



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:

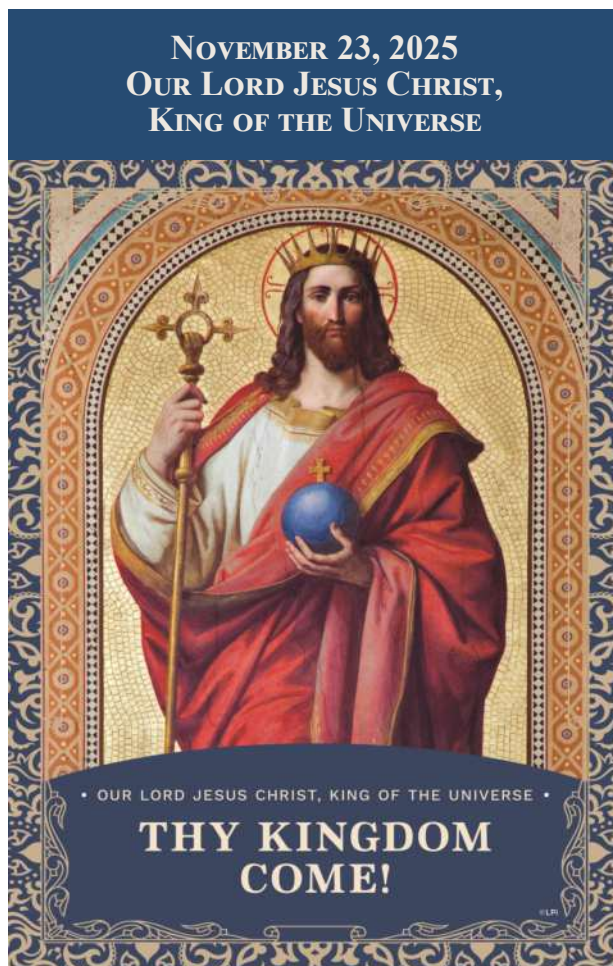
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

**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 23, 2025

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

2025 Roman Catholic Church Jubilee/Holy Year

December 29, 2024 – December 28, 2025

Theme: "Pilgrims of Hope"

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.**

Saturday Classes:

All those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, including those hoping to celebrate the sacraments, are invited to classes with Fr. Bernard following the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturdays at St. Francis Solanus. (The exception is the second Sunday of the month.)

This is an excellent opportunity to discuss a variety of topics related to Catholicism and Jesus Christ. Please contact the parish office or speak with Fr. Bernard for more details.

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!

Angel Tree Tags:

The Angel Trees will soon be up at both St. Francis and Holy Cross Churches for the *Seneca County Community Christmas Project*! If you take a child's tag, the gifts must be returned **no later than Sunday, December 7th**. Please **do not wrap** the gifts – parents need to see what has been given for their children. Please include the tag information where it can easily be seen.

If you would like to participate but would prefer not to take a tag from the tree, gift cards from Walmart would be appreciated and would be going to families from our local communities.

If you have any questions, please contact Gerry Frank at 607 869 5009 or email gfrank@ottcmail.com.

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.
- 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.

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.

Catholic U Collection:

Next weekend, we take up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university, in the heart of Washington, D.C., with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs. Donations support future Catholic leaders who are being formed by a faith-rooted education. A few examples of how the University serves the Church and nation include The Catholic Project, an initiative that aims to heal the breach of trust many have experienced as a result of the crisis in the Church; a master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management; and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers. Visit collection.catholic.edu to learn more.

Christmas Eve Mass Choir Rehearsals:

The next Holy Cross choir rehearsal is December 1 at 12:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Church. 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!

2026 Calendars and Boxed Offering Envelopes:

Parish Calendars for next year (2026) have been placed in the foyers of the churches. Parishioners are welcome to take one for their home.

2026 boxed offering envelopes are available for pick up at each church. If you did not order a box and would like one, please contact the parish office.

The Word Among Us Booklets—Advent:

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 Advent season. Please take one for your home.

2025-2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

On November 11, 2025, it was reported that sixty-eight parish households have pledged \$24,535 to the CMA. This represents 76.67% of our given parish goal. The parish goal is \$32,000. 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. (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.)

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 immercy.religioused@dor.org.

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.

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!

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!

Gospel Way Concert:

The Trumansburg First Baptist Church, (4443 E. Seneca Rd. Trumansburg) on Sunday, December 7, at 4:00 p.m. is sponsoring a *Gospel Way Concert*. The Gospel Way is a gospel/acoustic band spreading the word singing and picking the Gospel tunes they love! There will be a free will offering, proceeds going to the Trumansburg Area Christmas Bureau.

November 23, 2025

First Reading:

“And the LORD said to you, ‘You shall shepherd my people Israel and shall be commander of Israel.’”
(2 Sm. 5:2)

Psalm:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. (Ps. 122)

Second Reading:

For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross through him, whether those on earth or those in heaven. (Col. 1:19-20)

Gospel:

He replied to him, “Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” (Lk. 23:43)

MASS INTENTIONS

November 22–30, 2025

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

Saturday, November 29

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

John and Marilyn Maleski

from children Kayanne, Deb, and Charles

Sunday, November 30

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

The poor souls in Purgatory

from Marguerite Lester

10:30 a.m., Holy Cross

Parishioners and benefactors

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

November 23-29 2025

Holy Cross

Glenn and Mary Rose Corcoran
from the Corcoran family

Parish Schedule
Week of November 23, 2025

Sunday, November 23:

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

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

Monday, November 24:

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

Tuesday, November 25:

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

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

Wednesday, November 26:

No 8:30 a.m. Mass

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

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

Thanksgiving Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m., St. Francis

Thursday, November 27: Thanksgiving

No Mass

Friday, November 28:

No Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation/personal dialogue with

Fr. Bernard: 6:30-7:30 p.m., St. Francis Solanus

Saturday, November 29:

Catholic U Second Collection

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

Adult Formation/Confirmation: 5:15

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: Dec. 1, 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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