



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 29, 2026
Palm Sunday



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March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Pope Leo XIV: 2026 Year of St. Francis—
800th anniversary of his death

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.

Collection on Good Friday

The 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.

Parish Educational Opportunity: Wednesday, April 22, at 9:30 a.m. at St. Francis Solanus

St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry On The Road, will be sending Professor Lisa Lickona who will give a presentation entitled Encountering the Heart of Jesus. This event is coordinating with the Wednesday 8:30 a.m Mass and the 9:00 a.m. coffee and pastries social. Thank you to the members of the Word Committee for coordinating this event.

Professor Lisa Lickona, S.T.L. will offer a ninety-minute interactive presentation, Encountering the Heart of Jesus. Her presentation will invite us to ask ourselves, "What is our devotion to the Sacred Heart and how can our devotion to Our Lord deepen our life of prayer?" Professor Lickona will explore the Sacred Heart Devotion through the writings of the saints and through Pope Francis' encyclical, *Dilexit Nos*---"He Loved Us."

In addition to being an Assistant Professor in Systematic Theology at St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry (Pittsford, NY), Lisa Lickona has extensively researched and written on the lives of the saints. Each month, at the St. Bernard's School, she offers to the public a half-day reflection and call to prayer where each person has the opportunity to learn about one of the saints, ask questions, and spend an hour in adoration. Professor Lickona has published essays in *Humanum*, *Catholic Social Science Review*, and *Ave Maria Law Review*. She has also been involved with the Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine in Emmitsburg, MD, especially as a speaker during the Shrine's anniversary celebrations last year.

Please start your day on April 22, 2026, by coming to the Mass and breakfast followed by Professor Lickona's presentation/discussion.

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 the study, 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.

Eucharistic Holy Hour

There will be no Eucharist Holy Hour in the month of April. Parish Eucharistic Holy Hours are held on the first Thursdays of the month. This year the Mass of the Lord's Supper - Holy Thursday - falls on April 2nd.

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.

Mentors Needed

Parishioners interested in mentoring (educating one on one) students preparing for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation please volunteer by phoning the parish office. Education materials will be provided. Mentors, and all teachers in Catholic educational programs must participate in the Diocesan Safe Environment Program.

No Sweet Sunday

There is no Sweet Sunday on Easter Sunday, April 5th.

Easter Duty:

Church law number 920 states: a) All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year, b) This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season unless it is fulfilled for a just cause at some other time during the year. Please note, however, that the United States has been granted an indult of extending the time for the annual reception of Holy Communion from the beginning of Lent through the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (this year February 18 - May 31). An "indult" is a license granted by competent Church authority for an exception from a particular norm of Church law.

Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

On March 17, 2026, 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.

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.

Notre Dame Retreat House:

- 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

Mass Intentions

March 28–April 5, 2026

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 Saturday,

April 4

8:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus
Sally Guydosh
from Phil Sicuro

April 5

9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle
Elizabeth Sicuro
from the Guydosh family

10:30 a.m., Holy Cross
Marilynn Frank
from the Guydosh family

Parish Schedule

Week of March 29, 2026

Sunday, March 29:

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

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

Monday, March 30:

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

Tuesday, March 31:

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

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

Wednesday, April 1:

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

Thursday, April 2: Holy Thursday

No 8:30 a.m. Mass

7:00 p.m.: Mass of the Lord's Supper, St. James

Friday, April 3: Good Friday

No 8:30 a.m. Mass

3:00 p.m.: The Passion of our Lord, Holy Cross

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

Francis

Saturday, April 4: Holy Saturday

8:00 p.m.: Easter Vigil, St. Francis

First Reading:

I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. (Is. 50:6)

Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps. 22)

Second Reading:

He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him. (Phil. 2:8-9)

Gospel:

The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, "Truly, this was the Son of God!" (Mt. 26:54)



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