

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



FEBRUARY 25, 2024  
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



## **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.*

## **Parish Center :**

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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:**

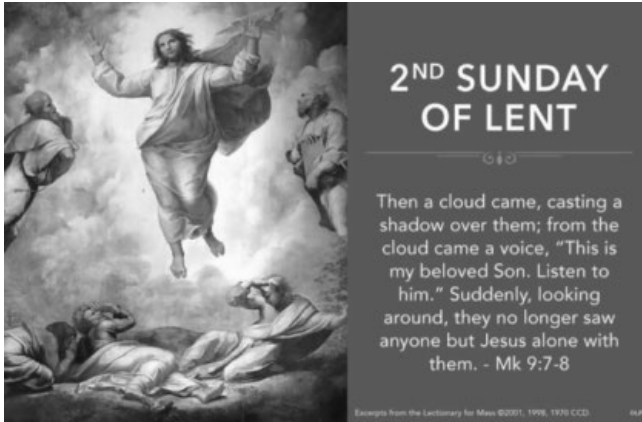
Fridays, 6:30–7:30 p.m.,  
St. Francis Solanus, with Father Bernard  
*Will Resume March 8*

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 25, 2024**  
*National Eucharistic Revival,*  
*June 19, 2022–Pentecost 2025*  
*Parish Eucharistic Revival*  
*June 2023 – June 2024*



**First Reading:**

“I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son.”  
 (Gn. 22:12)

**Psalm:**

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.  
 (Ps. 116)

**Second Reading:**

He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? (Rom. 8:32)

**Gospel:**

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” (Mk. 9:7)

**Lenten Reminders:**

- The season of Lent runs from Ash Wednesday (February 14) until the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday (March 28).
- “Alleluia” is not sung or said from the beginning of Lent until the Easter Vigil.
- During Lent the altar is not to be decorated with flowers.
- Musical instruments may be played only to give necessary support to the singing.
- The readings for the Lenten Masses have been chosen in relation to the themes of baptismal renewal and conversion.
- The Easter celebration is: Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday - *the Easter Triduum* (Three Days of Easter).
- During the Season of Lent, the Church urges all the faithful to reflect a spirit of prayer, penance (conversion), and charity.

<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b> for the week of February 24–March 3, 2024		
Saturday, February 24	4:00 p.m. St. Francis	Parishioners and benefactors
Sunday, February 25	9:00 a.m. St. James	Julia Morehouse from Carol Mann
Monday, February 26	9:00 a.m. St. James	<i>Communion service</i>
Friday, March 1 <i>First Friday</i>	8:30 a.m. St. Francis	Special intention
Saturday, March 2 <i>First Saturday</i>	4:00 p.m. St. Francis	Parishioners and benefactors
Sunday, March 3	9:00 a.m. St. James	Robert Carlisle from Barb and Rick Willers
	10:30 a.m. Holy Cross	Frank Locascio from Ed and Connie Conroy

**Upcoming Parish Events:**

- Food Pantries:
  - Ovid Federated Church: Mondays, 10:00 a.m.
  - Food Truck: First Tuesday of the month (March 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 (March 4), 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 (*Cancelled until April*)
- 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.
  - March 14, April 11 & 25; 7:00 p.m.
- Book Study: Wednesdays, 3:15 p.m., St. James
- Taizé Prayer: March 1 & 15, 1:00 p.m., St. James
- Easter Flower Collection: February 24/25
- Sweet Sunday: March 3, 10:00 a.m., St. James
- Encounter Night—Eucharistic Holy Hour: March 7, 6:30 p.m., St. Francis Solanus

**Thank you:**

Last Sunday, parishioners enjoyed an afternoon of team trivia. The event was fun and brought smiles to many faces. Thank you to our Fellowship Committee for organizing this event. The parish is grateful for the many events coordinated by this committee.

### 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.

### Easter Flower Collection – This Weekend:

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Easter Flower Offering. This collection is always a great help to the parish to meet the cost of Easter flowers that beautify the sanctuary for the great feast of Easter. Whatever you can do to help will be appreciated.

### Lenten Daily Mediations and CRS Rice Bowls:

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.

CRS rice bowls are also 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.

### Sweet Sunday:

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.

### Taizé Prayer at St. James the Apostle:

Taizé Prayer was developed by an ecumenical community of monks in Taizé, France. It consists of readings and prayers interspersed with quiet, repetitive songs. The room is lighted with candles. A good way to quiet your soul and psyche after a busy day.

Taizé Prayer will take place on the 1st & 3rd Fridays at 1:00 p.m.: March 1 & 15; April 5 & 19; and June 7 & 21 in the Pine Room at St. James

### Eucharistic Holy Hour – Encounter Night:

Spend time with Jesus in the Eucharist. Encounter Nights create the opportunity for a personal encounter with Our Lord. They are monthly opportunities to experience a powerful form of worship as a parish. The next Encounter Night will be Thursday, March 7, from 6:30–7:30 p.m. at St. Francis Solanus.

### 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.
- *Fridays of Lent* are days of abstinence, i.e. meatless days.

### Easter Duty:

(Church Law #920) All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.

The precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season unless it is fulfilled for a just cause at some other time during the year. In reference to this law the Easter season is considered from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday (this year May 26).

### 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. lead 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.

### Confession Offerings while Pastor is Away:

- Immaculate Conception, Ithaca: Saturdays, 2–3:30 p.m.
- Our Lady of Peace Parish, Geneva:
  - Our Lady of Peace Chapel: Mon–Fri, 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.

### Red Cross Blood Drive:

March 2, 7:30–11:30 a.m., Trumansburg American Legion

The American Red Cross is experiencing an emergency blood shortage as the nation faces the lowest number of people giving in 20 years. Call 1–800–733–2767 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to donate.

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### 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)
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3. Set up your donation or payment.

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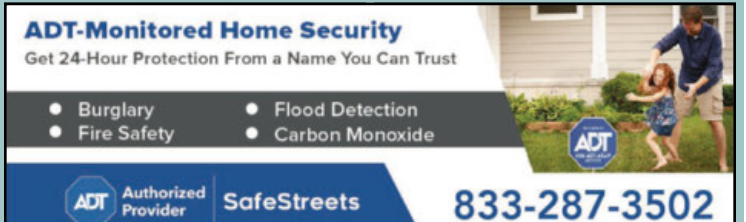
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