



# 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

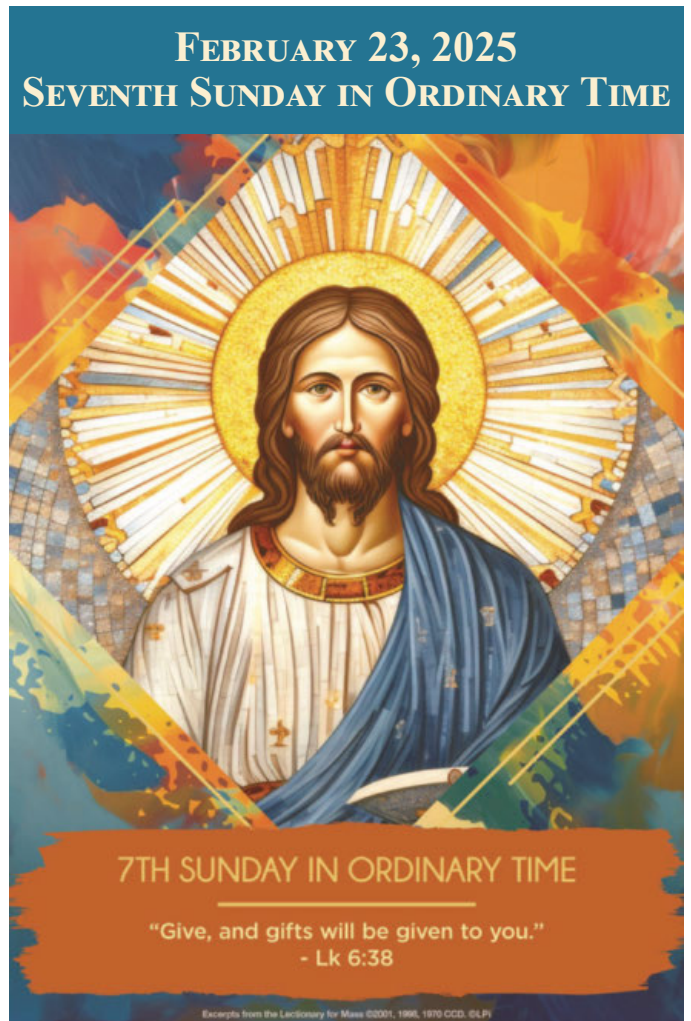
**Weekend Mass:**  
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or personal dialogue:**

*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.*



### **Parish Center :**

St. Francis Solanus  
P.O. Box 403  
Interlaken, NY 14847

### **Office Hours:**

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

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**Website:** [marymotherofmercy.com](http://marymotherofmercy.com)

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

**In residence at St. Fidelis Friary:**

Rev. Brendan Buckley, OFM Cap.

**February 23, 2025**  
**Seventh 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 2,025<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord - began in all the dioceses throughout the world on Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>. 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.*”

**March 5 – 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 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.

**Reception of Ashes on Ash Wednesday:**

On Ash Wednesday, March 5, 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

**Stations of the Cross:**

- Holy Cross: Wednesdays (beginning March 12), 6:00 p.m. followed by a soup supper
- St. James the Apostle: Fridays (beginning March 7), 3:00 p.m.

If you would like to volunteer to bring soup for the soup supper, there will be a sign up sheet in the back of Holy Cross church.

**The Word Among Us Lenten Booklets:**

*The Word Among Us* booklet is available in the foyer of the church. The booklet contains the daily readings and meditations for each day in Lent. Please take one for your home and for daily prayer.

**Sweet Sunday at St. James and Holy Cross:**

Next Sunday, and the first Sunday of every month, parishioners are invited to a social time following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg and the 10:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross, Ovid.

**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.

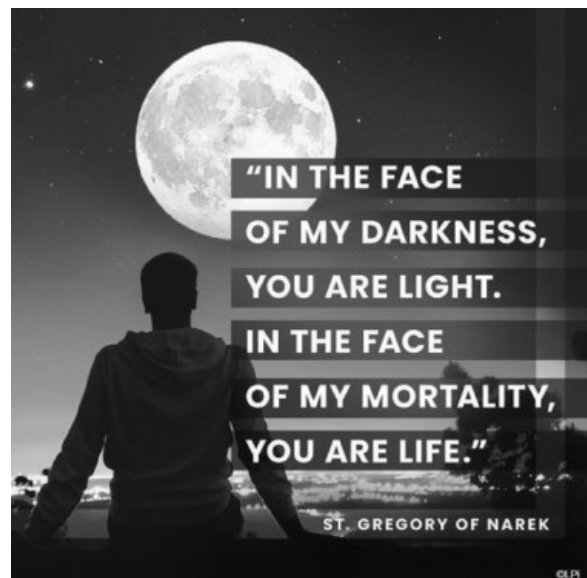
**Parish Directory Signups:**

Sign-ups for photography appointments are in progress! To sign up online visit [ucdir.com](http://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.



### **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. Jack Rathschmidt (February 22 & 23) and Fr. Robert Phelps (March 1 & 2). Fr. Brendan Buckley will cover 8:30 a.m. Masses on Tuesday-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 pm
- St. Francis and St. Clare, Waterloo:
  - St. Mary's Church, Saturdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

### **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.

### **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.”

### **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.*

### **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

#### **Blood Drives:**

- March 1, 7:30-11:30 a.m., Trumansburg American Legion
- March 5, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., South Seneca High School

[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)



#### **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).

## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### First Reading:

“Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the LORD’s anointed.” (1 Sm. 26:23)

### Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps. 103)

### Second Reading:

Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one. (1 Cor. 15:49)

### Gospel:

“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.” (Jn Lk 6:36)

### Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week:

Jesus’ message today is one of radical generosity and abundant mercy, and it scandalized the people of his time. It shook them to their core. It should do the same for us. Are we ready to live as Jesus lived? Are we ready to offer love in the face of hate?

#### MASS INTENTIONS

*February 22–March 2, 2025*

#### **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 O’Connell Prather*

#### **Saturday, March 1**

4:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus  
Ruth Lucas  
*from Rick and Barb Willers*

#### **Sunday, March 2**

9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle  
Rick Marion  
*from Karyn Marion*

**Parish Schedule**  
**Week of February 23, 2025**

**Sunday, February 23:**

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

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

**Monday, February 24:**

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

**Tuesday, February 25:**

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

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

**Wednesday, February 26:**

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 27:**

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

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

**Friday, February 28:**

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

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

*Father Bernard is away, no confessions at St. Francis, will resume March 7*

**Saturday, March 1 First Saturday:**

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

**Next Weekend!**

**Sweet Sunday!**



Join us for a social time  
following Mass on the first  
Sunday of each month!

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



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