



# 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.*

May 3, 2026  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father." - Jn 14:6-7

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## May 3, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Pope Leo XIV: 2026 Year of St. Francis—  
800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death

### Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

The parish of Mary, Mother of Mercy/St. James the Apostle is asked to provide volunteers for the Trumansburg Food Pantry, located in the Trumansburg United Methodist church, during the months of May and June, 2026. Please consider helping by signing up on the lists provided in the St. James foyer. The dates you are needed are May 4 and 18 and June 1, 15, and 29. Remember Jesus's words: "...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Mt. 25: 40). Thank you.

### 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 cemetery. When the monetary donation is not specified, your donation is divided between the two cemeteries. Thank you for your help.

### Sweet Sunday

This Sunday, and the first Sunday of every month, parishioners are invited to a social time following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. James, and the 10:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross.

### Eucharistic Holy Hour at Holy Cross Church

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, encounter Jesus in a personal way, and conclude with Benediction. The next Holy Hour is at Holy Cross Church this Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

### Lost and Found:

When cleaning Holy Cross Church after the Easter Triduum Liturgies a woman's ring was found. For further inquiries, please contact the parish office.

### Catholic Ministries Appeal

In a newsletter from the CMA, it was reported that our parish leads the Diocese in achieving a 9.68% increase donor count over last year – that is, new donors from the previous year. As an incentive to acquire new donors every parish that increases the number of donors by 10% + over CMA 25-25, will be rewarded with \$1,000. We are very close to reaching 10%. Please encourage anyone who has, in the past, not made a pledge to please do so. Pledge envelopes are available in the foyer of the Church. Presently, one hundred and 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.

### Daily Mediations

Booklets, *The Word Among Us*, are available in the foyers of the Church. The booklets contain the daily readings and meditations. Please take one for your home.

### Parish Council Nominations:

Parishioners interested in being on the Parish Council can now nominate themselves or be nominated by other parishioners. The selection of new Parish Council members for a three -year term and the selection of three alternates for a one-year term will take place on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>(Pentecost Sunday). Newly selected members will attend the June 11<sup>th</sup> Parish Council meeting. The term of membership begins July 1.

There are no scheduled meetings in the summer. The Parish Council is a council to the pastor. It is not a governing body nor board. Parish Council members are assigned to one of the standing committees (Word, Worship, Witness and Fellowship). The Committees meet sometime before the scheduled meetings. The council usually meets every other month at the Parish Center, Interlaken. Parishioners, please consider being a Council member or nominating a parishioner. Thank you.

Nomination ballots are available at the back of the churches or the ballot may be completed online at [marymotherofmercy.com](http://marymotherofmercy.com).

## **Trumansburg Area Churches (TAC)**

Our parish is a member of TAC which is run by the laity of the area community churches. TAC supports our local food pantry, the Lange/CWS CROP walk and provides communication of TAC events. The benefits are communication, coordination of events, support in advertising each church's events and collaboration on projects. Parishioners interested in representing our parish, (and we do need representatives) please contact the parish office. The next TAC meeting is Saturday, June 20, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Ulysses (FPCU Fellowship Hall).

## **Celebrating First Communion!**

### **Sunday, July 12, 10:30 AM, Holy Cross Church**

Our parish is joyfully celebrating five children receiving their First Communion this year! We invite you to share in this moment of faith and community. A reception will follow at the Lodi Volunteer Fire Company (8557 NY-414, Lodi, NY 14860). If you would like to contribute refreshments for the reception (breads, salads, drinks), please refer to the sign up sheets placed in the back of the church and contact Kathy Sinkiewicz at 607-869-2285 by June 30. We look forward to welcoming parishioners from all three churches as we celebrate this special day together!

## **Food Pantry—Ways to Donate:**

Our parish supports food pantries located in Interlaken, Lodi, Ovid and Trumansburg. All food pantry donations stay local to help friends and neighbors in our community. Thank you for your support.

