

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



APRIL 18, 2021
THIRD 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



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.

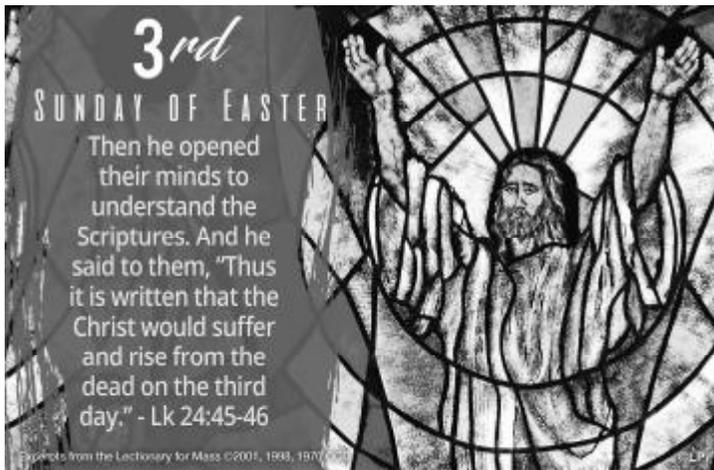
*Note: Weekday liturgies
may be cancelled due to
funerals or bad weather.*

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.*



April 18, 2021 ~ Year of St. Joseph



First Reading:

The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. (Acts 3:15)

Psalm:

Lord, let your face shine on us. (Ps. 4)

Second Reading:

He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. (1 Jn. 2:2)

Gospel:

“Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name.” (Lk. 24:46-47)

Live the Liturgy— Inspiration for the Week:

When the greeting “Peace be with you” is sincerely offered to a person, it can resonate very deep within, bringing comfort and reassurance. When someone possesses the power to bring peace, it brings us to a place of safety and fills us with joy. The resurrected Christ has this power. God can open our minds so that we can more fully understand the meaning of Sacred Scripture and God’s compassionate, loving, tender, and untiring embrace constantly offered to people throughout history. Without the anchor of truth that only God can provide, we can easily become startled and terrified at the sight of what life brings us. Being open to God’s offer of peace, we can turn away from old habits and short-sighted vision and experience the gladness and joy of God’s gift. Only then can what is wounded and broken be mended and reconciliation achieved. We are the resurrection witnesses called to proclaim the Good News.

Catholic Quotes—Words to Inspire the Faithful:

“Just as the sun shines on all the trees and flowers as if each were the only one on Earth, so does God care for all souls in a special manner.” ~St. Thérèse of Lisieux

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MASS INTENTIONS

for the week of April 17–25, 2021

Saturday, April 17	4:00 p.m. at St. James	Parishioners and benefactors
Sunday, April 18	9:00 a.m. at St. James	Virginia Ryan from her children
Saturday, April 24	4:00 p.m. at St. James	Parishioners and benefactors
Sunday, April 25	9:00 a.m. at St. James	Muriel Rouselle from Annette and George Hade

Upcoming Events:

- Food Pantries:
 - Ovid Federated church: Mondays, 10:00 a.m.
 - Food truck: Every other Tuesday (April 27), 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 26) 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
- First Holy Communion 2021 Meeting: April 18, 10:00 a.m., St. James
- Catholic Home Missions Appeal Offering: April 17 and 18
- Easter Sacraments presentations: 7 p.m., St. Francis Solanus
 - April 27: Baptism
 - May 4: Confirmation
 - May 11: Eucharist

Funeral:

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. James the Apostle Church for Carolyn S. Cogan on Friday, April 9, 2021. Carolyn was 85.

2020/2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal:

The Appeal will conclude in seven weeks. Our given Appeal parish goal is \$29,979. As of April 8, one hundred and fourteen parish households have pledged \$29,601 which represents 98.74% of 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.

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).

Catholic Home Missions Appeal:

Next week is the collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions. (No collections can be taken up in church during pandemic times. Please make your donations to the Home Missions Appeal as you do your Sunday offering. Thank you.)

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.

Thank you:

The parish has received "Thank you" notes from both the Trumansburg Food Pantry and the South Seneca Ecumenical Food Pantry with the words, "Thank you for your continued support. You are a blessing to the community."

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. 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).

Good News:

The HALT Solitary bill has become law and will end the use of solitary confinement for young, old, ill and pregnant prisoners and limit its use among other prisoners in NYS prisons. Additionally, Nourish NY, the program we advocated for during Public Policy Weekend, has gotten significant funding and has been voted into being a permanent program of NYS Dept. Agriculture and Markets.

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

World Day of Prayer for Vocations:

Next Sunday, April 25, the church has set aside to highlight vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and life as a sister or brother in a community of religious. The day is highlighted to remind Catholics that every day we are to encourage and support young people who might be called to dedicate their lives to God in his holy church. Part of the encouragement is to personally and continually pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

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

Our Diocesan Public Policy Committee continues to ask Catholics to learn about and speak out for more humane conditions for incarcerated people. In New York State, even as the overall prison population has declined, the percentage of older incarcerated people has increased. One in four are 50 or older. The vast majority are black and brown people, highlighting the racial bias in the system. We are asking for your support of two bills that would give more prisoners the opportunity to be released on parole. The Fair and Timely Parole (S.1415/A.4231) bill would mandate that prisoners who have served their terms be granted parole unless they pose a clear risk of violating the law. It would give people a chance to be assessed for parole on the reforms they have made to their characters, and not just on their past crimes. The Elder Parole (S.15/A.3475) bill allows people in New York State prison aged 55 and older who have served 15 or more consecutive years to be considered for parole, regardless of their crime or sentence. Please call your Assembly member and State Senator and ask them to support these bills:

- State Senate switchboard: 518-455-2800
- State Assembly switchboard: 518-455-4100

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.

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.

