



# 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.*

## SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



### THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man." For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:13, 17

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass 62001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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**September 14, 2025**  
**Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

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

**Parish Picnic—This Sunday:**

All are invited to the annual Parish Picnic celebrating our parish feast day, Mary, Mother of Mercy. The picnic is this Sunday, September 14, at 1:00 p.m. at the St. Fidelis Friary Boathouse, 7790 County Rd 153, Interlaken.

The picnic is a dish-to-pass. The parish will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks.

Volunteers are needed to move tables and chairs, assist with set-up, parking, and clean-up. Please contact the parish office at 607-294-0064 if you would like to help. Thank you!

**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](mailto:immmercy.religioused@dor.org).

**Confirmation Preparation & Adult Study:**

Students in eighth grade and above who have not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation and adults desiring to celebrate Baptism, or Confirmation / First Holy Communion, and everyone desiring to know more about our faith are invited to attend classes on Saturdays (with one exception: the second Saturday of the month) from 5:00–6:15 p.m. in the St. Francis Solanus Annex. The first class is on September 20th.

**CROP Walk—September 28:**

The annual CROP Hunger Walk is on its way! The First Baptist Church, 443 East Seneca Street will be hosting it on September 28 at 2 p.m. We are looking for walkers to represent our parish. Twenty-five percent of what is raised goes directly to Trumansburg Food Pantry which serves over 100 families! You can donate online at [events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/mary-mother-of-mercy-parish](https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/mary-mother-of-mercy-parish)

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development:**

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Nearly 38 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

**Pax Christi USA & Conscientious Objection:**

There has been no military draft since the Viet Nam War. It is important to consider it could be reinstated. Conscientious Objection, within the context of a military draft, is the practice of an individual's refusal to participate in war which they consider incompatible with their moral, religious, or ethical beliefs. Under United States law, all male citizens and immigrants residing in the US, including conscientious objectors, are required to register with the Selective Service System within 30 days of their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. If there is a new draft, those who are “selected” by local draft boards will have the opportunity to make a claim for classification as a conscientious objector. If this status is granted, the CO will be offered either “Alternative Service” (which could include work in the public sector, education, healthcare, etc.) or non-combatant military service. In the event of a draft, written documentation or personal appearances by people who can attest to a CO's claims of nonviolent values are fundamentally vital to receiving CO status. The proclamation document would serve as valuable proof of one's longstanding beliefs regarding nonviolence. If you are a conscientious objector between the ages of 16-35, you may wish to sign a new Registry for Catholics that is being kept by Pax Christi USA. For more information contact the Parish Office.

**Season of Creation:**

The Catholic Church participates annually in the *Season of Creation*, an ecumenical observance that begins on September 1 and concludes on October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This year's theme is “Peace with Creation.” Pope Leo, together with faith, political and scientific leaders will gather for a Season of Creation conference on October 1-3, 2025. The conference will celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis' landmark encyclical letter on the environment. If interested one can register for the livestream.

### **Vocational Discernment Weekend:**

Come & See Discernment Weekend! Join the friars and other men between the ages of 18 and 40 discerning Capuchin Franciscan life as we gather for a weekend of community, prayer, contemplation, Mass, and Adoration. Explore Capuchin Franciscan history, spirituality, and the many saints of the Capuchin order. All set amidst the scenic beauty of Cayuga Lake, from 5 pm, September 19, to 1 pm, September 21, 2025, at St. Fidelis Friary in Interlaken, NY. For more info, contact Fr. Erik Lenhart, OFM, Cap. (857) 615-3893 or [vocations@capuchin.org](mailto:vocations@capuchin.org).

### **Divine Mercy Chaplet:**

On First Fridays there will be a recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 p.m. at St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg. The next recitation is Friday, October 3rd.

### **2025-2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)**

The Diocese of Rochester's first CMA mailing to parishioners will be the week of September 22, 2025. Parishes will launch the Appeal on the weekend of September 28, 2025. Our parish given goal this year is \$32,000.

