

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



**FEBRUARY 4, 2024**

**FIFTH 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.*

## **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:**

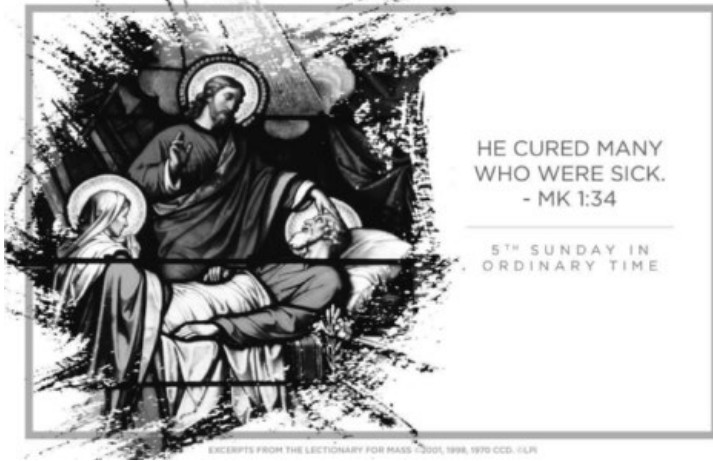
Fridays, 6:30–7:30 p.m.,  
St. Francis Solanus, with Father Bernard  
*Will Resume March 8*

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 4, 2024**  
*National Eucharistic Revival,*  
*June 19, 2022–Pentecost 2025*  
*Parish Eucharistic Revival*  
*June 2023 – June 2024*



**First Reading:**

I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. (Jb. 7:4)

**Psalm:**

Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted. (Ps. 147)

**Second Reading:**

If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it! (1 Cor. 9:16)

**Gospel:**

He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons. (Mk. 1:34)

**Catholic Quotes—Words to Inspire the Faithful:**

“Oh Jesus, what would have become of me, if you had not drawn me to thee?” -St. Gemma Galgani

**Notre Dame Retreat House:**

- “Just As You Are.” Couples Retreat, February 16–18
  - “Lenten Change Maker Series.” Four free evenings with a simple supper followed by an inspirational talk on a Social Justice Issue; February 22 & 29, March 4 & 18
- For more details visit [notredameretreat.org](http://notredameretreat.org) or phone 585–394–5700.

**COLLIS Institute:**

- “A Knight of Malta at Weill Cornell: The Vocation of Medicine”: February 7, 6:30 p.m., 230 Anabel Taylor Hall or Zoom
  - “Feeding the Hungry, Caring for Creation”: February 13, 7:30-8:45 p.m., Zoom
- Visit [collisinstitute.org/publicevents](http://collisinstitute.org/publicevents) for more information and to register.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

for the week of February 3–11, 2024

Saturday, February 3 <i>First Saturday</i>	4:00 p.m. St. Francis	Parishioners and benefactors
Sunday, February 4	9:00 a.m. St. James	Julia and Grover Morehouse from Linda and Mark Scibilia-Carver
	10:30 a.m. Holy Cross	Margaret J. Malone from Beverly O’Connell- Prather
Monday, February 5	9:00 a.m. St. James	<i>Communion service</i>
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

**Upcoming Parish Events:**

- Food Pantries:
  - Ovid Federated Church: Mondays, 10:00 a.m.
  - Food Truck: First Tuesday of the month (Feb. 6), 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 5), 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.
- Adult Inquiry & Confirmation Preparation classes: Saturdays, 5:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus
- Prayer for Healing and Harmony: St. James the Apostle
  - Wednesdays, 2:00 p.m.
  - February 8 & 22, 7:00 p.m.
- Book Study: Wednesdays, 3:15 p.m., St. James
- Cemetery Collection: February 3/4
- Sweet Sunday: February 4, 10:00 a.m., St. James
- Catholic Courier Collection: February 10/11
- Food Pantry Collection: February 10/11
- 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

**Encounter Night (Monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour):**

There will be no “Encounter Night” on February 1<sup>st</sup>. The next monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour will be on March 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Francis Solanus Church.

### **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.

### **Parish Cemeteries Second Collection—This Weekend:**

This weekend there is a 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. Thank you.

### **Sweet Sunday:**

This 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.

### **“SuperBowl” Sunday—February 11:**

Our parish is participating in SouperBowl Sunday, a national ecclesiastical event. It draws attention to those experiencing the need for food in our communities. All food items and funds you donate will go to the local food pantries located in Interlaken, Lodi, Ovid, and Trumansburg.

Non-perishable food items or personal care items may be brought to our churches any time that you are able to do so. Next weekend, 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. 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.

Next 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.

### **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.

### **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

### **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.

### **Trivia Event:**

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

### **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.

### **Vocation Discernment Weekend:**

The Capuchin Franciscans are holding a vocation discernment weekend, *Come and See*, February 16-18 in Jamaica Plain, MA. For information or questions contact Fr. Erik Lenhart, OFM Cap. at 857-615-3893

### **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.



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