



# 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.

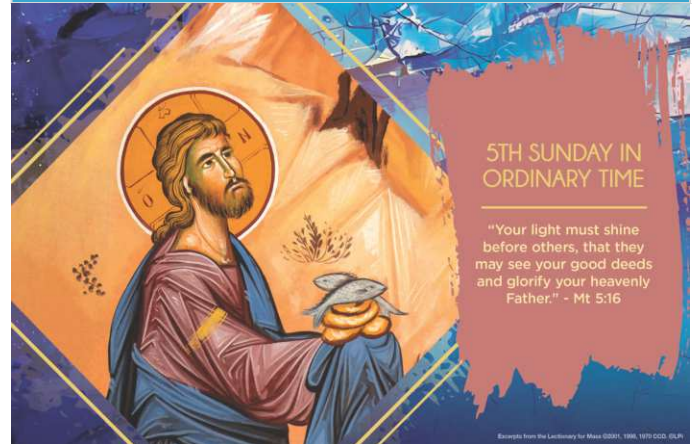
**Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or personal dialogue:**

*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 8, 2026**  
Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time



**Parish Center :**

St. Francis Solanus  
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Rev. Brendan Buckley, OFM Cap.

## **February 8, 2026**

Fifth 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 7/8 and 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, Watkins Glen:

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

### **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

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the Season of Lent. On this day the Church invites us to receive a cross of ashes on our foreheads as a sign that during the Season of Lent we will make sincere efforts to reflect and pray toward transforming our way of thinking and acting to be like Jesus in his way of thinking and acting. This is called repentance.

### **SouperBowl of Caring 2026—This weekend**

Sunday, February 8th, is Super Bowl Sunday, and across the nation it is also SouperBowl of Caring.

The Parish of Mary, Mother of Mercy is

participating in this one-day event. The idea is to

collect donations of non-perishable food items and

cash that would go directly to the local food pantries in our parish.

Food items may be brought to the churches at any time, but the monetary collection is this weekend,

February 7/8. Checks may be made out to Mary Mother of Mercy with food pantry in the memo line.

You may also donate online at

[marymotherofmercy.com/giving](http://marymotherofmercy.com/giving). Please be as

generous as you possibly can – all items and monies collected will stay local to help those in need!

### **The Catholic Courier Collection**

The Diocese of Rochester requires all parishes to financially support the publication of The Catholic

Courier. The annual bill for our parish is over

\$4,900.00, and we are prayerfully asking our

parishioners to help defray this cost.

This weekend, baskets will be placed in the back of the church for your donation. Whatever help you

can give will be appreciated greatly. The offertory

envelope boxes have a recommended donation of

\$11.00, and you can also donate using WeShare

online giving. Thank you.

### **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!

### **Lenten Booklets**

The Word Among Us booklets for the season of Lent are available in the foyers of the Churches. The

booklets contain the daily readings and a

meditations. Please take one for your home.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Food Pantry Thank You**

Our parish received a thank you from the Interlaken Reformed Church food pantry. "Thank you for your continuing support. ... The loss of our local grocery store was difficult for everyone...we are grateful that donations increased. You allow our pantry to remain a valuable asset to our local community. Thank you again for your support!"

### **Knights of Columbus Event (for all ages!)**

The Knights of Columbus, Council #277, invites you to a fun, community-building 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.

### **Donating to Your Parish:**

Online giving by WeShare is safe, simple and convenient.

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.



### **New Book**

Stephen Binz has written a new book entitled Peacemaking and Nonviolence. This book has had positive endorsements from several Catholic leaders and discusses ways to peace and justice through active nonviolence. Learn more about this and Binz's other books at [bridge-b.com/threshold-bible-study](https://bridge-b.com/threshold-bible-study)

### **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.religiouesed@dor.org](mailto:immmercy.religiouesed@dor.org) for information.

### **Wisdom & Witness**

On Tuesday nights from 7:00-8:00 p.m, Church of the Epiphany in Trumansburg is hosting a Zoom conversation series. If you've been feeling a knot in your chest about what's happening in our country, you're not alone. Many of us are carrying a mix of concern, grief, anger, and uncertainty—and it can be hard to know what to do with all of it in a faithful way. For more information about this conversation and for the Zoom link, please visit [epiphanytrumansburg.org](https://epiphanytrumansburg.org).

### **Southern Tier Singers' Collective**

Written in 1584, The Lamentations of Jeremiah by Orlando Lassus contain many themes that still resonate in our modern world. This polyphony will be sung by an group of 14 singers in a contemplative performance 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](mailto:southerntiersingers@gmail.com).

### **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. The evening includes an overview of the academic program, admissions process, financial aid, and an opportunity to tour the campus. Notre Dame is a college-preparatory community grounded in the traditions of the Sisters of Mercy. RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/NDHSWinterOpenHouse26> or Nick Weiermiller, Director of Admissions, at 607-734-2267.

### Mass Intentions

February 8–14, 2026

#### Saturday, February 7

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

#### Sunday, February 8

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

10:30 a.m., Holy Cross – Marilyn Frank  
*from Ray and Lee Ann Fox*

#### 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 – Marilyn Frank  
*from Mary Ruckdeschel*

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### Sanctuary Lamp

February 8–14, 2026

Holy Cross Church  
Glenn and Mary Rose Corcoran  
*from the Corcoran Family*

### First Reading:

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and  
your wound shall quickly be healed. (Is 58:8)

### Psalm:

The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.  
(Ps. 112)

### Second Reading:

When I came to you, brothers and sisters,  
proclaiming the mystery of God, I did not come with  
sublimity of words or of wisdom. For I resolved to  
know nothing while I was with you except Jesus  
Christ, and him crucified. (1 Cor. 2:1-2)

### Gospel:

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a  
mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp  
and then put it under a bushel basket.” (Mt. 5:14-15)

### Parish Schedule

Week of February 1, 2026

#### Sunday, February 8:

*Catholic Courier and Food Pantry collections*

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

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

#### Monday, February 9:

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

#### Tuesday, February 10:

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

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

#### Wednesday, February 11:

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

#### Thursday, February 12:

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

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

#### Friday, February 13:

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

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

*Sacrament of Reconciliation/personal dialogue  
with Fr. Bernard: Will resume March 6*

#### Saturday, February 14:

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

*Adult Formation: Will resume March 7*

### Food Pantries:

- ° Ovid Federated Church: Mon. 10 am & Thurs. 5 pm
- ° Food Truck: Mar. 3, 4 pm until gone., South Seneca HS
- ° Interlaken Reformed Church: Fri., 3-6 pm
- ° Tburg Food Pantry: Feb. 9, 3:30–6 pm, Methodist Church
- ° Lodi's Food 4 All: Sat., 12:30–2 pm, 8446 Main St.

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





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