



# The Parish of **MARY** MOTHER OF MERCY



**St. Francis Solanus**  
3660 Orchard St.  
Interlaken, NY

**Weekend Mass:**  
Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

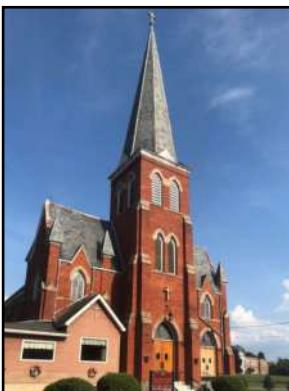
**Weekday Mass:**  
Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.



**St. James the Apostle**  
17 Whig St.  
Trumansburg, NY

**Weekend Mass:**  
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

**Communion Service:**  
Monday, 9:00 a.m.



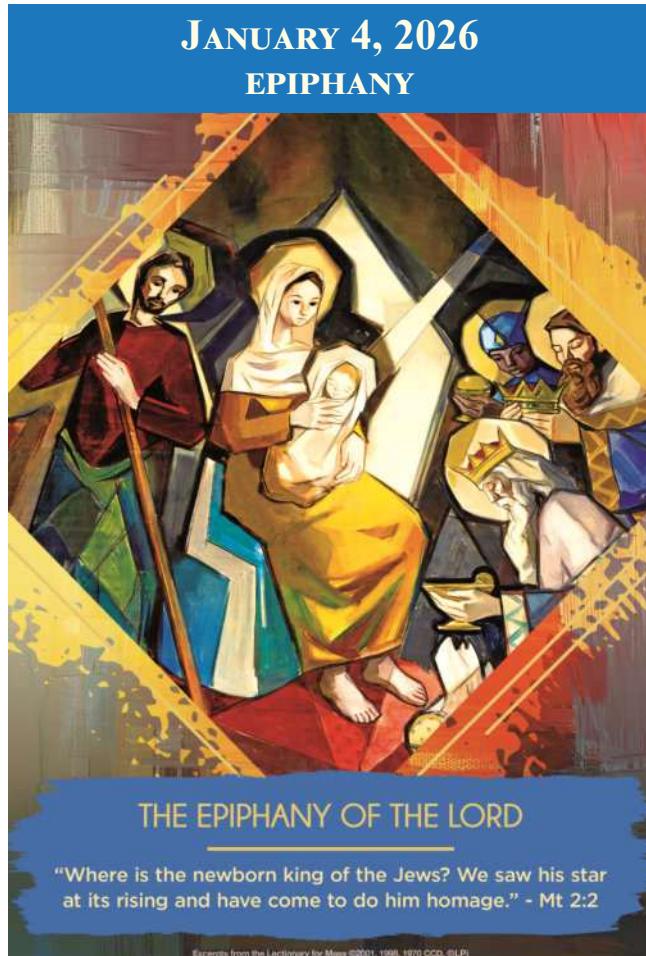
**Holy Cross**  
7231 Main St.  
Ovid, NY

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

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



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:2*

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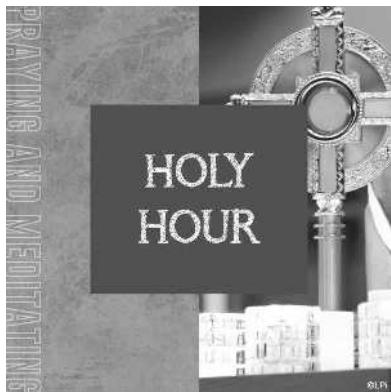
**January 4, 2026**  
**The Epiphany of our Lord**

**Funeral:**

Elizabeth Jan Sicuro, age 70, died on December 17, 2025. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on December 22, 2025 at St. James the Apostle Church.

**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.



**Eucharistic Holy Hour at St. James:**

Spend time with Jesus in the Eucharist. *Holy Hours* provide an opportunity to gather in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, listen to Sacred Scripture, observe a sacred silence for reflection, encounter Jesus in a personal way, and conclude with Benediction.

The next Holy Hour is at St. James the Apostle **next Thursday, January 8**. Mass is at 8:30 a.m., and the Holy Hour will follow beginning at 9:00 a.m.

