



# 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 8, 2024  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths."  
- Lk 3:4

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Rev. Brendan Buckley, OFM Cap.

**December 8, 2024**  
**The Second 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 Party—This Sunday:**

The Parish is holding the annual Christmas social this Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Angel Tree Gifts:**

Gifts for the Seneca County Community Christmas Project **must be returned this Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**. All presents will be picked up Monday morning, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

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.

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception:**

This year the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated tomorrow **Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

**Holy Cross Cemetery Cleanup:**

Next Sunday, December 15, at 1:00 p.m., volunteers are needed for the fall clean-up at Holy Cross Cemetery. Tasks include removing empty flower pots, sticks, litter, etc. It's a large cemetery, so all is appreciated.

**Advent Birthright Donations:**

This Sunday and next Sunday, our parish is collecting donations for Birthright in Ithaca. Please place your donations of diapers, wipes, formula, toiletries, and new clothing in the basket to the side of the altar at St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg.

**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 21st topic: *Joint Mission of Son and Spirit*.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

There are additional opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) this season. It is a good practice to do during the Season of Advent when we are more conscious about doing God's will and following his way as we joyfully await Jesus's second coming in glory.

The dates are:

- Tuesday, December 17, 6:30-7:30 p.m., St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg
- Wednesday, December 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Holy Cross, Ovid,
- Every Friday, 6:30-7:30 p.m., St. Francis Solanus, Interlaken

**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

**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.

### **Cemetery Collection Next Weekend:**

Next weekend is the second collection to benefit the Mary, Mother of Mercy parish cemeteries. The cemeteries do not generate regular income and do not have a fully funded Permanent Maintenance Fund. Please give what you are able as this collection helps to defray costly maintenance expenses. 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.

### **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).

### **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. 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 invitationally, like Jesus. “Invite one back.”

### **Catholic Ministries Appeal:**

As of November 28th, 2024, forty-nine parish households have pledged \$16,195 to the CMA. We are at 52.24% 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.

### **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.

### **Homeowners Facing Foreclosure**

For free counseling services to homeowners facing foreclosure contact Keuka Housing Council, 315-536-8707: Julia Yount Ext-109 / [jyount@keukahousingcouncil.org](mailto:jyount@keukahousingcouncil.org) or Shawn Blauvelt Ext-105 / [sblauvelt@keukahousingcouncil.org](mailto:sblauvelt@keukahousingcouncil.org).

### **Prayer of St. Gertrude:**

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



### **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).

## Second Sunday of Advent

### First Reading:

“For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God’s worship.” (Bar. 5:3-4)

### Psalm:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. (Ps. 126)

### Second Reading:

So that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ. (Phil. 1:10-11)

### Gospel:

“The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” (Lk. 3:5-6)

### Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

December 8–14, 2024

Holy Cross

Rae Arena  
from Josephine Eells

### MASS INTENTIONS

December 7–15, 2024

#### 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*

#### Saturday, December 14

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

#### Sunday, December 15

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

10:30 a.m., Holy Cross

Robert Woodard  
*From Rita Woodard*

### 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 16, 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 8, 2024**

**Sunday, December 8:**

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

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

Christmas Social: 1:00 p.m., St. James the Apostle

**Monday, December 9:**

**Immaculate Conception**

Holy Day Mass: 9:00 a.m., St. James

Holy Day Mass: 6:00 p.m., Holy Cross

**Tuesday, December 10:**

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

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

**Wednesday, December 11:**

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 12:**

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

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

**Friday, December 13:**

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 14:**

*Cemetery Collection*

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.



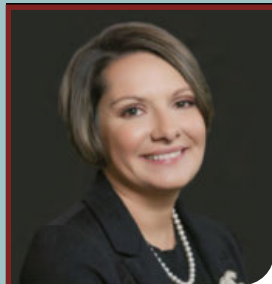
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