### **Cemeteries:**

The Parish of Mary, Mother of Mercy has two cemeteries, St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg, and Holy Cross, Ovid. To purchase the right to burial in a grave in the traditional part of the cemetery is \$900. To purchase the right to burial in the green section of St. James the Apostle cemetery is \$1,000. For the interment of a body in an already purchased plot is \$900 and for the interment of cremains in an already purchased plot is \$700. Regarding burials, between November 1 and April 1 there is an additional charge of \$100 and burials on any given weekend or holiday are an additional cost of \$250.

### **Day of the Dead Mask Making Workshop:**

The Trumansburg Conservatory is celebrating Hispanic Heritage month with a fun and FREE art workshop for children ages 7 and up on Saturday, September 20, from 1:00-4:00 p.m., at St. James the Apostle Church. Their third annual Día de Muertos mask making workshop will feature sugar skull mask materials, make-up and hair design stations, and crepe paper flower areas. The workshop is a precursor to a larger Day of the Dead celebration scheduled for later this fall.

### **The Trumansburg Food Pantry:**

The parish received a "Thank you" from the Pantry for donations received stating: "Your kindness enables us to purchase food and personal care items for the families who benefit from your bi-monthly distributions."

### **Bible Study**

Romulus NY Community Bible Study begins September 16, 2025 (30 Weeks in Psalms). There are separate men's and women's groups. Contact Margaret Brewster, 607-229-5524m [nbrewster160@gmail.com](mailto:nbrewster160@gmail.com)

### **COLLIS Lecture:**

Notre Dame professor David Cloutier will be giving a lecture at COLLIS Institute (Cornell), "Why Luxury is a Vice--And Not Necessarily Good for the Economy Either," at 6:00 p.m. on September 18. Find out more info and register to attend in-person or on Zoom at <https://collisinstitute.org/upcoming-events>.

### **Notre Dame Retreat House:**

- September 19: "*Grace with Aging/Aging with Grace*" Senior Luncheon Series (FREE) With Sr. Elaine Englert, SSJ Rochester
- September 26-28: Women's Retreat "*Walking in Friendship with God: Pilgrims of Hope*" with Fr. Philip Dabney, C.Ss.R., Teresa Dunn, Nancy Lynch & Jodie Scordo

For more information visit [notredameretreat.org](http://notredameretreat.org)



### **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).



**September 14, 2025**

**First Reading:**

“We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you. Pray the LORD to take the serpents from us.” (Nm. 21:7)

**Psalm:**

Do not forget the works of the Lord! (Ps. 78)

**Second Reading:**

He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. (Phil. 2:8)

**Gospel:**

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (Jn. 3:16)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

*September 13–21, 2025*

**Saturday, September 13**

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

**Sunday, August 14**

9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle  
The intentions of Tara L. Peterson  
*from Carol Ann Kuklo*

10:30 a.m., Holy Cross  
Alvin Deming  
*from Leona Deming*

**Thursday, September 18**

8:30 a.m., St. Francis Solanus  
The intentions of Yessenia Vargas  
*from Carol Ann Kuklo*

**Saturday, September 20**

4:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus  
Eileen Mikorski  
*from Tom Manahan*

**Sunday, September 21**

9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle  
Rogelio Mendez Flores  
*from the Mendez family*

10:30 a.m., Holy Cross  
Henry and Ida Bromka  
*from the Bromka family*

**Parish Schedule**  
**Week of September 14, 2025**

**Sunday, September 14:**

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

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

Parish Picnic: 1:00 p.m., St. Fidelis Friary Boathouse

**Monday, September 15:**

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

**Tuesday, September 16:**

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, September 17:**

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, September 18:**

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

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

**Friday, September 19:**

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, September 20:**

*Human Development collection*

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

Adult Faith Formation: 5:00 p.m., St. Francis

**Food Pantries:**

◦ Ovid Federated Church: Mon. 10 am, Thurs. 5 pm

◦ Food Truck: Oct 6, 4 pm until gone., South Seneca HS

◦ Interlaken Reformed Church: Fri., 3-6 pm

◦ Tburg Food Pantry: Sept. 22, 3:30–6 pm, Methodist Church

◦ Lodi's Community Pantry: Sat., 12:30–2pm. Lodi Rod & Gun Club







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