**“Thank you”:**

The parish is most appreciative of all who volunteer their time and talent to the church this Christmas Season. Among them are our dedicated musicians, church decorators, lectors, ushers, Eucharistic ministers, and sacristans, and all those who help with the celebration of Mass. In addition, the parish thanks all who assisted with socials and seasonal outreach collections. Thank you for your dedication and devotedness. Your service is appreciated greatly.

**Parish Educational Opportunity:**

Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 9:30 a.m. at St. Francis Solanus Church, St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry On The Road, will be sending from Rochester to our parish Dr. Matthew Kuhner who will give a presentation on *Evangelization and Catechesis: Proclaiming the Truth of the Gospel with Joy, Humility, and Love*.

Dr. Kuhner loves teaching, and he has a special way of presenting Catholic thought and history in a profound, yet down-to-earth style.

This event is coordinating with the Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Mass and the 9:00 a.m. coffee and pastries social. Plan to attend and bring a friend. Thanks to the Parish Council Word Committee for planning this event.

**Cemetery Collection this Weekend:**

This 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.

**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 office.

**Parish Council:**

There is a parish council meeting this Thursday, January 8, at 7:00 p.m. at the parish center, St. Francis Solanus, Interlaken.

**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.



## Coffee and Pastries

On Wednesdays, stay after daily Mass and enjoy a simple breakfast.



Mass at 8:30 am

St. Francis Solanus, Interlaken

### 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.

### Catholic Ministries Appeal:

 On December 16, 2025, it was reported that our parish has surpassed the given goal. Eighty-five parish households have pledged \$32,335 to the CMA. This represents 101.05% 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. 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.)

### 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.

### 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.religioused@dor.org](mailto:immmercy.religioused@dor.org).



—ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

### Notre Dame Retreat House:

- January 16-18: Men's retreat With Fr. Dennis Billary, C.Ss.R., Deacon Kevin Carges, Jodie Scordo
- January 23-25: Men's retreat with Fr. Peter Sousa, C.Ss.R., Dcn Gary Terrana, and Jodie Scordo.
- February 13-15: Couples Retreat with Fr. Jim Dahlinger, SJ, Keith & Deb Northridge and Jodie Scordo
- January 20: *"The Shroud of Turin"* with Paul Then
- February 11: *"The Spirit of Giving"* with Fr. Aaron Kelly and Anna Schlia



### 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).



## January 4, 2026

### First Reading:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is. 60:1)

### Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps. 72)

### Second Reading:

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body. (Eph. 3:5-6)

### Gospel:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt. 2:2)

### Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

January 4 - January 10, 2026

Holy Cross

Glenn and Mary Rose Corcoran  
from the Corcoran family

### MASS INTENTIONS

January 3 - January 11, 2026

#### Saturday, January 3

4:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus  
Sally Guydosh  
from her family

#### Sunday, January 4

9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle  
Theodore J. Szymanski  
from Mary Szymanski  
10:30 a.m., Holy Cross  
Mary Wilkins  
from the Corcoran family

#### Tuesday, January 6

8:30 a.m., St. Francis Solanus  
Intentions of Adam Drake  
from Carol Ann Kuklo

#### Saturday, January 10

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

#### Sunday, January 11

9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle  
Barbara McMahon  
from Mary Szymanski  
10:30 a.m., Holy Cross  
Ruth Lucas  
from the Corcoran family

### Parish Schedule Week of January 4, 2026

#### Sunday, January 4:

Cemetery Collection

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

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

~Sweet Sunday to follow both Masses!

#### Monday, January 5:

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

#### Tuesday, January 6:

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

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

Prayer for Healing/Harmony: 7:00 p.m., St. James

#### Wednesday, January 7:

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, St. James

#### Thursday, January 8:

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

Holy Hour: 9:00 a.m., St. James

Parish Council: 7:00 p.m., St. Francis

#### Friday, January 9:

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

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation/personal dialogue with Fr. Bernard: 6:30-7:30 p.m., St. Francis

#### Saturday, January 10:

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

Family 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. 29, 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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