



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

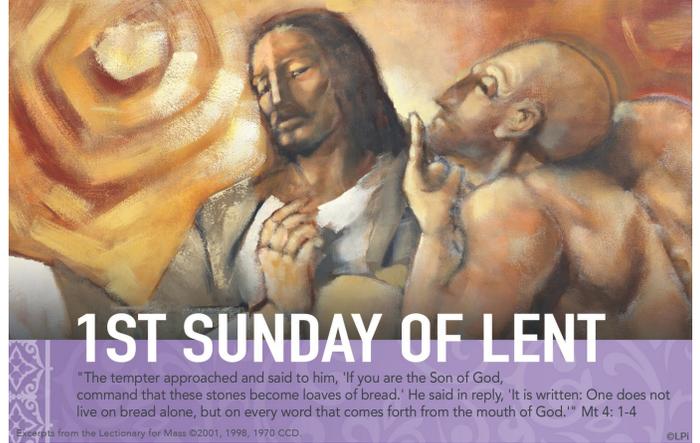
Weekend Mass:
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

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 22, 2026
First Sunday of Lent



Parish Center :

St. Francis Solanus
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Pastor: Rev. Bernard M. Maloney, OFM Cap.
Father is away until March 4

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In residence at St. Fidelis Friary:
Rev. Brendan Buckley, OFM Cap.

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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

Fr. Norbert D'Souza, OFM Cap. will celebrate Mass on 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.

Black Native American and Hispanic Collection

The Black, Native American, and Hispanic Mission collection is to be taken up this weekend. It exists to help local African American, Native American, and Hispanic diocesan communities throughout the United States spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground. Your help is appreciated.

Easter Flower Collection – Next Weekend

Next weekend, a basket will be placed in the back of the church for the Easter Flower Offering. This collection is always a great help to the parish meet the cost of Easter flowers that beautify the sanctuary for the great feast of Easter. Whatever you can do to help will be appreciated.

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, 3:00 p.m.

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

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 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.

Sweet Sunday

Next Sunday, and the first Sunday of every month, parishioners are invited to a social time following Mass at St. James the Apostle and Holy Cross.

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.

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.

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.
- Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence, i.e. meatless days.



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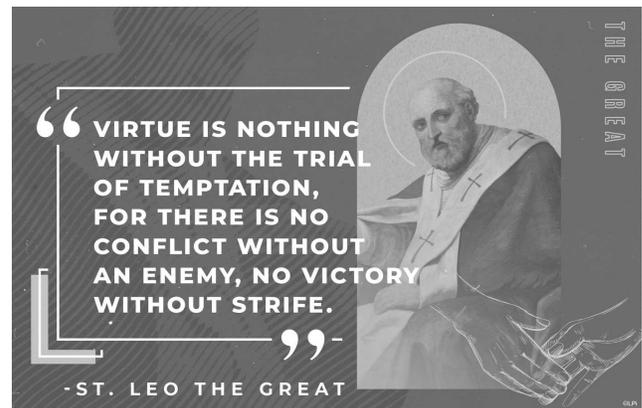
1. Visit the parish website's giving page:
marymotherofmercy.com/giving
2. Follow the directions under the "Donate Online" section.
3. Set up your donation or payment.

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



Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

On January 20, 2026, it was reported that our parish has surpassed the given goal. ninety-seven parish households have pledged \$34,925 to the CMA. This represents 109.14% 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.



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.

Catholic Charities Council Position

Catholic Charities of Tompkins / Tioga is seeking dedicated individuals to join our agency council. The role entails oversight of our network of coordinated services that provide assistance to low-income and vulnerable people. We're seeking active, hands-on members who can share their time, skills, and perspectives and help us advance our mission.

Council members can expect to: Meet 7–8 times a year (Zoom & in-person), attend and support fundraisers, Serve on committee(s), and take part in some strategic initiatives.

If you're passionate about serving your community and helping our neighbors in need, this role just might be for you! To learn more email Renee.Spear@dor.org.

Mass Intentions

February 21–March 1, 2026

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

Tuesday, February 24

8:30 a.m., St. Francis Solanus
William E Matthey
from Mary Ann Matthey

Saturday, February 28

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

Sunday, March 1

9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle
Mary Alice Jacobson
from Mark and Linda Scibilia-Carver

10:30 a.m., Holy Cross

Pat Guinan
from Kathleen Rourke

First Reading:

The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life. (Gn 2:7)

Psalm:

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. (Ps 51)

Second Reading:

For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous. (Rom 5:19)

Gospel:

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights. (Mt 4:1-2)

Parish Schedule

Week of February 22, 2026

Sunday, February 22:

Black, Native American, Hispanic Collection

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

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

Monday, February 23:

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

Tuesday, February 24:

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

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

Wednesday, February 25:

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

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

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

1:00 p.m.: Prayer for Healing/Harmony, St. James

2:15 p.m.: Book study, St. James

6:00 p.m.: Stations and Soup Supper, Holy Cross

Thursday, February 26:

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

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

Friday, February 27:

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 3/6

Saturday, February 28:

Cemetery Collection and Easter Flowers Collection

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



Stations of the Cross

Holy Cross, Ovid

Wednesdays

6:00 p.m.

Begins February 25

(soup supper to follow)

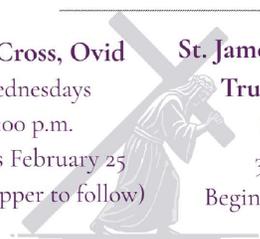
St. James the Apostle,

Trumansburg

Fridays

3:00 p.m.

Begins February 20





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