



# 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:**

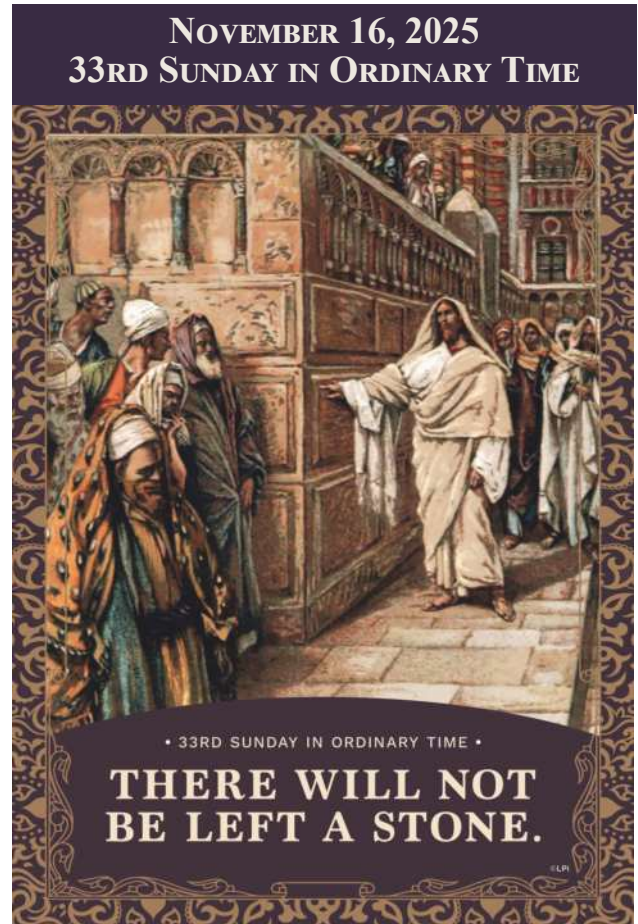
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

**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.*



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**November 16, 2025**  
**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*2025 Roman Catholic Church Jubilee/Holy Year*  
*December 29, 2024 – December 28, 2025*  
*Theme: “Pilgrims of Hope”*

**Funeral:**

A Funeral Mass was celebrated at Holy Cross, Ovid on November 7, 2025 for Bernadette Badalamenti, age 57, who died on October 30, 2025.

**Eucharistic Holy Hour Schedule:**

Parish Holy Hours are currently held on the first Thursday of the month beginning at 6:30 p.m. on a Parish Church rotation schedule. On the first Thursday of December, January, and March, they will be held beginning at 9:00 a.m. following the 8:30 a.m. Mass celebrated in the parish church scheduled for the holy hour. The next Eucharistic Holy Hour will be at Holy Cross Church, Ovid following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Mass will be celebrated at Holy Cross Church.

**Thanksgiving Day Holiday Mass Schedule:**

- Wednesday (November 26): Thanksgiving Mass celebration, 4:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus Church
- Wednesday, Thursday, Friday (November 26-28th): No 8:30 a.m. Mass.

**Christmas Eve Mass Choir Rehearsals:**

Calling all vocalists and instrumentalists! Be part of the music ministry for our Christmas Eve Mass at Holy Cross Church in Ovid. The next rehearsal is December 1 at 12:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Church and continue every other Monday. The Christmas Eve Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 p.m. in Ovid. All musicians are warmly welcome—come share your gifts and help make this celebration joyful!

**Advent Birthright Donations:**

This Advent, our parish is collecting donations for Birthright in Ithaca.

This year, Birthright is requesting: Receiving blankets (boys and girls), Sweaters (sizes Newborn to 6 months), socks (newborn to size 5T), outfits (girls 18 months to 5T), outfits (boys sizes 3T-5T), board books, formula (Enfamil and Gentlease), and Size 5 diapers. Desitin, baby wash and lotion are also a help

Please place your donations near the side altar at St. James or in the foyers of St. Francis Solanus and Holy Cross. Thank you for your support!

**Mitten Tree:**

An Advent tradition at St. James the Apostle is the Mitten Tree. Children's and adults' mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, and socks may be hung on the tree at the front of the church. Items will be brought to Catholic Charities in Ithaca.

**Food Pantry—Ways to Donate:**

Our parish supports food pantries located in Interlaken, Lodi, Ovid and Trumansburg. With the federal SNAP payments delayed, our parish will focus on seeking support for the food pantries through December. All of your donations will stay local to help our 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.

**Share the Warmth:**

The Trumansburg Rotary Club is sponsoring a collection bin on the front porch of the St. James rectory as part of their Share the Warmth campaign that runs through early December. Share the Warmth accepts all winter clothing in good repair: coats, snow pants, boots, hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, etc. Blankets also are welcome. All donations should be new or gently used, and clean for future recipients. Thank you to all who participate.

**Children and Family Faith Formation:**

Families with children in grades K-6 are invited to join our parish Family Faith Formation program. The program includes preparation for First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation. Please register to participate by contacting [immericcy.religioused@dor.org](mailto:immericcy.religioused@dor.org).

**Coffee and Pastries 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.

## 2025-2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

On November 4, 2025, it was reported that fifty-six parish households have pledged \$20,125 to the CMA. 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. Please consider all the ways God has blessed you and your family, and how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work. Our given parish goal is \$32,000.

