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St. Francis Solanus
3660 Orchard St.
Interlaken, NY

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

Weekday Liturgies:
Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.
(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.

**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 mar-
riage, please phone the Parish Center.

*Note: Weekday liturgies may be cancelled
due to funerals or bad weather.*

DECEMBER 1, 2024
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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December 1, 2024
The First Sunday of Advent

National Eucharistic Revival
June 19, 2022–Pentecost 2025
Year of Mission – Invite One Back Initiative
June 2024 – June 2025

2025 Roman Catholic Church Jubilee/Holy Year

Eucharistic Revival
“Invite one back Initiative” Prayer:

God our Father,

You never cease to seek out your children—the lonely, the frightened, the hurt, and the lost.

We pray for all our parishioners who have been missing from our parish community and Eucharistic celebrations. Through the intercession of Mary, please pave the way for conversations and invitations that welcome them back to the Catholic Church and our parish Community.

We trust in your love and mercy for every one of your children. Amen.

Advent:

The beginning of the new Church year, 2025, begins with the First Sunday of Advent, this year, December 1. “Advent has a two-fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.”

Three Collections this Weekend:

• **Sunday Offering**

• **Christmas Flower Offering:**

This weekend is the annual Christmas Flower Offering collection. Your offerings help provide the beautiful flowers and decorations that adorn our three churches at Christmas each year.

- **Collection for The Catholic University of America:** Your donation will support more than 6,000 students who are seeking a faith-filled education at an institution that supports research in multiple fields. Your gift enables the University to continue preparing the next generation of leadership, both religious and lay, of our Church and nation. Learn more at: collection.catholic.edu.

Sweet Sunday:

This Sunday, parishioners are invited to a social time following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg.

Eucharistic Holy Hour – Encounter Night:

Spend time with Jesus in the *Eucharist*. *Encounter nights* provide an opportunity to gather in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, listen to Sacred Scripture, observe a sacred silence for reflection, encounter Jesus in a personal way, and conclude with Benediction. We believe Jesus hears our prayers and because of that our prayers are powerful.

The next *Encounter Night* will be this Thursday, December 5, from 6:30–7:30 p.m. at St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg. For many in the parish it will mean making the sacrifice to travel. January’s encounter night will be at St. Francis Solanus.

Christmas Party—Next Sunday:

The Parish is holding the annual Christmas social next Sunday, December 8th, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at St. James the Apostle Church. Bring your favorite Christmas dessert to share. There will be ornament making, games, and fun activities. This will be an enjoyable event for the whole family.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception:

This year the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on **Monday, December 9th**, together with the obligation for the faithful to attend Holy Mass.

There will be two Masses:

- 9:00 a.m. at St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg
- 6:00 p.m. Mass at Holy Cross, Ovid.

Following both Masses will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Angel Tree Tags Are Up!

The Angel Trees are up at both St. Francis and Holy Cross Churches for the *Seneca County Community Christmas Project!* If you take a child’s tag, **the gifts must be returned no later than next Sunday, December 8th**. All presents will be picked up Monday morning, December 9th.

Please do not wrap the gifts so parents can see what has been given for their children, and include the tag information where it can easily be seen.

If you would like to participate but would prefer not to take a tag from the tree, gift cards from Walmart would be appreciated and would go to families from our local communities.

If you have any questions, contact Gerry Frank at 607-869-5009 or gfrank@ottcmail.com.

Adult Study:

Everyone desiring to know and discuss our faith are invited to attend classes on Saturdays (with one exception, the second Saturday of the month) at 5:00-6:15 p.m. at the St. Francis Solanus annex. These sessions are also helpful for people desiring to be received into the church and for Catholics preparing to celebrate Confirmation and First Communion. The December 7th topic: *God Has Sent His Son*.

Cemetery- Right to Burial Plot Cost:

The cost of buying a plot at both St. James the Apostle and Holy Cross cemeteries will be increasing as of January 1, 2025. A plot purchase provides you with the right for burial in either the traditional part of either cemetery or, at St. James, in the green section. Presently the price to purchase a traditional plot is \$700. On January 1 that will increase to \$900. To purchase a plot in the green section at St. James will increase from \$950 to \$1000. For more information, please visit the parish web page at www.marymotherofmercy.com/cemetery.

