



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

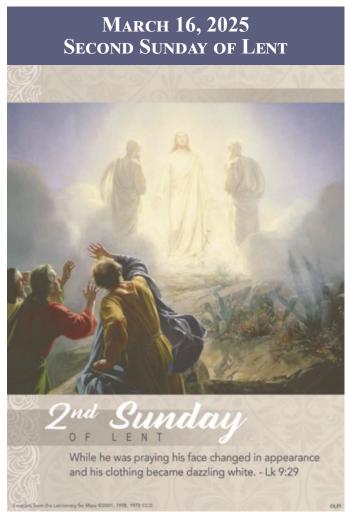
**Weekend Mass:** Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

# Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or personal dialogue:

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

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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Rev. Brendan Buckley, OFM Cap.

### March 16, 2025 Second Sunday of Lent

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"



#### **Stations of the Cross:**

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

#### **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 by deepening our connection to our one human family. 75% of donations are used globally, and 25% stay local. To **donate online** visit marymotherofmercy.com/giving.

#### Easter Flower Collection – This Weekend:

This weekend is our Easter Flower Offering. This collection is always a great help to meet the cost of Easter flowers that beautify our sanctuaries for the great feast of Easter. Whatever you can do to help is appreciated.



#### 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. There are envelopes available with the Lenten booklets if you wish to make a donation to defray the cost of the booklets.

#### Coffee and Toast at St. Francis Solanus:

On Wednesdays following the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Francis Solanus, take time to connect with your fellow parishioners over a light breakfast in the Annex.

#### Thank You:

We offer our deepest gratitude to Liz Coats and Russ Wedemeyer. Together they have contributed a great deal to our parish by thoughtfully planning social functions. With the help and support of the fellowship committee and volunteers, Russ and Liz organized the recent spaghetti dinner at St. Francis Solanus. It is always a blessing when we can come together in fellowship. If you would like to volunteer to help with future socials, please contact the parish office. It is always appreciated.

#### **Catholic Ministries Appeal:**

As of March 6, 2025, 73 parish households have pledged \$26,310 to the CMA. We are at 84.87% 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.

#### Fridays of Lent

Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence, that is, meatless days. This discipline applies to all Catholics over the age of 14.

#### **Lenten Reminders:**

- ° The season of Lent runs from Ash Wednesday (March 5) until the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (April 17).
- ° "Alleluia" is not sung or said from the beginning of Lent until the Easter Vigil.
- <sup>o</sup> During Lent the altar is not to be decorated with flowers.
- Of 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).
- <sup>o</sup> During the Season of Lent, the Church urges all the faithful to reflect a spirit of prayer, penance (conversion), and charity.

#### Feast days this week:

Monday, March 17 – St. Patrick's Day Wednesday, March 19 – St. Joseph's Day – Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

#### Family Hope Center – Geneva, NY:

In November of 2019, the Center opened a satellite office at Holy Cross Rectory, Ovid to minister to mom's groups and girls' groups on Tuesdays and Thursdays. In early February 2025, the Center informed the parish they are undergoing changes and concluded to close the Ovid office. The Center expressed "Thanks" for the use of the Holy Cross Rectory and the blessing it was to them.

#### **New York State Catholic Conference:**

A new session starts in the NYS legislature in Albany, now is a great time to sign up for legislative alerts through the Catholic Action Network. The CAN is run by the NYS Catholic Conference. You will receive news of current issues in Albany that call for our voices, and easy ways to contact Your NYS elected officials. Join thousands of other Catholics advocating for "laws and policies that pursue social justice, respect for life and common good." www.nyscatholic.org.

#### Day of Penance:

The Diocese of Rochester has set Wednesday, April 2, 2025, for the priests in all parishes to be available throughout the day for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confession. This day is being offered for the convenience of all the faithful. Please plan to schedule to go to any parish and take advantage of the times offered by the parish for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.







#### **Notre Dame Retreat House:**

- Lenten Book Read: *I Want to See* by Roc O'Connor, SJ; facilitated by Jodie Scordo; Mondays through-April 14; In-Person 1:00-2:00 p,m. or online 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Free Senior Luncheon: "Tapping into Services to Stay in Your Home and Community", March 21,11:30 a.m.

 Women's Retreat: "A Lenten Journey...A Walk to the Well" presented by Marie Mozzi, March 22, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

More information at notredameretreat.org.

#### **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: April 1, 4:00–6:00 p.m., South Seneca High School
- Interlaken Reformed Church: Fridays, 3:00–6:00 pm
- Trumansburg Food Pantry: March 17, 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

#### **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.

# **Second Sunday of Lent**

#### **First Reading:**

It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I give the land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates." (Gn. 15:18)

#### Psalm:

The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Ps. 27)

#### **Second Reading:**

He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself. (Phil. 3:21)

#### Gospel:

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. (Lk. 9:28b-29)

# Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

March 16-22, 2025

Holy Cross

Glenn and Mary Rose Corcoran from the Corcoran family

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

March 15-23, 2025

#### Saturday, March 15

4:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus Ruth Lucas from Gary and Cathy Millspaugh

#### Sunday, March 16

9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle Ruth Lucas from Gary and Cathy Millspaugh

> 10:30 a.m., Holy Cross Micheline Noel Wood from David Wood

#### Saturday, March 22

4:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus Ruth Lucas from the Corcoran family

#### Sunday, March 23

9:00 a.m., St. James Larry and Rene Heptig from Mr. and Mrs. Peter Auger

10:30 a.m., Holy Cross Ruth Lucas from Loving Parishioners

## Parish Schedule Week of March 16, 2025

## Sunday, March 16:

Easter Flower Offering

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

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

#### Monday, March 17:

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

#### Tuesday, March 18:

Rosary: 8:10 a.m., St. Francis Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. Francis

#### Wednesday, March 19:

Rosary: 8:10 a.m., St. Francis Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. Francis

Coffee and Toast: 9:00 a.m., St. Francis

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

Book Study: 3:15 p.m., St. James

Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper: 6:00 p.m.,

**Holy Cross** 

#### Thursday, March 20:

Rosary: 8:10 a.m., St. Francis Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. Francis

Prayer for Healing/Harmony: 7:00 p.m., St. James

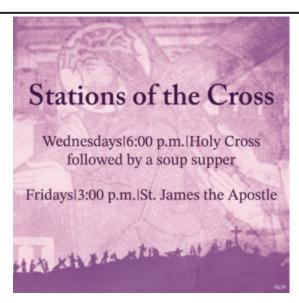
#### Friday, March 21:

Rosary: 8:10 a.m., St. Francis Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. Francis

Stations of the Cross: 3:00 p.m., St. James Father Bernard is available, no appointment necessary: 6:30–7:30 p.m., St. Francis Solanus

# Saturday, March 22:

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







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