



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.
(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 22, 2024
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Parish Center :
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Rev. Brendan Buckley, OFM Cap.

December 22, 2024
The Fourth 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
December 29, 2024 – December 28, 2025
Theme: “Pilgrims of Hope”

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.

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Tuesday, December 24

- 4:00 p.m., St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg
- 8:00 p.m., Holy Cross, Ovid

Wednesday, December 25

- 9:00 a.m., St. Francis Solanus, Interlaken



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.

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 28th topic: *Images and Mission of the Church*.

Eucharistic Revival—Invite One Back Initiative:

Now is the time, 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.”

Christmas Offering:

The Parish has always been most grateful for the parishioners’ most generous offerings at Christmas time, especially on Christmas day. The parish has come to rely on that collection to help keep our parish solvent. The Lord reward you many times over for your kindness to your parish.

Next Sunday—December 29th:

The feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is celebrated on the first Sunday after Christmas. It is a family day celebration and a good time to gather families to celebrate the family’s union with Jesus in the Eucharist (Holy Communion).

New Year’s Day Masses:

January 1, 2025 is a holy day of obligation in celebration of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and the Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord.

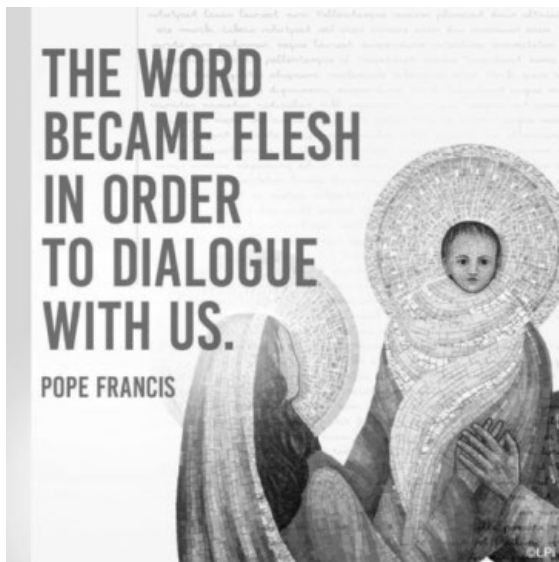
On Tuesday, December 31st there will be a 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Francis Solanus. On Wednesday, January 1st, there will be a 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. James in Trumansburg and a 10:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross in Ovid.

Parish Pictorial Directory:

The Witness Committee of the Parish Council has arranged for Universal Church Directories to photograph families and individuals for the publication of a parish directory. Each family or individual will receive both a complimentary 8x10 portrait of their directory pose and a directory.

Universal Church Directories are scheduled to be in the parish from March 6 – 8.

- St. James the Apostle: Thursday, March 6, 2:00-8:30 p.m.
- St. Francis Solanus: Friday, March 7, 2:00-8:30 p.m.
- Holy Cross: Saturday, March 8, 12:00-5:00 p.m.



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 office.

Find Our Parish Online:

The Mary, Mother of Mercy website has a new look. Check it out at marymotherofmercy.com. You can also find our parish on Facebook and Instagram: [@marymotherofmercyparish](https://www.instagram.com/marymotherofmercyparish).

Programs at St. James:

Sister Anne Alderman, SSJ facilitates these programs in the Pine Room at St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg. If you have questions about these programs, contact Sister Anne at 607-209-4206 or email a.alder1980@gmail.com.

- **Prayer for Healing and Harmony:**
On the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. and every Wednesday at 2:00 p.m., Sr. Anne leads a time of silent prayer. This provides an opportunity for personal reflection and healing. The session closes with a time to share any reflections that came to you. You do not need to attend every session.
- **Book Study:** Every Wednesday 3:15 p.m. The current book: Essential Writings by Joyce Rupp.

Catholic Ministries Appeal:

As of December 12, 2024, sixty-one parish households have pledged \$18,160 to the CMA. We are at 58.58% 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.

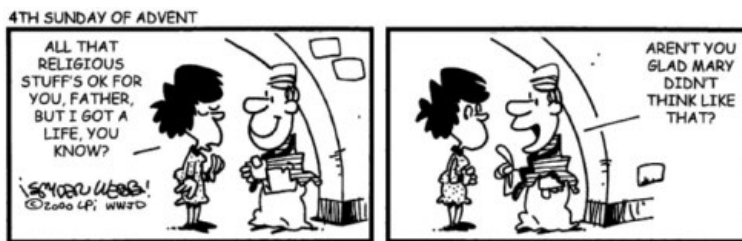
Holy Cross and St. Francis Solanus: food and hygienic items can be placed at the foyers at any time. Monetary donations by check are accepted (Mary, Mother of Mercy with food pantry in the memo-line). Donations may also be made using WeShare Online Giving

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 marymotherofmercy.com/cemetery.

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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading:

You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel. (Mi. 5:1)

Psalm:

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. (Ps. 80)

Second Reading:

“Then I said, ‘As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God.’” (Heb. 10:7)

Gospel:

“And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” (Lk. 1:43)

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

December 22-28, 2024

Holy Cross

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MASS INTENTIONS

December 21–29, 2024

Saturday, December 21

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

Sunday, December 22

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

Tuesday, December 24

8:00 p.m., Holy Cross
Tom Margeit and Kaili Collins
from Dan and Eileen Collins

Saturday, December 28

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

Sunday, December 29

9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle
Fareed Abdulky
from Joe and Eileen Heptig

10:30 a.m., Holy Cross
Henry and Ida Bromka
from Carl and Belinda Bromka

Parish Schedule
Week of December 22, 2024

Sunday, December 22:

Mass: 9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle
Mass: 10:30 a.m., Holy Cross

Monday, December 23:

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

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24:

Mass: 4:00 p.m., St. James the Apostle
Mass: 8:00 p.m., Holy Cross

Christmas, Wednesday, December 25:

Mass: 9:00 a.m., St. Francis Solanus

Thursday, December 26:

Rosary: 8:10 a.m., St. Francis
Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. Francis

Friday, December 27:

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 28:

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

Community Outreach

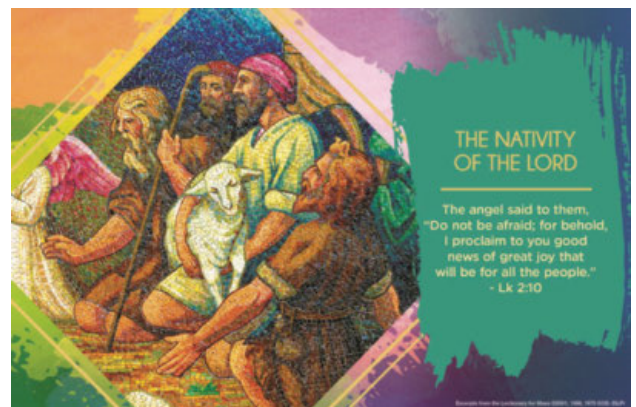
Food Pantries:

- Ovid Federated Church: Mondays, 10:00 a.m. and Thursdays, 5:00 p.m.
- Food Truck: January 7, 4:00–6:00 p.m., South Seneca High School
- Interlaken Reformed Church: Fridays, 3:00–6:00 pm
- Trumansburg Food Pantry: Dec 30, 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





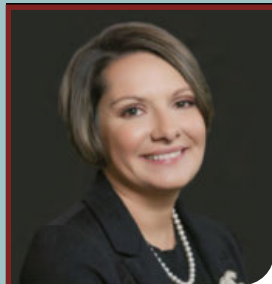
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