

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



JANUARY 7, 2024
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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 :

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Rev. Bernard M. Maloney, OFM Cap.

Office Hours:

Tuesday–Friday
9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or personal dialogue:

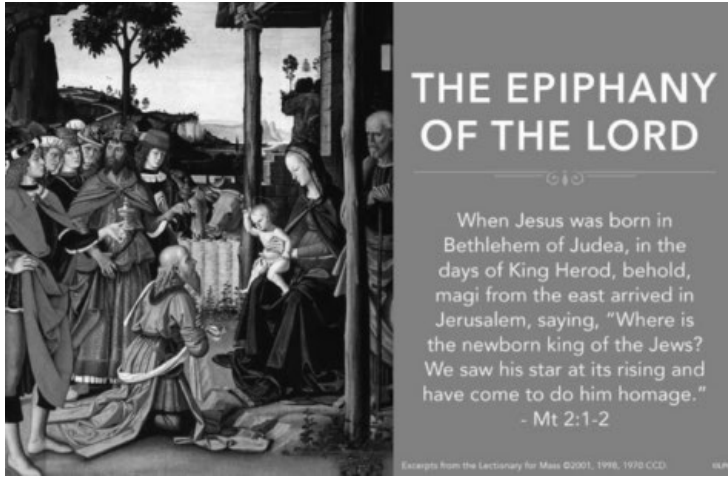
Fridays, 6:30–7:30 p.m.,
St. Francis Solanus, with Father Bernard

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. Brenden Buckley, OFM Cap.

January 7, 2024
National Eucharistic Revival,
June 19, 2022–Pentecost 2025
Parish Eucharistic Revival
June 2023 – June 2024



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When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."
 - Mt 2:1-2

First Reading:

Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is. 60:1)

Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps. 72)

Second Reading:

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph. 3:5-6)

Gospel:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt. 2:2)

Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week:

Though the magi did not know where the star of Bethlehem would lead, they trusted that God would be with them along the way. Let us all embrace that same faith as we go about the journey God has planned for us this year.

Prayer of St. Gertrude:

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners every where, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

for the week of January 7–14, 2024

Saturday, January 6	4:00 p.m. St. Francis	Parishioners and benefactors
Sunday, January 7	9:00 a.m. St. James	Julia Morehouse from Donna Ryan
Saturday, January 13	4:00 p.m. St. Francis	Parishioners and benefactors
Sunday, January 14	9:00 a.m. St. James	Julia Morehouse from Geraldine Jay and family

Upcoming Parish Events:

- Food Pantries:
 - Ovid Federated Church: Mondays, 10:00 a.m.
 - Food Truck: First Tuesday of the month (Jan. 9), 4:00-6:00 p.m., South Seneca High School
 - Interlaken Reformed Church: Fridays, 3:00–6:00 p.m.
 - Trumansburg Food Pantry: Every other Monday (January 8), 3:30–6:0 p.m., Methodist Church
 - Lodi's Community Pantry, Saturdays, 12:30–2:00 p.m., Lodi Rod & Gun Club, 9382 Lodi Center Rd
- Family Hope Center: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., Holy Cross
- Fr. Bernard is available: Fridays, 6:30–7:30 p.m., no appointment necessary, St. Francis Solanus
- 2023-2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA): Pledges are being accepted. Parish goal is \$31,000.
- Adult Inquiry & Confirmation Preparation classes: Saturdays, 5:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus
- Prayer for Healing and Harmony: St. James the Apostle
 - Wednesdays, 2:00 p.m.
 - January 11 & 25, 7:00 p.m.
- Book Study: Wednesdays, 3:15 p.m., St. James
- Sweet Sunday: January 7, 10:00 a.m., St. James
- Parish Council: January 11, 7:00 p.m., St. Francis
- Family Faith Formation: January 13, 5:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus

2023-2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA):

We thank those who have given generously to the Catholic Ministries Appeal and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. Participation in the Appeal is primary. What is pledged is secondary. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in many ways. Our given parish goal is \$31,000. On December 20, 2023, it was reported that eighty-one parish households have pledged \$19,795 which is 63.85% of goal.

Parish Council:

There is a Parish Council meeting this Thursday, January 11, at 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center, St. Francis Solanus, Interlaken.

