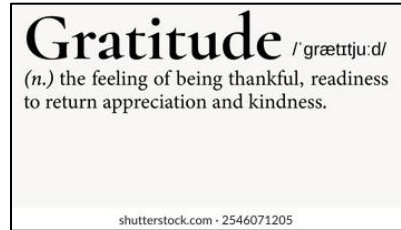


“Red Door” News: More on Gratitude

*Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2025 * Sunday Worship: 10 AM*

Dear “Red Door” members and friends,

*To view or print info about Community Thanksgiving Dinner
and/or this RDNews – see attachments*



Be Thankful (Poet Unknown)

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire.

If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something,
for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times.
During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations,
because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge,
because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes.
They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary,
because it means you've made a difference.

It's easy to be thankful for the good things.
A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks.

Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive.
Find a way to be thankful for your troubles, and they can become your blessings.

Jan Andrews led a Conversation with the Children on November 9th about gratitude...

Gratitude (n) the feeling of being thankful; readiness to return appreciation and kindness

Elizabeth and Everly handed out Thank You cards to everyone present and we were all encouraged to write a note to God – or a friend or family member – or just to keep for ourselves. If you weren't at church last Sunday, you can take a piece a paper or get a card from the Greeting Card Exchange at church to do this with us.

Assignment: Write things you are grateful for – things for which you are appreciative or that make you feel thankful. Bring your thank you card or gratitude note to worship on Sunday, November 23rd to be blessed. Stamps and envelopes will be available if you wish to mail it to someone. Or, you can keep your note as a reminder of God's blessings.

Gratitude for peace of mind: Fran Puffer will share a Moment for Gratitude on Sunday, November 16th to tell how thankful she is to Otto Rothermel for helping her to prepare her will, health care proxy, and power of attorney several years ago.

Leave a Legacy: Otto will offer these services pro bono through January 2026 for those who leave a minimum of 5% of an estate to the church. Call or text him at 607-287-3513.

Gratitude for food: Thank you to all you are participating in food collections this month to be redistributed for neighbors who are visiting food pantries.

50th Annual Oneonta Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 27th

Dine-in: 12:30 to 2:00 pm at the Elks Lodge, 84 Chestnut St., Oneonta.

Homebound meals: To reserve a dinner (delivered or take-out) contact Deb Bruce by Monday, November 23rd at 607-433-0356 or oneontathanksgiving@gmail.com

Volunteers: 2-hour shifts, assigned to one of 3 places to help with food prep, delivery, take-out & dine-in service, and cleanup on November 24, 25, 26 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Thanksgiving Day volunteers needed from 8:00am through about 4:00pm.

Volunteers need to sign up in advance, not just show up!

Drivers for deliveries on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27th start at 10:30am behind the Elks Lodge. Younger children may accompany drivers.

To volunteer: Contact Cindy Korb by Friday, November 21st at thanksgivingvolunteer2025@gmail.com or by phone at 607-267-0539.

Monetary donations: Checks made payable to *St. Mary's Catholic Church* with *Thanksgiving* on memo line. Send to *St Mary's*, 39 Walnut St., Oneonta, NY 13820.

For general questions: Contact John Korb at 607-267-0527 or geog13@gmail.com
Thank you for your support and cooperation in this community event.

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Chili Tasting & Contest for the best chili will be held from 1:00 to 4:00 PM on Saturday, November 22nd at St. James Episcopal (305 Main St., Oneonta). A freewill offering will benefit their mission projects. All are welcome.

Oneonta Interfaith Thanksgiving Service is at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, November 25th at Elm Park United Methodist, 401 Chestnut St., Oneonta. Singers are welcome to join an interfaith choir. Choir rehearses at 6:30 PM. Reception follows. All are welcome.

Attached:

- 1) Handout - 2025 Oneonta Community Thanksgiving Dinner
- 2) Letter with Details – 2025 Oneonta Community Thanksgiving Dinner
- 3) This RDnews

Thank you for sharing this news with others – especially those who do not use email...



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