



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.

MARCH 23, 2025
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



3rd Sunday
OF LENT

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down.'" - Lk 13:7a

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Parish Center :

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Rev. Brendan Buckley, OFM Cap.

March 23, 2025

Third Sunday of Lent

National Eucharistic Revival

June 19, 2022–Pentecost 2025

Year of Mission – Invite One Back Initiative

June 2024 – June 2025

2025 Roman Catholic Church Jubilee/Holy Year

December 29, 2024 – December 28, 2025

Theme: “Pilgrims of Hope”

Daily Mass:

The Season of Lent is a penitential season, that is, a personal transformational season. The traditional Lenten practice that helps one’s transformation is participating in daily Mass or attending Mass on a day or days one is able.

At Mass, one encounters Sacred Scripture, God speaking to us offering a superior way of thinking and acting leading to a greater awareness of how to be like Jesus, a child of God in this world. Participating in Mass, one also encounters Jesus and his love through the reception of his sacrificed body and blood under the appearances of bread and wine. In that union with Jesus there is the opportunity to speak heart to heart with Jesus and pray for family members, fellow parishioners, the sick, etc.

To come to daily Mass, when able, is a sacrifice, a Lenten sacrifice, a sacrifice helping one to repent, that is, to be transformed.

Coffee and Toast 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.



Stations of the Cross:

- Holy Cross: Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m., followed by a soup supper
 - St. James the Apostle: Fridays, 3:00 p.m.
- If you would like to volunteer to bring soup for the soup supper, there will be a sign up sheet in the back of Holy Cross church.

Fridays of Lent:

Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence, that is, meatless days. This discipline applies to all Catholics over the age of 14.

Catholic Ministries Appeal:

As of March 13, 2025, 80 parish households have pledged \$28,880 to the CMA. We are at 93.16% of our \$31,000 given goal. We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and your family and think how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join the appeal and give back what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God’s great work.

MMM Parish Spring Clean-up:

The spring season is upon us. All parish properties are in need of a seasonal clean up so grab your gloves and your tools; all help is appreciated.

All clean-ups begin at 9:00 a.m. In the event of rain, the clean up will be canceled.

- April 5: Holy Cross Cemetery
- April 12: St. James Cemetery
- April 26: St. Francis Solanus Church
- May 3: Holy Cross Church
- May 17: St. James the Apostle Church

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.

To **donate online** visit marymotherofmercy.com/giving and click the purple button. (Donations may be made by PayPal or credit card. To opt for credit card, scroll to the bottom of the page)

Adult Study:

Everyone desiring to know and discuss our faith are invited to attend classes on Saturdays (with one exception, the second Saturday of the month) at 5:00-6:15 p.m. at the St. Francis Solanus annex. These sessions are also helpful for people desiring to be received into the church and for Catholics preparing to celebrate Confirmation and First Communion. The March 29th topic: The Origin of the Sacraments.

Thank you:

The Trumansburg Food Pantry, sent a note of thanks to parishioners for their donations – “We are grateful for the support from such a caring community.”

The Word Among Us Lenten Booklets:

The Word Among Us booklet is available in the foyer of the church. The booklet contains the daily readings and meditations for each day in Lent. Please take one for your home and for daily prayer. There are envelopes available with the Lenten booklets if you wish to make a donation to defray the cost of the booklets.

Catholic Relief Services Collection:

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Lenten Reminders:

- The season of Lent runs from Ash Wednesday (March 5) until the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (April 17).
- "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.

Day of Penance:

The Diocese of Rochester has set Wednesday, April 2, 2025, for the priests in all parishes to be available throughout the day for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confession. This day is being offered for the convenience of all the faithful. Please plan to schedule to go to any parish and take advantage of the times offered by the parish for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

New York State Catholic Conference:

A new session starts in the NYS legislature in Albany, now is a great time to sign up for legislative alerts through the Catholic Action Network. The

CAN is sponsored by the NYS Catholic Conference. You will receive news of current issues in Albany that call for our voices, and easy ways to contact Your NYS elected officials. Join thousands of other Catholics advocating for "laws and policies that pursue social justice, respect for life and common good." www.nyscatholic.org.

Eucharistic Revival—Invite One Back:

To Catholics who have been absent from Mass, in a missionary spirit and in a hospitable way, personally invite them back to encounter Jesus in Holy Communion. You might encourage them to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession and have the assurance of reconciliation, forgiveness, and union with God who throws our sins behind us never to be remembered. We Catholics today are more aware than ever that we must be missionaries – be invitational, like Jesus. "Invite one back."

God our Father,

You never cease to seek out your children—the lonely, the frightened, the hurt, and the lost. We pray for all our parishioners who have been missing from our parish community and Eucharistic celebrations. Through the intercession of Mary, please pave the way for conversations and invitations that welcome them back to the Catholic Church and our parish Community. We trust in your love and mercy for every one of your children.

Community Outreach

Food Pantries:

- Ovid Federated Church: Mondays, 10:00 a.m. and Thursdays, 5:00 p.m.
- Food Truck: April 1, 4:00–6:00 p.m., South Seneca High School
- Interlaken Reformed Church: Fridays, 3:00–6:00 pm
- Trumansburg Food Pantry: March 24, 3:30–6:00 p.m., Methodist Church
- Lodi's Community Pantry: Saturdays, 12:30–2:00 pm., Lodi Rod & Gun Club

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

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
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.



Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading:

“This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you.” (Ex. 3:14)

Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps. 103)

Second Reading:

These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come. (1 Cor. 10:11)

Gospel:

“But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!” (Lk. 13:5)

Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week:

Jesus Christ is the ever-vigilant gardener. He desires us to bloom, that we will do what we were created to do, that we will bear the fruit that God intended. Will we let him cultivate our ground and prune our imperfections? Will we let him save us?

MASS INTENTIONS

March 22–30, 2025

Saturday, March 22

4:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus
Ruth Lucas
from the Corcoran family

Sunday, March 23

9:00 a.m., St. James
Larry and Rene Heptig
from Mr. and Mrs. Peter Auger

10:30 a.m., Holy Cross

Ruth Lucas
from loving parishioners

Saturday, March 29

4:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus
Ruth Lucas
from Barb Butterer

Sunday, March 30

9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle
Mary Camobreco
from Linda and Mark Scibilia-Carver

10:30 a.m., Holy Cross

Kathleen Ann Milliman
from Gerry and Marilyn Frank

Parish Schedule
Week of March 23, 2025

Sunday, March 23:

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

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

Monday, March 24:

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

Tuesday, March 25:

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

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

Wednesday, March 26:

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

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

Coffee and Toast: 9:00 a.m., St. Francis

Prayer for Healing/Harmony: 2:00 p.m., St. James

Book Study: 3:15 p.m., St. James

Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper: 6:00 p.m.,
Holy Cross

Thursday, March 27:

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

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

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

Friday, March 28:

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

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

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

Father Bernard is available, no appointment
necessary: 6:30–7:30 p.m., St. Francis Solanus

Saturday, March 29:

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

Adult Study: 5:15 p.m., St. Francis Solanus



Coffee and Toast

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



Mass at 8:30 am
St. Francis Solanus, Interlaken



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