



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



St. Francis Solanus

3660 Orchard St.
Interlaken, NY

Your paragraph text
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.



Parish Center :

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March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jubilee Year: 800th year of the death of St. Francis of Assisi

New Bishop

The Most Reverend John Bonnici was installed as the Tenth Bishop of the Diocese of Rochester on Thursday, March 19th 2026 at Sacred Heart Cathedral. He was appointed by Pope Leo XIV to succeed The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano who is retiring. We welcome, Bishop Bonnici.

Diocesan Day of Penance

Throughout the Diocese of Rochester, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in all the parishes on this Tuesday, March 24th. In our parish Fr. Bernard will be available at St. Francis Solanus Church, Interlaken, from 9:00 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. If you go to another parish, please consult that parish for their times and places.

Stations of the Cross

- Holy Cross: Wednesdays, 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: Friday, March 27, 3:00 p.m.

Holy Week Schedule:

- April 2, Holy Thursday:
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 p.m., St. James
- April 3, Good Friday:
The Passion of Our Lord, 3:00 p.m., Holy Cross
- April 4, Holy Saturday:
Easter Vigil, 8:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus
- April 5, Easter Sunday:
9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle
10:30 a.m., Holy Cross

Washing of the Feet Ritual

This ritual will take place during the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m. at St. James the Apostle Church. We need 12 adult parishioners to volunteer to participate in this rite. There are sign-up sheets in the foyers of the Church.

Cemetery Clean-up

There will be a cemetery clean-up at St. James the Apostle Cemetery and Holy Cross Cemetery on Saturday, March 28 at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to help. St. James Cemetery is located at 95 Hector St., Trumansburg, and Holy Cross Cemetery is on Gilbert Rd, Ovid.

Thank You

The communal celebration of the Anointing of the Sick on March 18 was a blessed event for those in attendance. Thank you to Terry Carroll, Gerry Frank, and Cheryl Hine for organizing the luncheon that followed. Thank you, also, to all who contributed food to the event.

Study Opportunity

"Peace Making and Non-Violence" a six-session study course sponsored by the Threshold Bible Study is being offered in our parish. A book will be provided for weekly study before the weekly session takes place. If interested in studying, please notify the Parish Office so the study book can be purchased for each participant. The six sessions will be facilitated by Mr. Mark Scibilia-Carver.

Collection on Good Friday

Pontifical Good Friday Collection helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem. The war and now the Iranian conflict have made their situation even more dire. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. For more information visit www.myfranciscan.org or www.custodia.org.

Embracing God's Love, United in Generosity: CRS Rice Bowl

God created man and woman in his image, reminding us that every person is sacred and reflects God's love. Each of us has a purpose, woven into God's plan. Our support of CRS Rice Bowl provides hope and opportunity to families around the world. Let's reflect on how our prayers, fasting, and almsgiving can help our sisters and brothers fulfill their potential. Visit www.crsricebowl.org/week-5 to read this week's Story of Hope.

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

Abstinence: Catholics over the age of 14 abstain from eating meat on the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting: Catholics between the ages of 18 & 59 may eat two smaller meals not equal to one full meal.

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.

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.



Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

On March 10, 2026, it was reported that our parish has surpassed the given goal. One hundred two parish households have pledged \$36,375 to the CMA. This represents 113.67% 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.

Knights of Columbus

An invitation is given to all who are interested, to attend the Founders Day Dinner, on March 28, 2026 at 6:00 p.m at the Hilton Garden Inn, Seneca Street, Ithaca. Dinner will be buffet style with a \$40 donation. Please contact Dan Carney at djcinohio@gmail.com or phone 202-702-1170 to reserve a seat or for more information.

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.

No Sweet Sunday

There will be no Sweet Sunday on April 5th because of Easter.

Notre Dame Retreat House:

- March 24, Lenten Day Retreat, "Do Not Judge Anyone: Desert Wisdom for a Polarized World": with Fr. Isaac Slater, OCSO
- March 31, 9:00a.m.-3:00 p.m., Sacred Day of Silence
- April 14, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., "Walking the Pilgrimage of Easter Faith in 2026" with Fr. Gerry McKeon, SJ

notredameretreat.org or 585-394-5700

Parish Schedule
Week of March 22, 2026

Mass Intentions
March 21–29, 2026

Saturday, March 21
4:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus
Parishioners and benefactors

Sunday, March 22
10:30 a.m., Holy Cross
Dave and Ellen Moore
from Gerry Frank

Tuesday, March 24
8:30 a.m., St. Francis Solanus
The intentions of Adam Drake
Carol Kuklo

Saturday, March 28
4:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus
Parishioners and benefactors

Sunday, March 29
10:30 a.m., Holy Cross
Ellen Moore
from the lectors at Holy Cross

First Reading:

I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. (Ez 37:14)

Psalm:

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. (Ps 130)

Second Reading:

If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you. (Rom 8:11)

Gospel:

“I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.” (Jn 11:25-26)

Sunday, March 22:

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

Monday, March 23:

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

Tuesday, March 24:

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

Wednesday, March 25:

8:10 a.m.: Rosary, St. Francis
8:30 a.m.: Mass, St. Francis
9:00 a.m.: Coffee and Pastries, St. Francis
1:30 p.m.: Prayer for Healing/Harmony, St. James
2:30 p.m.: Book study, St. James
6:00 p.m.: Stations and Soup Supper, Holy Cross

Thursday, March 26:

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

Friday, March 27:

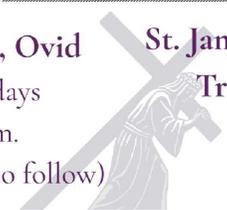
8:10 a.m.: Rosary, St. Francis
8:30 a.m.: Mass, St. Francis
3:00 p.m.: Stations of the Cross, St. James
6:30-7:30 p.m.: Sacrament of Reconciliation/
Personal Dialogue with Fr. Bernard, St. Francis

Saturday, March 28:

9:00 a.m.: Cemetery Cleanup, St. James
Cemetery
9:00 a.m.: Cemetery Cleanup, Holy Cross
Cemetery
4:00 p.m.: Mass, St. Francis
5:00 p.m.: Adult Faith Formation, St. Francis

Stations of the Cross

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