



# The Parish of **MARY** MOTHER OF **MERCY**



**St. Francis Solanus**  
3660 Orchard St.  
Interlaken, NY

**Weekend Mass:**  
Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

**Weekday Liturgies:**  
Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.  
(*Recitation of the  
Rosary at 8:00 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.

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.*



**Parish Center :**  
St. Francis Solanus  
P.O. Box 403  
Interlaken, NY 14847

**Office Hours:**  
Tuesday-Friday  
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Phone:** 607-294-0064  
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**Instagram/Facebook:** @marymotherofmercyparish

**Pastor:** Rev. Bernard M. Maloney, OFM Cap.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or personal dialogue:**  
Fridays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., St. Francis Solanus,  
with Father Bernard

**In residence at St. Fidelis Friary:**  
Rev. Brendan Buckley, OFM Cap.  
Rev. Regis Armstrong, OFM Cap.

**April 21, 2024**

Fourth Sunday of Easter

*National Eucharistic Revival  
June 19, 2022–Pentecost 2025  
Parish Eucharistic Revival  
June 2023 – June 2024*

**First Reading:**

“There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.” (Acts 4:12)

**Psalm:**

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. (Ps. 118)

**Second Reading:**

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. (1 Jn. 3:2)

**Gospel:**

Jesus said: “I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” (Jn. 10:11)

**Mass Intentions**

April 20–28, 2024

**Saturday, April 20**

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

**Sunday, April 21**

9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle  
Bro. Paul Crawford, OFM. Cap  
*from Rick and Barb Willers*

**Saturday, April 27**

4:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus  
Robert Pritchard  
*from his parents,  
Bill and Caroline Pritchard*

**Sunday, April 28**

9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle  
Maria Giuseppina Swenson  
*from Gerry Todi and family*

10:30 a.m., Holy Cross  
Kaili M. Collins and Tom Margeit  
*from Dan and Eileen Collins*

**Holy Cross Cemetery Trimmers:**

Last year several parishioners assisted with cemetery maintenance by using string cutters around the head stones.

If you are interested in helping this year, please contact the parish office.

**Jesus and the Eucharist Study:**

Seven of our parishioners have trained to lead small group discussions for the *Jesus and the Eucharist Study* sponsored by the National Eucharistic Revival organizers. The study is a seven-session series. Each session presents a video that is rich in content and explores a different topic relating to the Eucharist.

You do not need to attend every session. The complete schedule is available at [marymotherofmercy.com](http://marymotherofmercy.com).

**Jesus and the Eucharist Study:**

Sundays:

- 1:00 p.m. | St. James
- 2:00 p.m. | Zoom

Wednesdays:

- 10:00 a.m. | Holy Cross Rectory

Thursdays:

- 9:15 a.m. | St. Francis
- 1:00 p.m. | St. James

Saturdays:

- 9:00 a.m. | St. Francis

Contact the parish office for more information: [immmercy@dor.org](mailto:immmercy@dor.org) or 607-294-0064.

**Diocesan-Wide Census:**

We received word in a letter dated April 1, 2024 from Bishop Matano that the Diocesan Presbyteral Council, the Council of Deans and the Diocesan Stewardship/Finance Council have encouraged a diocesan-wide census to be completed by the end of this year – 2024. The purpose of the diocesan-wide census is to gather accurate and up-to-date information about all our registered parishioners, as well as those Catholics not yet registered in our parishes. By conducting this comprehensive survey and obtaining accurate contact information, the aim is to strengthen pastoral care and enhance communication by having a reliable means of informing all about events, programs, ministries, and greater opportunities for spiritual growth within the parish and throughout the Diocese.

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations:**

This Sunday is known as *Good Shepherd Sunday* and *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. This day of prayer was initiated by St. Paul VI to help all of us pray for and promote all vocations within the Catholic Church, namely, marriage, priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life and for the gift of courage to follow that call. It is a day to support in prayer those who are discerning their unique call to live out their lives in love for others. One can view Diocesan Resources for Vocations by going to [dor.com](http://dor.com), tap on “vocations” and then tap the vocation type to access resources for Matrimony, Priesthood, Consecrated Life and Diaconate.

