

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



MAY 8, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## **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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## **Pastor:**

Rev. Bernard M. Maloney, OFM Cap.

## **Pastoral Year:**

Br. Francisco Serrano, OFM Cap.

## **Office Hours:**

Tuesdays & Fridays  
9:00 a.m.–1:00 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

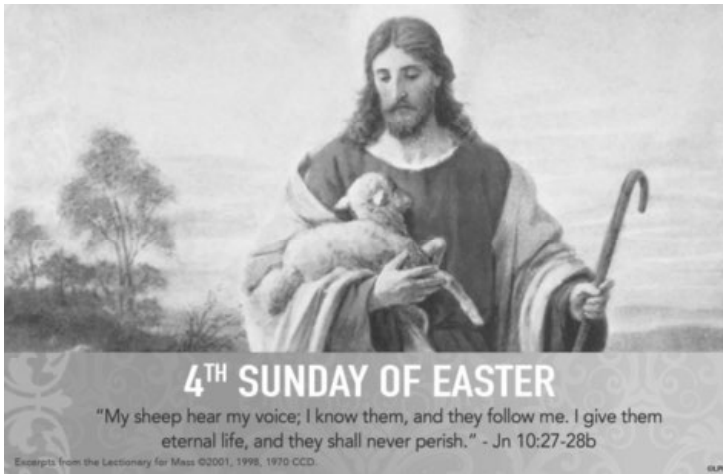
### **Weekend Mass:**

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

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



May 8, 2022



**First Reading:**

For so the Lord has commanded us, "I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth." (Acts 13:47)

**Psalm:**

We are his people, the sheep of his flock. (Ps. 100)

**Second Reading:**

For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water. (Rev. 7:17)

**Gospel:**

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." (Jn. 10:27-28)

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

Do we hear and follow? Before we can welcome Jesus as the Good Shepherd, we have to hear his voice. God's voice breaks into the dialogue of our lives in myriad ways, but we have to be attentive and receptive in order to hear it. It comes through the beauty of creation, the warmth and energy of love, the gift of compassion both received and given, the sacred miracle of life, and the orderly and purposeful design of things and in the truth found in God's commandments. Once we see the wisdom behind the commandments and teachings God places before us and are attentive to listening for His direction, we can begin to take the necessary steps and follow Him. We are easily misled and there are many convincing "shepherds." Only one is Good. It is only the Good Shepherd who can lead us away from the evils that can hurt us and bring us to the good. We may not always like where God asks us to go, and it may not be the path others prefer to take. But we have to follow it because we trust that our kind Shepherd will keep us safe.

**Catholic Quotes—Words to Inspire the Faithful:**

"We cannot see Christ and remain as we are." ~Père Jacques

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

for the week of May 7–May 15, 2022

Saturday, May 7	4:00 p.m. at St. Francis	Parishioners and benefactors
Sunday, May 8	9:00 a.m. at St. James	Annette Maimone from Judith Wilson and Richard Maimone
Friday, May 13	8:30 a.m. at St. Francis	Sophie Kuklo from Carol Ann Kuklo
Saturday, May 14	4:00 p.m. at St. Francis	Parishioners and benefactors
Sunday, May 15	9:00 a.m. at St. James	Linda Scherer from Kathleen Rourke

**Upcoming Parish Events:**

- Food Pantries:
  - Ovid Federated Church: Mondays, 10:00 a.m.
  - Food truck: May 10, 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 16), 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
- Prayer for Healing and Harmony: Wednesdays, 2:00 p.m.
  - St. James the Apostle: May 18; June 1 & 15
  - Holy Cross: May 11 & 25; June 8 & 22
- Spiritual Book Reading & Discussion: May 18, June 1 & 15; 3:15 p.m.; St. James the Apostle
- Parish Council: May 12, 7:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus
- Diocesan Missions Second Collection: May 14 & 15

**Parish Council Nomination Ballots Available:**

The terms of five Parish Council members end this June. Parishioners interested in being on the Parish Council can now nominate themselves or be nominated by another parishioner. The selection of new Parish Council members for a three-year term and the selection of three alternates for a one-year term will take place on Sunday, May 29. Newly selected members will attend the June 9 Parish Council meeting. The term of membership begins July 1. There are no scheduled meetings in the summer.

The Parish Council is a council to the pastor. It is not a governing body nor board. Through the Parish Council committees (Word, Worship, Witness and Fellowship), the members become aware of what is happening in the parish. Parish Council members are assigned to one of the committees after they give their preferences. From what is being done or proposed in the parish, the members offer advice to the pastor. The council can meet between 4–8 times a year, and the meetings are held at the Parish Center, Interlaken.

Parish Council nomination ballots are now available for the submission of nominees' names. Parishioners, please consider being a Council member or nominating a parishioner. Thank you.

