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.

October 25, 2026



Parish Center :
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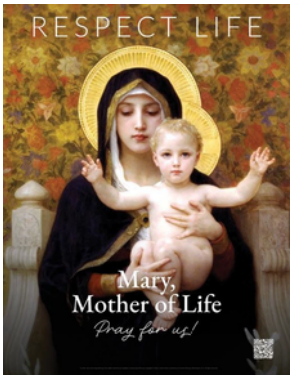
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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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.



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:

The witness of our Blessed Mother [in the Gospel account of her visit to her pregnant cousin, Elizabeth,] invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities. …Mary's witness is an invitation to step out in love and compassion. It is a summons to make haste to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Respect Life Reflection: Called to Serve Moms in Need respectlife.org/called-to-serve-reflection

Cemetery Collection next Weekend:

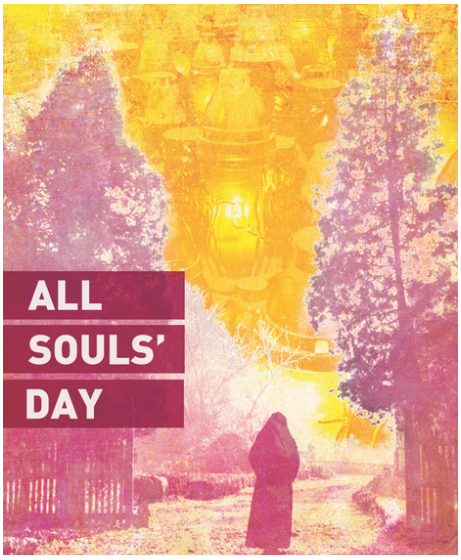
Next weekend is the second collection to benefit the Mary, Mother of Mercy parish cemeteries. Donations may also be made online using WeShare Online Giving. Please note that the monetary donation to the cemetery can be specified either for St. James the Apostle or the Holy Cross cemetery. When the monetary donation is not specified, your donation is divided between the two cemeteries. Thank you for your help.

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. communion service at St. James the Apostle on November 2.



Cemetery Clean-up:

Please remove all dead flowers and summer decorations from the parish cemeteries by November 5.

Our parish cemeteries are kept clean by volunteers. Picking up, as well as disposing of, flower pots and other decorations can present a problem for volunteers. Your help in maintaining the plot of your loved one is greatly appreciated.

2026-2027 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)
As of this date, 22 (twenty-two) families have econtributed to the CMA. We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and your family, and how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work.

First Class Relic of Blessed Fulton J. Sheen in Ithaca
On November 4, at 7:00 p.m. Bishop Bonnici will celebrate Mass at Immaculate Conception Church in Ithaca with relics. This Mass is in honor of the Canonization of Blessed Fulton Sheen, the first American-born bishop to be beatified by the Catholic Church. Bishop Sheen served as Bishop of Rochester from 1966 to 1969.

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.

Could God be calling you to life as a Capuchin Franciscan?
The Capuchin Franciscans of the Province of St. Mary invite men ages 18–39 who are discerning religious life to a Come & See Weekend, November 13–15, 2026, in Boston, Massachusetts. Spend time in prayer and fraternity, meet the friars, experience Capuchin ministry, and explore where God may be leading you.

Can't join us in Boston? Additional Come & See weekends in 2027 will be held February 12–14 in New York, March 12–14 in Interlaken, and April 9–11 in Boston. Know someone who might make a good friar? Please share this invitation. Learn more: capuchin.org/vocations/discernment

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.

Real Christmas Essay Contest:
The Waterloo Methodist Church has organized an essay contest for children K-12. All essays can be submitted at the public libraries of Geneva, Ovid, Seneca Falls and Waterloo. Court 806 of the Catholic Daughters of America are the prize sponsors. The prizes will be awarded at the Real Christmas Community Event on December 5 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. at the Waterloo Community Center. For more information contact Becky Pezzulo at the Waterloo Methodist Church at 315-539-9665 or wumc13165@gmail.com.

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: 11/3, 4 pm, South Seneca HS
° Interlaken Reformed Church: Fri., 3-6 pm
° Tburg Food Pantry: October 26, 3:30–6 pm, Methodist Church
° Lodi's Food 4 All: Sat., 12:30–2 pm, 8446 Main St.

Mass Intentions
October 24–November 1, 2026

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

October 31
4:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus
Betty Crane
from Bill and Annette Reagan

November 1
9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle
Rogelio Mendez Flores
from the Mendez family

10:30 a.m., Holy Cross
Steve Fraser
from Gerry Frank

First Reading:
"You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans." (Ex. 22:21-23)

Psalm:
I love you, Lord, my strength. (Ps. 18)

Second Reading:
For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven. (1 Thes. 1:9-10)

Gospel:
"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." (Mt. 22:37)

Parish Schedule
Week of October 25, 2026

Sunday, October 25:
9:00 a.m.: Mass, St. James
10:30 a.m.: Mass, Holy Cross

Monday, October 26:
9:00 a.m.: Communion service, St. James

Tuesday, October 27:
8:10 a.m.: Rosary, St. Francis
8:30 a.m.: Mass, St. Francis
7:30 p.m.: AA Meeting, St. Francis

Wednesday, October 28:
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 29:
8:10 a.m.: Rosary, St. Francis
8:30 a.m.: Mass, St. Francis

Friday, October 30:
8:10 a.m.: Rosary, St. Francis
8:30 a.m.: Mass for our Blessed Mother, St. Francis
9:00 a.m. Social time, St. Francis
6:30-7:30 p.m.: Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Personal Dialogue, St. Francis

Saturday, October 31:
Cemetery Collection
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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