**Blue Sunday—A day of Prayer for Abused Children:**

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. To remember the millions of children who are victims of abuse and neglect, Blue Sunday Child Abuse Prevention is asking the faith community to pray on Sunday, April 28, 2024. Over 1500 children die annually from child abuse in the United States. Nearly 80% are under 4 years old. Visit [www.bluesunday.org](http://www.bluesunday.org) for more information.

### **Catholic Home Missions Appeal:**

Dioceses across the country will be participating in the Catholic Home Missions Appeal next weekend, April 27/28. This collection supports ministries in dioceses throughout the United States and its territories that require outside support to provide basic pastoral care due to population, geography, and economic challenges. Your participation in this collection is your chance to help strengthen the Church at home.

### **Parish Council Nominations:**

Parishioners interested in being a member of the Parish Council can now nominate themselves or be nominated by other parishioners. The selection of new Council members for a three-year term and the selection of three alternates for a one-year term will take place on May 19, 2024. The term of membership begins on July 1<sup>st</sup>. There are usually six council meetings during the year. Nomination ballots will be available for submission of nominees' names beginning next weekend.

The Parish Council is a council to the pastor. It is not a governing body nor a board. Council members are assigned to one of the standing committees (Word, Worship, Witness and Fellowship). The Committees meet sometime before the scheduled Parish Council meetings.

### **2023-2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA):**

It was reported on April 10, 2024, that ninety-six parish households have pledged \$28,257 which is 91.15% of our goal. "Thank you" to all who have made a pledge. We encourage all households to help us reach our given goal of \$31,000. Participation is primary, what is pledged is secondary. Know there are pledge envelopes in the foyers of the churches, or request one by phoning the parish office. We need everyone's help.

### **National Eucharistic Revival – Eucharist Congress:**

The Signature event of the National Eucharistic Revival is the National Eucharist Congress that will take place this July 17-24 at the Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Indiana. For information and registration go to: [hello@eucharisticcongress.org](mailto:hello@eucharisticcongress.org).

### **Catholic Quotes—Words to Inspire the Faithful:**

"O Good Shepherd, seek me out and bring me home in accord with Your will."

—St. Jerome

### **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).



## **Parish Schedule Week of April 21, 2024**

### **Sunday, April 21:**

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

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

### **Monday, April 22:**

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

### **Tuesday, April 23:**

Rosary: 8:00 a.m., St. Francis

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

### **Wednesday, April 24:**

Rosary: 8:00 a.m., St. Francis

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

Prayer for Healing and Harmony: 2:00 p.m., St. James

Book Study: 3:15 p.m., St. James the Apostle

### **Thursday, April 25:**

Rosary: 8:00 a.m., St. Francis

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

Prayer for Healing and Harmony: 7:00 p.m., St. James

### **Friday, April 26:**

Rosary: 8:00 a.m., St. Francis

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

Father Bernard is available, no appointment

is necessary: 6:30-7:30 p.m., St. Francis Solanus

### **Saturday, April 27:**

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

### **Sunday, April 28:**

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

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

## **Community Outreach:**

### **Food Pantries:**

- Ovid Federated Church: Mondays, 10:00 a.m.
- Food Truck: May 7, 4:00-6:00 p.m., South Seneca High School
- Interlaken Reformed Church: Fridays, 3:00– 6:00 p.m.
- Trumansburg Food Pantry: April 29, 3:30–6:00 p.m., Methodist Church
- Lodi's Community Pantry: Saturdays, 12:30– 2:00 p.m., Lodi Rod & Gun Club

**Family Hope Center:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., Holy Cross

### **Red Cross Blood Drives:**

- Saturday, May 4, 7:30–11:30 a.m., Trumansburg American Legion

To schedule an appointment to donate, call 1–800–733–2767 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).



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