



# 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

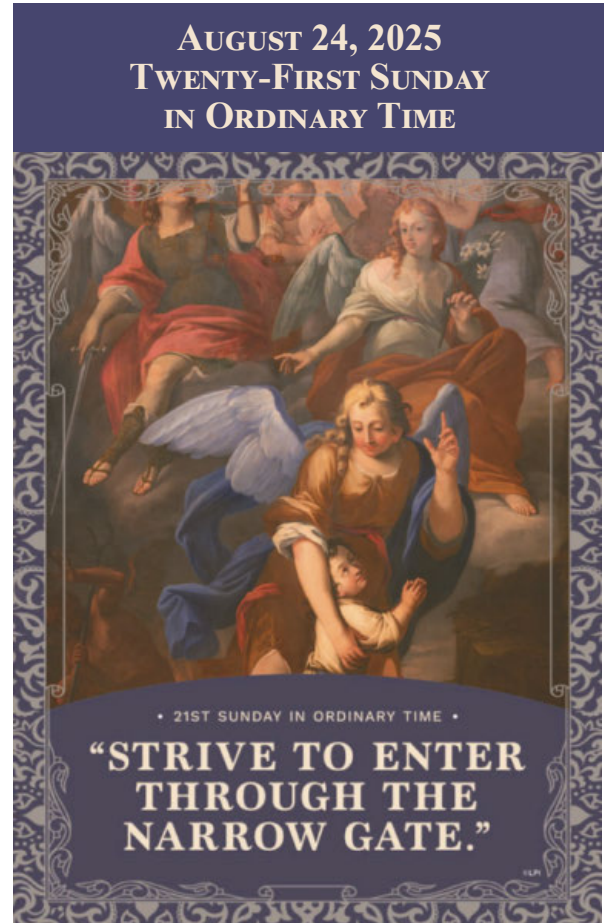
**Weekend Mass:**  
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or personal dialogue:**

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



**Parish Center :**  
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Rev. Brendan Buckley, OFM Cap.

**August 24, 2025**  
**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary**  
**Time**

*2025 Roman Catholic Church Jubilee/Holy Year*  
*December 29, 2024 – December 28, 2025*  
*Theme: “Pilgrims of Hope”*

**Parish Picnic:**

Mark your calendars. All are invited to the annual Parish Picnic celebrating our parish feast day, Mary, Mother of Mercy. The picnic is Sunday, September 14, at 1:00 p.m. at the St. Fidelis Friary Boathouse, 7790 County Rd 153, Interlaken. The Fellowship Committee needs volunteers to assist with set up and clean up. Please contact the parish office at 607-294-0064 if you would like to help. Thank you!

**Children and Family Faith Formation:**

Families with children in grades K-6 are invited to join our parish Family Faith Formation program. The program includes preparation for First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation. Please register to participate by contacting [immmercy.religioused@dor.org](mailto:immmercy.religioused@dor.org). The first meeting will be Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word:**

On the second Saturday of each month, children are invited to participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 4:00 p.m. Mass.

After the opening prayer, children are dismissed with their adult leaders to the Annex to hear and reflect on the readings in age-appropriate formats. As time permits, children engage in activities reinforcing the message of the readings such as singing songs, coloring, or acting out a skit. Children will return to their families during the offertory procession. The next gathering is on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Confirmation Preparation & Adult Study:**

Students in eighth grade and above who have not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation and adults desiring to celebrate Baptism, or Confirmation / First Holy Communion, and everyone desiring to know more about our faith are invited to attend classes on Saturdays (with one exception: the second Saturday of the month) at 5:15 5:00–6:15 p.m. in the St. Francis Solanus Annex. The first class is on September 20th.

**Finance Council:**

The Parish Finance Council met on August 11, 2025, among other agenda items, there was the review of the end of the fiscal year (June 30) Statement of Revenues and Expenditures. The fiscal year total operating revenue was \$270,594.05 and the total operating expenses were \$274,444.80 – leaving a deficit of \$3,850.75. The good news, the Sunday and Holy Day collections were \$8,000 up from the previous year. Regarding the St. James the Apostle and Holy Cross cemeteries, each cemetery averages an annual expense of \$20,000. An annual parish financial report of income and expenses and a balance sheet summary will be published and distributed the end of September.

**Vocational Discernment Weekend:**

Come & See Discernment Weekend! Join the friars and other men discerning Capuchin Franciscan life as we gather for a weekend of community, prayer, contemplation, Mass, and Adoration in our welcoming community of friars and other men discerning our way of life. Explore Capuchin Franciscan history, spirituality, and the many saints of the Capuchin order. All set amidst the scenic beauty of Cayuga Lake, from 5 pm, September 19, to 1 pm, September 21, 2025, at St. Fidelis Friary in Interlaken, NY. For more info, contact Fr. Erik Lenhart, OFM, Cap. (857) 615-3893 or [vocations@capuchin.org](mailto:vocations@capuchin.org)

**Divine Mercy Chaplet at St. James the Apostle:**

On First Fridays there will be a recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 p.m. at St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg. The next recitation is September 6th.

