

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday, October 14
Saint Callistus I, Pope & Martyr

Thursday, October 15
Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

Friday, October 16
Saint Hedwig, Religious
Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

Saturday, October 17
Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

Upcoming Events

10/11: Altar server training, Coffee Hour after mass

10/15: Liturgy of the Word

10/18: SPECIAL COLLECTION: Mission Sunday
Christian formation after mass

10/22: Liturgy of the Word

10/25: Christian Formation after mass

11/01: Christian Formation after mass

11/05: Liturgy of the Word

11/06: First Friday Devotion, 2:30 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

11/07: First Saturday (Fatima) devotion, 9 a.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

11/08: Coffee Hour, Pastoral Council meeting after mass

11/12: Liturgy of the Word

11/15: Rosary after mass

11/19: Liturgy of the Word

11/22: SPECIAL COLLECTION: Campaign for Human Development
Christian Formation after mass

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

Mass Attendance: 75

Collection: \$1516

October is the month of the Rosary, with the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (Oct. 7). The use of prayer beads and prayers to the Virgin Mary have been in use for centuries. St. Dominic de Guzman, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), reported he had received a rosary and instructions from the Virgin Mary in 1208 after prayer and meditation after an unsuccessful attempt to bring Albigenian heretics in Toulouse

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A

Isaiah 25:6–10a

Psalm 23

Philippians 4:12–14, 19–20

Matthew 22:1–14

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

*In the most som-
bre moments, when
Christians experi-
ence intense discour-
agement, what else
can we do expect to
cast ourselves into
that fathomless depth
which is the hope that
springs from faith?*

–Brother Roger of Taizé

ARE YOU READY? COME TO THE FEAST!

Both Isaiah's prophecy of God's feast for his people and conquering of death and Jesus's parable of the king throwing a feast illustrate God's deep and abiding love for us. Both readings describe a luscious feast for all people. In the Gospel parable, when those invited to the feast refuse to come, the master sends his servants to invite them again. This is God's way of signaling the door to His house and blessings is always open to us.

Like the grumblers in the last two Sunday's readings—the workers in the vineyard who resent those who came later receiving the same pay and those who kill the vineyard owner's son—the first set of guests lash out and kill the king's servants. Who would refuse such a gener-

ous invitation? Jesus calls his listeners and us to reflect on our behavior: When have we rejected the invitation and generous love of God? When have we hardened our hearts to those around us, withholding love and care?

Yet, God is not deterred: The master sends out his servants a third time to invite those worthy. Notice, God's love and mercy extend to "the bad and good alike." This is like the vineyard owner who pays all his workers the same wage, regardless of how many hours they worked. The fruit of the labor is the relationships forged and the satisfaction that comes from communal labor. The guest without proper attire reminds us that just showing up is not enough. Following Jesus takes effort; and the road will not always be easy.

Paul testifies to the ups and downs of life in his letter from prison. Philippians was his first community, and he writes to thank the Philippians for financial support they have sent; all Roman prisoners had to pay for their keep. Paul describes knowing both feast and famine, good times and bad. Yet through it all, Paul does not just show up, he chooses Jesus again and again, even when it lands him in prison. After expressing his gratitude to his Philippian friends, Paul promises that God's love and generosity will uphold them, supplying "whatever you need." Like the good shepherd in the Psalm, who cares for the speaker even in the dark valley, God does not abandon his people. We are all invited to participate in the feast. The question is really whether or not we will be ready: Will our hearts be open to God's love and sharing that love with each other?

CATHOLIC CIVICS FOR ELECTION SEASON 5

'You shall **love** the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.'

Matthew 22:36-40

It is an indispensable act of **love** to strive to organize and structure society so that one's neighbour will not find himself in poverty. It is an act of charity to assist someone suffering, but it is also an act of charity, even if we do not know that person, to work to change the social conditions that caused his or her suffering. If someone helps an elderly person cross a river, that is a fine act of charity. The politician, on the other hand, builds a bridge, and that too is an act of charity.

While one person can help another by providing something to eat, the politician creates a job for that other person, and thus practices a lofty form of charity that ennoble his or her political activity.

Pope Francis, Fratelli tutti, 186-187

For Reflection

- ★ What distractions keep me from responding fully to God's call?
- ★ How can I prepare myself spiritually for God's feast?

<https://young-catholics.com/2957/28th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/#thoughts>

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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

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Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

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Kerry L. Mess (607) 386-1951

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Marguerite Webster (607) 263-5478

Faith Formation

Adult: Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

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Ministry to the Homebound

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

Pope Leo XIV's October intention: May the Church establish a mental health ministry, helping to overcome stigma and discrimination of those suffering.

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.

CATHOLIC CIVICS FOR ELECTION SEASON 4

"Justice is particularly important in the present-day context, where the individual value of the person, his dignity and his rights — despite proclaimed intentions — are seriously threatened by the widespread tendency to make exclusive use of criteria of utility and ownership."

Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, 202

The distribution of created goods, which, as every discerning person knows, is labouring today under the gravest evils due to the huge disparity between the few exceedingly rich and the unnumbered propertyless, must be effectively called back to and brought into conformity with the norms of the common good, that is, **social justice**.

Pope Pius XI, 1931

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back to the Church. Mary instructed Dominic to use the rosary with her Psalter. After explaining the Rosary and leading the people in this prayer, many people were brought back to the Church. Thus, it is the Dominican rosary people think of when discussing the Rosary.

The Rosary consists of twenty decades: four sets of Mysteries each containing five events in the life of Jesus and his mother the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Rosary can, and should, be recited every day. Typically the Mysteries are recited as follows:

Joyful Mysteries on Mondays and Saturdays, Sorrowful Mysteries on Tuesdays and Fridays, Glorious Mysteries on Wednesdays and Sundays, and the Luminous Mysteries on Thursdays. St. John Paul II introduced the Luminous Mysteries in 2002

Many mystics, including the three seers at Fatima, have relayed Our Blessed Mother's encouraging the faithful to recite the Rosary. The Devotion of First Saturdays incorporates recitation of the Rosary and Adoration of the Divine Presence in the Blessed Sacrament.

submitted by Jim Lee

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Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Greeters: Jackie and Chet McAdams

Lector: Maureen Joy

Eucharistic Minister: Carol Tyson

October 18

Greeter: Peg Lilley

Deacon: Paul Cerosaletti

Lector: Marguerite Webster

Eucharistic Minister: Jen Spivey

Mass Intention

FOR THE SOUL OF SR. THERESA AHERN

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 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
- ✠ 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 the turning of the seasons and the color of the leaves.

Rosary Article Sources: Frush, S.P. (2009) *Ultimate Catholic Trivia*. Marshall Rand Publishing, 81. De Montfort, St L. (1954). *The Secret of the Rosary*. Montfort Publications, 17-19.