



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**

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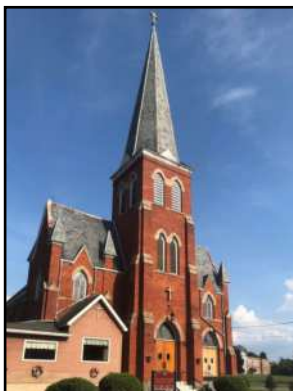
Trumansburg, NY

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.

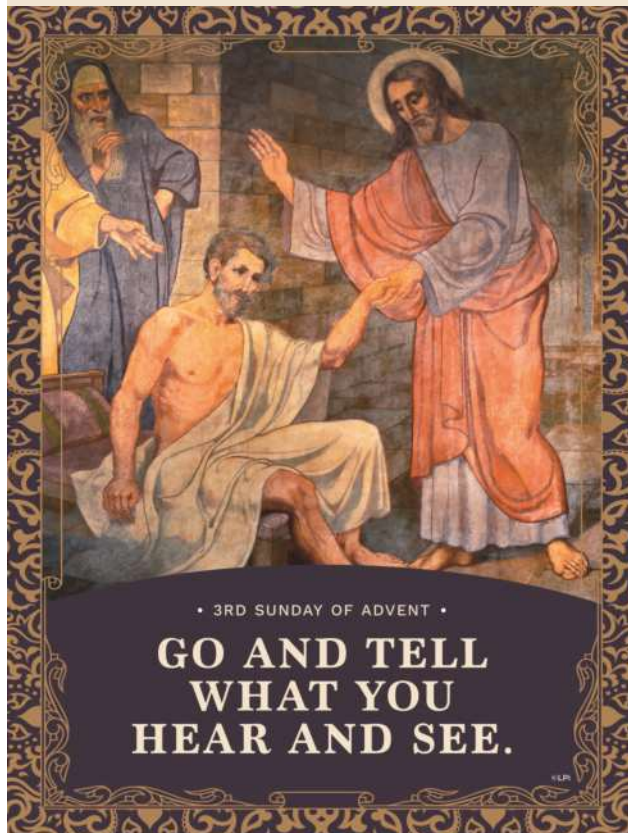
**Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or
personal dialogue:**

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.*

DECEMBER 14, 2025
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Parish Center :**

St. Francis Solanus

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Rev. Brendan Buckley, OFM Cap.

December 14, 2025
Third Sunday of Advent

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

There are additional opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) this season. It is a good practice to do during the Season of Advent when we are more conscious about doing God's will and following his way as we joyfully await Jesus's second coming in glory. The dates are:

- Tuesday, December 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m., St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg
- Wednesday, December 17, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Holy Cross, Ovid, and
- Every Friday, 6:30-7:30 p.m., St. Francis Solanus, Interlaken

Food Pantry—Ways to Donate:

Our parish supports food pantries located in Interlaken, Lodi, Ovid and Trumansburg. With the federal SNAP payments delayed, our parish will focus on seeking support for the food pantries through December. All of your donations will stay local to help our friends and neighbors in our community. Thank you for your support.



- Envelopes are available in the foyers of the churches if you wish to make a monetary donation to our local food pantries. The envelopes may be placed in the collection baskets.
- You may donate online through our website at marymotherofmercy.com/giving.
- Food items may be brought to St. Francis and Holy Cross at any time and to St. James on the second Sunday of the month.

Mitten Tree:

An Advent tradition at St. James the Apostle is the Mitten Tree. Children's and adults' mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, and socks may be hung on the tree at the front of the church. Items will be brought to Catholic Charities.

Advent Birthright Donations:

This Advent, our parish is collecting donations for Birthright in Ithaca.

This year, Birthright is requesting: Receiving blankets (boys and girls), Sweaters (sizes New-

born to 6 months), socks (newborn to size 5T), outfits (girls 18 months to 5T), outfits (boys sizes 3T-5T), board books, formula (Enfamil and Gentlease), and Size 5 diapers. Desitin, baby wash and lotion are also a help

Please place your donations near the side altar at St. James or in the foyers of St. Francis Solanus and Holy Cross. Thank you for your support!

Share the Warmth:

The Trumansburg Rotary Club is sponsoring a collection bin on the front porch of the St. James rectory as part of their Share the Warmth campaign that runs through early December. Share the Warmth accepts all winter clothing in good repair: coats, snow pants, boots, hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, blankets etc. All donations should be new or gently used, and clean for future recipients. Thank you to all who participate.

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Wednesday, December 24

° 4:00 p.m., St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg

° 8:00 p.m., Holy Cross, Ovid

Thursday, December 25

° 9:00 a.m., St. Francis Solanus, Interlaken

Children's Christmas Pageant at St. James:

We would like to invite all children to join us in celebrating the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve mass at St. James in Trumansburg. Children will dress up with Nativity costumes and join in the procession. Meet at 3:30 in the St. James Pine Room. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Christy Reynolds creynolds424@gmail.com.

Christmas Eve Mass Choir Rehearsals:

The next Holy Cross choir rehearsal is December 15 at 12:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Church. The Christmas Eve Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 p.m. in Ovid. All musicians are warmly welcome.

Permanent Diaconate:

Our parishioner **Mr. Matthew Hall** has been enrolled in the Permanent Diaconate Program at St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry. Bishop Salvatore R. Matano will confer the Ministry of Acolyte on Mr. Hall this Sunday, December 14, 2025, at Sacred Heart Cathedral at the 11:15 a.m. Mass. As an instituted Acolyte, Mr. Hall will assume greater responsibility for the care, adoration and reverence of the Most Holy Eucharist.