**Coffee and Pastries at St. Francis Solanus:**

On Wednesdays following the 8:30 a.m. daily Mass at St. Francis Solanus, take time to connect with your fellow parishioners over a light breakfast in the Annex.

**Lector Workbooks:**

New Workbooks for lectors, Year C, are in the sacristies at each church. Individual copies have the lector’s name. Please pick up your copy at your convenience.

**The Word Among Us Booklets:**

The booklet titled *The Word Among Us* is available in the foyer of the church. The booklet contains the daily readings and meditations for the month of **September**. Please take one for your home.

### 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](mailto:a.alder1980@gmail.com).

- Prayer for Healing and Harmony: Wednesdays, 2:00 p.m.; 1st and 3rd Tuesdays (August 19), 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 — Following Jesus by Henri Nouwen: Wednesdays, 3:15 p.m.

### Cemeteries:

The Parish of Mary, Mother of Mercy has two cemeteries, St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg, and Holy Cross, Ovid. To purchase the right to burial in a grave in the traditional part of the cemetery is \$900. To purchase the right to burial in the green section of St. James the Apostle cemetery is \$1,000. For the interment of a body in an already purchased plot is \$900 and for the interment of cremains in an already purchased plot is \$700. Regarding burials, between November 1 and April 1 there is an additional charge of \$100 and burials on any given weekend or holiday are an additional cost of \$250.

### Sanctuary Lamp:

In the sanctuary, a candle called the “sanctuary lamp” is always lit to indicate that the Blessed Sacrament is present in the church. Every week the candle or oil is renewed. Parishioners may request that the sanctuary lamp be lit for the week for their intention. In an envelope specifying “sanctuary lamp,” place a free will offering with your request and preferred week and church. This may be placed in the offering basket or mailed to the parish office.

### Ithaca Peace Festival:

Please mark your calendars for September 12-14 as you won't want to miss the Ithaca Peace Festival at St. Catherine of Siena parish. This three-day event will include presentations on peace-making, music and dancing with Jorge T. Cuevas and The Caribe Jazz All Stars, kid's activities and a concert by the Dorothy Cotton Jubilee Singers. We'll also host a sing-along with songs from the peace

movement. If you'd like to help plan the Festival or volunteer during the event, please contact Mary Crosley at [crosleym22@gmail.com](mailto:crosleym22@gmail.com) or 516-319-6752. Come be part of building community and promoting peace.



### Lakeside Day Retreats:

Branches Christian Rest and Renewal Centers, Inc. invites you for a day of rest and renewal at our Seneca Lake property.

- September 6: *“Power of the Miraculous Medal”* facilitated by Louise Cymerman
- For more information visit: [branchescenter.org](http://branchescenter.org) or call: (716) 901-4313

### 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 everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### 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](http://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](mailto:eileen.heptig@dor.org).



**August 24, 2025**

**First Reading:**

I know their works and their thoughts, and I come to gather nations of every language; they shall come and see my glory. (Is. 66:18)

**Psalm:**

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.  
(Ps. 117)

**Second Reading:**

So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.  
(Heb. 12:12-13)

**Gospel:**

For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” (Lk. 13:30)

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

“Strive to enter through the narrow gate,” Jesus tells us. “Many will attempt...but will not be strong enough.” So let us never be so foolish that we rely on our own strength. Narrow does not mean unpassable — not if we ask for help.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

*August 23-31, 2025*

**Saturday, August 23**

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

**Sunday, August 24**

9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle  
Fr. Eugene O’Hara, OFM Cap.  
*from Rick and Barb Willers*

**Friday, August 27**

8:30 a.m., St. Francis Solanus  
Rogelio Vargas  
*from Carol Anne Kuklo*

**Saturday, August 30**

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

**Sunday, August 31**

9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle  
Lorraine Hopkins  
*from Judith A. Wilson*

**Parish Schedule**  
**Week of August 24, 2025**

**Sunday, August 24:**

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

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

**Monday, August 25:**

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

**Tuesday, August 26:**

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

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

Prayer for Healing/Harmony: 7:00 p.m., St. James

**Wednesday, August 27:**

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

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

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

Prayer for Healing/Harmony: 2:00 p.m., St. James

Book Study: 3:15 p.m., St. James

**Thursday, August 28:**

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

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

**Friday, August 29:**

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

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation/personal dialogue with

Fr. Bernard: 6:30-7:30 p.m., St. Francis Solanus

**Saturday, August 30:**

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



**Community Outreach:**

**Food Pantries:**

- Ovid Federated Church: Mondays, 10:00 a.m. and Thursdays, 5:00 p.m.
- Food Truck: Sept. 2, 4:00–6:00 p.m., South Seneca High School
- Interlaken Reformed Church: Fridays, 3:00–6:00 pm
- Trumansburg Food Pantry: August 25, 3:30–6:00 p.m., Methodist Church
- Lodi's Community Pantry: Saturdays, 12:30–2:00 pm. Lodi Rod & Gun Club





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