



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.

April 26, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Easter



4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

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

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.

Divine Mercy Chaplet—This Friday

This Friday, and each First Friday, there is a recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet beginning at 3:00 p.m. at St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is a Catholic devotion that implores the Father's mercy by invoking the merits Jesus has won for us through his redemptive Sacrifice of Calvary. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is typically prayed using Catholic rosary beads. The prayers in the Divine Mercy Chaplet come from the Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun who received private revelations from Jesus in the 1930s.

Food Pantry Volunteers Needed:

The parish of Mary, Mother of Mercy/St. James the Apostle is asked to provide volunteers for the Trumansburg Food Pantry, located in the Trumansburg United Methodist church, during the months of May and June, 2026. Please consider helping by signing up on the lists provided in the St. James foyer. The dates you are needed are May 4 and 18 and June 1, 15, and 29. Remember Jesus's words: "...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Mt. 25: 40). Thank you.

Sweet Sunday

Next Sunday, and the first Sunday of every month, parishioners are invited to a social time following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. James, and the 10:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross.

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 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.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

This weekend we will take up the collection for 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.

Parish Educational Opportunity:

Thank you to Cheryl Hine and the parish Word Committee for organizing the visit from Professor Lisa Likona from St. Bernard's School of Theology on April 22. The parish is fortunate to have these presentations and opportunities to gather in fellowship. Thank you also to all who brought food to the event.

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.

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.

Cemetery Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend is the second collection to benefit the Mary, Mother of Mercy parish cemeteries. Donations may also be made online using WeShare Online Giving. Please note that the monetary donation to the cemetery can be specified either for St. James the Apostle or the Holy Cross cemetery. When the monetary donation is not specified, your donation is divided between the two cemeteries. Thank you for your help.

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!



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.

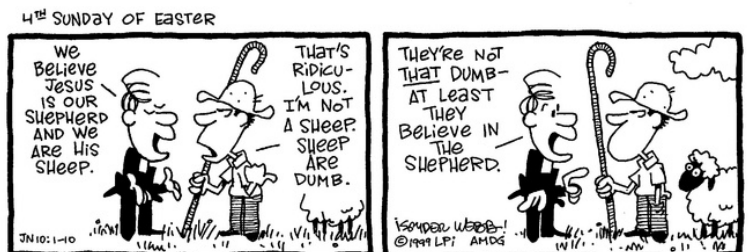
· Prayer for Healing and Harmony: Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.; 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.

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.

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.



Donating to Your Parish:

Online giving by WeShare is safe, simple and convenient.

1. Visit the parish website's giving page:

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3. Set up your donation or payment.

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

Parish Schedule
Week of April 26, 2026

Mass Intentions

April 25–May 3, 2026

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

May 2

4:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus
Ines Destriza
from Donna George

May 3

9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle
The intentions of Maria Greci
from Gerry Todi

10:30 a.m., Holy Cross
Kaili Collins and Tom Margeit
from Eileen Collins

Sunday, April 26:

Home Missions Collection

9:00 a.m.: Mass, St. James

10:30 a.m.: Mass, Holy Cross

Monday, April 27:

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

Tuesday, April 28:

8:10 a.m.: Rosary, St. Francis

8:30 a.m.: Mass, St. Francis

7:30 p.m.: AA Meeting, St. Francis

Wednesday, April 29:

8:10 a.m.: Rosary, St. Francis

8:30 a.m.: Mass, St. Francis

9:00 a.m.: Coffee and pastries, St. Francis

1:30 p.m.: Prayer for Healing/Harmony, St. James

2:30 p.m.: Book study, St. James

Thursday, April 30:

8:10 a.m.: Rosary, St. Francis

8:30 a.m.: Mass, St. Francis

Friday, May 1: First Friday

8:10 a.m.: Rosary, St. Francis

8:30 a.m.: Mass, St. Francis

3:00 p.m.: Divine Mercy Chaplet, St. James

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

Saturday, May 2: First Saturday

Cemetery Collection

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:

Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

Second Reading:

By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. (1 Pt 2:24-25)

Gospel:

"I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." (Jn 10:10)



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