



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

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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October 4, 2026

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Message from the Pastor

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi – 800th Anniversary

Dear Parish Family,

On October 4, we joyfully celebrate the Feast of **St. Francis of Assisi**, while remembering the **800th anniversary of this death**. Though eight centuries have passed, the gentle spirit of Francis continues to touch hearts and inspire lives.

Francis discovered that true happiness does not come from having more, but from **loving more**. He chose a simple life, embraced the poor, cared for creation, and sought to bring peace wherever he went. His life reminds us of that holiness often begins with small acts of love, kindness, forgiveness, and compassion.

Perhaps one of the most beautiful prayers associated with the St. Francis he asks God to make us **“instruments of your peace.”** What a beautiful invitation for our families and our parish today! In a world that can sometimes be divided and wounded, we can bring peace through a kind word, a listening heart, a forgiving spirit, and a helping hand.

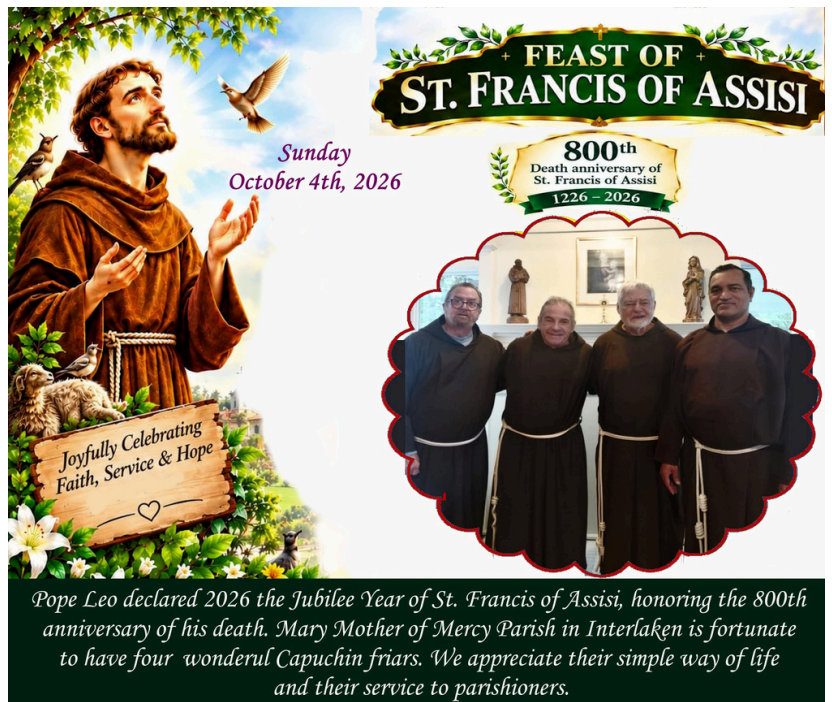
May St. Francis help us to see God’s presence in every person and to appreciate the beauty of creation that God has entrusted to us. May his joyful and humble example draw us closer to Christ and to one another.

On this special anniversary, may we take to heart the spirit of St. Francis:
live simply, love deeply, forgive generously, care for creation, and bring peace wherever we go.

St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us and for our parish family.

Peace and all good!

Fr. Robert Lasrado OFM Cap.



Blessing of Animals

The Blessing of Animals will take place at 2:00 p.m. at the parish center, St. Francis Solanus, Interlaken.

Respect Life Sunday:

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.

Respect Life Reflection:

“When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to tell her that she would conceive and bear a son, Mary responded with her fiat, “May it be done to me according to your word” (Lk 1:38). Mary conceives Christ in her womb, becoming the mother of God, the mother of Jesus. Jesus himself tells us that he is “the way and the truth and the life” (Jn 14:6). In becoming the mother of Jesus, Mary becomes the mother of life. Mary’s acceptance in this unforeseen moment demonstrates how each of us must welcome the gift of new human life, even when that gift is unexpected or calls us to make sacrifices.”

[USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities]

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 24th, 2026 at 11:30am - 3:00pm. Be on the lookout for further information; visit our website for updates: Birthright.org/Ithaca

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: September 28, 3:30–6 pm, Methodist Church
- Lodi’s Food 4 All: Sat., 12:30–2 pm, 8446 Main St.

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.

2026-2027 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

The Diocese of Rochester has launched the 2026-2027 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). The purpose and necessity for the CMA is unchanged after more than 45 years. We are responsible for continuing the Church’s mission through good times and bad – through prosperous times and lean times. People are still poor, hungry, in need of pastoral care, education and employment. The faithful need ministry and a vibrant parish life. Our youth and young adults are yearning to learn and grow in the relationship with Christ. The Church and our Diocese are in need trained and educated seminarians, deacons, and pastoral leaders to lead our Church into the future. We are called to meet these needs.

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.

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.

- 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.

Mass Intentions
October 4–11, 2026

October 3

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

October 4

9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle
Harvey and Nancy Elderbroom
from Tim and Debbie Swartz

October 7

8:30 a.m., St. Francis Solanus
Marilynn Frank
from Gerry Frank

October 10

4:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus
The intentions of Adam
and Christopher Nagel
In thanksgiving
from Christine Nagel

October 11

9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle
Jim Doolittle
from Kathleen Rourke

First Reading:

What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done?
Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth
wild grapes? (Is. 5:4)

Psalm:

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. (Is. 5:7a)

Second Reading:

Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard
and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.
(Phil. 4:9)

Gospel:

“What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when
he comes?” They answered him, “He will put those wretched
men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other
tenants.” (Mt. 21:41)

Parish Schedule
Week of October 4, 2026

Sunday, October 4: *Respect Life Sunday*

Cemetery Collection

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

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

~Sweet Sunday to follow both Masses!

2:00 p.m.: Blessing of Animals, St. Francis

Monday, October 5:

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

Tuesday, October 6:

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, October 7:

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

7:00 p.m.: Adult Formation/OCIA, St. Francis

Thursday, October 8:

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

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

Friday, October 9:

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 10:

4:00 p.m.: Mass w/ Children's Liturgy of the
Word, St. Francis



Blessing of Animals

Sunday, October 4
2:00 p.m.

St. Francis Solanus, Interlaken

All pets receive a St. Francis of Assisi pet tag!



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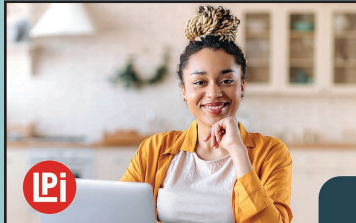
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