

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



MARCH 7, 2021
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



St. Francis Solanus
3660 Orchard Street
Interlaken, NY

Weekday Liturgies:
Monday–Friday
8:30 a.m.

Weekend Mass:
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

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Office Hours:
Mondays, Tuesdays, & Fridays
9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation
and/or personal dialogue:**
Fridays, 6:30–7:30 p.m.,
St. Francis Solanus, with Father Bernard
(Will resume March 5)

To join the parish community or
to celebrate the sacraments of baptism,
confirmation, anointing of the sick, or
marriage, please phone the Parish Center.

In residence at St. Fidelis Friary:
Rev. Richard Crawley, OFM Cap.
Chaplain at Cayuga Correctional Facility, Moravia, NY
Rev. Roland Daigle, OFM Cap.
Br. Antonine Lizama, OFM Cap.



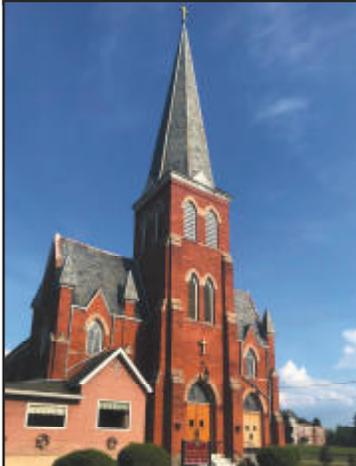
St. James the Apostle
17 Whig Street
Trumansburg, NY

Weekend Masses:
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
*(Scheduled temporarily
for the duration
of the pandemic :
Saturday, 4:00 p.m.)*

Holy Cross
7231 Main Street
Ovid, NY

Weekend Mass:
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

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



March 7, 2021 ~ Year of St. Joseph



First Reading:

In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. (Ex. 20:11)

Psalm:

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. (Ps. 19)

Second Reading:

For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. (1 Cor. 1:25)

Gospel:

“Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” (Jn. 2:19)

Live the Liturgy— Inspiration for the Week:

With our world in such constant turmoil and conflict, it makes such good sense to return to the simple directives given in the Ten Commandments. God’s unassuming guidelines provide the perfect recipe for ordering our relationships with God, others, and even ourselves. But yet, we are so quick to glance beyond them and even remove them from public view because we foolishly believe we can create something better. Arrogance runs far deeper in the members of our society than we can ever imagine. Lent is a perfect time to call ourselves back to our foundations and the basic relationships that comprise our lives. It is also a time to remember that Jesus is the true sign of God’s presence. Everything he says and does, including his suffering and death, is a sign of the God who sent him. The anger we witness when Jesus exhorts those in the temple to stop making his Father’s house a marketplace can equally be seen in his anger and frustration over humanity’s constant mission to turn God’s creation into a secular world. We have a lot of work to do for sure.

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MASS INTENTIONS

for the week of March 6–14, 2021

Wednesday, March 10	8:30 a.m. at St. Francis	Caroline Valaro from Walter and Patricia Collins
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Upcoming Events:

- Food Pantries:
 - Ovid Federated church: Mondays, 10:00 a.m.
 - Food truck: Every other Tuesday (March 16), 4:00 p.m., South Seneca high school parking lot
 - Interlaken Reformed church: Fridays, 3:00–6:00 p.m.
 - Trumansburg Food Pantry: Every other Monday (March 15), 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

2020/2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal:

The active phase of our parish CMA campaign continues. Thank you to everyone who has responded with a gift or pledge. If you have not yet responded, please prayerfully consider a gift. The CMA provides funding for important programs, services and ministries that strengthen our whole Church. Every gift to the CMA helps those in need, supports the mission of the Church and comes back to help our parish. Pledge envelopes are available in the foyer of the Church. Please help us reach our parish given goal of \$29,979.

A Family Lenten Practice:

A great help to parents and families is “The Family Zone” newsletter. It offers a listing of activities and opportunities for further learning one’s faith. The newsletter can easily be shared to encourage the promotion of parents as primary catechist. The newsletter is easy to follow, offers several topics in various formats, it is fun and most of all it is educational. The newsletter is for all in the family, young and elderly. Try it out. <https://oec.dor.org/evangelization/the-family-zone-newsletter>.

“Love is never defeated.”

St. John Paul II

Lenten Reminders:

- The season of Lent runs from Ash Wednesday (February 17) until the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (April 1).
- "Alleluia" is not sung or said from the beginning of Lent until the Easter Vigil.
- During Lent the altar is not to be decorated with flowers.
- Musical instruments may be played only to give necessary support to the singing.
- The readings for the Lenten Masses have been chosen in relation to the themes of baptismal renewal and conversion.
- The Easter celebration is: Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday – the Easter Triduum (Three Days of Easter).

Season of Lent—Fridays:

Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence, i.e. meatless days. Abstinence prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout ones entire life.

The Word Among Us:

The season of Lent began on February 17. Booklets containing daily meditations and daily Mass Sacred Scripture readings for February 17–April 4 are available in the foyers of the church. Please take one for yourself and your family, and please bring a booklet to one who is homebound. A free will offering may be offered for the booklet.

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.

Rice Bowls:

Drought has become a big problem across El Salvador, making it difficult for farmers to produce enough crops to support their families, and sadly, El Salvador has lost 75% of its rich land because of the large number of trees that have been cut down and harmful agricultural practices, making it one of the most food-insecure countries in the

hemisphere. New farming techniques and a new generation of young farmers are making a difference. Thanks to the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) school program, *Raíces Abnuchapán*, young farmers learned how to grow vegetables at home—knowledge that was extremely important during the COVID-19 pandemic. In the days of the confinement, nearly 1,200 families started home vegetable gardens to grow nutritious foods like onions, tomatoes, cucumbers and squash. They can eat what they harvest or sell the produce for additional income. CRS Rice Bowl alms help this happen. Please continue to donate to your rice bowl throughout Lent. They are available in the foyers of the churches. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Notre Dame Retreat House—Lenten Desert Days:

Notre Dame Retreat House is offering one more retreat date on March 10. Attendance is limited to 15 people, so registration is required. For specifics on the retreat, please visit: notredameretreat.org. For other inquiries, please contact 585-394-5700 or ndretreat@rochester.rr.com

40 Days For Life—A Lenten Opportunity:

Through Palm Sunday, March 28, there will be fasting, prayer and peaceful public witness across the street from Planned Parenthood, 620 W. Seneca Street, Ithaca. Your public presence offers a sign of hope and a resource of life-affirming options to women facing a crisis pregnancy. Visit 40daysforlife.com/ithaca for more information.

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.

30 SUNDAY OF LENT



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

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.