### **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."

### **Birthright of Ithaca Flower Sale:**

Birthright announced that the annual Mother's Day flower sale is canceled due to an increase in costs. Birthright has relied on this fundraiser to provide supplies, clothing, and services to families. If you would like to send a monetary donation, you can go to their secure online site at [birthright.org](http://birthright.org), or send a check payable to *Birthright of Ithaca* to 223 Elmira Rd Suite #1, Ithaca, NY 14850.

### **First Communion Sunday:**

Elise Wright will be celebrating her First Communion on Sunday, May 15, 2022, at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. We thank all who have helped prepare Elise for this day.

### **Diocesan Missions Sunday – Second Collection:**

Next weekend we are being asked to assist our dedicated religious, the Sisters of St. Joseph in Brazil, and the Sisters of Mercy in Chile, in bringing the truth of the Gospel to God's people and to love as He first loved us, for, "This is how all will know that you are my disciples .."(John 13:35). Whatever you can give to support the sisters in their missionary endeavors would be appreciated greatly.

### **Parish Council Meeting:**

The Parish Council will meet this Thursday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center, St. Francis Solanus Annex.

### **Persons between the ages of 21 and 45:**

Plans are underway for a gathering of this age group. The gathering will take place on Sunday, June 5, at the St. Fidelis Friary Boathouse, 7790 County Road 153, Interlaken, NY beginning at 5:00 p.m. with a meal. After the meal there will be a brief faith presentation and sharing followed by a planned activity. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in helping to plan this event. Thank you.

### **Pending U.S. Supreme Court Decision:**

Between now and the end of June, the U.S. Supreme Court is expected to issue a ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. The case involves a law in Mississippi that bans most abortions after the baby reaches 15 weeks. Jackson Women's Health, as the only abortion provider in the state of Mississippi, sued, saying that the law is in direct violation of *Roe v. Wade*. In response, Mississippi essentially asked the Supreme Court to overturn *Roe v. Wade* as bad law, and barring that, to at least allow states to limit pre-viability abortions.

While it is impossible to speculate what will happen, it is a hope that the Supreme Court will allow states to once again limit or prohibit abortion. Regardless of what happens, there will be significant coverage in the media giving rise to people being affected in various ways. Timely information and resources are available at our own diocesan website for life issues, [liferoc.org](http://liferoc.org). Join Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant Christians uniting in prayer. Online search: *Pray for Dobbs* and join.

### **Regarding the Burial of the Deceased:**

In 1963, an instruction was issued from Rome that "all necessary measures must be taken to preserve the practice of reverently burying the faithful departed", adding however that cremation is not opposed ... to the Christian religion" and that no longer should the Sacraments and funeral rites be denied to those who have asked that they be cremated. This directive was incorporated into the *Code of Canon Law* (1983) and the *Code of Canons of Oriental Churches* (1990). Following the most ancient Christian tradition, the Church insistently recommends that the bodies of the deceased be buried in cemeteries or other sacred places because this shows a greater esteem towards the deceased. When cremation of the body has been chosen, the ashes of the faithful must be laid to rest in a sacred place, that is in a cemetery or, in certain cases, in a church or an area, which has been set aside for this purpose. The reservation of the ashes of the departed in a sacred place ensures that they are not excluded from the prayers and remembrance of their family or the Christian community. It prevents the faithful departed from being forgotten, or their remains from being shown a lack of respect. For the reasons given above, the conservation of the ashes of the departed in a domestic residence is not permitted. The ashes may not be divided among various family members. It is not permitted to scatter the ashes of the faithful departed in the air, on land, at sea or in some other ways, nor be preserved in mementos, pieces of jewelry or other objects. *Regarding Burial of the Deceased and the Conservation of Ashes* was issued by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, August 15, 2016. Copies of the complete instruction can be obtained at the Parish Office.

### **World Day of Prayer for Vocations:**

"Vocations are born in prayer and from prayers; and only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit" –Pope Francis. May 8, 2022 has been designated as a day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. For a vocation to the priesthood, one can take a discernment self-test and access a new "Nine Holy Hours to Discern the Priesthood" at [GoPriest.com](http://GoPriest.com). For a list of all Vocation Directors in the U.S. go to [Diocesanpriest.com](http://Diocesanpriest.com).

### **Donating to Your Parish:**

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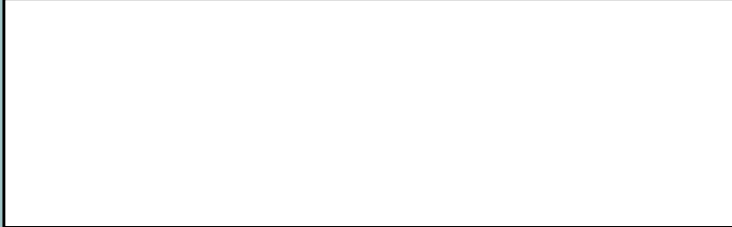
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