



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.

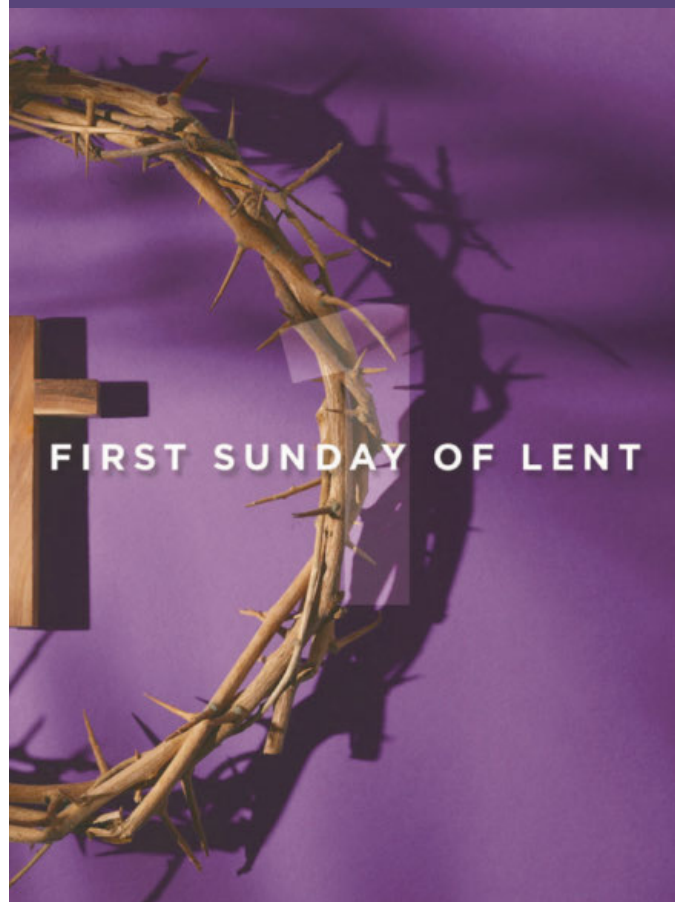
Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or personal dialogue:

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 9, 2025
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Parish Center :

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Pastor: Rev. Bernard M. Maloney, OFM Cap.

In residence at St. Fidelis Friary:

Rev. Brendan Buckley, OFM Cap.

March 9, 2025

First 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.

Black Native American and Hispanic Collection:

The Black, Native American, and Hispanic Mission collection is to be taken up this weekend. It exists to help local African American, Native American, and Hispanic diocesan communities throughout the United States spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground. Your 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.

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.

Parish Council:

This Thursday, March 13, there is a parish council meeting at the parish center, St. Francis Solanus, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Flower Collection – Next Weekend:

Next 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.

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.

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.

Ovid Fire Relief Fund Benefit Concert:

The Trumansburg Conservatory of Fine Arts is joining forces with the STEPS project in Ovid to raise funds for those displaced by the recent fires. On March 14 at 7:30 p.m., there will be a benefit concert at the Ovid VFW, 7068 NY-96, Ovid. The concert will feature the vibrant Rock-Celtic band Kilrush. Admission is “give what you can.” All proceeds to be donated to the cause. For more information, please visit tburgconservatory.org

Food Donations Needed:

St. James the Apostle Church: every second Sunday of the month non-perishable food and hygienic items can be placed on the table in front of the Blessed Mother statue.

Holy Cross and St. Francis Solanus: food and hygienic items can be placed at the foyers at any time. Monetary donations by check are accepted (Mary, Mother of Mercy with food pantry in the memo-line). Donations may also be made using WeShare Online Giving.

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.

