



The Parish of **MARY** MOTHER OF **MERCY**



Holy Cross
7231 Main Street
Ovid, N.Y.



St. Francis Solanus
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Interlaken, N.Y.



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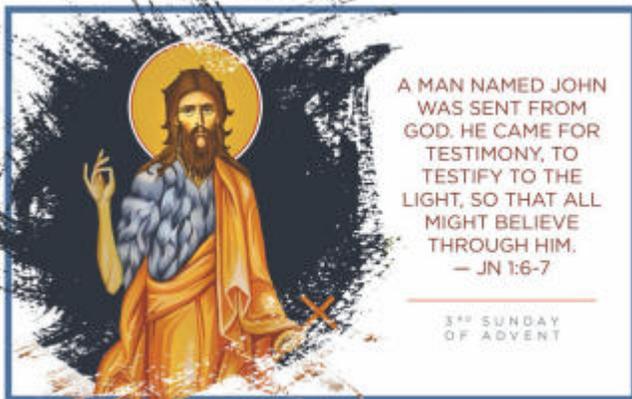
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DECEMBER 13, 2020

Weekend Masses:

- Saturday, 4:00 p.m. at St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg (*Limited assembly: 54*)
- Saturday, 5:00 p.m. at St. Francis Solanus, Interlaken (*Limited assembly: 35*)
- Sunday, 9:00 a.m. at St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg (*Limited assembly: 54*)
- Sunday, 10:30 a.m. at Holy Cross, Ovid (*Limited Assembly: 80*)

Weekday Liturgies:

- St. Francis Solanus in Interlaken:
Mass every Monday through Friday at 8:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance/Confession:

Fridays, 6:30–7:30 p.m. at St. Francis Solanus in Interlaken, or by appointment with a priest.

Office Hours:

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30–5:00 p.m.
Saturdays from 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

To join the parish community or to celebrate the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, anointing of the sick, or marriage, please phone the Parish Center (607-294-0064) to make arrangements or to speak with a priest.

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Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020

First Reading:

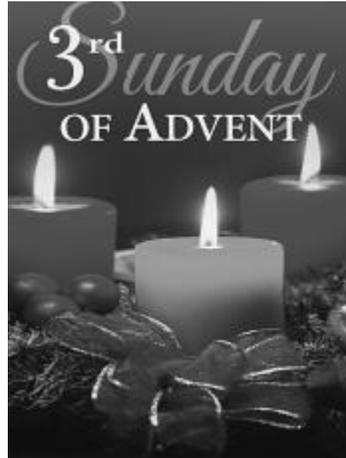
I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul. (Is. 61:10a)

Psalm:

My soul rejoices in my God. (Is. 61:10b)

Second Reading:

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thes. 5:23)



Gospel:

“I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord.’” (Jn. 1:23)

Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week:

What gives you joy? Joy is discovered when we connect with something or someone very deeply and experience a dimension of ourselves that material or secular possessions cannot bring. Joy is stumbled upon when we see our newly born child for the first time, get caught up in the vastness of a mountain landscape, and are led out into infinity gazing at an ocean’s horizon, or being lovingly present with someone when they are vulnerable and in need. Joy is a profound experience that in its uniqueness grounds us in ultimate truth. Did you know that all authentic, profound, and memorable moments of joy mirror the eternal joy we desire from God? We can have glimpses of this eternal Divine joy as we embark upon our earthly journey, mirrored in our human connections with joy, but experienced directly during moments of deep prayer. God is the joy of my soul. Ponder those intense words! You will know moments of true and real joy by paying attention to your response to the experience. You will find yourself rejoicing and saying thank you.

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LET US PRAY...

Please remember in your prayers those members of our parish who are in the hospital, sick at home, in a nursing home, or who have requested our prayers. We also ask you to pray for those who have died; that the Lord may comfort their family and friends during this difficult time. A full list of prayer requests may be found on our website: marymotherofmercy.com

MASS INTENTIONS

for the week of December 12–20, 2020

Saturday, December 12	4:00 p.m. at St. James	Ruth Rourke from Kathleen Rourke
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Upcoming Events:

