

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



DECEMBER 19, 2021  
FOURTH 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.

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**Pastor:**

Rev. Bernard M. Maloney, OFM Cap.

**Pastoral Year:**

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.

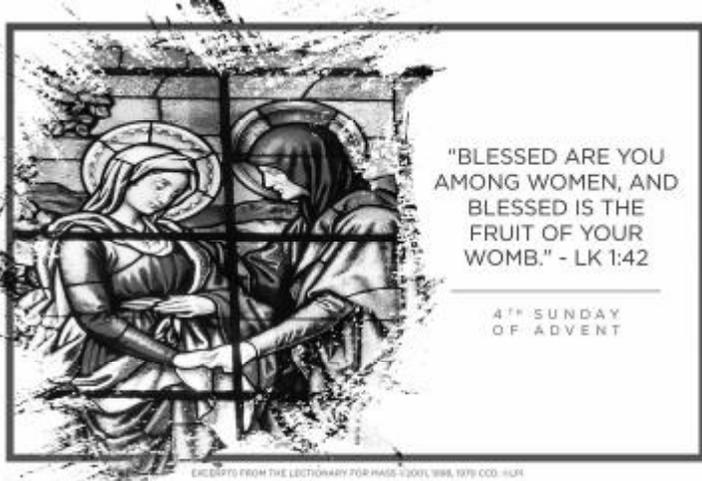


**Holy Cross**  
7231 Main Street  
Ovid, NY

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

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

December 19, 2021  
Fourth Sunday of Advent



**First Reading:**

You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel. (Mi. 5:1)

**Psalm:**

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. (Ps. 80)

**Second Reading:**

“Then I said, ‘As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God.’” (Heb. 10:7)

**Gospel:**

“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” (Lk. 1:42-43)

**Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week:**

Did you ever find yourself wishing that God would just step in and fix all that is wrong with the world? After all, how much longer can all of this go on? There is so much inequity in life. Our world’s political, economic, and environmental systems do not always serve the best interests of people. We read stories about injustice, disregard for human life, greed, heartache, and people being hurt and deprived every day. People are still starving and there is often little regard for human life. This is not the way God intended it to be. Realizing that we have caused most of these problems ourselves, we look to God for an answer and a way out of the difficulties we have created. Taking responsibility for our actions is not something that comes easily. What we fail to see is that God has already sent the answer in the person of Jesus Christ. God did fix our problem! Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of Justice to come into the world. We need to do the same. It is only by believing in, listening to, and acting upon what God has spoken that true peace will ever come to be, and God’s fix be made known.

MASS INTENTIONS		
for the week of December 18–26, 2021		
Saturday, December 18	4:00 p.m. at St. Francis	Parishioners and benefactors
Sunday, December 19	9:00 a.m. at St. James	Hugh and Margaret McGurrin from the Holtkamp family
	10:30 a.m. at Holy Cross	Joseph Guydosh from the Guydosh family
Thursday, December 23	8:30 a.m. at St. Francis	Michael and Margaret Guydosh from the Guydosh family
Friday, December 24	4:00 p.m. at St. James	<i>Christmas Eve Mass</i>
	6:00 p.m. at St. James	<i>Christmas Eve Mass</i>
	8:00 p.m. at Holy Cross	<i>Christmas Eve Mass</i>
Saturday, December 25	9:00 a.m. at St. Francis	<i>Christmas Day Mass</i> Martha Sauder from the Guydosh family
Sunday, December 26	9:00 a.m. at St. James	The Birthday of Julia Miller from Vivian Rose
	10:30 at Holy Cross	Parishioners and benefactors

**Upcoming Parish Events:**

- Food Pantries:
  - Ovid Federated Church: Mondays, 10:00 a.m.
  - Food truck: Next date TBD, 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 (December 20) 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. and 5:15–6:00 p.m., Methodist Church
- Family Hope Center: Tuesdays 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., and Thursdays 4:00–6:00 p.m., Holy Cross
- Fr. Bernard is available: Fridays, 6:30–7:30 p.m., St. Francis Solanus
- Confirmation program: Sundays, 4:00 p.m., St. James
- Prayer for Healing and Harmony: Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m.
  - Holy Cross rectory: December 22
- Christmas Mass schedule:
  - Friday, December 24
    - 4:00 & 6:00 p.m., St. James the Apostle
    - 8:00 p.m., Holy Cross
  - Saturday, December 25
    - 9:00 a.m., St. Francis Solanus

**On-line Giving:**

The WeShare online giving provides the opportunity for donors to give to the parish Christmas Flower collection and pledge to the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA).

### **Christmas Masses:**

The Christmas Mass schedule is as follows:

◦ Friday, December 24, 2021

4:00 & 6:00 p.m., St. James the Apostle

8:00 p.m., Holy Cross

◦ Saturday, December 25, 2021

9:00 a.m., St. Francis Solanus

### **Christmas Offering:**

There will be a collection taken up at the Christmas Masses. The Parish has always been most grateful for the parishioners' most generous offerings on that day and have come to rely on that collection to help keep our parish solvent. The Lord reward you many times over for your kindness to your parish.

### **A Thank You:**

Joan Covert has posted a thank you letter in each of the parish churches expressing her gratitude for parishioner prayers. Not only is the letter a "thank you," but it also contains her story of a cure that has mystified everyone.

### **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!

### **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.

### **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 date is December 22 at Holy Cross. 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.



### **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. As of December 1, 2021, seventy parish households have pledged \$17,130. This is 60.99 % of our given goal. 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. Please do what you are able and make a pledge as soon as possible.

### **Help for Homeowners from Catholic Charities:**

Homeowners in New York State who were financially affected by COVID-19 and who are behind on their mortgage or other housing payments/fees (property taxes, water, sewer, lot fee etc.) may be eligible for help from the New York State Homeowner Assistance Fund (NY HAF). Contact Catholic Charities Elmira office at 607-734-9784 or visit [www.cs-cc.org](http://www.cs-cc.org) for more information. NYS HAF application window is only open from January 3-February 3, 2022.

### **Living Wage and Workers Rights:**

The Church has been teaching about the importance of a living wage since the 1890s, and it is still a pressing issue today. The Tompkins County Workers' Center is one of the recipients of this year's Catholic Campaign for Human Development in the Diocese of Rochester, and they are partnering with parishes in Tompkins County to advocate for workers' rights. To learn more, please attend our Zoom info session on January 17, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting ID is 270 486 9117. Email April Michael with questions at [amichael3@luc.edu](mailto:amichael3@luc.edu).

### **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](http://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](mailto:Eileen.heptig@dor.org).



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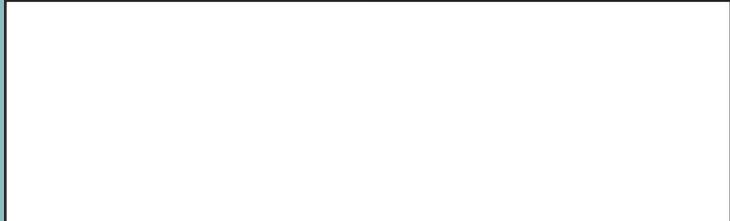
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