



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*

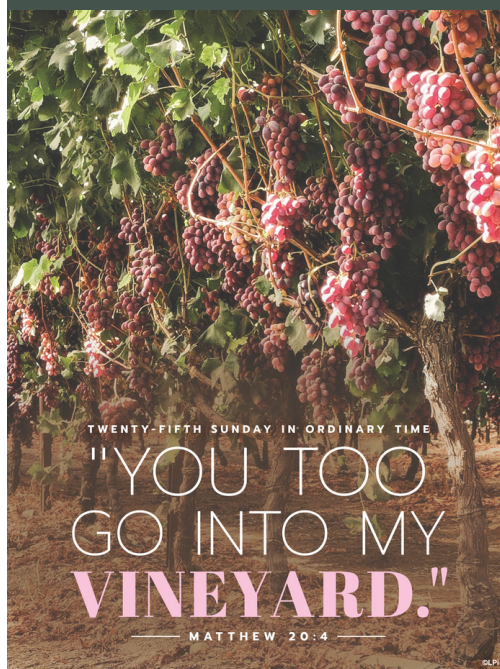
Weekend Mass:
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

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.

September 20, 2026
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Parish Center :

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September 20, 2026

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Welcome Father Robert!



CROP Hunger Walk '26:

Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty (CROP) will hold the annual Tom Lange Memorial CROP Hunger Walk next Sunday, September 27th beginning at St. James the Apostle Church, at 1:30 p.m. It is a community walk, people walking together in demonstration of the need to help curb poverty and support food pantries. Participants get sponsors to support them in their walk or sponsor themselves. To register, sponsor someone, or donate, please see Camile Taranto, present outside after Mass at St. James the Apostle Church.

Adult Christian Formation

People interested in the Catholic Church and Catholics desiring to celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Holy Communion are invited to participate in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). Classes are held on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis Solanus Church, Interlaken. Everyone is welcome to attend the classes.

Blessing of Animals--October 4:

The Blessing of Animals will take place Sunday, October 4, at 2:00 p.m. at the parish center, St. Francis Solanus, Interlaken.



October 4th is the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi who had a love for all God's creation. It is traditional to bless animals on his feast day.

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

Beatification: Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

The sixth Bishop of Rochester, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, will be beatified in St. Louis, MO on September 24, 2026. On Tuesday, September 29, 2026, a first-class relic of Bishop Sheen will be received at a special Mass at 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester. All are invited to this special event. There will also be an opportunity to celebrate the beatification with Bishop Jonn Bonnici when the first-class relic will be brought to St. Stephen's Church, Geneva on Thursday, October 1, 2026, and at Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca, Wednesday, November 4, 2026, beginning with a 7:00 p.m. Mass and veneration of the relic.



Break the Cycle of Poverty-Support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development:

At the Masses this weekend, we'll be taking up a collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. CCHD addresses the root causes of poverty in America by supporting grassroots, self-help organizations of low-income people. Here in our Diocese, many life-changing community organizations have been funded with major CCHD national grants, including the Tompkins County Workers' Center, and a land trust of low-income people becoming homeowners in inner city Rochester. By supporting this collection, you are standing with people on the margins and making positive social change. You can give at church or online at our parish web site, under "Second Collections".

Peace Week 2026--Taizé prayer service:

The Catholic parishes of Tompkins County cordially invite you to join them for the final event of Peace Week, a Taizé Prayer Service for Peace, this Monday September 21, 7:00 p.m., at St. Catherine of Siena church. The ecumenical service will include song and quiet reflection. Please join in praying for peace amid the violence plaguing the world.

The Word Among Us Booklets:

October Word Among Us booklets are now available in the foyers of the churches. The booklets contain the daily readings and meditations for the month of October. Please take one for your home. Envelopes are available if you'd like to make a free will donation to defray the cost of the booklets.

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.

Parish Cemeteries

To purchase the right to burial plot at St. James the Apostle Cemetery, Trumansburg, and Holy Cross Cemetery, Ovid is nine-hundred dollars (\$900). St. James the Apostle Cemetery has a green section, that is, burial without a casket and vault, the cost is one-thousand dollars (\$1,000). At the time of burial, the opening and closing of the grave is nine hundred (\$900) for a traditional burial and for cremains is seven hundred (\$700). Additional charges: for burials between November 1 and April 1 is one-hundred dollars (\$100) and for burials on weekends and holidays is two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250).

Food Pantry—Ways to Donate:

Our parish supports food pantries located in Interlaken, Ovid and Trumansburg.

All of your donations 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.

Catholic Quotes--Words to Inspire the Faithful:

"What does it cost us to say, 'My God help me! Have mercy on me!' is there anything easier than this?"
--St. Alphonsus Liguori

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.

Mass Intentions
September 19–20, 2026

September 19
4:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus
Parishioners and benefactors

September 20
9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle
Rogelio Mendez Flores
from the Mendez family

September 26
4:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus
The intentions of Linda Marmora
Birthday Greetings

September 27
9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle
Jim Doolittle
from Rick and Barb Willers

10:40 a.m., Holy Cross
Parishioners and benefactors

First Reading:

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. (Is. 55:6)

Psalm:

The Lord is near to all who call upon him. (Ps. 145)

Second Reading:

I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better.
(Phil. 1:23)

Gospel:

“What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?”
(Mt. 20:14-15)

Parish Schedule
Week of September 20, 2026

Sunday, September 20:

CCHD Collection

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

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

Monday, September 21:

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

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

Tuesday, September 22:

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, September 23:

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

Thursday, September 24:

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

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

Friday, September 25:

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, September 26:

4:00 p.m.: Mass, 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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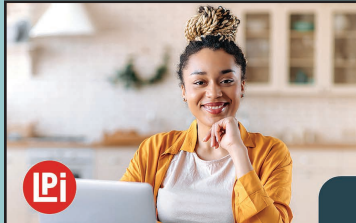
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