

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 26

Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Tuesday, January 27

Saint Angela Merici, Virgin

Wednesday, January 28

Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest &
Doctor of the Church

Saturday, January 31

Saint John Bosco, Priest

HOLY CROSS PASTORAL COUNCIL BALLOT

Allan Dangca

Celine Franciso

Kerry L. Mess

Scott Kolberg

Chet McAdams

Jackie McAdams

Dana Mockovciak

Joe Tyson

Parishioners may vote for up to 10 members.

Special thanks to all who entered the discernment process.

Have you experienced a miracle? Curious?
Come to share or learn on Miracle Sunday.

PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

If you have old palms from Palm Sunday, please bring them in to church. Palms are burned for the ashes distributed on Ash Wednesday, which is February 18 this year.

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.

HOSPITALITY, therefore, means primarily the creation of a free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy. Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them space where change can take place. It is not to bring men and women over to our side, but to offer freedom not disturbed by dividing lines. It is not to lead our neighbour into a corner where there are no alternatives left, but to open a wide spectrum of options for choice and commitment. It is not an educated intimidation with good books, good stories and good works, but the liberation of fearful hearts so that words can find roots and bear ample fruit. It is not a method of making our God and our way into the criteria of happiness, but the opening of an opportunity to others to find their God and their way. The paradox of hospitality is that it wants to create emptiness, not a fearful emptiness, but a friendly emptiness where strangers can enter and discover themselves as created free; free to sing their own songs, speak their own languages, dance their own dances; free also to leave and follow their own vocations. Hospitality is not a subtle invitation to adopt the lifestyle of the host, but the gift of a chance for the guest to find his own. —Henri Nouwen

ASH WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY MINISTRY

Sign up to distribute Ashes to Go at <https://tinyurl.com/AshesWeds>. Mtr. Tracy provides ashes and ceremony cards for ministers.

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 25, 2026

3rd Sunday Ordinary Time, A

Isaiah 8:23–9:3

Psalms 27

1 Corinthians 1:10–1, 173

Matthew 4:12–23

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

NOTICE

Today's Prayer for Christian Unity Service at Gilbertsville Baptist Church has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 8 at 3 p.m.

They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." —John 1:38–39

When Jesus goes out to Galilee, his initial preaching is summed up in the verse, "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand" (Matthew 4:17; Mark 1:15). "Repent" (or metanoia in Greek) means to turn around, to change. The first word that comes out of Jesus's mouth is repent, change.

Jesus calls us to be willing to change, but many of us are not willing to change, simply because we're not willing to turn away from ourselves! Usually, we're not in love with God. Instead, we're in love with our way of thinking, our way of explaining, our way of doing things. One of the greatest ways to protect ourselves from God, from truth and grace, is simply to buy into some kind of cheap conventionalism and call it tradition.

But great traditions always call people on a journey of faith to keep changing. There's no other way the human person can open up to all that God is asking of us. There's no way we can open up to all we have to learn or experience, unless we're willing to let go of the idols of yesterday and the idols of today. The best protection from the next word of God is the last word of God. We take what we heard from God last year (or from authority figures in our first half of life) and we build a whole system around it—and then we sit there for the rest of our lives.

Immediately after he begins preaching, Jesus calls his first four disciples. Jesus just says, "Follow me" and immediately they leave their nets and follow him (Matthew 4:19–20). But today, the way I see people transformed doesn't happen this quickly. Maybe it happened that way with Jesus and the disciples; I don't want to say that it didn't. A true disciple will have that kind of readiness. Most of us, though, would prefer some process of conversion, a series of conversations over a few weeks, with Jesus saying, "Hey, I'm into something new. Do you want to be a part of it? Let's go."

May we realize that we're all called to discipleship. We hope that the point comes when we're ready to let go of our nets: our sense of self, our security systems, and the way it's always been. Fishing is Simon (Peter) and Andrew's economic livelihood, and Jesus says to let go of it. He says essentially, "I'm going to teach you how to fish in a new way, to fish for people" (Matthew 4:19). What he means is that he's going to give them a new vocation. Hearing this Gospel passage, may we be inspired to ask, "What is God asking us to do? Where is God asking us to go?"

adapted from <https://cac.org/daily-meditations/follow-me/>

For Reflection

- ★ What are some ways I can grow in trust when God calls me to something new?
- ★ What does it mean to repent, and how can I live that out?

<https://young-catholics.com/2271/3rd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/#thoughts>

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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

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

- 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 Reconciliation, 2 p.m.
First Saturday (Fatima) devotion, 9 a.m., St. Mary's Oneonta
Christian Unity choir rehearsal, 10 a.m., Gilbertsville Baptist Church
- 02/08: SPECIAL COLLECTION: Super Bowl of Caring
Coffee Hour, Pastoral Council after mass
Christian Unity choir rehearsal, Gilbertsville Baptist Church, 2 p.m.
[Join us for Prayer for Christian Unity Service, 3 p.m., Gilbertsville Baptist Church](#)
- 02/11: Anointing of the Sick, 12:10 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta
- 02/12: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.
- 02/15: Miracle Sunday 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.
- 02/22: SPECIAL COLLECTION: Black, Native American & Latin American Mission

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026

Mass Attendance: 33

Collection: \$1,406.00

Snow & Maintenance: \$60.00

JANUARY 25, 2026

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Greeter: Marguerite Webster

Deacon: Paul Cerosaletti

Lector: Daphne Thompson

Eucharistic Minister: Diane Turner

February 1

Greeters: Pat Kristofik

Lector: Kerry L. Mess

Eucharistic Minister: Jen Spivey

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, 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, Evelny Rowe, Martin Smith, Mike Stensland, Joe and Carol Tyson, Janet Van-Zandt, 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, including Nadine Joy who passed away this past Monday
- ✠ in thanksgiving for Jim Lee and his continued contributions to the bulletin