



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:

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 30, 2025
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and
against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his
father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast,
because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'
- Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

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Parish Center :

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Rev. Brendan Buckley, OFM Cap.

March 30, 2025

Fourth 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”

Daily Mass:

The Season of Lent is a penitential season, that is, a personal transformational season. The traditional Lenten practice that helps one's transformation is participating in daily Mass or attending Mass on a day or days one is able.

At Mass, one encounters Sacred Scripture, God speaking to us offering a superior way of thinking and acting leading to a greater awareness of how to be like Jesus, a child of God in this world. Participating in Mass, one also encounters Jesus and his love through the reception of his sacrificed body and blood under the appearances of bread and wine. In that union with Jesus there is the opportunity to speak heart to heart with Jesus and pray for family members, fellow parishioners, the sick, etc.

To come to daily Mass, when able, is a sacrifice, a Lenten sacrifice, a sacrifice helping one to repent, that is, to be transformed.

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.

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.

Fr. Bernard will be at St. Francis Solanus Church after the 8:30 a.m. Mass until 7:30 p.m. for anyone wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available for celebration every Friday at St. Francis Solanus Church beginning at 6:30 p.m. During the Season of Lent two other opportunities have been scheduled:

- April 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m., St. James the Apostle
- April 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Holy Cross

Catholic Relief Services Collection:

This weekend our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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.

The next *Encounter Night* will be this Thursday, April 3, from 6:30–7:30 p.m. at St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg. For many in the parish it will mean making the sacrifice to travel. May's encounter night will be at St. Francis Solanus.

Coffee and Toast at St. Francis Solanus:

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

Cemetery Collection Next Weekend:

Next weekend is the second collection to benefit the Mary, Mother of Mercy parish cemeteries. 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.

MMM Parish Spring Clean-up:

The spring season is upon us. All parish properties are in need of a seasonal clean up so grab your gloves and your tools; all help is appreciated.

All clean-ups begin at 9:00 a.m. In the event of rain, the clean up will be canceled.

- April 5: Holy Cross Cemetery
- April 12: St. James Cemetery
- April 26: St. Francis Solanus Church
- May 3: Holy Cross Church
- May 17: St. James the Apostle Church

Holy Week Schedule:

- Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper, April 17, 7:00 p.m., St. James the Apostle
- Good Friday: The Passion of Our Lord, April 18, 3:00 p.m., Holy Cross
- Easter Vigil: April 19, 8:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus
- Easter Sunday: April 20
9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle
10:30 a.m., Holy Cross

Washing of the Feet Ritual:

This ritual will take place during the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m. at St. James the Apostle Church. We need 12 adult parishioners to volunteer to participate in this rite. There are sign-up sheets in the foyers of the Church.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt:

All are welcome to participate in the Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. James the Apostle! Join us!

Adult Study:

Everyone desiring to know and discuss our faith are invited to attend classes on Saturdays (with one exception, the second Saturday of the month) at 5:00-6:15 p.m. at the St. Francis Solanus annex. These sessions are helpful for people desiring to be received into the church and for Catholics preparing to celebrate Confirmation and First Communion. The April 5th topic: The Sacraments

Sweet Sunday:

Next Sunday, and the first Sunday of every month, parishioners are invited to stay after Mass for a social time following both the 9:00 am Mass at St. James and the 10:30 am Mass at Holy Cross.

Catholic Ministries Appeal:

We have reached our given goal of \$31,000. The CMA office reported on March 20, 2025, that 84 parish households have pledged \$31,155 which is 100.50% of our goal.

Thank you to all how have made this possible. Pledges can continue to be made. The CMA Appeal returns to the parish half of what is over goal. This is a help to the parish.

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.

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 and click the purple button.

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.

Good Friday, this year April 18th, is a day of fast and abstinence.

Day of Reflection by Sister Anne Alderman:

Homecoming: The Return of the Prodigal Son

This Lenten retreat will use the story of the Prodigal Son to reflect on our own coming home to being more fully the person God is calling us to be. It will include presentations, time for quiet reflection and sharing with the group. Please bring your own lunch. Beverages will be provided.

Suggested Donation: \$30.00

To make reservations: Call 607-209-4206 or email a.alder1980@gmail.com.

- Friday, April 4th, 9:30 a.m.– 4:00 p.m., St. Casimir's Convent, 1010 Davis St., Elmira
- Saturday, April 5th, 9:30 a.m.– 4:00 p.m., St. James' Pine Room, Whig St., Trumansburg

St. Catherine of Siena Performance:

On Tuesday, April 29, at 7:00 p.m., Sr. Nancy Murray, O.P. will perform a one-woman play on the great Dominican Mystic, laywoman and Doctor of the Church, St. Catherine of Siena! Sr. Nancy has given over 800 performances throughout the US and around the world. She comes from a family of actors, including her most famous brother, comedian Bill Murray. Please join us at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 309 Siena Drive, Ithaca, as we celebrate St. Catherine's (and our) Feast Day on April 29 with this inspiring and unique performance!

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 sponsored 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.

Career Opportunity:

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a field agent representing our insurance program in the western NY area. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. To qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact John Hoolick at 570-654-3390 or hoolickagency@mail@kofc.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
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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading:

While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover.
(Jos. 5:10)

Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps.34)

Second Reading:

And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation. (2 Cor. 5:18)

Gospel:

“But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.” (Lk. 15:32)

MASS INTENTIONS

March 29-April 6, 2025

Saturday, March 29

4:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus
Ruth Lucas
from Barb Butterer

Sunday, March 30

9:00 a.m., St. James the Apostle
Mary Camobreco
from Linda and Mark Scibilia-Carver

10:30 a.m., Holy Cross
Kathleen Ann Milliman
from Gerry and Marilyn Frank

Saturday, April 5

4:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus
Robert Dinan
from Dan and Eileen Collins

Sunday, April 6

9:00 a.m., St. James
Intentions of Adam Drake
from Carol Ann Kuklo

10:30 a.m., Holy Cross
All deceased parish sacristans
from the sacristans at Holy Cross

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.*

Parish Schedule
Week of March 30, 2025

Sunday, March 30:

CRS Collection

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

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

Monday, March 31:

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

Tuesday, April 1:

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

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

Wednesday, April 2:

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, April 3:

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

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

Encounter Night/Holy Hour: 6:30 p.m., St. James

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

Friday, April 4:

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, April 5:

Cemetery Collection

Holy Cross Cemetery Clean-up: 9:00 a.m.

Day of Reflection with Sr. Anne: 9:30 a.m.,

St. James

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

Adult Study: 5:15 p.m., St. Francis Solanus

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: April 7, 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



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