



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



Holy Cross  
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Ovid, N.Y.



St. Francis Solanus  
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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."  
- Mt 2:1-2

JANUARY 3, 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.

*Note: Liturgies may be cancelled due to funerals or bad weather.*

## 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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**January 3, 2020 ~ Year of St. Joseph**  
*The Epiphany of Our Lord*

**First Reading:**

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is. 60:1)

**Psalm:**

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps. 72)

**Second Reading:**

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph. 2:5-6)



**Gospel:**

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. (Mt. 2:10-11)

**Live the Liturgy— Inspiration for the Week:**

Even the slightest flicker of a light can orient us when we find ourselves in darkness. Darkness is unsettling; we lose our focus and struggle to achieve balance. On life’s journey, we may think we walk in the light but really we linger in darkness. We do not see the full picture; perhaps we are distracted, disinterested, or even apprehensive. Sometimes, we even choose to close our eyes when the light is readily available to illuminate our path. Do we really desire to know the truth of who we are? In Jesus Christ, a light has been given to those who dwell in darkness. God’s revelation gives us light to see where we come from, who we are and where we are going. It also tells us that this Good News is not meant for just a privileged few but is intended for all the world. Is this something we want to see?

**Catholic Quotes—Words to Inspire the Faithful:**

“Let us go forward in peace, our eyes upon heaven.”  
 ~St. Therese Lisieux

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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](http://marymotherofmercy.com)

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
 for the week of January 2–10, 2020

Sunday, January 3	9:00 a.m. at St. James	Christian Lester from Gerry Todi
Sunday, January 10	9:00 a.m. at St. James	Thomas Arthur Pugh from Gerry Todi

**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 (January 4), 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. and 5:15–6:00 p.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](http://marymotherofmercy.com)

**2020 Food Pantry Volunteers Needed:**

Every two months the churches of Trumansburg and Jacksonville take turns providing volunteers for the Trumansburg Food Pantry located in the Trumansburg United Methodist church. January and February are the months this year for Mary Mother of Mercy to provide volunteers. Please consider helping by signing up on the list provided in St. James the Apostle church foyer, which also has a chart providing more details about each task. We especially need younger people to help carry boxes and bags up and down stairs. The dates are January 4 and 18 and February 1 and 15. Don’t forget to leave your phone number if you would like a reminder call. Start out your new year by following Jesus’s example of caring for those in need. “...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” (Mt. 25: 40). Thank you.

**Card Ministry at Mary, Mother of Mercy:**

The Card Ministry program sends cards and notes to the homebound and those in extended care facilities from our parish. Each month a different volunteer sends out a message of our care and hope for the recipients of the cards. Currently we are seeking additional volunteers to keep the mailings to once a month per volunteer. If you are interested in participating in this ministry please contact Marilyn Frank at [maren@otccmail.com](mailto:maren@otccmail.com). Thank you!

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### **2020/2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal:**

As of December 17, ninety (90) 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 parishioners have contributed \$18,396 which represents 61.36% of our given goal of \$29,979.

### **Offertory Collection:**

During this time of the pandemic, offertory collections cannot be taken up. When parishioners attend Mass, please place your offertory in the new collection stand at the entrances of the church. The new stand replaces the baskets at the entrances and offers security to your offering.

### **Parish 2021 Calendars:**

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

### **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.

### **The Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester:**

The Sisters sent Christmas and New Year's greetings to The Parish of Mary, Mother of Mercy. Within their greetings, they notified us that Sisters Anne Marie Burns and Dolores Bachman will be praying for our parish and parishioners throughout 2021. Let us keep in our prayers the two sisters praying for us and for all the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester.

### **Year of St. Joseph:**

On December 8, 2020, His Holiness, Pope Francis, declared a *Year of St. Joseph*, until December 8, 2021. This announcement comes on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's December 8, 1870 proclamation of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. Pope Francis made this declaration to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal. During this period, the faithful will have the opportunity to obtain, with the help of St. Joseph, comfort and relief from the serious human and social tribulations that besiege the contemporary world today.

### **U.S. Saints Feast Days:**

Monday, January 4, is St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Day. She was raised Episcopalian in New York City; a wife and mother of five children; foundress (1812) of the first congregation for women religious in USA — the Sisters of Charity, devoted primarily to the education of the poor and the teaching in parochial schools; and first native born citizen canonized (1975). She died in 1821.

Tuesday, January 5, is St. John Neumann Day. He was a missionary from Bohemia; a member of the Congregation of the

Most Holy Redeemer (C.Ss.R); bishop of Philadelphia; known for his holiness and learning; promoter of parochial schools; authored two German catechisms; and first American bishop canonized (1977). He died in 1860. This is a very brief description of their lives. Online one can learn more about their fascinating lives.

### **Call to Stop Executions:**

In the wake of more federal executions scheduled in coming weeks, two bishop chairmen have issued a statement calling on the Federal Administration to act as a witness to the dignity of all human life. Archbishop Paul S. Coakley, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities have called on the Administration, yet again, to stop executions which amounted to ten in 2020, more than double the previous record of four in 1938. "The death penalty is not necessary to protect society. It (*the death penalty*) is not necessary to hold people accountable for grave crimes. The decision not to execute someone, even someone who has done something terrible, is not 'soft on crime'; rather, it is strong on the dignity of life." "We are all sinners. Some have done terrible things. Victims need help. Justice is needed for peace. But executions solve nothing."

### **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](http://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](mailto:Eileen.heptig@dor.org).

