

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



APRIL 25, 2021
FOURTH 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.

Parish Center :
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Rev. Bernard M. Maloney, OFM Cap.

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.)*

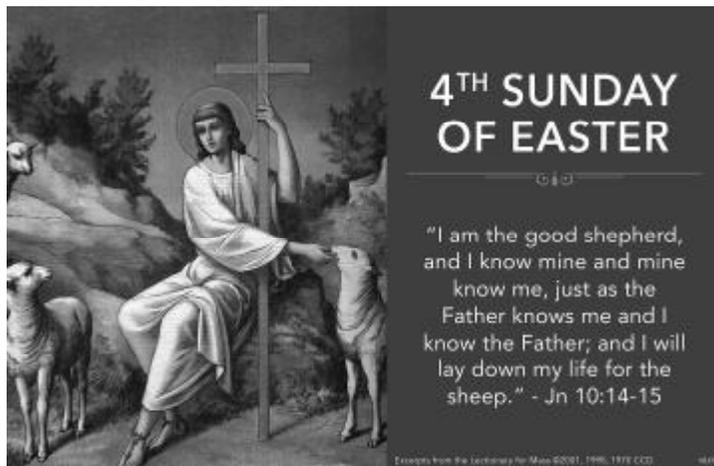
Holy Cross
7231 Main Street
Ovid, NY

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

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



April 25, 2021 ~ Year of St. Joseph



First Reading:

“There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.” (Acts 4:12)

Psalm:

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. (Ps. 118)

Second Reading:

Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. (1 Jn. 3:2)

Gospel:

“I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.” (Jn. 10:14-15)

Live the Liturgy— Inspiration for the Week:

The cornerstone is the first stone that is laid and the stone that not only determines how the other stones are placed but the position of the entire structure. As human beings, we need a cornerstone or reference point so that our lives can be properly positioned. Our cornerstone determines not only how we see ourselves but who we will become. Without a cornerstone or reference point, we will be disconnected and poorly positioned for effective action in our world. In order to be children of God, Jesus Christ needs to be our cornerstone and the reference point for all that we do. He alone is the Good Shepherd who can guide through life’s challenges, bringing us to proper pasture. Without this proper base, we can fall into the trap of self-aggrandizement and quickly lose our way. If that happens, then moral principles, proper conduct, and virtue will be difficult to find. We need to listen to the right voices and allow God to show us how to build our house well. Salvation only comes from God and only God will protect us, no matter the cost.

Catholic Quotes—Words to Inspire the Faithful:

“It is a lesson that we all need-to let alone the things that do not concern us. He has other ways for others to follow him; all do not go by the same path.” ~St. Katharine Drexel

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MASS INTENTIONS

for the week of April 24–May 2, 2021

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
Saturday, May 1	4:00 p.m. at St. James	Parishioners and benefactors
Sunday, May 2	9:00 a.m. at St. James	Donna and Fred Wann from the Hade family

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
- Catholic Home Missions offering: April 24 and 25
- First Holy Communion: May 2, 9:00 a.m., St. James
- Easter Sacraments presentations: 7 p.m., St. Francis Solanus
 - April 27: Baptism
 - May 4: Confirmation
 - May 11: Eucharist

2020/2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal:

Bishop Salvatore R. Matano wrote a letter, dated April 12, to the parish expressing his sincere gratitude for exceeding our parish CMA goal of \$29,979. He stated that this year’s theme was *Christ, Our Light*, beckoning us to look to the Light of Our Savior to navigate us through these challenging times especially in this time of great uncertainty during the tragic pandemic affecting so many aspects of our daily life. Parishioners have pledged \$32,079 to the CMA. The bishop referred to this as a living testament to our faith in our mission and good works. He added, “I am so very thankful for and deeply encouraged by the parish’s commitment and dedication. I pray that the Lord will continue to bless your parish family.”

Parish Finance Council:

At the end of March, 2021, Ms. Rebecca Pizzirusso, who is the Diocesan Regional Finance Director for the Geneva, Seneca Falls and Waterloo parishes, was appointed to be also our parish Regional Finance Director. She will be introduced and welcomed at the Parish Finance Council meeting this Thursday at 1:00 p.m. at the Parish Center, Interlaken. We take this opportunity to express our thanks to Mr. David Zellinger who, for the past five years, has been our Regional Finance Director and a counselor and overseer of our parish finances and property.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal:

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territory, because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at uscbb.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.)

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.

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.

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

“Today we state clearly that the death penalty is inadmissible, and the Church is firmly committed to calling for its abolition worldwide.” ~Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti

In July 2019, capital punishment in federal cases was resumed in the U.S. after a 16 year hiatus. At the very heart of Catholic teaching is reverence for the inviolable dignity of the human being and the belief that every person, made in the image and likeness of God, is given the opportunity for redemption. This includes those who have caused great harm. Saint Pope John Paul II in his encyclical *The Gospel of Life*, emphatically proclaimed, “Not even a murderer loses his personal dignity.” (EV, 9). This week, please contact the White House at 1-202-456-1111 or whitehouse.gov/contact to thank President Biden for his public opposition to capital punishment and to ask him to declare an official moratorium on executions at the federal level; commute the sentences of all those currently on the federal death row; advocate to end the death penalty in law with Congress and the states.

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

National Blue Sunday:

This, 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).

Documentary on Pope Francis I:

There is a new documentary about Pope Francis entitled *Francesco*. It is a beautiful film, which will make you weep and make you cheer. Most of all it will give you hope. See the trailer: francescofilm.com. You can access it through the Ithaca-based not for profit movie house Cinemapolis, cinemapolis.org.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations:

The church has set aside this Sunday, April 25, 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.

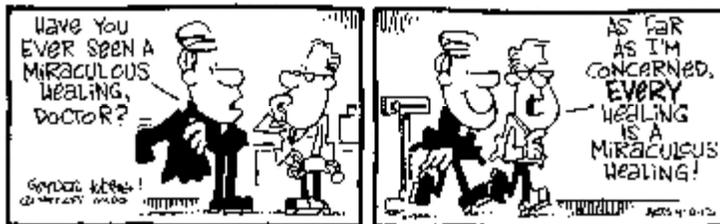
Year of St. Joseph:

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.

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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.

