

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



APRIL 11, 2021
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



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.



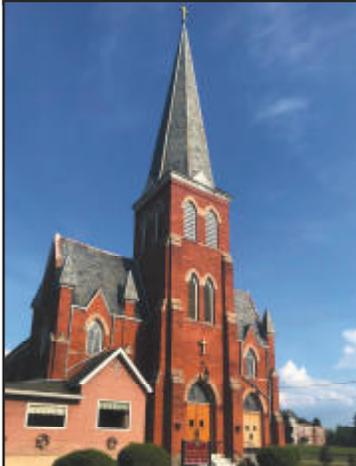
St. James the Apostle
17 Whig Street
Trumansburg, NY

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

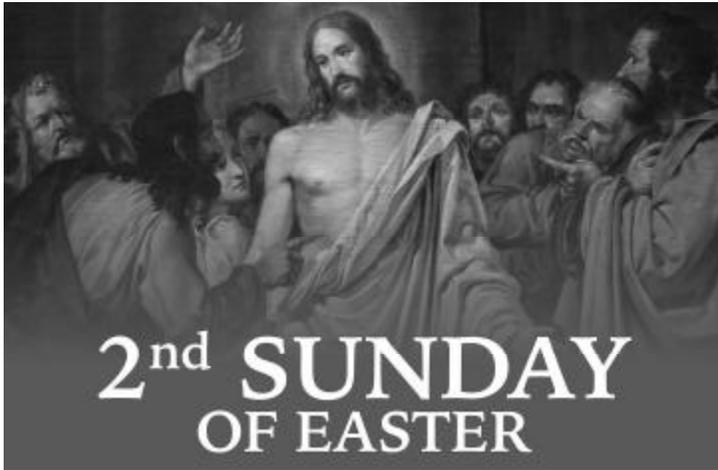
Holy Cross
7231 Main Street
Ovid, NY

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

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



April 11, 2021 ~ Year of St. Joseph



First Reading:

With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. (Acts 4:33)

Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord, for his is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps. 118)

Second Reading:

Everyone who believe that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. (1 Jn. 1:1a)

Gospel:

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn. 20:21)

Live the Liturgy— Inspiration for the Week:

Alleluia! Forgiveness has risen from the grave! What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. When experienced, we are moved to do all in our power to avoid sin and embrace the loving presence of our risen God. God stands ever ready to receive us and wants nothing more than for us to come home. How reluctant we are to believe this truth! We want proof, tangible evidence and absolute assurance that what we have been told is true. Jesus has risen from the dead and brings us peace. It is the gift of wholeness and holiness that is breathed upon us by God's life-giving and healing mercy. May the rays of love that flow from the heart of Christ pierce ours!

Catholic Quotes—Words to Inspire the Faithful:

"In that divine heart beats God's love for everyone, for each one of us individually. ~St. John Paul II

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MASS INTENTIONS

for the week of April 10–18, 2021

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| Saturday, April 10 | 4:00 p.m. at St. James | The Rourke family from Kathleen Rourke |
| Saturday, April 10 | 5:00 p.m. at St. Francis | Parishioners and benefactors |
| Sunday, April 11 | 9:00 a.m. at St. James | Msgr. Luke Gallagher from nieces and nephews |
| Saturday, April 17 | 4:00 p.m. at St. Francis | Parishioners and benefactors |
| Sunday, April 18 | 9:00 a.m. at St. James | Virginia Ryan from her children |

Upcoming Events:

- Food Pantries:
 - Ovid Federated church: Mondays, 10:00 a.m.
 - Food truck: Every other Tuesday (April 13), 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 (April 12) 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
- Divine Mercy Service: April 11, 3:00 p.m., Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca
- First Holy Communion 2021 meeting: April 18, 10:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle
- Easter Sacraments presentations: 7 p.m., St. Francis Solanus
 - April 27: Baptism
 - May 4: Confirmation
 - May 11: Eucharist

2020/2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal:

The Appeal will conclude in eight weeks. Our given Appeal parish goal is \$29,979. As of April 1, one hundred and thirteen parish households have pledged \$28,601 which represents 95.40% of goal. We need \$1,378 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.

