



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.



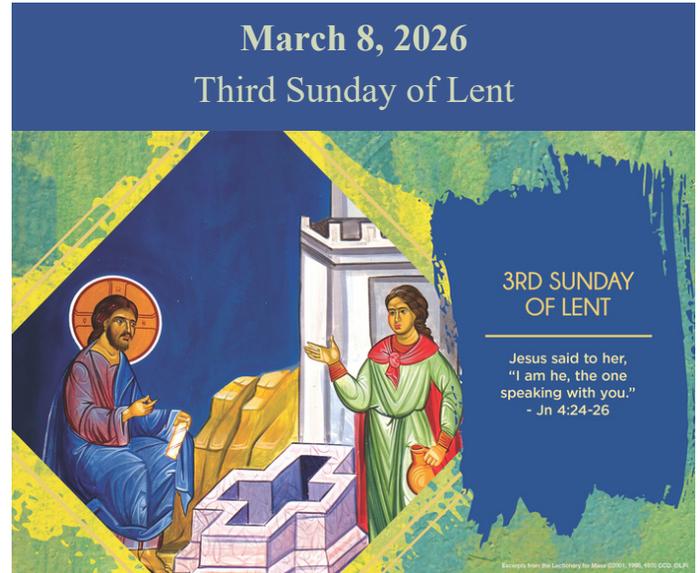
Holy Cross
7231 Main St.
Ovid, NY

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 8, 2026
Third Sunday of Lent

Parish Center :

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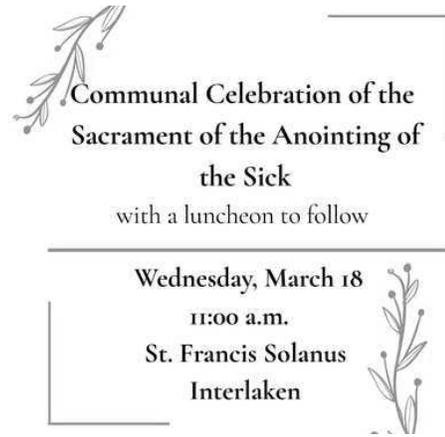
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Rev. Brendan Buckley, OFM Cap.

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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.

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

Parish Council

There is a Parish Council meeting this Thursday, March 12, at 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center, Interlaken.

CRS Rice Bowl

CRS Rice Bowl brings Catholics across the United States together each Lent to respond to global hunger and poverty through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. During this holy season, let us recommit to sharing bread for life with our global family so that all people can reach their God-given potential. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-2 to read this week's Story of Hope. And please make donating to your Rice Bowl a part of your Lenten observance.

Holy Week Schedule:

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

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

There is 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.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection Next Week

Next week is the Catholic Relief Services Collection. CRS funds six agencies working to reveal Christ's love to those in need overseas and here in the United States. The collection shares its name with the flagship international relief and development agency of the Catholic bishops of the United States, but it also supports other initiatives: the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Migration and Refugee Services department for resettlement; the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC), which helps immigrants with work permits, residency, family reunifications, and citizenship; the USCCB Secretariat of Justice and Peace for advocacy of human rights and education on Catholic social teaching; and the USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church, whose ministries address the unique pastoral needs of Catholics from a range of cultures as well as itinerant peoples. Finally, this collection supports the Holy Father's Relief Fund, through which the Holy Father aids people in distress worldwide.

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.

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.

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.



Ladies' Brunch

There is a ladies' brunch on March 14 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the Interlaken Reformed Church, 8315 Main St., Interlaken.

There will be food, fellowship, and encouragement, plus a message from our award-winning storyteller and "author-in-residence," Meghan McComb. Bring a friend, and if you care to, a dish to share.

Contact Amy Sabol to sign up: 607-532-4321

Notre Dame Retreat House:

- March 17, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., "*Visio Divina*," with Sr. Melissa Gernon, SSJ
- 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

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.

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions

March 7–15, 2026

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

Saturday, March 14

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

Parishioners and benefactors

Sunday, March 15

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

James Natalie

from Traci Bump

10:30 a.m., Holy Cross

Ellen Moore

from the lectors at Holy Cross

First Reading:

“Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink.” (Ex 17:6)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:

And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. (Rom 5:5)

Gospel:

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” (Jn 4:13-14)

Parish Schedule

Week of March 8, 2026

Sunday, March 8:

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

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

Monday, March 9:

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

Tuesday, March 10:

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 11:

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 12:

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

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

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

Friday, March 13:

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 14:

4:00 p.m.: Mass with Children’s Liturgy of the Word, St. Francis

5:00 p.m.: Family 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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