

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



MARCH 14, 2021
FOURTH 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

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.)*

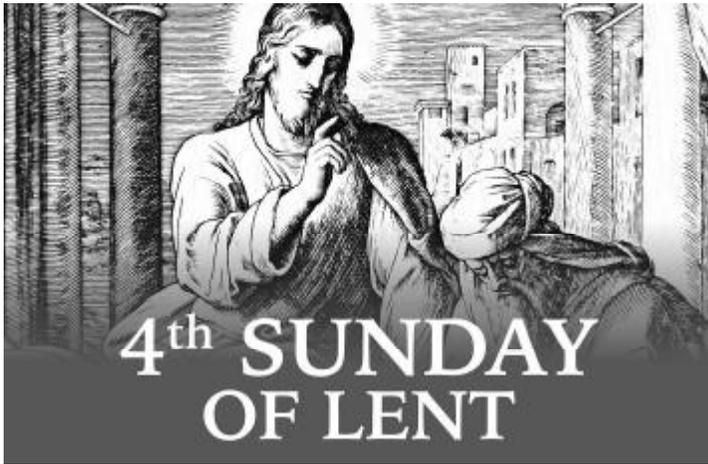
Holy Cross
7231 Main Street
Ovid, NY

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

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



March 14, 2021 ~ Year of St. Joseph



First Reading:

Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. (2 Chr. 36:19)

Psalm:

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you. (Ps. 137)

Second Reading:

For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them. (Eph. 2:10)

Gospel:

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (Jn. 3:16)

Live the Liturgy— Inspiration for the Week:

God's messengers always seem to get mocked. They speak a truth that some folks do not want to hear. While on the one hand we admire them, we also are quite happy keeping them at a distance. After all, they are not referring to me but someone else, aren't they? We often wrongly conclude that because we may be more avant-garde, contemporary, politically sensitive, and untraditional, we are somehow more in the light than others. People tend to prefer darkness more than light, even the most spiritually sensitive among us. The light always carries with it the richness of God's mercy and compassion which see beyond ideologies and concepts to relationships that cultivate life, earthly and eternal. Every hand of compassion and mercy extended to a human being must always point back to God. The call always involves ordering our lives in accord with our truth and essence of being. As God never forgets us, we must never forget God. Now is the time to take stock of our infidelity and return to the light, even though it is difficult to look at.

Catholic Quotes—Words to Inspire the Faithful:

"We need to find God and He cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is a friend of silence."

~St. Teresa of Calcutta

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MASS INTENTIONS

for the week of March 13–21, 2021

Monday, March 15	8:30 a.m. at St. Francis	George Frantz from Clara Frantz
Friday, March 19	8:30 a.m. at St. Francis	George Frantz from Clara Frantz
Saturday, March 20	4:00 p.m. at St. James	Glenn and Mary Rose Corcoran from Jyl Corcoran

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
- Parent meeting for 2021 First Holy Communion: March 21, 10:00 a.m., St. James

2020/2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal:

The theme of the 2020-2021 CMA is *Christ, Our Light*. It is only through the Light of Our Savior that we are able to navigate through these unprecedented times. Gifts to the CMA are critical to the care and education of our seminarians, deacon candidates and pastoral leaders, religious education in our parishes and schools, and services provided by the Diocese in support of parish life and ministry. Our given Appeal parish goal is \$29,979. As of March 4, 103 parish households have pledged \$23,511. We need \$6,468 to reach our goal. Participation in the Appeal is primary, what is pledged is secondary. Please do what you are able. To make your gift please use the CMA pledge envelopes located in the foyers of the church or go online to www.dor.org/cma. Thank you for considering this request.

Catholic Relief Services Collection:

This weekend, March 13 & 14, is the annual Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide struggling communities with relief and support and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. You can learn more about it at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

March 19:

The feast day of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is this Friday. It is a special day this year because this year has been dedicated to St. Joseph – the *Year of St. Joseph*, December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021. It is also special day this year because the Apostolic Penitentiary grants a plenary indulgence to the faithful who will recite any legitimately approved prayer or act of piety in honor of St. Joseph especially on March 19. On Friday, at the conclusion of the 8:30 a.m. Mass, the Litany to St. Joseph will be prayed for the persecuted Church, and for the relief of all Christians suffering all forms of persecution. The plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful under the usual conditions of sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the Pope's intentions.

Easter Flower Collection:

The annual Easter Flower Collection was scheduled for February 28 and an announcement regarding the collection was inadvertently omitted from the Sunday bulletin. Together with that, collections cannot be taken up in churches during this time of the pandemic. In the usual ways of making offerings to the parish during these times, please consider making an Easter Flower offering. The parish has always depended on this financial help. Thank you.

Catholic Charities Tompkins/Tioga:

During Lent we reflect on Jesus' arrest, passion and death. Let's also remember how he remains in prison to this day in the "least of his brothers and sisters" and advocate for those who are put through the psychological trauma, even torture, of solitary confinement. You can help end the abuses of solitary confinement in our state by advocating for the HALT Solitary bill which would limit its use to 15 days maximum and ban its use with pregnant people and new mothers caring for a child while in prison, and with people 21 years or younger, 55 or older, or who have a physical, mental, or medical disability.

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>.

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

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.

Rice Bowls:

The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowls are available in the foyers of the church. During the season of Lent the bowls are provided for households to keep in mind the poor throughout the world and to make a sacrificial financial offering for the support of the needy of the world. For stories of hope and other CRS Rice Bowl videos go to crsricebowl.org/videos.

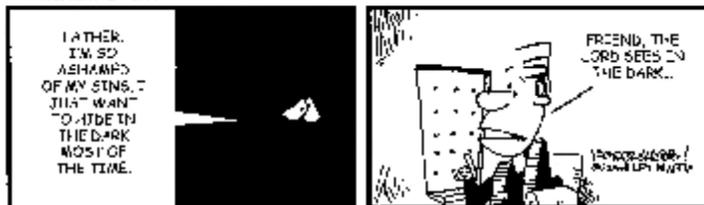
Problem Gambling Awareness Month 2021:

According to the National Council on Problem Gambling, 2 million U.S. adults (1%) are estimated to meet criteria for severe gambling problems in a given year. Another 4-6 million (2-3%) would be considered to have mild or moderate gambling problems. It's been estimated that 8-10 additional people can be negatively affected by one person's gambling behaviors (Petry 2005). These people include family members, friends, neighbors and even coworkers. If we account for individuals experiencing gambling problems and others who are affected, the estimate of those affected by problem gambling is between 64 and 80 million people. If you or someone you love is struggling, please visit NYProblemGamblingHelp.org to connect with resources in your community.

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.

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



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.

