

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



MAY 9, 2021
SIXTH 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.

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.

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



May 9, 2021 ~ Year of St. Joseph



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.” - Jn 15:16-17

Excerpt from the Liturgy for Mass 2001, 1984, 1992, 2002

First Reading:

“In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.” (Acts 10:34-35)

Psalm:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (Ps. 98)

Second Reading:

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. (1 Jn. 4:7)

Gospel:

“This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” (Jn. 15:12-13)

Live the Liturgy— Inspiration for the Week:

God is love. These three simple words deserve a great deal of attention. They have the power to transform our relationship with God from something that is static and distant to one that is personal and real. We all know the power of love and how important it is to completing all of the human and divine circuits of our lives. But we do not often consider the awesome fact that it is given to us as a gift and is not simply part and parcel of the human package. God is the author of love and love itself. When we truly love another human being, it is really God being God in and through us. The love to which we are called and the love of which the Gospel speaks is a selfless love that seeks the wellbeing of not only our significant others but of all of our brothers and sisters. This love, which is of God, is a love that will endure all things and bring immeasurable joy when experienced. It is the most sincere form of friendship.

Catholic Quotes—Words to Inspire the Faithful:

“From the first hour to the last, Jesus’ life is enfolded in the nearness of his Mother.” ~Romano Guardini

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MASS INTENTIONS

for the week of May 8–16, 2021

Saturday, May 8	4:00 p.m. at St. James	Intentions of Maria Greci from Gerry Todi
Saturday, May 8	5:00 p.m. at St. Francis	Parishioners and benefactors
Sunday, May 9	9:00 a.m. at St. James	David Abdulky from Annette and George Hade
Friday, May 14	8:30 a.m. at St. Francis	Sophie T. Kuklo from Carol Ann Kuklo
Saturday, May 15	4:00 p.m. at St. James	Stephen Rorick from Gerry Todi
Saturday, May 15	5:00 p.m. at St. Francis	Parishioners and benefactors
May 16, Sunday	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 (May 11), 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 (May 10) 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 (Site temporarily changed)
 - 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
- Easter Sacraments presentation on the Eucharist: May 11, 7 p.m., St. Francis Solanus
- Ascension Mass schedule: May 13, 9:00 a.m., St James and 6:00 p.m., Holy Cross
- Diocesan Missions offering: May 15 and 16
- Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting: May 27, 10:00 a.m., St. Francis Solanus

Funerals:

- A funeral service was held at Holy Cross Cemetery for Chester Goslicki, on April 27, 2021. Chester died on March 26, 2021 at the age 86.
- A funeral service was held at St. James the Apostle Cemetery for Joan Craig on April 28, 2021. Joan died on May 24, 2020 at the age of 92.
- A funeral service was held at Holy Cross Cemetery, Ovid on May 1, 2021 for Beverly M. McDonald, age 87, who died on December 27, 2020.
- A Funeral Mass was celebrated for Carol Northrup at St. James the Apostle Church on May 3, 2021. Carol died on April 27, 2021 at age 82.

Mother's Day:

Today we praise God for our mothers. Their continued loving service is rejoiced in and is an inspiration for us to imitate. We pray God to bless all mothers in our parish family and beyond. "Mothers, enjoy the day dedicated to you. Rejoice in the expressions of love, reverence and gratitude that you receive this day." For you this day we pray: "Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless the mothers of our parish that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord."

Ascension Thursday:

This Thursday is a holy day of obligation, *The Ascension of the Lord*. It marks 40 days since Easter. The places and times of the Masses are as follows: St. James the Apostle, 9:00 a.m. and Holy Cross, 6:00 p.m. There will be no 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Francis Solanus on Ascension Thursday.

The Easter Sacraments:

Fr. Bernard will give a presentation on the Sacrament of Eucharist this Tuesday, May 11, at the Parish Center, Interlaken, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Diocesan Missions Sunday:

Next weekend, May 15 and 16, we shall observe Diocesan Missions Sunday. Proclaiming the Gospel is not something we can do once for all, but is an ongoing part of the Church. This is the message of the new evangelization. "Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey." *Evangelii Gaudium*, "The Joy of the Gospel" (127).

Our dedicated Sisters of Mercy in Chile and the Sisters of St. Joseph in Brazil have been on pilgrimage sharing their gifts of faith and service to God's people. We are called to help them on next weekend with our prayers and a sacrificial gift, so that they may continue to bring Christ into a world where darkness, despair and emptiness prevail. Surely, we can help to bring hope to them.

Cemetery Advisory Committee:

The Diocese of Rochester requires that parishes with a Cemetery or Cemeteries must establish a *Cemetery Advisory Committee*. At present, St. James the Apostle and Holy Cross have separate cemetery committees. These will be merged into the Cemetery Advisory Committee. Members of the parish who are able and willing are welcome to join. Please phone the parish office to volunteer. Thank you for your kind consideration of the help.

Buildings and Grounds Committee:

The parish has three Buildings and Grounds Committees. The Parish Finance Council proposed, and it was accepted, that the parish have one committee. The first meeting of

the committee will be Thursday, May 27, at 10:00 a.m. at the Parish Center, Interlaken. The Diocesan Regional Finance Director, Ms. Rebecca Pizzirusso, will be present. Members of the parish interested in the Buildings and Grounds Committee please notify Fr. Bernard and/or phone the parish office.

Finance Council:

The Council met on April 29 with the new Diocesan Regional Finance Director, Ms. Rebecca Pizzirusso, to review among other items the third quarter financial report. The good news is that we are in the black. Year to date (March 30, 2021), the ordinary receipts amounted to \$159,914.04 and the ordinary expenditures amounted to \$152,487.05. In relation to the previous year's third quarter reporting our ordinary receipts were up \$4,238 and our expenditures were down \$8,156. Many thanks to all for your financial support to the parish. You are a blessing.

Birthright of Ithaca:

"Due to COVID-19, Birthright of Ithaca is unable to hold their annual Mother's Day flower sale again this year. This is one of our major fundraisers to be able to continue our services of providing pregnancy tests, counseling, referrals, diapers, formula, and more to our clients in need. In lieu of the flower sale we will have a donation box at each Mass on the weekend of Mother's Day. Won't you please consider making a donation to Birthright of Ithaca so that we may continue God's mission of helping women in crisis or unplanned pregnancies?"

Young Adult Retreat (Ages 18 –40):

The theme of this one day retreat is: *From Love, For Love – Discerning God's Will*. The retreat will be held on Saturday, May 22, from 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. at St. Hyacinth Church, 61 Pulaski St., Auburn, NY. The fee is \$10, which includes lunch. To register and for more information please go to stmaryauburn.org. You can also contact Carlo Stebbings at carlo.stebbing@dor.org or 315–252–3429.

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.