Notre Dame Retreat House:

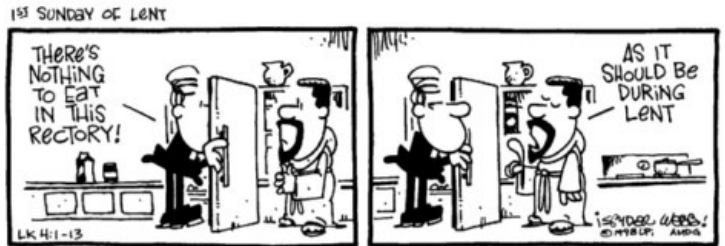
- Lenten Book Read: *I Want to See* by Roc O'Connor, SJ; facilitated by Jodie Scordo; Mondays March 10-April 14; In-Person 1:00-2:00 p.m. or online 7:00-8:00 p.m.
 - Free Senior Luncheon: "*Tapping into Services to Stay in Your Home and Community*", March 21, 11:30 a.m.
 - Women's Retreat: "*A Lenten Journey...A Walk to the Well*" presented by Marie Mozzi, March 22, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
 - Lenten Retreat: "*Spiritual Exercises as GPS*" With Roc O'Connor, SJ, March 28-30
- More information at notredameretreat.org.

COLLIS Institute:

Meet St. Monica, the often-overlooked yet pivotal figure in the life of her son, St. Augustine. On March 13 at 5 p.m. at Cornell's A.D. White House, join Dawn LaValle Norman for "Portraits of Monica," a fascinating look at her powerful presence in works like *De Beata Vita*, *De Ordine*, and the *Confessions*. Explore how Monica challenged and guided Augustine's path from convert to Christian leader. Register for free at collisinstitute.org/upcoming-events.

Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week:

Jesus is desperately hungry when the devil tells him to turn stone into bread. But his divine will is stronger than the weakness of his human body, and he resists the devil. In this season of fasting and self-denial, let's remember Jesus' strength.



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.

First Sunday of Lent

First Reading:

‘We cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers,
and he heard our cry.’ (Dt. 26:7)

Psalm:

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble. (Ps.
91)

Second Reading:

For, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is
Lord and believe in your heart that God raised
him from the dead, you will be saved.
(Rom. 10:9)

Gospel:

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from
the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the de-
sert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.
(Lk. 4:1-2)

MASS INTENTIONS

March 8–March 16, 2025

Saturday, March 8

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

Sunday, March 9

9:00 a.m., St. James
Richard Heptig
from Kristina Heptig

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

**Parish Schedule
Week of March 9, 2025**

Sunday, March 9:

Black, Native American, and Hispanic Collection

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

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

Monday, March 10:

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

Tuesday, March 11:

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

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

Wednesday, March 12:

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 13:

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

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

Parish Council: 7:00 p.m., St. Francis Solanus

Friday, March 14:

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 15:

Easter Flower Offering

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

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 3, 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



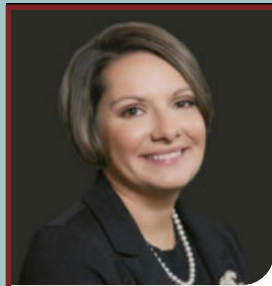
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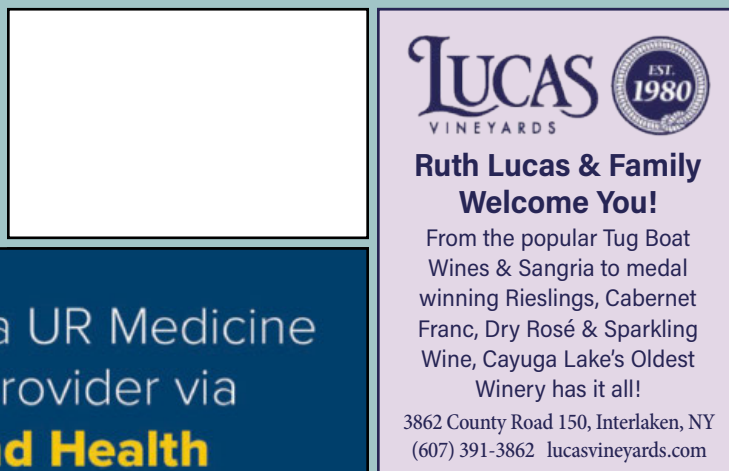


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