

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 14
EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Tuesday, September 15
Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesday, September 16
Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian Bishop, Martyrs

Thursday, September 17
Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

Saturday, September 19
Saint Januarius, Bishop & Martyr

OUR LADY OF SORROWS: Mary faced seven deep sorrows in her life. These moments were hard for her, but they show her strong love and faith.

The Prophecy of Simeon: In the temple Simeon told Mary Jesus would be important, and she would feel great pain, a sword would pierce her heart.

The Flight into Egypt: Mary and Joseph left their home quickly, fleeing to Egypt to keep Jesus safe.

The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple: Jesus went missing for three days. Mary and Joseph found him in the temple, talking with teachers.

Meeting Jesus on the Way to Calvary: As Jesus carried his cross to Calvary, Mary saw him on the road and watched him suffer as he walked to his death.

The Crucifixion of Jesus: Mary stood near the cross as Jesus was crucified. She heard his words and saw his suffering.

The Taking Down of Jesus from the Cross: After Jesus died, they took his body down from the cross and placed him in Mary's arms.

The Burial of Jesus: Mary watched as they laid Jesus in the tomb. A stone was rolled over the entrance.

Upcoming Events

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

10/02: First Friday Devotion, 2:30 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

10/03: First Saturday (Fatima) devotion, 9 a.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Mass Attendance: 73

Collection: \$1,321

Haitian Missions: \$806



SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A

Sirach 27:30–28:7

Psalms 103

Romans 14:7–9

Matthew 18:21–35

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

I used to pray that God would feed the hungry, or do this or that, but now I pray that he will guide me to do whatever I'm supposed to do, what I can do. I used to pray for answers, but now I'm praying for strength. I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things.

—Mother Theresa

I don't often bring my livid guts to Mass, but it happened recently, to my regret. I offered them, racing and blood-red to Jesus as soon as I hit the pew (and it DID immediately help!)... This is how the prayer went: Lord, because you are both fully human and fully diving, you understand the experience of mortal outrage—how quickly it can arise, how easily it may be sustained and how efficiently it can grow deep and deadly roots within us. I come to you now, bearing a heart full of anger and realizing that however just or unjust this feeling may be, it is far too much for me to carry.

Receive my rage, Lord; it is doing me no good.

I surrender to you all of my clanging fury over (this situation), trusting that you will temper whatever righteousness is there with Triune balms of mercy, wisdom, and purpose, and that you will saturate the falsehoods I have quite naturally fed into this fiery wrath with your humbling truth.

Help me to remember that when you showed your outrage towards the merchants and moneychangers in the temple, you did so with a purity of intention (and from a place of authority), that I can never begin to possess, no matter how justified my ire may seem.

Help me to remember that the bigger and stormier my anger feels, the smaller and more regrettable my words and my actions will become, tempting me toward sins of spite, malice and thoughtless cruelty. Help me to recall St. Catherine of Siena's warning that such is a "foretaste of Hell."

Help me to understand what complexities of my own mind and soul have contributed to this surging vehemence, that I may finally exhale and find some grace for its object, and for myself too, because we do not, cannot, make sense of all we do and feel.

It is said "the self is more distant than any star," and you alone understand fully the little mysteries within that you have permitted to form us, the little buttons that can set us off so easily, and then entrench us in hostility.

Turn my mind, please, toward the better moments; help me to remember small actions of kindness—even if I don't want to be generous enough, to call them "good" just yet. If such memories serve up a dollop of shame on my part, I'll take it.

Better to be ashamed of my jagged rancor than to forget moments that inspired hope, or warm gratitude, or even love. Keep helping me, Lord. Help me to get to the other side of this deadly feeling! Amen.

from Scalia, Elizabeth. "I brought my heart full of fury to Mass and left it there." *The Evangelist*.

For Reflection

- ★ What happens when people hold onto anger?
- ★ How can I show mercy in my daily life?

<https://young-catholics.com/2920/24th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/#thoughts>

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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

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Kerry L. Mess (607) 386-1951

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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

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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.

Faith Answers

Q: WHY DO WE NOT RING THE BELLS AT CONSECRATION ANYMORE?

Short answer: After Vatican II, Pope Paul VI shared the Ordinary Form of the Mass (Novus Ordo) in 1969. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (#150) made ringing bells at the consecration during *transubstantiation*, the conversion of the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ, optional.

History: Bells in the church date to the fifth century; Saint Paulinus used them to summon monks to prayer. Saint Venerable Beade began using bells during the Requiem (funeral) mass in the eighth century.

The custom of ringing the bells at the consecration dates to the 11th century. At this time, the mass was said in Latin, a language few people understood. The priest had his back to the congregation and spoke in low tones, making it difficult for congregants to hear, especially in large churches and cathedrals. Sometimes choirs still sang after the priest had moved on to different texts. Church architecture such as rood screens, along with the priest's back to the congregation, made it difficult for congregants to see what was happening on the altar. Thus, the bells were necessary to alert congregants to the importance of the moment.

Post-Vatican II, the need for bells disappeared: People could see, hear, and understand the priest and his movements. Thus, they were made optional.

Sources: <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/bells-at-the-consecration-4960>; <https://archwaysmag.org/when-and-why-do-the-altar-servers-ring-a-bell-at-mass/>; <https://adoremus.org/2005/03/sanctus-bells/>; <https://www.catholic.com/qa/what-do-the-bells-mean>; <https://www.simplycatholic.com/bells-at-the-consecration/>

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Greeter: John O'Brien

Lector: Jim Lee

Eucharistic Minister: Carol Tyson

September 20

Greeter: Peg Lilley

Deacon: Paul Cerosaletti

Lector: Maureen Joy

Eucharistic Minister: Toni Zaleski

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 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 educators who guide our children through challenges of learning