The Word Among us Advent Booklet:

The booklet, *The Word Among Us*, for the season of Advent is available in the foyer of the church. The booklet contains daily readings and meditations for the Advent Season. Please take one for your home and for daily prayer.

Eucharistic Revival—Invite One Back Initiative:

During September, October, and November, our parish has been praying for over 200 parishioners whose names have been submitted for prayer to return to the Lord in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We will no longer pray the formal prayer for their return at the end of Mass, but we encourage parishioners to continue praying that prayer. Now is the time, the Season of Advent, the month of December, for parishioners, in a hospitable way, to personally invite a parishioner back to encounter Jesus in Holy Communion. You might encourage them to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession also to have the assurance of reconciliation, forgiveness, and union with God who throws our sins behind us never to be remembered. We Catholics today are more aware than ever that we must be missionaries – be invitational, like Jesus. “Invite one back.”

Catholic Ministries Appeal:

As of November 21st, 2024, forty-nine parish households have pledged \$15,535 to the CMA. We are at 50.11% of our \$31,000 given goal. 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 many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and your family and think how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join the appeal and give back what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God’s great work.

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.

Boxed offering envelopes:

2025 boxed offering envelopes are available for pick up at each church. If you did not order a box and would like one, please contact the parish office.

Share the Warmth:

The Trumansburg Rotary Club has placed a collection bin on the front porch of the St. James rectory. *Share the Warmth* accepts all winter clothing in good repair: coats, snow pants, boots, hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, etc. Blankets also are welcome. All donations should be new or gently used, and clean for future recipients. Thank you to all.

Christmas Concert-This Sunday:

The Trumansburg First Baptist Church is sponsoring a Community Christmas Concert this Sunday, December 1, at 4:00 p.m. The featured artist will be guitarist Loren Barrigar. All are invited.

Make a Gift From your IRA:

If you are 70-1/2 or older, you can give any amount (up to \$100,000) from your IRA directly to a charity of your choice, reducing your taxable income. Please consult with your tax or financial advisor.

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.



First Sunday of Advent

First Reading:

“In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot ; he shall do what is right and just in the land.”
(Jer. 33:15)

Psalm:

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. (Ps. 25)

Second Reading:

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. (I Thes. 3:12-13)

Gospel:

“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.”
(Lk. 21:28)

MASS INTENTIONS

November 30–December 8, 2024

Saturday, November 30

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

Sunday, December 1

9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle
Rodney Palmers
from Barb and Rick Willers

Friday, December 6

8:30 a.m., St. Francis Solanus
Peter Coats
From Liz Coats

Saturday, December 7

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

Sunday, December 8

9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle
Ruth Rourke
from Kathleen Rourke

Community Outreach:

Food Pantries:

- Ovid Federated Church: Mondays, 10:00 a.m. and Thursdays, 5:00 p.m.
- Food Truck: December 3, 4:00–6:00 p.m., South Seneca High School
- Interlaken Reformed Church: Fridays, 3:00–6:00 pm
- Trumansburg Food Pantry: Dec 2, 3:30–6:00 p.m., Methodist Church
- Lodi's Community Pantry: Saturdays, 12:30–2:00 pm., Lodi Rod & Gun Club

Family Hope Center:

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.,
Holy Cross

AA: Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., St. Francis

Parish Schedule
Week of December 1, 2024

Sunday, December 1:

Christmas Flowers Collection

Catholic U Collection

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

Sweet Sunday: 10:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle

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

Monday, December 2:

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

Tuesday, December 3:

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

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

Wednesday, December 4:

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

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

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

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

Thursday, December 5:

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

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

Eucharistic Holy Hour: 6:30 p.m., St. James

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

Friday, December 6: *First Friday*

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

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

Father Bernard is available, no appointment

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

Saturday, December 7: *First Saturday*

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



**All are invited to a
Christmas Social!**

Sunday, December 8 | 1:00-3:00 p.m.

St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg

Enjoy fellowship, make ornaments,
and eat delicious Christmas treats!



All are invited
to bring a favorite
Christmas dessert
to share.



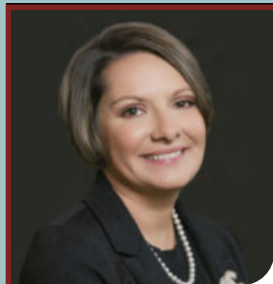
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