



# 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:**  
6:30-7:30 p.m., St. Francis Solanus, with Fr. 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.*

**March 1, 2026**  
Second Sunday of Lent



**Parish Center :**

St. Francis Solanus  
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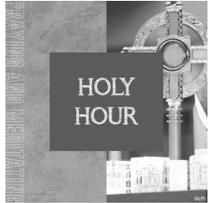
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### Stations of the Cross

- 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.

### Eucharistic Holy Hour at St. Francis Solanus



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, and encounter Jesus in a personal way. Holy Hours conclude with Benediction.

The next Holy Hour is at **St. Francis Solanus this Thursday, March 5**. Mass is at 8:30 a.m., and the Holy Hour will follow beginning at 9:00 a.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available for celebration every Friday at St. Francis Solanus Church beginning at 6:30 p.m. During the Season of Lent two other opportunities have been scheduled:

- March 17, 3:00-4:00 p.m., St. James the Apostle
- March 18, 3:00-4:00 p.m., Holy Cross

### Easter Flower Collection – This Weekend

This weekend is 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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

This 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.

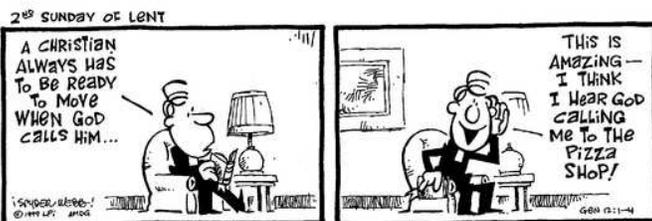


## Lenten Reminders

- 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.



## Donating to Your Parish:

Online giving by WeShare is safe, simple and convenient.

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.heptig@dor.org](mailto: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.

## Dates - Pastor Will be Away

Fr. Bernard will return this Wednesday, March 4th. The Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or personal dialogue will resume this Friday, 6:30–7:30 p.m. at St. Francis Solanus Church.

## Coverage During the Absence of the Pastor

Fr. Norbert D'Souza, OFM Cap. will celebrate Mass this weekend, and Fr. Brendan Buckley will cover the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Tuesday at St. Francis. Kathleen Rourke will lead a communion service on Monday at 9:00 a.m. at St. James the Apostle Church.

## 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](mailto:Renee.Spear@dor.org).

### Mass Intentions

February 28–March 8, 2026

#### 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*

#### Saturday, March 7

4:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus  
Sally Guydosh  
*from Gerry Todi*

#### Sunday, March 8

9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle  
Colleen Johnson  
*from Judith Wilson*

10:30 a.m., Holy Cross

Marilynn Frank  
*from Gerry Todi*

#### First Reading:

I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. (Gn. 12:2)

#### Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps. 33)

#### Second Reading:

Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. He saved us and called us to a holy life. (2 Tm. 1:8-9)

#### Gospel:

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun. (Mt. 17:1-2)

### Parish Schedule

Week of March 1, 2026

#### Sunday, March 1:

*Cemetery Collection and Easter Flowers Collection*

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

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

~Sweet Sunday to follow both Masses!

#### Monday, March 2:

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

#### Tuesday, March 3:

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, March 4:

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, March 5:

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

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

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

#### Friday, March 6:

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

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

3:00 p.m.: Stations of the Cross, St. James

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

#### Saturday, March 7:

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

5:00 p.m.: Adult Formation, St. Francis

### Stations of the Cross

Holy Cross, Ovid	St. James the Apostle,
Wednesdays	Trumansburg
6:00 p.m.	Fridays
Begins February 25	3:00 p.m.
(soup supper to follow)	Begins February 20





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