- Envelopes are available in the foyers of the churches if you wish to make a monetary donation to our local food pantries. The envelopes may be placed in the collection baskets.
- You may donate online through our website at [marymotherofmercy.com/giving](http://marymotherofmercy.com/giving).
- Food items may be brought to St. Francis and Holy Cross at any time and to St. James on the second Sunday of the month.

## **Trumansburg Community Chorus Concerts**

Friday, May 15 at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 16 at 3:00 p.m. at the 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church sanctuary.

## **Finance Council Meeting**

The Parish Finance Council met on Thursday, April 23, 2026, to review the third quarter financial reports. In brief the parish total operating revenue was \$217,696 and expenses were \$222,916. The good news is the regular Sunday collections were \$15,723 up from the previous year. Regarding the Cemeteries: St. James the Apostle, total operating revenue was \$4,459 and expenses were \$7,281; Holy Cross the total operating revenue was \$13,244 and expenses were \$9,032. The parish fiscal year ends June 30<sup>th</sup>. As is the custom, in early Fall an annual parish financial report will be published to include the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures and Balance Sheet for the Parish and Cemeteries. Your financial support is appreciated greatly. Thank you.

## **Tburg Food Pantry Thank You:**

“Thank you so much for your \$221.00 donation to the Trumansburg Food Pantry. We are grateful for the support from such a caring community. Your kindness enables us to purchase food and personal care items for the families who benefit from our bi-monthly distributions.”

## **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.

## **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).



**Mass Intentions**  
May 2–May 10, 2026

**May 2**  
4:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus  
Ines Destriza  
*from Donna George*

**May 3**  
9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle  
The intentions of Maria Greci  
*from Gerry Todi*

10:30 a.m., Holy Cross  
Kaili Collins and Tom Margeit  
*from Eileen Collins*

**May 9**  
4:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus  
Ines Destriza  
*from Donna George*

**May 10**  
9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle  
The intentions of Patricia Kuntz  
*from Gerry Todi*

**Parish Schedule**  
Week of May 3, 2026

**Sunday, May 3:**  
*Cemetery Collection*  
9:00 a.m.: Mass, St. James  
10:30 a.m.: Mass, Holy Cross  
~Sweet Sunday to follow both Masses!

**Monday, May 4:**  
9:00 a.m.: Communion service, St. James

**Tuesday, May 5:**  
8:10 a.m.: Rosary, St. Francis  
8:30 a.m.: Mass, St. Francis  
7:00 p.m.: Prayer for Healing/Harmony, St. James  
7:30 p.m.: AA Meeting, St. Francis

**Wednesday, May 6:**  
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, May 7:**  
8:10 a.m.: Rosary, St. Francis  
8:30 a.m.: Mass, St. Francis  
6:30 p.m.: Holy Hour, Holy Cross

**Friday, May 8:**  
8:10 a.m.: Rosary, St. Francis  
8:30 a.m.: Mass, St. Francis  
6:30-7:30 p.m.: Sacrament of Reconciliation/  
Personal Dialogue with Fr. Bernard, St. Francis

**Saturday, May 2:**  
4:00 p.m.: Mass w/ Children's Liturgy of the Word,  
St. Francis  
5:00 p.m.: Family Faith Formation, St. Francis

**Food Pantries:**  
◦ Ovid Federated Church: Mon. 10 am & Thurs. 5 pm  
◦ Food Truck: May 5, 4 pm until gone., South Seneca HS  
◦ Interlaken Reformed Church: Fri., 3-6 pm  
◦ Tburg Food Pantry: May 4, 3:30–6 pm, Methodist  
Church  
◦ Lodi's Food 4 All: Sat., 12:30–2 pm, 8446 Main St.

**First Reading:**

The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly. (Acts 6:7)

**Psalm:**

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

**Second Reading:**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. (1 Pt 2:7)

**Gospel:**

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (Jn 14:6)



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