

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, June 9

Saint Ephrem, Deacon & Doctor of the Church

Thursday, June 11

Saint Barnabas, Apostle

Friday, June 12

MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Saturday, June 13

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor of the Church

In the 1600s, French nun Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque had visions of Jesus in which He showed her His Sacred Heart, burning with love but surrounded by thorns. The thorns were a sign of the pain caused by sin and indifference.

Jesus told her that He wanted people to honor His Sacred Heart. He asked for a special devotion on the First Friday of each month. He asked for love, prayer, and reparation for the many ways He is forgotten and rejected. Saint Margaret Mary obeyed His request. Though people doubted her at first, the Church later accepted her visions.

The image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is rich with symbolism. The exposed Heart, often depicted with a crown of thorns, represents Jesus' suffering and his immense love for humanity. The flames emanating from the Heart signify the transformative and purifying power of his love, while the cross

MORRIS BACCALAUREATE

First Baptist will host the Bacculaureate for graduating seniors, **Sunday, Jun. 21, 6 p.m.** Join us to celebrate our community's seniors. Come lend your voice to the choir. (Rehearsal times on Upcoming Events list.)

HOLY CROSS PARISH PICNIC



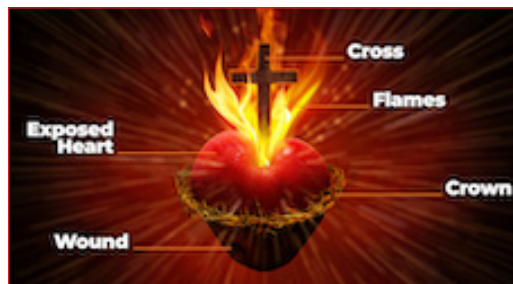
Saturday, July 25, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., Parish Grounds. Holy Cross will provide burgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments.

Please see sign up sheets at the back of church: **We need people to:**

- 👉 **set up the grounds outside the church**
- 👉 **grill the meats**
- 👉 **oversee games for the children**
- 👉 **take down the set up after the picnic**
- 👉 **bring side dishes to pass**

Come celebrate in community with us!

above the Heart is a reminder of his redemptive sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. The wound in the side of his Heart represents the wound inflicted on him by both the Roman soldier and by all human beings through their sins.



<https://young-catholics.com/709/most-sacred-heart-of-jesus-year-a/>, <https://www.catholic.com/trac/the-sacred-heart-of-jesus-catholic-answers-guide>

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. Thank you.

DIOCESAN APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who helped Holy Cross reach its goal!

<https://thediocesanappeal.org/>

CURRENT STATUS: \$6,396 / GOAL: \$6,379



Holy Cross Parish

JUNE 7, 2026

Corpus Christi Sunday, A
Deuteronomy 8:2–3, 14b–16a
Psalm 147
1 Corinthians 10:16–17
John 6:51–58

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

The divine ecstatic joy of the house of love becomes manifest in celebration. Celebration marks the life of the disciple of Jesus as well as the life of his new community. The disciple leaves behind the old life in search of a new life. For every disciple as well as for the entire fellowship, following the Lord involves celebration, the ongoing, unceasing lifting up of God's love that has proved itself victorious. Celebration is the concrete way in which God's ecstatic joy becomes visible among us. —Henri Nouwen

We might think of today's celebration as "The Solemnity of the Great Love of God." In our first reading, Moses reminded his people of how God had led them in love through the desert and fed them with manna from heaven. Moses ends with the reminder that, if they hope to flourish, human beings need to feast on both manna and the Word of God.

Today's Gospel portrays Jesus responding to people who wanted to make him king because he provided them with all the bread they could eat. In typical style, John shows us Jesus the mystic in the company of people so earthbound that metaphors are as obscure to them as is the color of the night air.

Remember Nicodemus, who heard Jesus talk about being born again and understood it as crawling back into his mother's womb? Then there was the woman at the well who asked for the kind of water that would quench her thirst once and forever. John likes to depict Jesus drawing people beyond the literal into profound meaning.

At this stage of his ministry, Jesus couldn't have been talking about people literally eating his flesh. He was talking

as he did to Nicodemus and to Photina at the well, using metaphors to draw them into the realm of the Spirit. To explain more deeply, Jesus later compares the experience of the person who "feeds on me" or "eats my flesh" to his experience of his life in the Father. Throughout John's Gospel we hear that all that Jesus is and does comes from the Father. Now, he says he offers his life, himself, as a gift to the world to nourish us as the Father nourishes, inspires and accompanies him. That is what he wants to be for and with us.

We've been taught to think of the Eucharist as a miracle that astounds and shows us the great love of God in consecrated bread and wine. True to the Catechism, it leads to deep gratitude. But in calling himself the bread of life, Jesus offers more than that. In calling himself the bread of life he aims to draw us into profound union and identity in him that it can only be compared to his relationship with the Father. He wants us to receive, to experience the great love of God through him and be changed by it, over and again. This solemnity invites us to ask ourselves who we are and who we are becoming. How does our participation in the Eucharist lead us individually and communally into deeper identity in Christ?

Moving into this mystery, we, similar to Aquinas, can come to understand that words are useless. All we can do is adore.

adapted from <https://www.ncronline.org/spirituality/june-7-2026-solemnity-most-holy-body-and-blood-christ>

For Reflection

- ★ Why is humility important in recognizing God's blessings?
- ★ How can I practice gratitude in my daily life?

<https://young-catholics.com/706/corpus-christi-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

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

Allan Dangca, Celine Francisco, Scott Kolberg, Chet McAdams, Jackie McAdams, Dana Mochovciak

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 June intention: May sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures, promoting respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

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

- 06/07: Corpus Christi Sunday**
SPECIAL COLLECTION: Catholic Communications Campaign
Christian Formation after mass
- 06/11: Liturgy of the Word**
Consolation Group, 10 a.m., St. Mary's Oneonta rectory dining room
- 06/12-14: Catholic Singles and Friends
Weekend at Pyramid Life Center in Paradox NY. For more info, email cathsing@yahoo.com or register at <http://www.pyramidlife.org>
- 06/14: Coffee Hour after mass**
06/15: Baccalaureate choir rehearsal, 6 p.m.
First Baptist Morris
- 06/16: Baccalaureate choir rehearsal, 12 p.m.
United Methodist Morris
- 06/18: Liturgy of the Word**
- 06/21: Rosary after mass, Faith formation after mass**
Baccalaureate choir rehearsal, 5 p.m.
Baccalaureate service, 6 p.m.
First Baptist Morris
- 06/25: Liturgy of the Word**
06/27: Celebrating the Bliss of Being, 1-4 p.m., Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Grassman Hall; for information, email: info@katerishrine.org

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026

Mass Attendance: 44

Collection: \$1097.00

JUNE 7, 2026

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Greeters: Deb Newell and Marie Goupil

Lector: Kerry L Mess

Eucharistic Minister: Jen Spivey

June 14

Greeters: Chet and Jackie McAdams

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, Jim and Jan Drummy, Jo Franklin, Sarah Grogan, Agnes Huff, Maureen Joy, Jim Lee, Michelle Lee, Fred Lemister, Carol and Jessica MacCumber, Doris Mensch, 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, Carol Tyson, Janet VanZandt, Fr. Chris Welch
- ✠ 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 Fr. Chris Welch's continued service to our parish