



# 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:**  
Cancelled until 3/4/2026

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.



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Rev. Brendan Buckley, OFM Cap.

**JANUARY 25, 2026**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**DATES - PASTOR WILL BE AWAY**

Fr. Bernard will be away Thursday, January 29, through 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. Brendan Buckley, OFM Cap. (January 31 & February 1); 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 be covering the 8:30 a.m. Masses on Tuesday to Friday at St. Francis Solanus Church.

Kathleen Rourke will lead a communion service on Mondays at 9:00 a.m. at St. James the Apostle Church.

**CONFESION OFFERINGS WHILE PASTOR IS AWAY**

Immaculate Conception, Ithaca: Saturdays, 2-3:30 p.m.  
St. Benedict's Church, Watkins Glen: 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Our Lady of Peace Parish, Geneva:

- Our Lady of Peace Chapel: Monday-Friday, 11:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m
- St. Francis deSales Church: Saturdays, 3:30-4:15 p.m.

**DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER – NEW BISHOP**

On January 7, 2026, Pope Leo XIV appointed Bishop John Bonnici to succeed The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano as the Tenth Bishop of Rochester. Bishop Bonnici will be installed as the Bishop of Rochester on March 19, 2026, the Solemnity of St. Joseph.

Bishop Bonnici was born in New York City. He is 61 years old. He was ordained a priest in 1991 at St. Patrick's Cathedral, NYC. He was ordained a Bishop on March 1, 2022, by Cardinal Dolan as an Auxiliary Bishop of New York. In 1992, Bishop Bonnici earned a Licentiate of Sacred Theology Degree and in 1995 he earned the degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology. Bishop Bonnici has ministered as a parochial vicar, professor of theology, pastor of several parishes, and as Episcopal Vicar for Westchester and Rockland Counties. He also serves as a member of several national and diocesan committees. We welcome Bishop Bonnici to Rochester.

**SWEET SUNDAY**

Next Sunday, and the first Sunday of every month, there is a social hour following the Sunday Masses.

**COFFEE AND PASTRIES AT ST. FRANCIS SOLANUS**

On Wednesdays following the 8:30 a.m. daily Mass at St. Francis Solanus, take time to connect with your fellow parishioners over a light breakfast in the Annex.

**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.

**CHURCH 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.

**Thank You**

We express our deepest gratitude to Karen Salino for coordinating this project. Karen communicated with the directory company, organized photography sessions and signups, and volunteered a great deal of her time to make this final product. Thank you, Karen!

**Thank You**

Thank you to Cheryl Hine for arranging the presentation by Dr. Matthew Kuhner of St. Bernard's School of Theology on January 14. Cheryl presented this idea and worked with St. Bernard's Ministry on the Road program to bring it to fruition.

Thank you also to the Word and Fellowship Committees for their support. The presentation was enlightening and informative. The food and fellowship was enjoyed by all. Hopefully, there will be more of these events in the future.

**SATURDAY CLASSES**

Cancelled while Fr. Bernard is away .

## **SOUPERBOWL OF CARING 2026**

Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, is Super Bowl Sunday, and across the nation it is also SouperBowl of Caring. The parish of Mary, Mother of Mercy will be 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 the weekends of January 31 & February 1 and February 7/8, but the monetary collection will only be taken on 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 consider being as generous as you possibly can – all items and monies collected will be going to our local food pantries to help those in need!

## **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 [immmercy.religiousued@dor.org](mailto:immmercy.religiousued@dor.org).

## **Thank You Letter From Bishop Matano**

"I write to express my most sincere gratitude for exceeding your assigned goal in contributions and pledges for the 2025-2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA), bearing the theme, *Together We Bring Hope... and Hope Does not Disappoint*. ... Your commitment to supporting the mission of our Diocese, to love God above all things, and to serve our neighbors in need is deeply encouraging and inspiring. ... I pray that the Lord will continue to bless your parish family. Be assured of my prayers for you, and please, in your kindness, remember me in your good prayers."

## **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](http://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](mailto:eileen.heptig@dor.org).



## **THE WORD AMONG US BOOKLETS:**

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 month of January. Please take one for your home.

## **PROGRAMS AT ST. JAMES:**

Sister Anne Alderman, SSJ facilitates these programs at St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg. If you have questions about any of these programs, contact Sister Anne at 607-209-4206 or [a.alder1980@gmail.com](mailto:a.alder1980@gmail.com).

- Prayer for Healing and Harmony: Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m.; 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.

This time of silent prayer provides an opportunity for personal reflection and healing. The session closes with a time to share any reflections that came to you. You do not need to attend every session.

- Book Study —Gift of Years by Joan Chittister: Wednesdays, 2:15 p.m.

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EVENT**

The Knights of Columbus, Council #277, would like to invite you to our 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 a photo booth. This event is for all ages and all dancing skill levels!

## **NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE**

- February 13-15: Couples Retreat with Fr. Jim Dahlinger, SJ, Keith & Deb Northridge and Jodie Scordo

- February 11: "The Spirit of Giving" with Fr. Aaron Kelly and Anna Schlia

[www.notredameretreat.org](http://www.notredameretreat.org)

## **CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL:**

On December 30, 2025, it was reported that our parish has surpassed the given goal. Ninety-one parish households have pledged \$34,545 to the CMA. This represents 107.95% 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 24 – FEBRUARY , 2026

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

4:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus  
Marilynn R Frank  
*Mary Ruckdeschel*

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle  
Natalie Concannon  
*from Mary Szymanski*

10:30 a.m., Holy Cross  
Marilynn Frank  
*from Rick and Barb Willers*

### Saturday, January 31

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

### Sunday, January 18

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 Joe and Eileen Heptig*

## Parish Schedule

Week of January 25, 2026

### Sunday, January 25:

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

### Monday, January 26:

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

### Tuesday, January 27:

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

### Wednesday, January 28:

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, January 29:

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

### Friday, January 30:

Rosary: 8:10 a.m., St. Francis  
Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. Francis  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Cancelled

### Saturday, January 31:

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

### Sweet Sunday!



### Food Pantries:

- ° Ovid Federated Church: Mon. 10:00 a.m. & Thurs. 5:00 p.m.
- ° Food Truck: Feb. 3, 4:00 p.m. until gone., South Seneca High School
- ° Interlaken Reformed Church: Fridays., 3-6:00 p.m.
- ° Tburg Food Pantry: Feb. 9, 3:30-6:00 p.m., Methodist Church
- ° Lodi's Food 4 All: Saturdays, 12:30-2:00 p.m., 8446 Main St., Lodi

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

### First Reading:

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light; (Is 9:1)

### Psalm:

The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Ps 27)

### Second Reading:

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose. (1 Cor 1:10)

### Gospel:

He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled. (Mt 4:13-14)



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