

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



FEBRUARY 11, 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



St. Francis Solanus

3660 Orchard Street
Interlaken, NY

Weekday Liturgies:

(January 29–March 5)
Tuesday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.
*(Recitation of the Rosary
at 8:00 a.m.)*

Weekend Mass:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.



St. James the Apostle

17 Whig Street
Trumansburg, NY

Weekend Mass:

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Communion Service:

(January 29–March 4)
Monday, 9:00 a.m.



Holy Cross

7231 Main Street
Ovid, NY

Weekend Mass:

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

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

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Pastor:

Rev. Bernard M. Maloney, OFM Cap.
(Father Bernard is away January 29–March 5)

Office Hours:

Tuesday–Friday
9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or personal dialogue:

Fridays, 6:30–7:30 p.m.,
St. Francis Solanus, with Father Bernard
Will Resume March 8

To join the parish community or
to celebrate the sacraments of baptism,
confirmation, anointing of the sick, or
marriage, please phone the Parish Center.

In residence at St. Fidelis Friary:

Rev. Brendan Buckley, OFM Cap.
Rev. Regis Armstrong, OFM Cap.

February 11, 2024
National Eucharistic Revival,
June 19, 2022–Pentecost 2025
Parish Eucharistic Revival
June 2023 – June 2024



First Reading:

“As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp.” (Lv. 13:8)

Psalm:

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation. (Ps. 32)

Second Reading:

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. (1Cor. 10:31)

Gospel:

Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, “I do will it. Be made clean.” The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. (Mk. 1:41-42)

Ashes and the Word of God:

As with all material things that are used as religious symbols, the symbolism of ashes is complex. In themselves, ashes have little meaning. But received in light of God's revealing Word, ashes can become for Christians the biblical symbol they are intended to be - a sign of our desire to turn back to God. It is for this reason that the Church has placed the reception of ashes within the framework of the reading of Scripture. Ashes are reminders of mortality and the fleetingness of life. God's Word reminds us that it is not the death of the body, but rather the death of the soul that is to be feared. Through the Scripture readings, God calls us to turn to Him with our whole heart and be faithful to the gospel again. In the light of these readings the reception of ashes becomes for us the symbol of hearts that desire to turn to God, a God who is "gracious and merciful, rich in kindness and relenting in punishment."

MASS INTENTIONS

for the week of February 10–18, 2024

Saturday, February 10	4:00 p.m. St. Francis	Parishioners and benefactors
Sunday, February 11	9:00 a.m. St. James	Julia Morehouse from Kathleen Rourke
Monday, February 12	9:00 a.m. St. James	<i>Communion service</i>
Wednesday, February 14	8:30 a.m. St. Francis	<i>Asb Wednesday Mass</i>
	12:00 p.m. Holy Cross	<i>Asb Wednesday service</i>
	7:00 p.m. St. James	<i>Asb Wednesday service</i>
Saturday, February 10	4:00 p.m. St. Francis	Parishioners and benefactors
Sunday, February 18	9:00 a.m. St. James	Peter and Shane Coats from Liz Coats

Upcoming Parish Events:

- Food Pantries:
 - Ovid Federated Church: Mondays, 10:00 a.m.
 - Food Truck: First Tuesday of the month (Mar. 5), 4:00-6:00 p.m., South Seneca High School
 - Interlaken Reformed Church: Fridays, 3:00–6:00 p.m.
 - Trumansburg Food Pantry: Every other Monday (February 19), 3:30–6:00 p.m., Methodist Church
 - Lodi's Community Pantry, Saturdays, 12:30–2:00 p.m., Lodi Rod & Gun Club, 9382 Lodi Center Rd
- Family Hope Center: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., Holy Cross
- Fr. Bernard's availability on Fridays, 6:30–7:30 p.m. at St. Francis Solanus Church, will resume in March.
- Recitation of the Rosary: Tuesday–Friday, 8:00 a.m., St. Francis Solanus
- 2023-2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA): Pledges are being accepted. Parish goal is \$31,000.
- Prayer for Healing and Harmony: St. James the Apostle
 - Wednesdays, 2:00 p.m.
 - February 22, 7:00 p.m.
- Book Study: Wednesdays, 3:15 p.m., St. James
- Taizé Prayer: March 1 & 15, 1:00 p.m., St. James
- Catholic Courier Collection: February 10/11
- Food Pantry Collection: February 10/11
- Black, Native American, Hispanic Mission Collection: February 17/18
- Trivia Get Together: February 18, 1:00 p.m., St. James
- Encounter Night—Eucharistic Holy Hour: March 7, 6:30 p.m., St. Francis Solanus

The Pastor Will Be Away:

Fr. Bernard is away until March 5. Frs. Brendan Buckley and Regis Armstrong will be covering the Mass schedule.

There will be no 8:30 a.m. Mass on Mondays at St. Francis Solanus during this time. Instead, there will be a communion service at St. James the Apostle at 9:00 a.m. led by Kathleen Rourke.