Christmas Season:

This year the Christmas Season ends on Monday, January 8th. The Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord, which this year is January 8th, concludes the Christmas Season.

Seneca County Community Christmas Project:

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Christmas Project a success! Our parish took fifty (50) names. In total, there were 237 families and 943 people served. Compared to last year there were 26 more families, 75 more teens, and 150 more total people. Again, thank you for sharing Christmas this year with those less fortunate.

Family Faith Formation Gathering:

Saturday, January 13, and the second Saturday of each month, families with children in grades K–7 are invited to enjoy a dish-to-pass meal and children's activity. Please RSVP for planning purposes by contacting Susan at susan.guydosh@dor.org or phoning the parish office. The gathering begins at 5:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Solanus Annex.

Parish Cemeteries Second Collection:

This weekend, and the first weekend of every month, there is a second collection to benefit the Mary Mother of Mercy Parish cemeteries. The cemeteries do not generate regular income and do not have a fully funded Permanent Maintenance Fund. Please give what you are able as this collection helps to defray costly maintenance expenses. Thank you.

Sweet Sunday:

This Sunday, January 7th, and the first Sunday of every month, parishioners are invited to a social time following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg.

Jesus and the Eucharist Study:

The Word Committee of our Parish Council is planning a seven-session series on *Jesus and the Eucharist* sponsored by the National Eucharistic Revival. The goal is to have small study groups based on videos containing a main lesson that includes personal testimonies from Catholics across the country. The sessions allow time for small group discussion.

Currently parishioners are being asked to consider being facilitators. Facilitators would set the day, time, and place convenient to themselves to show the video and lead the small group discussion. The more facilitators the parish has, the more opportunities parishioners would have to participate in the study of Jesus and the Eucharist. Please notify the Parish Office if you are interested in being a facilitator.

Saturday Classes:

Adults and students eighth grade and above who are interested in knowing more about Jesus of Nazareth and Catholicism, or who desire to celebrate the sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation, are invited to attend classes on Saturdays (except for the second Saturday of the month) from 5:00-6:15 p.m. in the St. Francis Solanus Annex. The topic for the next class, January 6, is "Introduction to Christian Morality."

Food Donations Needed:

- St. James the Apostle Church: every second Sunday of the month non-perishable food and hygienic items can be placed on the table in front of the Blessed Mother statue.
 - Holy Cross and St. Francis Solanus: food and hygienic items can be placed in the foyers at any time.
- Monetary donations by check are accepted (Mary, Mother of Mercy with food pantry in the memo line). Donations may also be made online using WeShare Online Giving.

Notre Dame Retreat House:

- "Just as You Are": January 19–21 (Men), February 2–4 (Men), February 16–18 (Couples)
- "A Time for Every Purpose": January 10

For more details on presenters, themes, fees and how to register, please visit our website at notredameretreat.org or phone 585–394–5700.

2024 Calendars and Boxed Offering Envelopes:

2024 Parish Calendars have been placed in the foyers of the churches. Parishioners are welcome to take one for their home. 2024 boxed offering envelopes are also available for pick up at each church. If you did not order a box and would like one, please contact the parish office.

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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.

If you experience any problems, please email Eileen at eileen.heptig@dor.org.





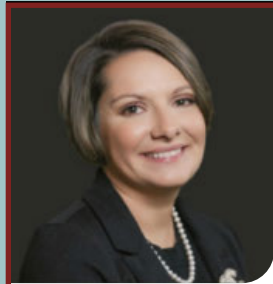
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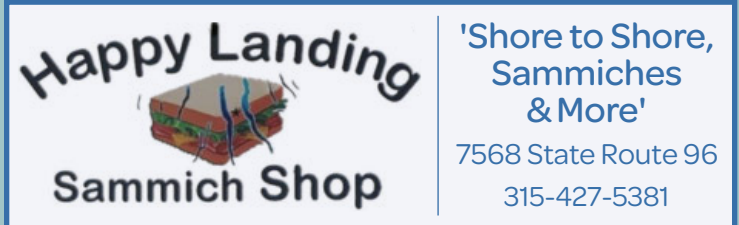
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