



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:

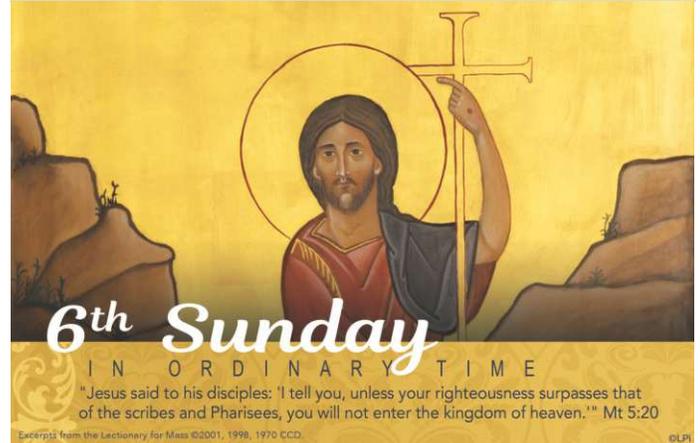
Canceled while Father is away, will resume March 6

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.

February 15, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time



Parish Center :

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Father is away until March 4

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Rev. Brendan Buckley, OFM Cap.

February 16, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Dates - Pastor Will be Away

Fr. Bernard will be away until Wednesday, March 4th.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or personal dialogue held on Fridays from 6:30–7:30 p.m. at St. Francis Solanus Church is cancelled while Fr. Bernard is away. Adult formation is also cancelled.

Coverage During the Absence of the Pastor

Those covering the weekend Masses are:

Fr. Daniel Condon, Chancellor of the Diocese of Rochester (February 14/15); and Fr. Norbert D'Souza, OFM Cap. (February 21/22 and February 28/March 1). Fr. Brendan Buckley will cover the 8:30 a.m. Masses on Tuesday to Friday at St. Francis Solanus. Kathleen Rourke will lead a communion service on Mondays at 9:00 a.m. at St. James the Apostle Church.

Confession Offerings while Pastor is Away

- Immaculate Conception, Ithaca:

Saturdays, 2–3:30 pm

- St. Benedicts Church, Odessa:

Saturdays, 3:30-4:30 pm

- Our Lady of Peace Chapel, Geneva:

Monday–Friday, 11:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m

- St. Francis deSales Church, Geneva:

Saturdays, 3:30–4:15 pm

- St. Mary's Church, Waterloo:

Saturdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Reception of Ashes on Ash Wednesday—February 18

On Ash Wednesday, February 18, ashes will be distributed:

- 8:30 a.m. Mass, St. Francis Solanus, Interlaken
- 12:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service, Holy Cross, Ovid
- 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service, St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg

Stations of the Cross

- Holy Cross: Wednesdays, February 25-March 25, 6:00 p.m. with a soup supper to follow. If you would like to volunteer to bring soup, there is a sign up sheet in the back of Holy Cross.
- St. James the Apostle: Fridays, February 20-March 27, 3:00 p.m.

Who May Receive Ashes:

Baptized individuals who have reached the age of reason may receive ashes. Babies and young children who have not yet received the Sacrament of Penance should not be presented to receive ashes. Ashes are intended for those who are capable of personal sin. The keeping of Ash Wednesday is for leading the baptized members of the Church to repentance and renewal of baptismal promises at Easter.

Ashes and the Word of God:

As with all material things that are used as religious symbols, the symbolism of ashes is complex. In themselves, ashes have little meaning. But received in light of God's revealing Word, ashes can become for Christians the biblical symbol they are intended to be - a sign of our desire to turn back to God. It is for this reason that the Church has placed the reception of ashes within the framework of the reading of Scripture. Ashes are reminders of mortality and the fleetingness of life. God's Word reminds us that it is not the death of the body, but rather the death of the soul that is to be feared. Through the Scripture readings, God calls us to turn to Him with our whole heart and be faithful to the gospel again. In the light of these readings the reception of ashes becomes for us the symbol of hearts that desire to turn to God, a God who is "gracious and merciful, rich in kindness and relenting in punishment."

Fasting and Abstinence:

- Day of fasting affects Catholics between the ages of 18 & 59. That is, no food may be eaten between meals. Only one full meal a day is allowed. Two other small meals are allowed with the total amount of food not exceeding the full meal.
- Abstinence: Catholics over the age of 14 abstain from eating meat.
- Ash Wednesday is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence.
- Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence, i.e. meatless days.