(This year there is a Diocesan effort to increase the number of donors over CMA 24-25. The parish with the greatest percentage increase in number of donors will be awarded \$5,000. For every parish that increased the number of donors by 10%+ over CMA24-25 will be awarded \$1,000.)

## Needed, Maintenance Coordinators:

Are you handy with odd jobs and willing to donate just an hour or so of your time during the week to help your parish? Man or woman, we are looking for a separate maintenance coordinator for each of our churches. This person would be the point person to handle small jobs that come up, and work with the parish office to contact our vendors for larger repairs/maintenance items. We prayerfully ask you to consider this position, and if you feel the call, please speak with Fr. Bernard or email him at [Fr.Bernard.Maloney@dor.org](mailto:Fr.Bernard.Maloney@dor.org).

## The Word Among Us Booklets:

The booklet titled *The Word Among Us* is available in the foyer of the church. The booklet contains the daily readings and meditations for the month of **November**. Please take one for your home.

## Programs at St. James:

Sister Anne Alderman, SSJ facilitates these programs at St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg. If you have questions about any of these programs, contact Sister Anne at 607-209-4206 or [a.alder1980@gmail.com](mailto:a.alder1980@gmail.com).

- Prayer for Healing and Harmony: Wednesdays, 2:00 p.m.; 1st and 3rd Tuesdays (November 18), 7:00 p.m.

This time of silent prayer provides an opportunity for personal reflection and healing. The session closes with a time to share any reflections that came to you. You do not need to attend every session.

- Book Study — Following Jesus by Henri Nouwen: Wednesdays, 3:15 p.m.

## Holiday Songs at the Ovid Winter Festival:

On Saturday, December 6 at 1:00 p.m., at Papa Bear, in Ovid Enjoy popular Christmas songs from your favorite holiday movies, performed live by our Holy Cross Musicians. Let's come together to share the joy of the season and spread some holiday cheer!

## Notre Dame Retreat House:

- November 18: "The Body & Soul's Journey through Grieving":
  - December 1: Sacred Stillness Day
  - December 13: Advent Day Retreat, "*Blessed are they that Hope in the Lord: Advent Meditations on the Virtue of Hope*," with Deacon Ed Knauf
  - December 15: Sacred Stillness Day
  - December 5-7: Noel Retreat Weekend (women in recovery) "*Acting in Stillness*" with Deb Helton
- For more information visit [notredameretreat.org](http://notredameretreat.org)

## Children's Book Fair:

COLLIS Institute and Immaculate Conception Parish will be hosting an Ignatius Press Children's Book Fair at Immaculate Conception Church in Ithaca December 6–8 with 10% of sales going to a Catholic kid's summer camp in 2026. The schedule is: December 6, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. and 5:30–7:00 p.m.; December 7, 9:30–10:15 a.m.; and December 8 after the 12:10 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Masses. There will be family activities taking place during the fair on December 6 (St. Nicholas Day), including a St. Nicholas Day storytime and visit from St. Nick!



### Coffee and Pastries

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

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



## 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](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 at [eileen.heptig@dor.org](mailto:eileen.heptig@dor.org).





**November 16, 2025**

**First Reading:**

But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays. (Mal. 3:20)

**Psalm:**

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice. (Ps. 98)

**Second Reading:**

Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us. (2 Thes. 3:9)

**Gospel:**

"You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives." (Lk. 21:17-19)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

*November 15–23, 2025*

**Saturday, November 15**

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

**Sunday, November 16**

9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle  
William Salomone  
*from Mark and Linda Scibilia-Carver*

**Saturday, November 22**

4:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus  
Joseph Roman Hamula  
*from Scott and Robin Hamula*

**Sunday, November 23**

9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle  
The poor souls in Purgatory  
*from Gerry Todi*

10:30 a.m., Holy Cross  
Parishioners and benefactors

**Prayer of St. Gertrude:**

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

**Parish Schedule**  
**Week of November 16, 2025**

**Sunday, November 16:**

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

**Monday, November 17:**

Communion Service: 9:00 a.m., St. James  
Choir rehearsal: 12:00 p.m., Holy Cross

**Tuesday, November 18:**

Rosary: 8:10 a.m., St. Francis  
Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. Francis  
Prayer for Healing/Harmony: 7:00 p.m., St. James

**Wednesday, November 19:**

Rosary: 8:10 a.m., St. Francis  
Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. Francis  
Coffee and Pastries: 9:00 a.m., St. Francis  
Prayer for Healing/Harmony: 2:00 p.m., St. James  
Book Study: 3:15 p.m., St. James

**Thursday, November 20:**

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

**Friday, November 21:**

Rosary: 8:10 a.m., St. Francis  
Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. Francis  
Sacrament of Reconciliation/personal dialogue with Fr. Bernard: 6:30-7:30 p.m., St. Francis Solanus

**Saturday, November 22:**

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

**Food Pantries:**

- Ovid Federated Church: Mon. 10:00 a.m. & Thurs. 5:00 p.m.
- Food Truck: Dec. 2, 4:00 p.m. until gone., South Seneca High School
- Interlaken Reformed Church: Fridays., 3:00-6:00 pm
- Tburg Food Pantry: Nov. 17, 3:30–6:00 p.m., Methodist Church
- Lodi's Food 4 All: Saturdays, 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., 8466 Main St., Lodi

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

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