



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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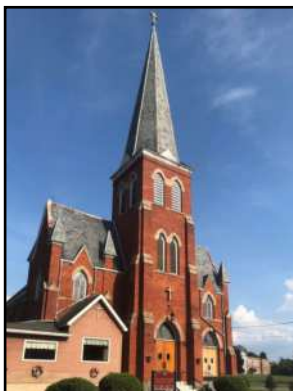
Trumansburg, NY

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.

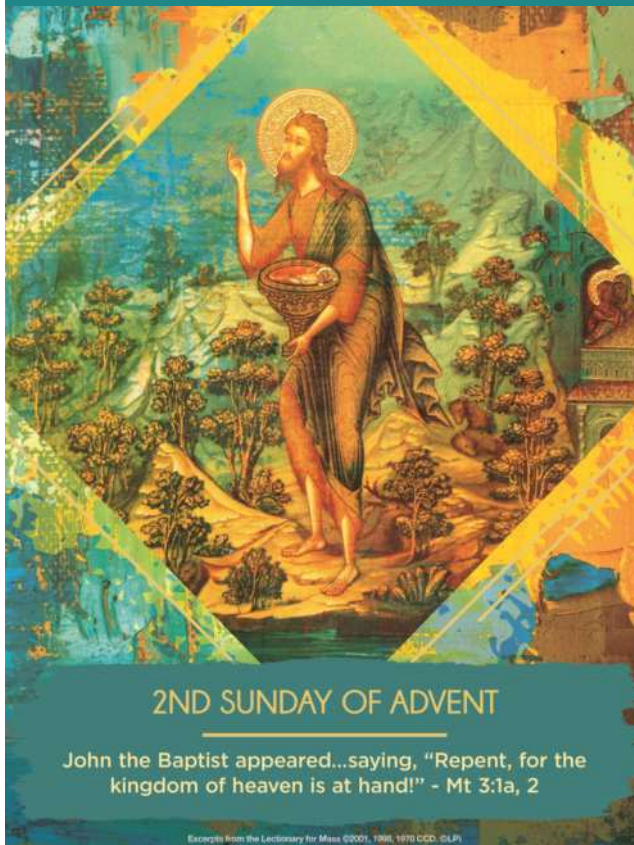
Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or personal dialogue:

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 7, 2025
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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M, T, W: 2:00–5:00 p.m.

December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

2025 Roman Catholic Church Jubilee/Holy Year

December 29, 2024 – December 28, 2025

Theme: "Pilgrims of Hope"

Patronal Feast Day of the U.S.:

Monday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is the patronal feast day of the United States of America and a holy day of obligation. There will be two Masses:

- ° 9:00 a.m. at St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg, and
- ° 6:00 p.m. Mass at Holy Cross, Ovid.

Angel Tree Tags for Seneca Christmas Project:

If you took a child's tag, the gifts must be returned **no later than this Sunday, December 7th**. Please do not wrap the gifts, and place the tag information where it can easily be seen. Walmart Gift cards are also appreciated.

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 Newborn 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 Flower Offering:

This weekend is the annual Christmas Flower Offering collection. Your offerings help provide the beautiful flowers and decorations that adorn our three churches at Christmas each year.

Sweet Sunday:

This Sunday, and the first Sunday of every month, there is a social time following both the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. James the Apostle and the 10:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross. All are welcome.

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 Rehearsal:

The next Holy Cross choir rehearsal is December 15 at 12:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Church. All musicians are warmly welcome.

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.

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 November 25, 2025, it was reported that seventy-six parish households have pledged \$26,740 to the CMA. This represents 83.56% 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.)

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 on 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.

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 immercy.religioused@dor.org.

Children's Book Fair:

COLLIS Institute and Immaculate Conception Parish will be hosting an Ignatius Press Children's Book Fair at Immaculate Conception Church in Ithaca December 6-8 with 10% of sales going to a Catholic kid's summer camp in 2026. The schedule is: December 6, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and 5:30-7:00 p.m.; December 7, 9:30-10:15 a.m.; and December 8 after the 12:10 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Masses. There will be family activities taking place during the fair on December 6 (St. Nicholas Day), including a St. Nicholas Day storytime and visit from St. Nick!

Gospel Way Concert:

The Trumansburg First Baptist Church, (4443 E. Seneca Rd. Trumansburg) on Sunday, December 7, at 4:00 p.m. is sponsoring a *Gospel Way Concert*. The Gospel Way is a gospel/acoustic band spreading the word singing and picking the Gospel tunes they love! There will be a free will offering, proceeds going to the Trumansburg Area Christmas Bureau.

Notre Dame Retreat House:

- December 13: Advent Day Retreat, "*Blessed are they that Hope in the Lord: Advent Meditations on the Virtue of Hope*," with Deacon Ed Knauf
 - December 15: Sacred Stillness Day
- For more information visit notredameretreat.org

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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.



December 7, 2025

First Reading:

The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD. (Isa. 11:2)

Psalm:

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever. (Ps. 72)

Second Reading:

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. (Romans 15:7)

Gospel:

"I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I." (Mt. 3:11)

MASS INTENTIONS

December 6–December 14, 2025

Saturday, December 6

4:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus
Leonard George Pratt
from Scott and Robin Hamula

Sunday, December 7

9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle
Peter Coats
from Liz Coats

10:30 a.m., Holy Cross
Parishioners and benefactors

Wednesday, December 10

8:30 a.m., St. Francis Solanus
Ralph Butwin
from Bill and Terry Carroll

Friday, December 12

8:30 p.m., St. Francis Solanus
Shane Coats
from Liz Coats

Saturday, December 13

4:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus
In gratitude for Robin Hamula
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

Parish Schedule Week of December 7, 2025

Sunday, December 7:

Christmas Flower Collection

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

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

~Sweet Sunday to follow both Masses!

Monday, December 8:

—**Immaculate Conception**

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

Mass: 6:30 p.m., Holy Cross

Tuesday, December 9:

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

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

Wednesday, December 10:

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

Thursday, December 11:

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

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

Friday, December 12:

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 13:

Mass w/ Children's Liturgy of the Word: 4:00 p.m.,
St. Francis Solanus

Family 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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