

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



DECEMBER 5, 2021
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



St. Francis Solanus

3660 Orchard Street
Interlaken, NY

Weekday Liturgies:

Monday–Friday,
8:30 a.m.

Weekend Mass:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Parish Center :

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Br. Francisco Serrano, 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

Br. Antonine Lizama, OFM Cap.



St. James the Apostle

17 Whig Street
Trumansburg, NY

Weekend Mass:

Sunday, 9:00 a.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.*



Christmas Flower Offering:

This weekend there is a second collection. It is the annual Christmas Flower Offering collection. Your offerings help defray the cost of Christmas flowers and decorations.

Parish 2022 Calendars:

The parish 2022 calendars are available in the foyers of the churches. Please note one error. The time of the Saturday Vigil Mass is recorded as 5:00 p.m. Our parish Saturday Vigil Mass is 4:00 p.m.

Mitten Tree:

An Advent tradition at St. James has been the Mitten Tree. Children's and adults' mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, and socks can be hung on the tree located in the front of the Church. Items will be brought to Catholic Charities in Ithaca. (There is a special need for men's items.)

Birthright Donations:

As we have done in the past during Advent, our parish will be collecting baby and toddler items for Birthright in Ithaca. Please place your donations, unwrapped, in the basket near the side altar at St. James. Listed are items on their "wish list": receiving blankets, sleepers, bibs, crib sheets, diapers (sizes 4&5), diaper wipes, sleep-n-plays, winter jackets (sizes 12 mos-5T). Thank you for your generosity!

Holy Day of Obligation:

The patronal feast day of the United States is the *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*. It is December 8. This year it is a Wednesday. There will be two Masses on that day: St. James the Apostle at 9:00 a.m. and Holy Cross at 6:00 p.m. Please plan now to come to Mass on that day.

CROP Hunger Walk:

A report has been issued regarding the CROP Hunger Walk (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) held on October 10 with St. James the Apostle Church hosting this year's event. A total of \$8,738.05 was raised by the Trumansburg Area Churches. Of that amount, St. James the Apostle Church raised \$1,939.35. The TAC Food Pantry has already received \$2,088 which has been spent on turkeys and gift cards. The food pantry will receive 25% of what was raised by the CROP Hunger Walk. Thank you to all who supported the Walk and Br. Francisco with the hosting volunteers.

2021-2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal:

The CMA Office has mailed a follow-up letter to all who have not yet made a pledge to this year's Appeal. The message is from Bishop Matano and contains an Advent Season theme. This Advent mailing will include a buck slip with information about year-end giving, and gifts through retirement funds. Our given parish goal is \$28,086. This is \$2,000 less than in previous years. If you have not yet responded, please prayerfully consider a gift. The CMA provides funding for important programs, services and ministries that strengthen our whole Church. Last year our parish exceeded its given goal by \$2,825 and the parish received a rebate of \$1,413. Please do what you are able and make a pledge as soon as possible.

Year of St. Joseph—Concludes:

Pope Francis announced a special year dedicated to St. Joseph. The year began on December 8, 2020 and will conclude this December 8, 2021. The year of St. Joseph marked the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church. The hope of the year was that Christians would grow in the knowledge of St. Joseph's virtues and imitate them. During the year our parish prayed the Litany of St. Joseph on Wednesdays after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. The Litany contains a list of the many virtues of St. Joseph. The Litany was prayed for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and that all people would have a respect for human life from conception to death.

Season of Advent – Daily Meditations:

A booklet titled, *The Word Among Us*, is available in the foyer of the church. The booklet contains daily meditations for the Advent Season. Also the booklet contains the scripture Mass readings for each day of Advent. Please take one for your home and for daily prayer.

Prayer for Healing & Harmony:

Prayer sessions are held on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. The next dates at St. James the Apostle are December 15. At Holy Cross Rectory the next dates are December 8 & 22. Sr. Anne Alderman, SSJ will facilitate the sessions. For more information phone 607-209-4206 or email a.alder1980@gmail.com.

A Story -The Power of God's Mercy:

Available is a newly published book titled: *Alessandro Serenelli* by Charles D. Engel. It is about the man who killed St. Maria Goretti and his extraordinary conversion. It can be purchased through Amazon, Our Sunday Visitor, or EWTN.

Synod on Synodality:

<https://www.dor.org/synod> is the website for all information on the diocesan phase of preparing for the Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops that will take place in Rome in October 2023. The Diocesan phase of the Synod will conclude on March 31, 2022. The website has a short introductory video by Bishop Matano among other items of interest regarding the Synod.

Tree Lighting and Carol Sing:

On Saturday, December 4 at 5:00 p.m., the First Presbyterian Church of Ulysses, 69 E. Main St. Trumansburg, will host "A Gathering of Song" with hot cider and donuts outdoors between the sidewalk and Fellowship Hall porch.

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.

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