



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.*

NOVEMBER 30, 2025
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had
known the hour of night when the thief was
coming, he would have stayed awake." - Mt 24:43

Parish Center :

St. Francis Solanus
P.O. Box 403
Interlaken, NY 14847

Phone: 607-294-0064

E mail: immmercy@dor.org

Website: marymotherofmercy.com

@: [@marymotherofmercyparish](https://www.instagram.com/marymotherofmercyparish)

Office Hours:

M, T, W: 2:00–5:00 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Bernard M. Maloney, OFM Cap.

Administrative Assistant: Susan Guydosh
Susan.Guydosh@dor.org

Business Manager: Eileen Heptig
Eileen.Heptig@dor.org

Cemetery Manager: Pamela Jones
pamela.jones@dor.org or 315-283-8042

In residence at St. Fidelis Friary:
Rev. Brendan Buckley, OFM Cap.

November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

2025 Roman Catholic Church Jubilee/Holy Year

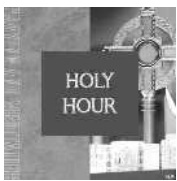
December 29, 2024 – December 28, 2025

Theme: "Pilgrims of Hope"

First Sunday of Advent:

The beginning of the new Church year begins today, the First Sunday of Advent. "Advent has a two-fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight."

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, December 4th. Mass is at 8:30 a.m., and the Holy Hour will follow beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet at St. James the Apostle:

This Friday, and each First Friday, there is a recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet beginning at 3:00 p.m. at St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg.

Patronal Feast Day of the U.S.:

Monday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is the patronal feast day of the United States of America and a holy day of obligation. There will be two Masses:

- ° 9:00 a.m. at St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg, and
- ° 6:00 p.m. Mass at Holy Cross, Ovid.

Saturday Classes:

All those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, including those hoping to celebrate of Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, 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.

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.

Angel Tree Tags:

The Angel Trees are up at 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. Walmart Gift cards are also appreciated.

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 mary-motherofmercy.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.

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.

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!

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, blankets etc. All donations should be new or gently used, and clean for future recipients. Thank you to all who participate.

Christmas Flower Offering:

Next weekend is the annual Christmas Flower Offering collection. Your offerings help provide the beautiful flowers and decorations that adorn our three churches at Christmas each year.

Catholic U Collection:

This weekend, we take up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university in 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. Visit collection.catholic.edu to learn more.

Sweet Sunday:

Next Sunday, and the first Sunday of every month, there is a social time following both the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. James the Apostle and the 10:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross. All are welcome.

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 18, 2025, it was reported that seventy-three parish households have pledged \$26,140 to the CMA. This represents 81.69% 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.)

Permanent Diaconate:

Our parishioner **Mr. Matthew Hall** has been enrolled in the Permanent Diaconate Program at St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry. Bishop Salvatore R. Matano will confer the Ministry of Acolyte on Mr. Hall on Sunday, December 14, 2025, at Sacred Heart Cathedral at the 11:15 a.m. Mass. As an instituted Acolyte, Mr. Hall will assume greater responsibility for the care, adoration and reverence of the Most Holy Eucharist.

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Wednesday, December 24

° 4:00 p.m., St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg

° 8:00 p.m., Holy Cross, Ovid

Thursday, December 25

° 9:00 a.m., St. Francis Solanus, Interlaken

National Eucharistic Congress:

The bishops of the United States have voted to move forward with hosting the next Eucharistic Congress. The Eleventh National Eucharistic Congress will take place in 2029.

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 immmercy.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 30, 2025

First Reading:

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isa. 2:5)

Psalm:

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

Second Reading:

You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. (Rom. 13:11)

Gospel:

"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." (Mt. 24:44)

MASS INTENTIONS

November 29–December 7, 2025

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

Wednesday, December 3

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

Patricia A Werfelman

From Mary Ruckdeschel

Saturday, December 6

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

Leonard George Pratt

from Scott and Robin Hamula

Sunday, December 7

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

Peter Coats

from Liz Coats

10:30 a.m., Holy Cross

Parishioners and benefactors

**Parish Schedule
Week of November 30, 2025**

Sunday, November 30:

Catholic U Second Collection

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

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

Monday, December 1:

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

Christmas Choir Rehearsal: 12:00 p.m., Holy Cross

Tuesday, December 2:

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, December 3:

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

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

Prayer for Healing/Harmony: 1:00 p.m., St. James

Book Study: 2:15 p.m., St. James

Thursday, December 4:

Mass: 8:30 a.m., Holy Cross

Holy Hour: 9:00 a.m., Holy Cross

Friday, December 5: First Friday

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

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

Divine Mercy Chaplet: 3:00 p.m., St. James

Sacrament of Reconciliation/personal dialogue with

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

Saturday, December 6: First Saturday

Christmas Flower Collection

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

Adult Formation/Confirmation Class: 5:00 p.m.,
St. Francis

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., Meth-
odist 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



All Major & Minor Auto Repairs

INTERLAKEN AUTO REPAIR

Oil Changes • Tires • NYS Inspections • Brakes

8260 MAIN STREET, INTERLAKEN • 607-532-4866

SIDILE
INSURANCE & RISK MANAGEMENT
Service is our Product



219 S. Catherine Street, PO Box 802, Montour Falls, NY 14865
(607) 387-5258 • www.sidleinsurance.com



Sara Rovitz

NYS LICENSED REAL ESTATE
SALESPERSON

c: **845-798-1956**



The Jill Burlington Team
Warren Real Estate

catholicmatch®
New York



CatholicMatch.com/NY

Locally Owned & Operated



SHUR-SAVE

2085 NY 96
Trumansburg, NY
607-387-3701

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Place Your Ad Here
and Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME
Chris Reeves

creeves@4LPi.com or
(800) 477-4574 x6206



FINGER LAKES

Forest Management &
Timber Harvesting, LLC

President: William H. Jennings
AAS Forest Technology
BS Ecological Forest Management

RESIDENTIAL TREE SERVICES

- Pruning
- Planting
- Removal
- Cabling
- Stump Grinding
- Viewshed Clearing
- Lot Clearing
- Forest Mulching

607-532-4458

DOES YOUR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION NEED A NEWSLETTER?

Engaging, ad-supported
print and digital
newsletters to reach
your community.

Visit lpicomunities.com

**OUR COMMUNITY
NEWSLETTER**
OCTOBER EDITION



Scan to
contact us!

ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide



Authorized
Provider

SafeStreets

833-287-3502

IF YOU LIVE ALONE You Need

MDMedAlert!™

- ✓ Ambulance
- ✓ Police
- ✓ Family
- ✓ GPS & Fall Alert

As Low As
\$19⁹⁵
/mo.



CALL NOW! 800.808.9294

md-medalert.com



★ **ROCKSTAR** ★

JUNK REMOVAL & DUMPSTER RENTALS

Specializing in Residential & Commercial Clean Outs

315-418-8692

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!



Ad info. 1-800-477-4574 • Publication Support 1-800-888-4574 • www.4lp.com

Mary Mother of Mercy, Interlaken, NY 03-1176