



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



St. Francis Solanus
3660 Orchard St.
Interlaken, NY

Weekend Mass:
Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Weekday Mass:
Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.



St. James the Apostle
17 Whig St.
Trumansburg, NY

Weekend Mass:
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Communion Service:
Monday, 9:00 a.m.



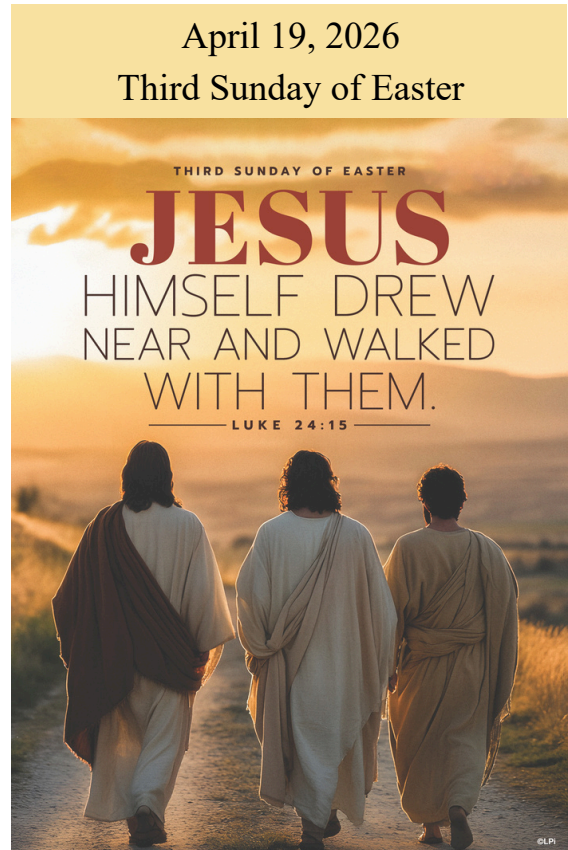
Holy Cross
7231 Main St.
Ovid, NY

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or personal dialogue:
6:30-7:30 p.m., St. Francis Solanus, with Fr. Bernard

To join the parish or to celebrate the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, anointing of the sick, or marriage, please phone the Parish Center.

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



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April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

Pope Leo XIV: 2026 Year of St. Francis—
800th anniversary of his death

Baptism

Louis James O'Shea, the son of David and Kaitlyn O'Shea, was baptized at St. James the Apostle Church at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on April 12, 2026.

Funeral

Ines Z. Destriza, 91, died on April 2, 2026. Her Funeral Mass was held at St. Francis Solanus Church on April 9, 2026.

Study Opportunity

"Peace Making and Non-Violence" a six-session study course sponsored by the Threshold Bible Study is being offered in our parish. A book will be provided for each participant for a weekly study before the weekly session takes place. If interested the study, please notify the Parish Office. The six sessions will be facilitated by Mr. Mark Scibilia-Carver.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more information at usccb.org/home-missions.

Mentors Needed

Parishioners interested in mentoring (educating one on one) students preparing for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation please volunteer by phoning the parish office. Education materials will be provided. Mentors, and all teachers in Catholic educational programs must participate in the Diocesan Safe Environment Program.

Parish Educational Opportunity:

This Wednesday, April 22, at 9:30 a.m. at St. Francis Solanus

St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry On The Road, will be sending Professor Lisa Lickona who will give a presentation entitled Encountering the Heart of Jesus. This event is coordinating with the Wednesday 8:30 a.m Mass and the 9:00 a.m. coffee and pastries social. Thank you to the members of the Word Committee for coordinating this event.

Professor Lisa Lickona, S.T.L. will offer a ninety-minute interactive presentation, Encountering the Heart of Jesus. Her presentation will invite us to ask ourselves, "What is our devotion to the Sacred Heart and how can our devotion to Our Lord deepen our life of prayer?" Professor Lickona will explore the Sacred Heart Devotion through the writings of the saints and through Pope Francis' encyclical, Dilexit Nos---"He Loved Us."

In addition to being an Assistant Professor in Systematic Theology at St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry (Pittsford, NY), Lisa Lickona has extensively researched and written on the lives of the saints. Each month, at the St. Bernard's School, she offers to the public a half-day reflection and call to prayer where each person has the opportunity to learn about one of the saints, ask questions, and spend an hour in adoration. Professor Lickona has published essays in Humanum, Catholic Social Science Review, and Ave Maria Law Review. She has also been involved with the Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine in Emmitsburg, MD, especially as a speaker during the Shrine's anniversary celebrations last year.

Please start your day on April 22, 2026, by coming to the Mass and breakfast followed by Professor Lickona's presentation/discussion.

