

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



MAY 15, 2022
FIFTH 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

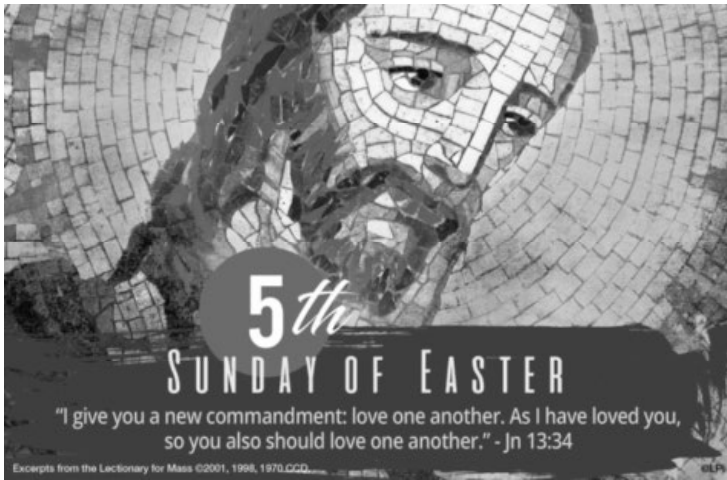
Weekend Mass:

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

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



May 15, 2022



First Reading:

They called the church together and reported what God had done with them. (Acts 14:27)

Psalm:

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (Ps. 146)

Second Reading:

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away.” (Rev. 21:4)

Gospel:

I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. (Jn. 13:34)

Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week:

The resurrected Christ gives us the strength to do things we can never have imagined. Life will often give us mountains to climb, and we wonder how we will find the energy, ability, and determination to forge ahead. But, with a good dosage of faith and a fervent life of prayer we find ourselves succeeding and ascending to heights that once frightened us. What we realize after we have reached the other side is that this hardship we once saw as an obstacle has become a vehicle for something better and greater. We are stronger. The same is true with the Gospel. The prospect of loving one another may seem idealistic or unobtainable. Yet, when we risk moving beyond just looking out for or helping each other to actually **LOVING** each other, miracles happen. There is something wonderful that occurs with love. We see people in ways we never saw before, understanding and appreciating each other’s journey. Love leads to reverence. Faith is strengthened and we move on to try again.

Catholic Quotes—Words to Inspire the Faithful:

“No time is ever lost by prayer, for those who pray are workers together with God.” ~St. Isidore

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MASS INTENTIONS

for the week of May 14–22, 2022

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
Thursday, May 19	8:30 a.m. at St. Francis	Maria Vargas from Carol Ann Kuklo
Saturday, May 21	4:00 p.m. at St. Francis	Parishioners and benefactors
Sunday, May 22	9:00 a.m. at St. James	Joan Hogan from Rick and Barb Willers

Upcoming Parish Events:

- Food Pantries:
 - Ovid Federated Church: Mondays, 10:00 a.m.
 - 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 25; June 8 & 22
- Spiritual Book Reading & Discussion: May 18, June 1 & 15; 3:15 p.m.; St. James the Apostle
- Diocesan Missions Second Collection: May 14 & 15

Funeral:

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. James the Apostle Church for Joan Hogan, 86, on May 7, 2022. The burial was at St. James the Apostle Cemetery.

Our call to Protect God’s Creation:

In his encyclical, *Laudato Si’*, Pope Francis makes it clear that we have a moral obligation to care for the Earth. The *Laudato Si’* Action Platform is a new initiative by the Holy See calling all sectors of the Church, including families, parishes, and schools, to participate in this crucial work. Learn more At laudatosi.actionplatform.org. One action platform is ecological spirituality. We could start by praying this prayer from *Laudato Si’*: *All powerful God, you are present in the universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with your peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.*

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.

First Communion Sunday:

Elise Wright will be celebrating her First Communion this 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:

Today is Diocesan Missions Sunday honoring the Sisters of St. Joseph in Brazil and the Sisters of Mercy in Chile. We are called to take part in the missionary work of the Church. We may not all have to move to another town or city to do so, but impelled by the Holy Spirit, each one of us is to move beyond our daily concerns, important as they are, to help others live in the faith that sustains us. Bishop Salvatore Matano calls us to a responsible sharing in the missionary works of the Diocese of Rochester. No diocese is truly a diocese unless it extends beyond its own borders and allows itself to be touched by the presence of other churches. May we share the gift of faith today by helping our missionary friends with our prayers and a generous gift.

Call for Singers and Musicians:

Singers and Musicians are invited to sing and play at the three churches in the parish of Mary Mother of Mercy to praise our Lord. Anyone interested in participating or who wants more information can inquire with choir members, Fr. Bernard or contact Leo at Lkawczenski123@gmail.com We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Priests' Convocation:

The priests in the Diocese of Rochester will be gathering with Bishop Matano in Horseheads, NY, Monday afternoon, May 16, until Wednesday late morning, May 18. This annual event has been postponed the past two years. The convocation is a spiritual, intellectual and social event. Both Fathers Bernard and Richard will be attending. On Tuesday and Wednesday (May 17 & 18) there will be no 8:30 a.m. Mass. However, Brother Francisco will celebrate a Communion Service at 8:30 a.m. at St. Francis Solanus Church.

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 other parishioners. 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.

2021-2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA):

Our parish has surpassed its assigned goal of \$28,085. This was accomplished by 106 parish households who have pledged \$32,250 to the CMA. Half of the amount over goal will be returned to the parish. The Appeal will continue until May 31. We are most appreciative to those who pledged to the Appeal and invite others to make a pledge to support the works of the Diocese and our parish. Pledge envelopes are available in the foyers of the church. Participation is primary, what is pledged is secondary. Every gift is appreciated greatly.

Mom to Mom Sale:

St. Francis de Sales-St. Stephen School's Mom to Mom Sale is Saturday, May 21 from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. in the DeSales High School Gym, 90 Pulteney Street and High Street, Geneva. Admission for adults is \$1. Resell your children's used items for cash! Spaces are \$25 for two tables. Each additional table is \$10. If you have any questions or need a registration form, call the school at 315–789–1828 or email sfsmomtomomsale@gmail.com.

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, Join Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant Christians uniting in prayer. Online search: *Pray for Dobbs* and join.

Breach of Trust:

The *New York State Catholic Conference* released the following statement on behalf of the NYS Bishops: "The leaking of an internal draft opinion of the Supreme Court is an egregious breach of trust, and an attack on the integrity of the Judicial Branch of government. When our highest court cannot operate free of political interference or intimidation, it serves a stark example that nothing is sacred anymore. While we fervently pray for legal protections of unborn children, we will not dignify the goals of the leaker by commenting on the contents of the draft document."

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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