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
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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

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.

October 18, 2026



Parish Center :
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October 18, 2026

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pope Leo XIV: 2026 Year of St. Francis– 800th anniversary of his death



World Mission Sunday

World Mission Day was first established by Pope Pius XI in October 1926. This year the Church celebrates the 100th World Mission Day on Sunday, October 18, 2026. As the Church prepares to celebrate this day, Pope Leo XIV calls us to unity in Christ, love, and renewed missionary commitment "with joy and zeal in the Holy Spirit" in his first World Mission Sunday Message: “One in Christ, united in mission."

The World Mission Sunday collection supports 1,124 mission territories – places where the Church is young, growing, poor, persecuted and in need of support. This collection funds the formation of seminarians, catechists, and religious sisters, builds churches and schools, and sustains healthcare and social outreach programs.

Please be generous in this week’s special collection. Visit pontificalmissions.org/wms-2026 for more information.

Mass for our Blessed Mother:

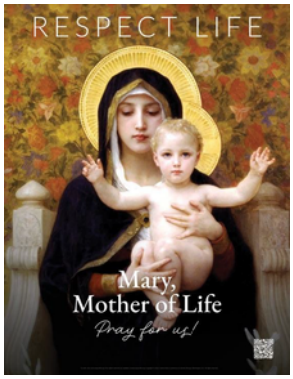
The month of October is dedicated our blessed Mother. Friday, October 30, will be the closing of the Marian Devotion. On this Friday we will have a special Mass at 8:30 a.m. at St. Francis Solanus, Interlaken, followed by a social. All of you are welcome.

All Soul’s Day-- November 2nd:

On Monday, November 2, All Souls’ Day, there will be an 8:30 a.m. Mass to commemorate All Souls’ Day. The names of all those whose burial took place through the ministry of the Parish of Mary, Mother of Mercy during the past year will be announced, and a candle will be lit in remembrance of them.

It is custom that the names of one’s beloved deceased be submitted to be remembered and prayed for on that day and throughout the month of November. Envelopes are available in the churches to record the names of those to be remembered and prayed for. The envelopes will remain on the altar for the month of November.

There will be no 9:00 a.m. commion service at St. James the Apostle on November 2.



Respect Life Month

Every October, the Church in the U.S. celebrates Respect Life Month. We reflect on the gift of every human life and how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death.

Word of Life

“I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. …But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. …The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.”

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2026-2027 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)
The active phase of our parish CMA campaign continues. By now, you should have received a special letter in the mail with a personalized pledge card. If you have not received a mailing, pledge envelopes are available in the foyers of the churches. Thank you to everyone who has responded with a gift or pledge. If you have not yet responded, please preayerfully consider a gift. the CMA provides funding for important progams, services, and ministiries that strengthen our whole Church. Every gift to the CMA helps those in need, supports the mission of the church, and comes back to help our parish. Thank you. Let us continue to pray for the success of our efforts.

Birthright Celebration:
Birthright of Ithaca is celebrating 45 years of service in Tompkins and surrounding counties! We will be celebrating with a luncheon and silent auction at Greek Peak on October 24 from 11:30am - 3:00pm. Be on the lookout for further information; visit our website for updates: birthright.org/Ithaca

COLLIS Institute:
Join COLLIS Institute for an evening with Catholic philosopher Jennifer Frey, in conversation with Dean Peter Loewen (Cornell College of Arts and Sciences) to explore what a university education is actually for, how AI might contribute to (or threaten) this purpose, and what the Christian intellectual tradition has to say about the proper ends of education. "Why are We Here? On the Proper Ends of Undergraduate Education." 5:00-6:30pm, Thursday, Oct. 22 | Cornell University or Zoom. More information at collisinstitute.org

Programs at St. James:
· Prayer for Healing and Harmony: Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.; 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 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 —Anam Cara by John O'Donohue: Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m.

Notre Dame High School Open House
Notre Dame High School, Grades 7–12, invites prospective students and their families to an Open House on Wednesday, November 4, from 6:00–7:00 p.m. Check-in begins at 5:45 pm. Come discover what makes Notre Dame a special place to learn and grow, with opportunities in academics, athletics, the arts, and a wide variety of extracurricular activities. Learn more about our welcoming community and college-preparatory education rooted in the traditions of the Sisters of Mercy. Notre Dame is located at 1400 Maple Avenue in Elmira and offers a fee-for-service transportation option for students from Ithaca and surrounding areas. Questions or to RSVP, Contact Nick Weiermiller, Director of Admissions, at 607-734-2267.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Worldwide Marriage Encounter is an enrichment Weekend for marriedcouples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. The next WorldWide Marriage Encounter Weekend is planned for November 20-22, 2026 at Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua, NY. Register on line at wwme.org. There is a $100 Application Fee. For Information contact Mike and Kathy Williams, MikeandKathyw@gmail.com or call 585-872-5432 or 585-217-3899.

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.

Food Pantries:
° Ovid Federated Church: Mon. 10 am & Thurs. 5 pm
° Food Truck: 10/13, 4 pm, South Seneca HS
° Interlaken Reformed Church: Fri., 3-6 pm
° Tburg Food Pantry: October 12, 3:30–6 pm, Methodist Church
° Lodi's Food 4 All: Sat., 12:30–2 pm, 8446 Main St.

Mass Intentions
October 17–25, 2026

October 17
4:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus
Parishioners and benefactors

October 18
9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle
Millie McDonald
from Judith A. Wilson

October 24
4:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus
Parishioners and benefactors

October 25
9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle
Jack and Betty Swartz
Tim and Debbie Swartz

First Reading:
Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him. (Is. 45:1)

Psalm:
Give the Lord glory and honor. (Ps. 96)

Second Reading:
We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love. (1 Thes. 1:2-3)

Gospel:
"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." (Mt. 22:21)



Parish Schedule
Week of October 18, 2026

Sunday, October 18:
World Mission Sunday second collection
9:00 a.m.: Mass, St. James
10:30 a.m.: Mass, Holy Cross

Monday, October 19:
9:00 a.m.: Communion service, St. James

Tuesday, October 20:
8:10 a.m.: Rosary, St. Francis
8:30 a.m.: Mass, St. Francis
7:30 p.m.: AA Meeting, St. Francis

Wednesday, October 21:
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
6:45 p.m.: Adult Formation/OCIA, St. Francis

Thursday, October 22:
8:10 a.m.: Rosary, St. Francis
8:30 a.m.: Mass, St. Francis

Friday, October 23:
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, St. Francis

Saturday, October 24:
4:00 p.m.: Mass, St. Francis

Mass for our Blessed Mother followed by a social
October 30
8:30 a.m. Mass, St. Francis Solanus



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