



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 7, 2025
23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Office Hours:
M, T, W: 2:00–5:00 p.m.

September 7, 2025
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Parish Picnic—Next Sunday:

Mark your calendars. All are invited to the annual Parish Picnic celebrating our parish feast day, Mary, Mother of Mercy. The picnic is next 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. The first meeting will be Saturday, September 13th.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word:

On the second Saturday of each month, children are invited to participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 4:00 p.m. Mass.

After the opening prayer, children are dismissed with their adult leaders to the Annex to hear and reflect on the readings in age-appropriate formats. As time permits, children engage in activities reinforcing the message of the readings such as singing songs, coloring, or acting out a skit. Children will return to their families during the offertory procession. The next gathering is on September 13th.

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.

Parish Council:

There is a Parish Council meeting this Thursday, September 11, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at the Parish Center, St. Francis Solanus, Interlaken.

Sweet Sunday:

This Sunday, and the first Sunday of every month, there is a social time following Mass at both St. James the Apostle and Holy Cross.

Holy Cross Cemetery Hole Filling:

There will be another opportunity to fill holes on Saturday, **September 13, at 9:00 a.m.** with a rain date of September 20. Please email susan.guydosh@dor.org by September 8 if you’d like to help.

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

Cemetery Collection This Weekend:

This weekend is the second collection to benefit the Mary, Mother of Mercy parish cemeteries. Donations may also be made 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.

Lector Workbooks:

New Workbooks for lectors, Year C, are in the sacristies at each church. Individual copies have the lector’s name. Please pick up your copy at your convenience.

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. Please register to attend by this Friday, September 12 at <https://bit.ly/47carot>

Food Donations Needed:

St. James the Apostle Church: every second Sunday of the month non-perishable food and hygienic items can be placed on the table in front of the Blessed Mother statue.

Holy Cross and St. Francis Solanus: food and hygienic items can be placed at the foyers at any time. Monetary donations by check are accepted (Mary, Mother of Mercy with food pantry in the memo-line). Donations may also be made using WeShare Online Giving.

Finance Council:

The Parish Finance Council met on August 11, 2025, among other agenda items, there was the review of the end of the fiscal year (June 30) Statement of Revenues and Expenditures. The fiscal year total operating revenue was \$270,594.05 and the total operating expenses were \$274,444.80 – leaving a deficit of \$3,850.75. The good news, the Sunday and Holy Day collections were \$8,000 up from the previous year. Regarding the St. James the Apostle and Holy Cross cemeteries, each cemetery averages an annual expense of \$20,000. An annual parish financial report of income and expenses and a balance sheet summary will be published and distributed the end of September.

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.

Ithaca Peace Festival:

Please mark your calendars for September 12-14 as you won't want to miss the Ithaca Peace Festival at St. Catherine of Siena parish. This three-day event will include presentations on peace-making, music and dancing with Jorge T. Cuevas and The Caribe Jazz All Stars, kid's activities and a concert by the Dorothy Cotton Jubilee Singers.

We'll also host a sing-along with songs from the peace movement. If you'd like to help plan the Festival or volunteer during the event, please contact Mary Crosley at crosleym22@gmail.com or 516-319-6752. Come be part of building community and promoting peace.

Notre Dame Retreat House:

- September 12-14: Men's Retreat "*Walking in Friendship with God: Pilgrims of Hope*" With Fr. Kevin MacDonald, C.Ss.R., Dcn Brian McNulty, Mario Morales-Bermudes, & Jodie Scordo
- 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

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
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.



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First Reading:

And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight. (Wis. 9:18)

Psalm:

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge. (Ps. 90)

Second Reading:

Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever. (Phlm. 1:15)

Gospel:

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. (Lk. 14:27)

MASS INTENTIONS

September 6–14, 2025

Saturday, September 6

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

Eileen Mikorski

from Tom Manahan

Sunday, September 7

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

Ruth and Jack Rourke

from Kathleen Rourke

10:30 a.m., Holy Cross

Fr. Bill Winters, OFM Cap.

from Marilyn and Gerry Frank

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

Parish Schedule
Week of September 7, 2025

Sunday, September 7:

Cemetery Collection

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

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

Sweet Sunday to follow both Masses!



Monday, September 8:

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

Tuesday, September 9:

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

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

Wednesday, September 10:

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 11:

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

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

Parish Council: 7:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus

Friday, September 12:

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

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Children's Liturgy of the Word

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





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