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St. Francis Solanus
3660 Orchard St.
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Weekend Mass:
Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

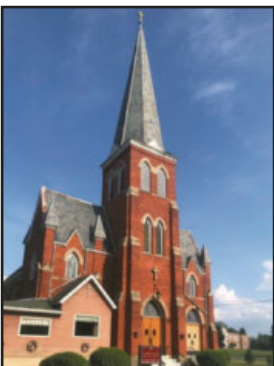
Weekday Mass:
Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.



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:

Fr. Bernard is away, will resume March 7

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

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

FEBRUARY 16, 2025
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



6th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are you when people hate you,
and when they exclude and insult you,
and denounce your name as evil
on account of the Son of Man." - Lk 6:22

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Parish Center :

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Office Hours:

M,W,Th: 2:00–5:00 p.m.
Sat: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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Pastor: Rev. Bernard M. Maloney, OFM Cap.

In residence at St. Fidelis Friary:

Rev. Brendan Buckley, OFM Cap.

February 16, 2025

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord - began in all the dioceses throughout the world on Sunday, December 29th. It will conclude on December 29, 2025. A Jubilee Year has been proclaimed every twenty-five years since the thirteenth century. The theme for this Jubilee Year is “*Pilgrims of Hope.*”

Ovid Fire Relief:

To donate to the relief fund for the recent fire in Ovid, visit chatholicharitiesfl.org to donate online, or mail contributions to Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes, 94 Exchange St., Geneva, NY 14456.

Pastor Will be Away:

Fr. Bernard is away until March 4. The Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or personal dialogue held on Fridays from 6:30–7:30 p.m. at St. Francis Solanus Church are cancelled while Fr. Bernard is away.

Coverage During the Absence of the Pastor:

Capuchin Franciscans will be covering the weekend Masses while Fr. Bernard is away: Fr. Norbert DeSousa (February 15 & 16); Fr. Jack Rathschmidt (February 22 & 23); and Fr. Robert Phelps (March 1 & 2). Fr. Brendan Buckley will be covering the 8:30 a.m. Masses on Tuesday to Friday at St. Francis Solanus Church. Kathleen Rourke will lead a communion service on Mondays at 9:00 a.m. at St. James the Apostle Church.

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: M-F, 11:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
 - St. Francis deSales Church: Saturdays, 3:30–4:15 p.m.
- Our Lady of the Lake, Watkins Glen:
 - St. Benedicts Church, Saturdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- St. Francis and St. Clare, Waterloo:
 - St. Mary’s Church, Saturdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

St. Francis Solanus Spaghetti Supper:

On February 22, there will be a Spaghetti Supper at 5:15 p.m. following the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Francis Solanus. Not planning on attending the vigil Mass? Stop by anyway! Desserts are welcome.

Parish Pictorial Directory Signups:

Sign-ups for photography appointments are in progress! To sign up online visit ucdir.com. Use **church code:** ny127 and **password:** photos.

If you prefer to sign up in person, there will be parishioners after Mass to help, or contact the parish office.

Each family or individual will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a directory.

- March 6: St. James, 2:00-8:30 p.m.
- March 7: St. Francis, 2:00-8:30 p.m.
- March 8: Holy Cross, 10:00-4:00 p.m.

New Office Hours:

Beginning January 27, office hours will be Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 2:00-5:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Church Calendars – 2025:

Church calendars are available in the foyers of the church.

The Word Among Us Booklets:

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



Catholic Ministries Appeal:

As of January 16, 2025, 73 parish households have pledged \$24,010 to the CMA. We are at 77.45% 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.

Programs at St. James:

Sister Anne Alderman, SSJ facilitates two programs at St. James the Apostle.

- Prayer for Healing and Harmony: On the 1st and 3rd Thursdays 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.
- Book Study: Wednesdays at 3:15 p.m., all are invited to participate in a book study. The current book is Essential Writings by Joyce Rupp. If you have questions, contact Sister Anne at 607-209-4206 or a.alder1980@gmail.com

Notre Dame Retreat House:

February 21: Senior Luncheon Series (FREE)
The Heart of Care: Finding Balance and Renewal, Susan Barber Skinner, PhD
Feb 28-Mar 2: Couple's Retreat
Walking in Friendship with God: Pilgrims of Hope, Fr. Bob Werth, Joe and Aline Clement, Jodie Scordo
For more information visit notredameretreat.org

Consider Online Giving:

WeShare Online Giving is safe and secure, and there are benefits for both you and our parish. Benefits to you:

- Gifts may be made by bank account, credit card, debit card, or Google Pay.
- Recurring donations allow you to support our parish if you are unable to attend Mass.
- Convenient way to donate to Holy Days, second collections and parish cemeteries.

Benefits to our parish:

- Reduced volume of collections counted by volunteers from our parish
 - Guaranteed stream of income helps Parish expense budgeting, and
 - Reduced data entry for our part-time parish staff.
- It's simple to sign up. Visit marymotherofmercy.com/giving.

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.*

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.

Eucharistic Revival—Invite One Back:

To Catholics who have been absent from Mass, in a missionary spirit and in a hospitable way, personally invite them 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.”

Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week:

Too many of us make the mistake of expecting prosperity here on Earth as a reward for following Christ. But Jesus is very clear: sorrow and hardship are a part of life. But when we offer these sufferings to Christ, they become transformed. They become blessed. And so do we.

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.

Community Outreach

Food Pantries:

- Ovid Federated Church: Mondays, 10:00 a.m. and Thursdays, 5:00 p.m.
- Food Truck: March 4, 4:00–6:00 p.m., South Seneca High School
- Interlaken Reformed Church: Fridays, 3:00–6:00 pm
- Trumansburg Food Pantry: Feb. 24, 3:30–6:00 p.m., Methodist Church
- Lodi's Community Pantry: Saturdays, 12:30–2:00 pm., Lodi Rod & Gun Club

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:

Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,
whose hope is the LORD. (Jer. 17:7)

Psalm:

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord. (Ps. 1)

Second Reading:

If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ
been raised, and if Christ has not been raised,
your faith is vain. (1 Cor. 15:16-17)

Gospel:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for the king-
dom of God is yours.” (Lk. 6:20)

MASS INTENTIONS

February 15–23, 2025

Saturday, February 15

4:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus
The intentions of Marilyn Dealing
From Karyn Marion

Sunday, February 16

9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle
Rosemary Heenan
from Jon and Irene Kehoe-Polce

10:30 a.m., Holy Cross

Barbara J. Ward
from Mark and Linda Scibilia-Carver

Thursday, February 20

8:30 a.m., St. Francis Solanus
John F. Kuklo
from Carol Ann Kuklo

Saturday, February 22

4:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus
Mary Alice Dinan
from Dan and Eileen Collins

Sunday, February 23

9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle
Rita King
from John King

10:30 a.m., Holy Cross

Margaret Malone
from Beverly Prather

**Parish Schedule
Week of February 16, 2025**

Sunday, February 16:

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

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

Monday, February 17:

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

Tuesday, February 18:

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

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

Wednesday, February 19:

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

Thursday, February 20:

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

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

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

Friday, February 21:

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

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

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St. Francis, will resume March 7*

Saturday, February 22:

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

Spaghetti Supper: 5:15 p.m., St. Francis Solanus

Spaghetti Supper

February 22

5:15 pm

(following the 4:00 pm Mass)

St. Francis Solanus, Interlaken

Bring a dessert to share!



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