

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 20
Saint Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr

Tuesday, July 21
Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest
& Doctor of the Church

Wednesday, July 22
SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

Thursday, July 23
Saint Bridget, Religious

Friday, July 24
Saint Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest

Saturday, July 11
SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE

DID YOU KNOW? QUIZ YOURSELF!

- 1. Responding to a deadly 6th century plague, Pope Gregory the Great replaced, “Good luck to you,” often said when one sneezed (thought to foreshadow deadly illness) with what now common expression?
- 2. Is it said Joseph of Arimathea took the Holy Grail and spear that pierced Christ's side to which present-day country?
- 3. What saint was supposedly beaten and beheaded on 14 February 270 for violating Roman law by secretly marrying couples?
- 4. Today many Catholics climb 28 marble steps, now encased by wooden covers, transported from Jerusalem to Rome, on their hands and knees, praying at each step. Name the steps it is said Jesus walked when He met Pontius Pilate.
- 5. It is said, the body of Jesus was prepared for burial on the Stone of Unction. This stone is located in what church?

Upcoming Events

07/19: First Communion; reception after mass

07/20: County Fair Women’s Ensemble rehearsal, 5:30 p.m. United Methodist

07/22: County Fair Women’s Ensemble rehearsal, 5:30 p.m. United Methodist

07/23: County Fair Women’s Ensemble rehearsal, 12 p.m. United Methodist

07/23: Liturgy of the Word

07/25: Parish Picnic, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

07/26: SPECIAL COLLECTION: Holy Father

07/27: County Fair Women’s Ensemble rehearsal, 4:30 p.m. United Methodist

07/30: Liturgy of the Word
County Fair Women’s Ensemble rehearsal, 12 p.m. United Methodist

08/01: First Saturday (Fatima) devotion, 9 a.m., St. Mary’s Oneonta

08/03: Christian Formation after mass
Morris Hymn Sing, 7 p.m., Otsego County Fair

08/06: Liturgy of the Word

08/09: Coffee Hour after mass

08/13: Liturgy of the Word

08/16: Rosary after mass

08/20: Liturgy of the Word

08/23: SPECIAL COLLECTION: Catholic Home Missions

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026

Mass Attendance: 59

Collection: \$1197.00

Candles: \$12 / Insurance: \$155

Quiz Source: Frush, S. P. (2009) *Ultimate Catholic Trivia: 1001 Fun and Fascinating Facts*. CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform. pp 93, 96-97, 99. Submitted by Jim Lee (Answers inside.)



JULY 19, 2026

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A
Wisdom 12:13, 16–19
Psalm 86
Romans 8:26–27
Matthew 13:24–43

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

When the night becomes dense, His love is a fire. Then what was glowing underneath the ashes bursts into flame. And even the thorns of the past feed that flame.

—Brother Roger of Taizé

The medieval English anchoress Julian of Norwich bequeathed us a radically optimistic theology. She had no problem admitting human beings have a tendency to go astray. We rupture relationships, dishonor the Divine, make unfortunate choices, and try to hide our faults. And yet, Julian insists, “All will be well and all will be well and every kind of thing shall be well.”

Take that in. This assertion aims to penetrate the fog of our despair and wake us up. She does not simply state, “Everything’s going to be okay.” ... She does not ask us to engage in a spiritual bypass by relegating everything that unfolds to the will of God, calling it perfect against all evidence to the contrary. She squarely faces the inevitability that we will miss the mark

and that there is wickedness in this world. Even so, she is convinced that the nature of the Divine is loving-kindness, and she wants us to absorb this into every fiber of our being.

In her mystical masterwork *The Showings*, Julian shares that she used to obsess about sin. She couldn’t figure out why God, who is all-powerful, wouldn’t have eliminated our negative proclivities when he made the world. “If he had left sin out of creation, it seemed to me, all would be well.” But what God-the-Mother showed Julian in a near-death vision was that all shall be well anyway....

Julian unpacks this for us, dispensing with the whole concept of sin and replaces it with love. “I believe that sin has no substance,” Julian writes, “not a particle of being.” While sin itself has no existential value, it has impact. It causes pain and the pain has substance.

But mercy is swiftly forthcoming. It is immediately available. Inexorable! ... “When he said these gentle words,” Julian writes, speaking of God-the-Mother, “he showed me that he does not have one iota of blame for me, or for any other person. So, wouldn’t it be unkind of me to blame God for my transgressions since he does not blame me?” The merciful nature of God renders the whole blame game obsolete... what Julian is saying, with heartbreaking compassion, is that we cannot know this now, from our limited, pain-drenched perspective. Yet eventually we will awaken to the truth that we are unconditionally adored by God.

JOIN US: PARISH PICNIC SATURDAY,
CHURCH GROUNDS, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

adapted from <https://cac.org/daily-meditations/will-all-be-well/>

For Reflection

- ★ How do I respond when I see both good and bad in the world?
- ★ How can I make space in my life for God’s quiet work to take root and grow?

<https://young-catholics.com/2834/16th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-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/tiny.cc/HCMorris)

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

Pastoral Associate (Parish Leader)

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

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Faith Formation & RCIA [Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults]

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Ministry to the Homebound

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Pope Leo XIV's July intention: Pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it is a gift from God.

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.

THE CALL FOR PATIENCE

If we are patient, we can look at all the events of each day – expected and unexpected – as holding promise for us. Patience is the attitude that says we cannot force life but have to let it grow in its own time. Patience lets us see the people we meet, the events of the day, and the unfolding of history of our times as all part of the slow process of development and final liberation. —Henri Nouwen



YOU ARE ACCEPTED

The first love says, “I loved you before you could love anyone or before you could receive love from anyone. I have accepted you. You are accepted. You are loved no matter what mother, father, brother, sister, school, church, society does. You are born out of my love. I have breathed you out of my love. I have spoken you out of my love. You are the incarnation of my love and in me there is no hatred, there is no revenge, there is no resentment. There is nothing that wants to reject you. I love you. Can you trust that love?

The original love is the original blessing.

The original love is the original acceptance.

—Henri Nouwen

Did You Know answers: 1) “God bless you!” 2) England 3) St. Val-
entine 4) Scala Santa (Holy Stairs) 5) Church of the Holy Sepulcher
(Jerusalem)

JULY 19, 2026

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Greeter: Pat Kristofik

Deacon: Paul Cerosaletti

Lector: Maureen Joy

Eucharistic Minister: Toni Zaleski

July 26

Greeter: John O'Brien

Lector: Marguerite Webster

Eucharistic Minister: Diane Webster

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 all visitors to our parish; may they find joy and blessing with us