationships to our fellow human beings. Old and New Testament stories not only show how serious our obligation is to welcome the stranger in our home, but they also tell us that guests are carrying precious gifts with them, which they are eager to reveal to a receptive host.

—Henri Nouwen

The first and greatest surprise—a miracle, really—is this: that anything exists at all.... The first pages of the Bible and the best thinking of today's scientists are in full agreement: it all began in the beginning, when space and time, energy and matter, gravity and light, burst or bloomed or banged into being. In light of the Genesis story, we would say that the possibility of this universe overflowed into actuality as God, the Creative Spirit, uttered the original joyful invitation: Let it be! And in response, what happened? Light. Time. Space. Matter. Motion. Sea. Stone. Fish. Sparrow. You. Me. Enjoying the unspeakable gift and privilege of being here, being alive....

Genesis means "beginnings." It speaks through deep, multilayered poetry and wild, ancient stories. The poetry and stories of Genesis reveal deep truths that can help us be more fully alive today. They dare to proclaim that the universe is God's self-expression, God's speech act. That means that everything everywhere is always essentially holy, spiritual, valuable, meaningful. All matter matters.

Through the book of Genesis we encounter a story of goodness and interconnectedness. Genesis tells us that the

universe is good—a truth so important it gets repeated like the theme of a song.... Every river or hill or valley or forest is good. Skin? Good. Bone? Good. Mating and eating and breathing and giving birth and growing old? Good, good, good. All are good. Life is good.

The best thing in Genesis is not simply human beings, but the whole creation considered and enjoyed together, as a beautiful, integrated whole, and us a part. The poetry of Genesis describes the "very goodness" that comes at the end of a long process of creation ... when all the parts, including us, are working together as one whole. That harmonious whole is so good that the Creator takes a day off, as it were, just to enjoy it. That day of restful enjoyment tells us that the purpose of existence isn't money or power or fame or security or anything less than this: to participate in the goodness and beauty and aliveness of creation....

According to the first creation story, you are part of creation. You are made from common soil ... dust, Genesis says; stardust, astronomers tell us ... soil that becomes watermelons and grain and apples and peanuts, and then, they become food, and then that food becomes you.... Together with all living things, you share the breath of life, participating in the same cycles of birth and death, reproduction and recycling and renewal. You, with them, are part of the story of creation—different branches on the tree of life. In that story, you are connected and related to everything everywhere. In fact, that is a good partial definition of God: God is the one through whom we are related and connected to everything.

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For Reflection

- ★ How does knowing that God has a plan for me before birth affect how I see myself?
- ★ What is one step I can take to follow God's call more closely this week?

<https://young-catholics.com/2262/2nd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/#thoughts>

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

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098



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

- 01/18: **Rosary after mass**
Christian Unity choir rehearsal, Gilbertsville Baptist Church, 1 p.m.
- 01/22: **Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
01/24: Christian Unity choir rehearsal, Gilbertsville Baptist Church, 10 a.m.
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: Christian Unity choir rehearsal, Gilbertsville Baptist Church, 2 p.m.
Join us for Prayer for Christian Unity Service, 3 p.m., Gilbertsville Baptist Church
- 02/01: **Christian Formation after mass**
- 02/05: **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: **SPECIAL COLLECTION: Super Bowl of Caring Coffee Hour and Pastoral Council after mass**
- 02/12: **Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**
- 02/15: **Rosary after mass**
- 02/18: **Ash Wednesday mass, 9 a.m.,**
St. Mary's Oneonta masses 7:30, 12:30, 6:30
Ash Wednesday Ashes to Go sponsored by Zion Episcopal
- 02/19: **Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026

Mass Attendance: 41
Collection: \$545.00
Insurance: \$130.00

JANUARY 18, 2026

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Greeter: John O'Brien

Lector: Maureen Joy

Eucharistic Minister: (no Paul in Jan)

January 25

Greeters: Marguerite Webster

Lector: Daphne Thompson

Eucharistic Minister: 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, 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 all those willing to consider serving on Pastoral Council and all those who put their names on the ballot for Pastoral Council