Year of St. Joseph:

Pope Francis initiated the *Year of St. Joseph* in recognition of the 150th Anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as patron of the Catholic Church. This year is dedicated to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal.

Easter Duty:

“All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. The precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season unless it is fulfilled for a just cause at some other time during the year.” (Church law #920) In reference to this precept the Easter season is considered the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday (this year May 30).



Second Sunday of Easter:

This Sunday, April 11, is the Second Sunday of Easter is also known as the *Sunday of Divine Mercy*. This day is a reminder to always celebrate that God’s love conquers all adversity.

Divine Mercy Service:

This Sunday, April 11, at 3:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, 113 N. Geneva Street, Ithaca, Deacon George Kozak will be leading a Divine Mercy Service with recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Rosary and Adoration and Benediction. All are welcome.

Thank You:

The parish expresses heartfelt “thanks” to all who made the Easter Triduum most beautiful. Our gratitude is to all those who worked on decorating our churches with flowers, and symbols of the resurrection etc. Each parish church had a festive welcome. (Parishioners who contributed to the cost of flowers – again - thank you.) We thank our sacristans, greeters of hospitality, altar servers, lectors, musicians and singers, and, of course, all who came to the Easter Triduum liturgies. It is a sure sign of hope that all who have been vaccinated are returning to church. It was so good to see parishioners who have been kept away due to the virus. God bless you all for making this Easter a joyous one.

The Sacrament of Confirmation:

Four of our parishioners celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, April 10 at 1:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca. Bishop Salvatore R. Matano officiated. Those confirmed were: Adam Arco, Allyson Marion, Annabelle Tingué, and Leah Wiggins. We rejoice in their being fully initiated into the Church. Like all followers of Jesus, we pray they will continue do their part in promoting the teachings of Jesus and the Kingdom of God.

The Easter Sacraments:

Fr. Bernard will give a presentation on the Sacraments of Initiation (also referred to as the Easter Sacraments) on three consecutive Tuesday evenings at the Parish Center, Interlaken, beginning at 7:00 p.m: -- Baptism, April 27; Confirmation, May 4; and Eucharist, May 11. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be included with the presentation on Baptism. All are welcome.

First Communions:

Three parishioners will celebrate their first communion on Sunday, May 2, at the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. James the Apostle Church. They are: Christopher Clarke-Cabezas, Grace Guydosh and Porter Landon.

Souper Bowl of Caring:

A “Thank you!” was received at the parish from the Souper Bowl of Caring Staff for \$400 collected at Holy Cross Church, Ovid and given to the Ovid Food Pantry. “Once again, thank you so much for participating this year! No matter how large or small your collection was, you are helping to make giant plays in the fight against hunger. Please know that with your help over \$3,872,534 has been raised for charities across the country!”

National Blue Sunday:

The last Sunday of April is a day of prayer for abused children. Blue Sunday is a national faith-based movement when churches take time to pray for victims of child abuse and for those who rescue them. This year it will be April 25, 2021. There are over 3 million confirmed cases of child abuse in our nation annually and 1640 child deaths from child abuse (most were under the age of three).

“Lord, when did we see You... in prison?” Matthew 25:39:

We might ask ourselves how often our own outreach concerns extend to our incarcerated brothers and sisters and their families. America’s rate of incarceration is greater than any other nation in the world: although our country has 5% of the world’s population, it has 25% of its prisoners. Sentence length and time served are much longer in the US than elsewhere, and include more solitary confinement, less rehabilitations, and poor re-entry assistance. A crime data expert at the Brennan Center for Justice recently observed, “It is really a system that sets people up for failure.” (America, August 2020). As we continue to struggle with our own confinements during the pandemic, let us deepen our understanding of the sufferings of our incarcerated sisters and brother and pray to know how we can best care for them. In the coming weeks of this Easter Season, our Diocesan Public Policy Committee will be providing further information and assistance to parishes in these efforts.

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.