3RD SUNDAY IN EASTER



Catholic Ministries Appeal

In a newsletter from the CMA, it was reported that our parish leads the Diocese in achieving a 9.68% increase donor count over last year – that is, new donors from the previous year. As an incentive to acquire new donors every parish that increases the number of donors by 10% + over CMA 25-25, will be rewarded with \$1,000. We are very close to reaching 10%. Please encourage anyone who has, in the past, not made a pledge to the Appeal to please do so. Pledge envelopes are available in the foyer of the Church. Presently, one hundred and two parish households have pledged \$36,375 to the CMA. This represents 113.67% of our given parish goal. The parish goal was \$32,000 We thank those who have given generously. We encourage parish households who have not yet made a pledge to prayerfully consider doing so. After reaching our given parish goal, our parish will be given a rebate. The rebate is half the amount over goal.

Celebrating First Communion!

Sunday, July 12, 10:30 AM, Holy Cross Church

Our parish is joyfully celebrating five children receiving their First Communion this year! We invite you to share in this moment of faith and community. A reception will follow at the Lodi Volunteer Fire Company (8557 NY-414, Lodi, NY 14860). If you would like to contribute refreshments for the reception (breads, salads, drinks), please refer to the sign up sheets placed in the back of the church and contact Kathy Sinkiewicz at 607-869-2285 by June 30. We look forward to welcoming parishioners from all three churches as we celebrate this special day together!

Daily Meditations

Booklets, *The Word Among Us*, are available in the foyers of the Church. The booklets contain the daily readings and meditations. Please take one for your home.

Notre Dame Retreat House

- May 1-3, Women's retreat, "*Holy and Beloved*," with Fr. Jim McDonald, Suzette Norris, Jodie Scordo

notredameretreat.org or 585-394-5700

Easter Duty:

Church law number 920 states: a) All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year, b) This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season unless it is fulfilled for a just cause at some other time during the year. Please note, however, that the United States has been granted an indult of extending the time for the annual reception of Holy Communion from the beginning of Lent through the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (this year February 18 - May 31). An "indult" is a license granted by competent Church authority for an exception from a particular norm of Church law.

Programs at St. James:

Sister Anne Alderman, SSJ facilitates these programs at St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg. If you have questions about any of these programs, contact Sister Anne at 607-209-4206 or a.alder1980@gmail.com.

· Prayer for Healing and Harmony: Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.; 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.

This time of silent prayer provides an opportunity for personal reflection and healing. The session closes with a time to share any reflections that came to you. You do not need to attend every session.

· Book Study —Gift of Years by Joan Chittister: Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m.

Blue Sunday - A Day of Prayer for Abused Children:

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and to remember the millions of children who are victims of abuse/neglect, Blue Sunday Child Abuse Prevention is asking our faith community to pray on Sunday, April 26. Over 1500 children die annually from child abuse in the United States. Nearly 80% are under 4 years old. Visit www.bluesunday.org for more information.

Donating to Your Parish:

Online giving by WeShare is safe, simple and convenient.

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.heptig@dor.org.



Parish Schedule
Week of April 19, 2026

Mass Intentions
April 18–26, 2026

April 18
4:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus
Parishioners and benefactors

April 25
4:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus
Robert Pritchard
from Mom and Dad

April 26
9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle
Colleen Johnson
from Traci Bump

10:30 a.m., Holy Cross
The intentions of Miles Blake Caufield
from Christine Nagel

Sunday, April 19:

9:00 a.m.: Mass, St. James
10:30 a.m.: Mass, Holy Cross

Monday, April 20:

9:00 a.m.: Communion service, St. James

Tuesday, April 21:

8:10 a.m.: Rosary, St. Francis
8:30 a.m.: Mass, St. Francis
7:30 p.m.: AA Meeting, St. Francis

Wednesday, April 22:

8:10 a.m.: Rosary, St. Francis
8:30 a.m.: Mass, St. Francis
9:00 a.m.: Coffee and pastries, St. Francis
9:30 a.m.: Professor Lisa Lickona – *Encountering the Heart of Jesus*, St. Francis
1:30 p.m.: Prayer for Healing/Harmony, St. James
2:30 p.m.: Book study, St. James

Thursday, April 23:

8:10 a.m.: Rosary, St. Francis
8:30 a.m.: Mass, St. Francis
10:00 a.m.: Buildings and Grounds Committee, St. Francis
12:00 p.m.: Finance Council, St. Francis

Friday, April 24:

8:10 a.m.: Rosary, St. Francis
8:30 a.m.: Mass, St. Francis
6:30-7:30 p.m.: Sacrament of Reconciliation/
Personal Dialogue with Fr. Bernard, St. Francis

Saturday, April 25:

4:00 p.m.: Mass, St. Francis

Food Pantries:

- Ovid Federated Church: Mon. 10 am & Thurs. 5 pm
- Food Truck: May 5, 4 pm until gone., South Seneca HS
- Interlaken Reformed Church: Fri., 3-6 pm
- Tburg Food Pantry: Apr. 20, 3:30–6 pm, Methodist Church
- Lodi's Food 4 All: Sat., 12:30–2 pm, 8446 Main St.

First Reading:

“Exalted at the right hand of God, he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father and poured him forth, as you see and hear.”
(Acts 2:33)

Psalm:

Lord, you will show us the path of life.
(Ps. 16)

Second Reading:

He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you.
(1 Pt. 1:20)

Gospel:

Then they said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?”
(Lk 24:32)



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