Also, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) will not be scheduled on Fridays, 6:30–7:30 p.m. at St. Francis Solanus during the month of February.

“SuperBowl” Sunday—February 11:

This Sunday our parish is participating in SuperBowl Sunday, a national ecclesiastical event. It draws attention to those experiencing the need for food in our communities. A basket will be in the back of the churches for monetary donations. Checks may be made out to Mary, Mother of Mercy with the notation “Food Pantry” in the memo line. Donations may also be made online through WeShare Online Giving. All food items and funds you donate will go to the local food pantries located in Interlaken, Lodi, Ovid, and Trumansburg. Thank you.

The Catholic Courier—Please Support the Parish:

The Diocese of Rochester requires all parishes to financially support the publication of The Catholic Courier. The annual bill for our parish is over \$4,900.00, and we are prayerfully asking our parishioners to help defray this cost.

This weekend, baskets will be placed in the back of the church for your donation. The offertory envelope boxes have a recommended donation of \$11.00, and you can also donate online through WeShare. Whatever help you can give will be appreciated greatly. Thank you.

Reception of Ashes on Ash Wednesday:

On Ash Wednesday, February 14, ashes will be distributed:

- 8:30 a.m. Mass, St. Francis Solanus, Interlaken
- 12:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service, Holy Cross, Ovid
- 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service, St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg

February 14 – Ash Wednesday:

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the Season of Lent. On this day the Church invites us to receive a cross of ashes on our foreheads as a sign that during the Season of Lent we will make sincere efforts to reflect and pray toward transforming our way of thinking and acting to be like Jesus in his way of thinking and acting. This is called repentance.

Who May Receive Ashes:

Baptized individuals who have reached the age of reason may receive ashes. Babies and young children who have not yet received the Sacrament of Penance should not be presented to receive ashes. Ashes are intended for those who are capable of personal sin. The keeping of Ash Wednesday is for leading the baptized members of the Church to repentance and renewal of baptismal promises at Easter.

Stations of the Cross:

- Holy Cross: Thursdays in Lent, 6:00 p.m. followed by a soup supper
- St. James the Apostle: Fridays in Lent, 3:00 p.m.

Fasting and Abstinence:

- *Day of fasting* affects Catholics between the ages of 18 & 59. That is, no food may be eaten between meals. Only one full meal a day is allowed. Two other small meals are allowed with the total amount of food not exceeding the full meal.
- *Abstinence*: Catholics over the age of 14 abstain from meat.
- *Ash Wednesday* is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence.
- *Fridays of Lent* are days of abstinence, i.e. meatless days.

Trivia Event—February 18:

Our parish is holding a fun afternoon of trivia at St. James the Apostle! Next Sunday, February 18, at 1:00 p.m., come work together with your fellow parishioners to answer multiple choice trivia questions. The team with the highest score wins. If able, bring a small appetizer to pass.

Black, Native American, Hispanic Mission Collection:

The Black, Native American, and Hispanic Mission collection is next weekend. It exists to help local African American, Native American, and Hispanic diocesan communities throughout the United States spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground. Your help is appreciated.

Lenten Daily Mediations:

Booklets, *The Word Among Us*, are available in the foyers of the Church. The booklets contain a meditation for each day of Lent. They are most useful for private and family gathering use. All are welcome to make a free will offering toward the cost of the booklets.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl:

CRS rice bowls are available in the foyers of the Church. The sacrifices we make to support the CRS Rice Bowl during Lent have the power to change lives. 75% of donations are used globally, and 25% stay local.

Confession Offerings while Pastor is Away:

- Immaculate Conception, Ithaca: Saturdays, 2:00–3:30 p.m.
- Our Lady of Peace Parish, Geneva:
 - Our Lady of Peace Chapel: Monday–Friday, 11:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
 - St. Francis de Sales Church: Saturdays, 3:30–4:15 p.m.

2023-2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA):

We thank those who have given generously to the Catholic Ministries Appeal and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. Participation in the Appeal is primary. What is pledged is secondary. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in many ways. Our given parish goal is \$31,000. On January 24, 2024, it was reported that eighty-seven parish households have pledged \$23,665 which is 76.34% of goal.



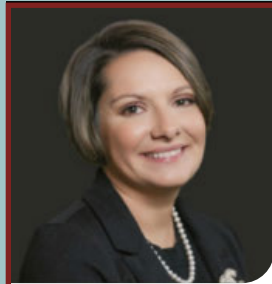
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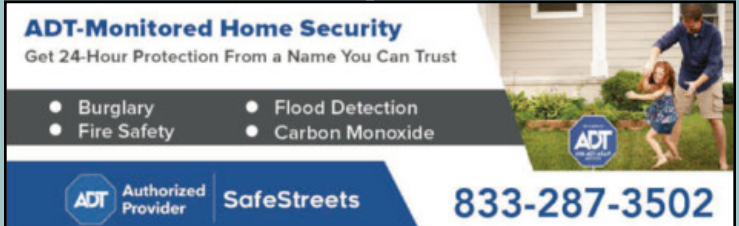
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