



# 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

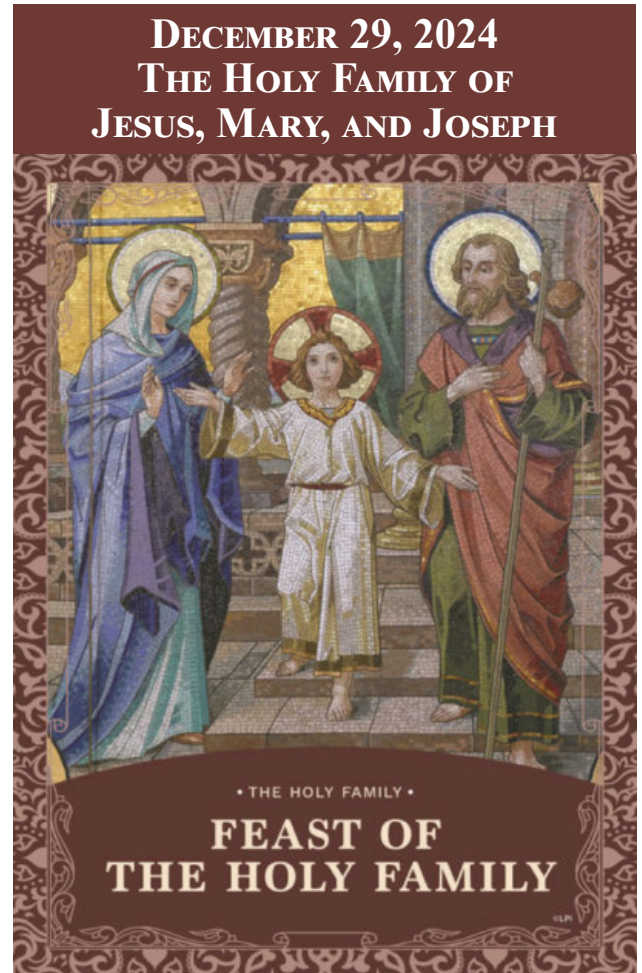
**Weekend Mass:**  
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

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

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



**Parish Center :**  
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Tuesday–Friday  
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**Pastor:** Rev. Bernard M. Maloney, OFM Cap.

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

**December 29, 2024**  
**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

*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”*

**Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025**

The Ordinary Jubilee Year - the 2,025<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord - will begin in all the dioceses throughout the world this Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, Holy Family Sunday. It will conclude on December 29, 2025 – Holy Family Sunday. A Jubilee Year has been proclaimed every twenty-five years since the thirteenth century. The theme for this Jubilee Year is “*Pilgrims of Hope.*” As pilgrims, they are anchored in their encounter with Jesus. As pilgrims of hope they bring Christ and his message of hope to the world by working for peace and an end to conflicts, promoting human life, showing amnesty to prisoners, upholding the dignity of migrants, healing the sick and accompanying the elderly – or even through the forgiveness of debts, a custom of jubilee years in the Old Testament. The celebration of jubilee years typically includes pilgrimages, processions, celebrations of Mass, and an invitation to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. These celebrations are opportunities to receive the Lord’s mercy, and lead to the performance of works of mercy.

**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 January 4<sup>th</sup> topic: *The Church is One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic.*

**Eucharistic Holy Hour – Encounter Night:**

*Encounter Nights* provide an opportunity to gather in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, listen to Sacred Scripture, observe a sacred silence for re-

flection, encounter Jesus in a personal way, and conclude with Benediction.

The next *Encounter Night* will be this Thursday, January 2, from 6:30–7:30 p.m. at St. Francis Solanus. For many in the parish it will mean making the sacrifice to travel. There will be no encounter night in February.

**This Sunday:**

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. The Mass schedule is:

Tuesday, December 31

• 4:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus

Wednesday, January 1

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

• 10:30 a.m., Holy Cross, Ovid

**“Thank you”:**

The parish is most appreciative of all who volunteer their time and talent to the church. Among them are those who help with the celebration of Mass. The Worship Committee of the Parish Council requested at this time to thank our sacristans and altar servers who are present weekly. Thank you for your dedication and devotedness. Your service is appreciated greatly.

**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.

### **Sweet Sunday:**

Next Sunday, and the first Sunday of every month, all are welcome to a social hour following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg.

### **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](http://marymotherofmercy.com). You can also find our parish on Facebook and Instagram: [@marymotherofmercyparish](https://www.instagram.com/marymotherofmercyparish).

### **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](http://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.

### **Notre Dame Retreat House:**

- January 10-12: “The Journey from Reformation to Transformation: The 12-Steps and the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola”
  - January 14, 9:00 a.m. –3:00 p.m. : “Reading God: the Practice of Lectio Divina”
  - January 17-19: Men’s Retreat, “Walking in Friendship with God: Pilgrims of Hope”
  - January 30-Feb 2: Men’s Retreat, “Walking in Friendship with God: Pilgrims of Hope”
- For more information visit [notredameretreat.org](http://notredameretreat.org).

### **Victims of Sexual Abuse:**

Victims should always report to the civil authorities. To receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator: Deborah Housel, 585-328-3228, ext. 1555 or by email to [victimassistance@dor.org](mailto:victimassistance@dor.org).

### **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 and 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.”

### **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.*



### **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).



## Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

### First Reading:

“I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD.”  
(1 Sm. 1:27-28)

### Psalm:

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.  
(Ps. 84)

### Second Reading:

Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. (1 Jn. 3:2)

### Gospel:

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers. (Lk. 2:46)

### MASS INTENTIONS

*December 28–January 5, 2024*

#### **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*

#### **Wednesday, January 1**

9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle  
Robin Perdicho  
*from Martin Perdicho*

#### **Saturday, January 4**

4:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus  
Rita King  
*from John King*

#### **Sunday, January 5**

9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle  
Fr. Eugene O’Hara, OFM Cap.  
*from Carol Mann*

10:30 a.m., Holy Cross  
John and Nellie Vreeland  
*from Carl and Gail Christensen*

**Parish Schedule**  
**Week of December 29, 2024**

**Sunday, December 29:**

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

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

**Monday, December 30:**

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

**Tuesday, December 31:**

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God *vigil***

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

**Wednesday, January 1:**

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

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

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

**Thursday, January 2:**

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

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

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

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

**Friday, January 3:**

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, January 4:**

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



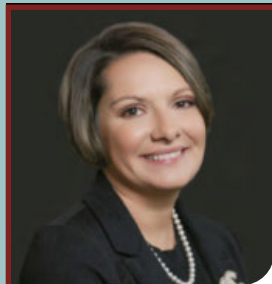
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