

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, September 8

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Wednesday, September 9

Saint Peter Claver, Priest

Saturday, September 12

Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary

LEARNING FROM MARY'S LIFE & EXAMPLE

The Feast of The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a special time to think about the life of Mary and how it connects to our own lives. Mary was chosen for a unique role, but she also lived with faith, trust, and love. She faced challenges and uncertainties, just like we do. Her life shows us how to respond to life's difficulties with courage and faith in God's plan.

One key lesson from Mary's life is her willingness to say "yes" to God. Even when she didn't fully understand what her future would hold, she trusted that God would guide her. We can take inspiration from this and remember that sometimes, we may not know what lies ahead, but we can trust things will work out if we stay faithful.

Mary's humility is also an important part of her story. She didn't seek attention or praise but quietly accepted her role. In a world where people often seek recognition and success, Mary reminds us that true greatness comes from serving others and being faithful to our responsibilities. We can learn from her example to live with humility and focus on what really matters.

Finally, Mary's love and care for others are qualities we can all strive to have in our own lives. She cared for Jesus and supported those around her with compassion. Whether it's helping a family member, a friend, or even a stranger, we can reflect on how we show love in our daily lives and how we can do more to care for others.

<https://young-catholics.com/4271/the-nativity-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary/#homilies>

Upcoming Events

09/06: Fr. Rouleau will be preaching on the Haitian Missions

09/10: Liturgy of the Word

09/12-13: Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) Inquiry Sessions, after mass
St. Mary's Oneonta

09/13: Coffee Hour; Pastoral Council meeting (all are welcome) after mass

09/17: Liturgy of the Word

09/20: Altar server training after mass

09/24: Liturgy of the Word

09/27: **SPECIAL COLLECTION: Catholic Universities; Christian Formation after mass**
Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee, 3 p.m.
Christ Our Light, Loudonville; for info/to register, email marriage.jubilee@rcda.org

09/30: Gathered in Faith: Is Asking for Miracles a Waste of Time? 6-8 p.m.,
Corpus Christi Round Lake. Registration required: QR code or email
gathered52@gmail.com



10/01: Liturgy of the Word

10/04: Christian Formation after mass

10/08: Liturgy of the Word

10/11: 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

REMEMBERING 9/11 – 25TH ANNIVERSARY website
a listing of masses, prayer services for those looking to pray: <https://www.rcda.org/remembering-911>

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026

Mass Attendance: 66

Collection: \$1377

Catholic Home Missions: \$200



SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, A

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalms 95

Romans 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20

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

Jesus, joy of our hearts, when the impression that we cannot fulfill what you expect of us comes welling up inside us, haven't you responded already? You invite us to love, just as you love us.

—Brother Roger of Taizé

RESPONSIBILITY, LOVE, JUSTICE IN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

This Sunday reminds us that faith is lived in relationship with others. God does not call us to walk alone. We are asked to care for one another, to guide each other, and to live in love. These readings show how warning, correction, and forgiveness are all part of belonging to God's people.

We are called to care for one another. The first reading shows this when God tells Ezekiel that he must warn others about their sins. If he fails to speak up, he will share in their guilt. This shows that faith is not just about personal choices but also about helping others live

rightly. The first reading makes it clear that failing to warn others about sin is a serious mistake. God calls people to speak up, even when it is difficult. This applies not only to personal relationships but also to society. When corruption, injustice, or cruelty exist, people of faith must take a stand. Ignoring these issues allows them to grow.

The second reading also speaks about responsibility. Paul teaches that love is the fulfillment of the law. Loving others means doing what is best for them. Sometimes that includes correcting them when they are making harmful choices. Paul's message about love also connects to this idea. Love is not just about kindness. It is about doing what is right. Allowing evil to continue is not love—it is neglect. This is not always easy. People may not want to hear correction, and it can be uncomfortable to speak up. But ignoring wrongdoing does not help anyone. True love means caring enough to guide others toward what is right.

Jesus teaches that love and responsibility go hand in hand. Faith is not only about personal prayer but also about how people treat one another. Jesus gives clear steps for addressing conflicts. First, speak to the person privately. If that does not work, involve a few others. If the problem continues, bring it to the church. If the person still refuses to listen, they may be separated from the community. This shows that Jesus understands that disagreements will happen. The church is made up of people, and people make mistakes. Instead of ignoring problems or letting them grow, Jesus teaches a way to deal with them fairly. The goal is not punishment but reconciliation. Jesus also reminds his followers that their actions matter. When they make decisions in unity and prayer, those decisions carry authority. God is with them, guiding their choices.

PRAYER: Lord, help us to love others with patience and truth. Give us the wisdom to correct with kindness and the courage to speak against injustice. May we seek peace in our relationships and work for goodness in our communities. Be with us when we gather in your name. Amen.

For Reflection

- ★ How do I handle conflict in my own life?
- ★ Why is silence in the face of injustice a problem?

<https://young-catholics.com/2906/23rd-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

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 & OCIA [Order of Christian Initiation for Adults]

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

Ministry to the Homebound

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

Pope Leo XIV's September intention: Pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to clean water.

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 mystery of God's wonderful love is that you come with it into the world and it blesses you whether you know it or not. Your life is in God's universal embrace of the whole human family. So if you look with eyes of faith you discover that you belong to a sacred family. You are son or daughter. You are brother or sister. You are father or mother in the most deeply spiritual way. This little life brings it all together. –Henri Nouwen

What difference will it make to you today to remember that you belong to a sacred family?

Let us not underestimate how hard it is to be compassionate. Compassion is hard because it requires the inner disposition to go with others to the place where they are weak, vulnerable, lonely, and broken. But this is not our spontaneous response to suffering. What we desire most is to do away with suffering by fleeing from it or finding a quick cure for it. As busy, active, relevant [people], we want to earn our bread by making a real contribution. This means first and foremost doing something to show that our presence makes a difference. And so we ignore our greatest gift, which is our ability to enter into solidarity with those who suffer. . . .

Those who can sit with their fellow man, not knowing what to say but knowing that they should be there, can bring new life into a dying heart. Those who are not afraid to hold a hand in gratitude, to shed tears of grief, and to let a sigh of distress arise straight from the heart can break through paralyzing boundaries and witness the birth of a new fellowship, the fellowship of the broken. –Henri Nouwen

Who might God be inviting you to enter into solidarity with today?

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Celebrant

Rev. Frank Rouleau

Greeters: Deb Newell and Marie Goupil

Lector: Marguerite Webster

Eucharistic Minister: Jen Spivey

September 13

Greeters: John O'Brien

Lector: Jim Lee

Eucharistic Minister: Carol Tyson

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, Kevin Burke, Jo Franklin, Sarah Grogan, Agnes Huff, Maureen Joy, Pat Kristofik, 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 VanZandt, 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 the voices of the parish lifted in song