Parish Educational Opportunity:

Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 9:30 a.m. at St. Francis Solanus Church, St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry On The Road, will be sending from Rochester to our parish Dr. Matthew Kuhner who will give a presentation on *Evangelization and Catechesis: Proclaiming the Truth of the Gospel with Joy, Humility, and Love*. Dr. Kuhner loves teaching, and he has a special way of presenting Catholic thought and history in a profound, yet down-to-earth style. This event is coordinating with the Wednesday 8:30 a.m Mass and the 9:00 a.m. coffee and pastries social. Plan to attend and bring a friend. Thanks to the Parish Council Word Committee for planning this event.

Saturday Classes:

All those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, including those hoping to celebrate of Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, are invited to classes with Fr. Bernard following the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturdays at St. Francis Solanus. (The exception is the second Sunday of the month.) This is an excellent opportunity to discuss a variety of topics related to Catholicism and Jesus Christ.

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.

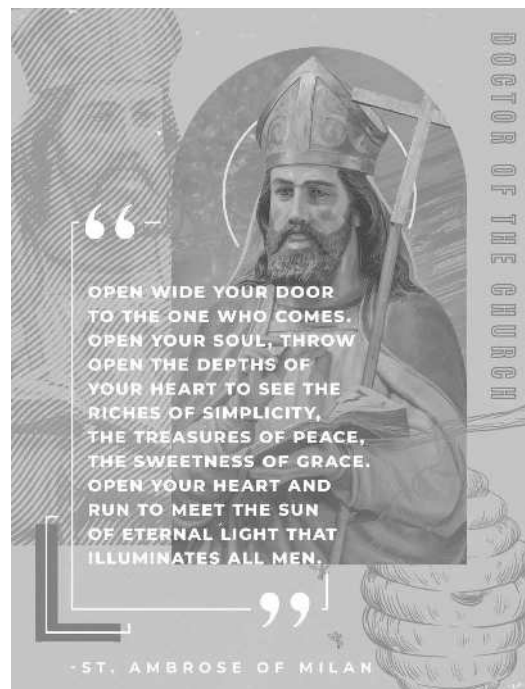
2026 Calendars and Boxed Offering Envelopes:

Parish Calendars for next year (2026) have been placed in the foyers of the churches. Parishioners are welcome to take one for their home.

2026 boxed offering envelopes are available for pick up at each church. If you did not order a box and would like one, please contact the parish office.

The Word Among Us Booklets—Advent:

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 Advent season. Please take one for your home.



2025-2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

On December 2, 2025, it was reported that seventy-six parish households have pledged \$29,740 to the CMA. This represents 92.94% of our given parish goal. The parish goal is \$32,000 We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The CMA helps our Church and our parish. (This year there is a Diocesan effort to increase the number of donors over CMA 24-25. The parish with the greatest percentage increase in number of donors will be awarded \$5,000. For every parish that increased the number of donors by 10%+ over CMA24-25 will be awarded \$1,000.)

SB SUNDAY IN ADVENT



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



December 14, 2025

First Reading:

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee. (Isa. 35:10)

Psalm:

Lord, come and save us. (Ps 146)

Second Reading:

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. (Jas. 5:7)

Gospel:

Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them." (Mt. 11:4-5)

MASS INTENTIONS

December 13–December 21, 2025

Saturday, December 13

4:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus
Robin Hamula Thank you
from Linda Marmora

Sunday, December 14

9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle
Ruth Rourke
from Kathleen Rourke

10:30 a.m., Holy Cross

Dick Ruschak
from Gerry and Mailynn Frank

Tuesday, December 16

4:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus
Carol Kuklo Thank You
from Linda Marmora

Wednesday, December 17

8:30 a.m., St. Francis Solanus
George J. Maytrott
from Mary Ruckdeschel

Saturday, December 20

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

Sunday, December 21

9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle
Intentions of Sr. Anne Alderman, SSJ
from Linda Marmora

Parish Schedule Week of December 14, 2025

Sunday, December 14:

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

Monday, December 15:

Communion service: 9:00 a.m., St. James
Christmas Eve Choir Rehearsal: 12:00 p.m., Holy Cross

Tuesday, December 16:

Rosary: 8:10 a.m., St. Francis
Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. Francis
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 6:30 p.m., St. James
Prayer for Healing/Harmony: 7:00 p.m., St. James

Wednesday, December 17:

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: 1:00 p.m., St. James
Book Study: 2:15 p.m., St. James
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 6:30 p.m., Holy Cross

Thursday, December 18:

Rosary: 8:10 a.m., St. Francis
Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. Francis

Friday, December 19:

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, December 20:

Mass: 4:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus
Adult Faith Formation: 5:00 p.m., St. Francis

Food Pantries:

- Ovid Federated Church: Mon. 10:00 a.m. & Thurs. 5:00 p.m.
- Food Truck: Jan. 6, 4:00 p.m. until gone., South Seneca High School
- Interlaken Reformed Church: Fridays., 3:00-6:00 pm
- Tburg Food Pantry: Dec. 15, 3:30-6:00 p.m., Methodist Church
- Lodi's Food 4 All: Saturdays, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., 8466 Main St., Lodi

AA: Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., St. Francis Solanus



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