

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



DECEMBER 26, 2021

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



St. Francis Solanus

3660 Orchard Street
Interlaken, NY

Weekday Liturgies:

Monday–Friday,
8:30 a.m.

Weekend Mass:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

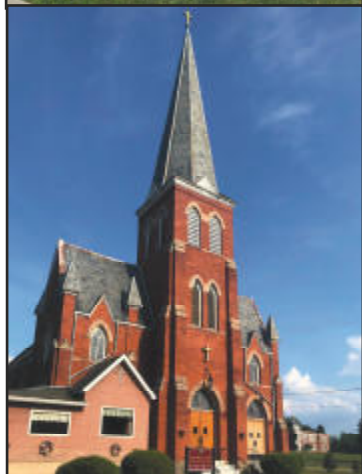


St. James the Apostle

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.*

Parish Center :

St. Francis Solanus
P.O. Box 403
Interlaken, NY 14847

Phone: 607–294–0064

E mail: immmercy@dor.org

Website: marymotherofmercy.com

Instagram/Facebook: [@marymotherofmercyparish](https://www.instagram.com/marymotherofmercyparish)

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.

December 26, 2021



First Reading:

“I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD.” (1 Sm. 1:27-28)

Psalm:

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.
(Ps. 84)

Second Reading:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. (1 Jn. 3:1)

Gospel:

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. (Lk. 2:46)

Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week:

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today’s Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love.

Catholic Quotes—Words to Inspire the Faithful:

“God is Love. Whoever lives in love lives in God and God in Him.” ~St. John, Apostle

MASS INTENTIONS

for the week of December 25–January 2, 2021

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 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 a.m. at Holy Cross | Parishioners and benefactors |
| Sunday, January 2 | 9:00 a.m. at St. James | Betty Beaton from Vivian Rose |
| | 10:30 a.m. 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 (January 10) 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

On-line Giving:

The WeShare online giving provides the opportunity for donors to pledge to the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA).

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.

Financial Support for the Parish:

There are several ways to financially support the parish:

- Boxes of Offertory Envelopes: For those who continue to use offertory envelopes and for those who requested them, check the church for the box with your name on it.
- Writing a check: If you support the parish with a check, there is no need to use boxes of offertory envelopes.
- On-line Giving – WeShare Program: Confer with the weekly bulletin announcement, *Donating to Your Parish*.

Boxes of Offertory Envelopes:

Boxed offertory envelopes for 2022 are available in the foyers of the churches for parishioners who presently use the boxed envelopes or who have recently requested them. Parishioners wishing to have boxed offertory envelopes, please notify the Parish Office and a box of envelopes will be made available for pick-up.

Saturday, January 1, 2022:

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is celebrated on January 1. This year, because the feast day falls on a Saturday, it is **not** a holy day of obligation. January 1 is also the Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, that is, the 8th day of Christmas. There will be one Mass on January 1. It will be the regularly scheduled 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass at St. Francis Solanus.

Sunday, January 2, 2022:

On this day, this year, we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. The Masses on that day will be the regular 9:00 a.m. at St. James the Apostle and 10:30 a.m. at Holy Cross.

2022 Food Pantry Volunteers Needed:

Every two months the churches of Trumansburg and Jacksonville take turns providing volunteers for the Trumansburg Food Pantry located in the Trumansburg United Methodist church. January is one of our months this year for Mary Mother of Mercy/St. James to provide volunteers (we will do this again in December 2022). Please consider helping by signing up on the list provided in the foyer, which also has a chart providing more details about each task. We especially need younger people to help carry boxes and bags up and down stairs. The dates are January 10 and 24. Don't forget to leave your phone number if you would like a reminder call. Start out your new year by following Jesus's example of caring for those in need. "...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Mt. 25: 40). Thank you.

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.

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.

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



Local Respect Life Events:

The annual Ithaca March For Life will take place Saturday, January 15, 2022 from 10:00–11:00 a.m. across the street from Planned Parenthood at 620 W. Seneca St, Ithaca. We hope the following week that leads to the National MFL on January 21, the Anniversary of Row v. Wade, in Washington D.C., will encourage families and faith communities to educate and promote life affirming choices for the protection of the most vulnerable, the unborn.

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 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.

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.



MAGUIRE
FAMILY OF DEALERSHIPS

MAGUIRECARS.COM



SIDILE
INSURANCE & RISK MANAGEMENT
Service is our Product

219 S. Catherine Street, PO Box 802, Montour Falls, NY 14865
(607) 387-5258 • www.sidleinsurance.com

Ness-Sibley
FUNERAL HOME

Family Owned & Operated Since 1950
607-387-8151
23 South Street, Trumansburg
www.ness-sibley.com

ADT-Monitored Home Security
Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide



ADT Authorized Provider **SafeStreets** **1-855-225-4251**



HUBBARD
HEATING & PLUMBING INC

607-532-4739
www.callhubbard.com

This Space
is Available

WE'RE HIRING
AD SALES EXECUTIVES
BE YOURSELF. BRING YOUR PASSION.
WORK WITH PURPOSE.

- Paid Training
- Some Travel
- Work-Life Balance
- Full-Time with Benefits
- Serve Your Community



Contact us at careers@4lpi.com
www.4lpi.com/careers

NEVER MISS A BULLETIN !

Sign up to have our
weekly parish bulletin
emailed to you at
www.parishesonline.com



**AVAILABLE FOR
A LIMITED TIME!**
ADVERTISE HERE NOW!

Contact **Brett Burt** to place an ad
today! bburt@4LPi.com or
(800) 477-4574 x6443

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!