- Food Pantries:
 - Ovid Federated church: Mondays, 10:00 a.m. Food truck resumes in January at 4:00 p.m. in the parking lot at South Seneca high school
 - Interlaken Reformed church: Fridays, 3:00–6:00 p.m.
 - Trumansburg Food Pantry: Every other Monday (December 21), 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. and 5:15–6:00p.m., Methodist church
- Family Hope Center: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:00–4:00 p.m., Holy Cross
- AA Meetings
 - Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., St. Francis Solanus, Interlaken
 - Thursdays, Noon, St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg
- Fr. Bernard is Available: Fridays, 6:30–7:30 p.m., St. Francis Solanus
- Parish of Mary, Mother of Mercy’s Sunday Mass: Can be viewed at our parish website: marymotherofmercy.com

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Due to Covid-19 and the restrictions of attendees in church buildings, pre-registration to attend Christmas Masses will be required. Mass attendance at St. James is limited to 54, at St. Francis to 35, and Holy Cross to 80. Please phone the parish office (607–294–0064) or email (immmercy@dor.org) to make your reservation together with the number of persons attending with you. All are to sanitize their hands on entering the church and wear masks. According to the directives there will be no singing.

- Christmas Eve Masses, Thursday, December 24:
 - 4:00 p.m. St. James the Apostle
 - 5:00 p.m. St. Francis Solanus
 - 7:00 p.m. St. James the Apostle
 - 8:00 p.m. Holy Cross
- Christmas Day Masses, Friday, December 25:
 - 9:00 a.m. St. James the Apostle
 - 10:30 a.m. Holy Cross

Boxed Offertory Envelopes:

Boxed offertory envelopes for 2021 are available in the foyers of the churches for parishioners who are presently using them. Parishioners wishing to have boxed offertory envelopes, please notify the Parish Office and a box of envelopes will be made available for pick-up.

2020/2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal:

As of December 3, 83 parish families have contributed to the CMA. We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and your family and think how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work. Our parishioner households have contributed \$17, 671 which represents 58.94% of our given goal of \$29,979.

Parish 2021 Calendars:

In the foyers of our churches the Parish 2021 Calendars are available. Simply, please, take one calendar per household. Thank you.

The Word Among Us:

Daily meditations for Advent and the Advent daily Mass bible readings are available in the booklet, "The Word Among Us." The booklets are in the church vestibules. A free will offering can be made for the booklet. It would be good that every household have and use the booklet daily during the Advent Season.

Snow Days:

A reminder that during the week, if a "snow day" has been declared for local schools, there will be no 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Churches Will Be Closed on Weekdays:

Due to the recent rise of COVID-19 cases, our parish churches of Holy Cross, Ovid and St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg will be open only for the weekend Masses. St. Francis Solanus Church, Interlaken, the Church and Parish Office, will remain open.

Local Red Kettle Campaign:

The Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign will be conducted at the Trumansburg ShurSave grocery store. We need folks willing to donate their time to ring the bell. To sign up (or to get more information) call Judy Robertson at 607-387-6488. The campaign will be conducted until Christmas Eve. The money that is collected comes back to our community.



Respect Life:

All are welcome to come and pray every Friday morning from 8:30-11 a.m. at Planned Parenthood, 620 W. Seneca St., Ithaca, and to be available to offer life-affirming options to women considering abortions. For more information contact Carolann Darling at 607-351-6668.

Enrollment Info at Notre Dame High School:

Notre Dame High School, Grades 7-12, is holding virtual admissions and enrollment sessions on Thursday evenings via ZOOM from 7-8 p.m. now and through early 2021. Interested students and their families can join the link by visiting the Notre Dame website: notredamehighschool.com. ND offers busing from the Ithaca area to Notre Dame. For more information, please contact Brett Moore at 607-734-2267.

Support Your Local Economy:

An encouragement has been offered by the Labor Religion Coalition in Tompkins County to support the local economy. To keep more people employed in our area and to ensure that local governments can fund social services for youth, elders, and low income people through sales taxes, please help local economies thrive.

The Bishop's Reminder:

Due to the prevalence of the Coronavirus, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is suspended until further notice. Those who are at a higher risk of COVID-19 and those concerned for their health are urged not to come to church for Mass. Those who feel in any way sick should not enter any parish building or church.

Donating to Your Parish:

Online giving by WeShare is safe, simple and convenient. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3:

1. Visit the parish website's giving page: marymotherofmercy.com/giving.
2. Follow the directions under the "Donate Online" section.
3. Set up your donation or payment.

That's it! Your account will be created and you can put away your checkbook. If you experience any problems, please email Eileen at Eileen.heptig@dor.org.