Lenten Booklets

Lenten Word Among Us booklets are available in the Churches. The booklets contain the daily readings and meditations. Please take one for your home.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl

CRS rice bowls are available in the foyers of the Church. The sacrifices we make to support the CRS Rice Bowl during Lent have the power to change lives by deepening our connection to our one human family. 75% of donations are used globally, and 25% stay local.

Lenten Reminders

- The season of Lent runs from Ash Wednesday (February 18) until the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (April 2).
- "Alleluia" is not sung or said from the beginning of Lent until the Easter Vigil.
- During Lent the altar is not to be decorated with flowers.
- Musical instruments may be played only to give necessary support to the singing.
- The readings for the Lenten Masses have been chosen in relation to the themes of baptismal renewal and conversion.
- The Easter celebration is: Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday - the Easter Triduum (Three Days of Easter).
- During the Season of Lent, the Church urges all the faithful to reflect a spirit of prayer, penance (conversion), and charity.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

The Worship Committee of the Parish Council is planning a communal celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick for Wednesday, March 18, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Francis Solanus Church with a luncheon to follow. Parishioners with a serious illness and others 80 years and older, with health issues, are eligible for the celebration of this Sacrament. The celebration is seen particularly as a time for our senior parishioners to gather for prayer and a social. Those needing transportation please notify the Parish Office at 607-294-0064.

Food Pantry Thank You

The Eccumenical Food Pantry in Ovid expressed gratitude for our support. "We are truly grateful that you have assisted us in helping many more families in need."

Church Pictorial Directories Have Arrived!

If you had your photo taken for the church directory, it is now available for pick-up in the churches. Directories will be labeled with the household that it belongs with. There are a limited amount of church directories. If you took a directory with someone else's name on the sticker, please kindly return it. 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. Email immmercy.religioused@dor.org for information.

Southern Tier Singers' Collective

The The Lamentations of Jeremiah by Orlando Lassus will be performed on Sunday, February 22, at 4:00 pm at Saint Luke Lutheran Church in Ithaca, 109 Oak Ave. For more information, please contact southerntiersingers@gmail.com.

Knights of Columbus Event (for all ages!)

The Knights of Columbus, Council #277, invites you to a Catholic English Country Dance on February 21 from 2-5 p.m. at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Ithaca. There will be live music, a live caller, hors d'oeuvres, and photo booth. There is a suggested donation of \$10/person and \$25/family. RSVP is required.

Notre Dame HS Open House (Grades 7-12)

Prospective students and families are invited to Notre Dame High School's Open House on February 26, from 6:00-7:00 PM. Notre Dame HS is located at 1400 Maple Avenue, Elmira. RSVP: Nick Weiermiller, Director of Admissions, 607-734-2267.

Donating to Your Parish:

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1. Visit the parish website's giving page:

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Mass Intentions

February 14–22, 2026

Saturday, February 14

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

Sunday, February 15

9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle – Linda Loma Wight
from Joanne Molino and Barry Hayes

10:30 a.m., Holy Cross – Marilynn Frank
from Mary Ruckdeschel

Friday, February 20

8:30 a.m., St. Francis Solanus – John Kuklo
from Carol Kuklo

Saturday, February 21

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

Sunday, February 22

9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle – Linda Loma Wight
from Joanne Molino and Barry Hayes

10:30 a.m., Holy Cross – Marilynn Frank
from Kathleen Rourke

First Reading:

No one does he command to act unjustly, to none does he give license to sin. (Sir 15:20)

Psalm:

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!
(Ps 119)

Second Reading:

Rather, we speak of God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory. (1 Cor 2:7)

Gospel:

"I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:20)

Parish Schedule

Week of February 15, 2026

Sunday, February 15:

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

Monday, February 16:

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

Tuesday, February 17:

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

Wednesday, February 18:

Ash Wednesday
8:30 a.m.: Mass, St. Francis
12:00 p.m.: Service, Holy Cross
7:00 p.m.: Service, St. James

Thursday, February 19:

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

Friday, February 20:

8:10 a.m.: Rosary, St. Francis
8:30 a.m.: Mass, St. Francis
3:00 p.m.: Stations of the Cross,
St. James

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Will resume March 6

Saturday, February 21:

4:00 p.m.: Mass, St. Francis
*Adult Formation: Will resume
March 7*





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