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

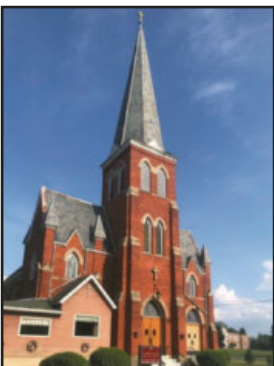
Weekday Mass:
Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.



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:

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 mar-
riage, please phone the Parish Center.

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

MARCH 2, 2025
EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten
tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of
goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out
of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the
heart the mouth speaks." - Lk 6:43, 45

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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Parish Center :

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Rev. Brendan Buckley, OFM Cap.

March 2, 2025

Eighth 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”

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

Who May Receive Ashes:

Baptized individuals who have reached the age of reason may receive ashes. Babies and young children who have not yet received the Sacrament of Penance should not be presented to receive ashes. Ashes are intended for those who are capable of personal sin. The keeping of Ash Wednesday is for leading the baptized members of the Church to repentance and renewal of baptismal promises at Easter.

Ashes and the Word of God:

As with all material things that are used as religious symbols, the symbolism of ashes is complex. In themselves, ashes have little meaning. But received in light of God's revealing Word, ashes can become for Christians the biblical symbol they are intended to be - a sign of our desire to turn back to God. It is for this reason that the Church has placed the reception of ashes within the framework of the reading of Scripture. Ashes are reminders of mortality and the fleetingness of life. God's Word reminds us that it is not the death of the body, but rather the death of the

soul that is to be feared. Through the Scripture readings, God calls us to turn to Him with our whole heart and be faithful to the gospel again. In the light of these readings the reception of ashes becomes for us the symbol of hearts that desire to turn to God, a God who is "gracious and merciful, rich in kindness and relenting in punishment."

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 eating meat.
- *Ash Wednesday* is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence.
- *Fridays of Lent* are days of abstinence, i.e. meatless days.

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.

Cemetery Collection This Weekend:

This 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.

Sweet Sunday at St. James and Holy Cross:

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 and the 10:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross, Ovid.

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.
- 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.

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.

Parish 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, 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.

Eucharistic Holy Hour – Encounter Night:

Spend time with Jesus in the *Eucharist*. *Encounter nights* provide an opportunity to gather in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, listen to Sacred Scripture, observe a sacred silence for reflection, encounter Jesus in a personal way, and conclude with Benediction. We believe Jesus hears our prayers and because of that our prayers are powerful.

The next *Encounter Night* will be this Thursday, March 6, from 6:30–7:30 p.m. at Holy Cross, Ovid. April's encounter night will be at St. James.

Coverage During the Absence of the Pastor:

Fr. Bernard is away until March 4. Fr. Robert Phelps will cover Mass on March 1 & 2.

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.

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.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:

Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested. (Sir. 27:7)

Psalm:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps. 92)

Second Reading:

But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor. 15:57)

Gospel:

“A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.”
(Lk. 6:45)

MASS INTENTIONS

March 1–March 9, 2025

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

Saturday, March 8

4:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus
Ruth Lucas
from Kathleen Rourke

Sunday, March 9

10:30 a.m., Holy Cross
Richard Heptig
from Kristina Heptig

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.

**Parish Schedule
Week of March 2, 2025**

Sunday, March 2:

Cemetery Collection

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

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

Sweet Sunday: St. James & Holy Cross

Monday, March 3:

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

Tuesday, March 4:

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

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

Wednesday, March 5, Ash Wednesday:

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

Ash Wednesday Service: 12:00 p.m., Holy Cross

Ash Wednesday Service: 7:00 p.m., St. James

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

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

Thursday, March 6:

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

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

Church Directory Photo Session: 2:00-7:30 p.m.,
St. James the Apostle

Eucharistic Holy Hour: 6:30 p.m., Holy Cross

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

Friday, March 7: *First Friday*

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

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

Church Directory Photo Session: 2:00-7:30 p.m.,
St. Francis Solanus

Stations of the Cross: 3:00 p.m., St. James

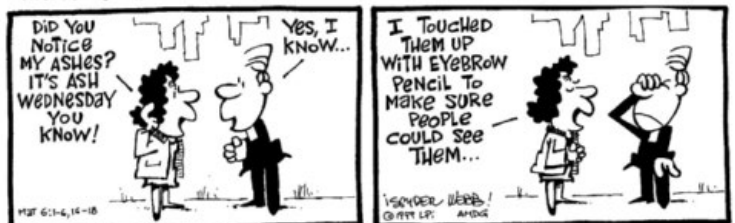
Father Bernard is available, no appointment

necessary: 6:30-7:30 p.m., St. Francis Solanus

Saturday, March 8:

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

ASH WEDNESDAY





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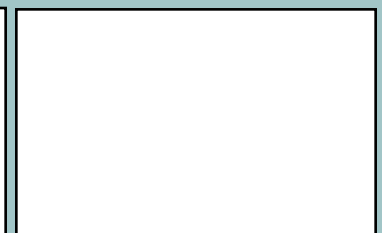


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