

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



FEBRUARY 18, 2024
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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.*

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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:

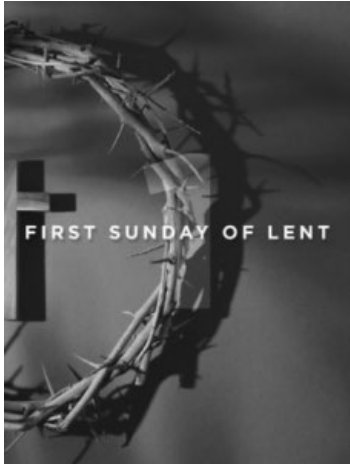
Fridays, 6:30–7:30 p.m.,
St. Francis Solanus, with Father Bernard
Will Resume March 8

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 18, 2024
National Eucharistic Revival,
June 19, 2022–Pentecost 2025
Parish Eucharistic Revival
June 2023 – June 2024



First Reading:
 God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you." (Gn. 9:8-10)

Psalm:
 Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant. (Ps. 25)

Second Reading:

It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. (1 Pt. 3:21)

Gospel:

He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. (Mk. 1:13)

Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week:

In the desert, Jesus endured forty days of hardship and temptation. But he did not endure it alone: "the angels ministered to him," the Gospel tells us. Remember that you do not face Lent alone. God is beside you in your journey to the desert.

Lenten Reminders:

- The season of Lent runs from Ash Wednesday (February 14) until the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (March 28).
- "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.

MASS INTENTIONS for the week of February 17–25, 2024		
Saturday, February 17	4:00 p.m. St. Francis	Parishioners and benefactors
Sunday, February 18	9:00 a.m. St. James	Peter and Shane Coats from Liz Coats
Monday, February 19	9:00 a.m. St. James	<i>Communion service</i>
Saturday, February 24	4:00 p.m. St. Francis	Parishioners and benefactors
Sunday, February 25	9:00 a.m. St. James	Julia Morehouse from Carol Mann

Upcoming Parish Events:

- Food Pantries:
 - Ovid Federated Church: Mondays, 10:00 a.m.
 - Food Truck: First Tuesday of the month (Mar. 5), 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 19), 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.
- Prayer for Healing and Harmony: St. James the Apostle
 - Wednesdays, 2:00 p.m.
 - February 22, 7:00 p.m.
- Book Study: Wednesdays, 3:15 p.m., St. James
- Taizé Prayer: March 1 & 15, 1:00 p.m., St. James
- Black, Native American, Hispanic Mission Collection: February 17/18
- Easter Flower Collection: February 24/25
- 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



Stations of the Cross:

- Holy Cross: Thursdays in Lent, 6:00 p.m. followed by a soup supper
- St. James the Apostle: Fridays in Lent, 3:00 p.m.

Trivia Event—February 18:

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

Black, Native American, Hispanic Mission Collection:

The Black, Native American, and Hispanic Mission collection is 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.

Easter Flower Collection – Next Weekend:

Next weekend, a basket will be placed in the back of the church for the Easter Flower Offering. This collection is always a great help to the parish to meet the cost of Easter flowers that beautify the sanctuary for the great feast of Easter. Whatever you can do to help will be appreciated.

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.

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. 75% of donations are used globally, and 25% stay local.

Taizé Prayer at St. James the Apostle:

Taizé Prayer was developed by an ecumenical community of monks in Taizé, France. It consists of readings and prayers interspersed with quiet, repetitive songs. The room is lighted with candles. A good way to quiet your soul and psyche after a busy day.

Taizé Prayer will take place on the 1st & 3rd Fridays at 1:00 p.m.: March 1 & 15; April 5 & 19; and June 7 & 21 in the Pine Room at St. James

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 meat.
- *Fridays of Lent* are days of abstinence, i.e. meatless days.

Easter Duty:

(Church Law #920) All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. The precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season unless it is fulfilled for a just cause at some other time during the year. In reference to this law the Easter season is considered from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday (this year May 26).

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.

Confession Offerings while Pastor is Away:

- Immaculate Conception, Ithaca: Saturdays, 2–3:30 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.

Online Giving:

WeShare online giving provides the opportunity for parishioners to give to the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA), Easter Flowers, Easter collection, and the CRS Rice Bowl. Also, a Mass Intention Request form is now available on WeShare.

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.





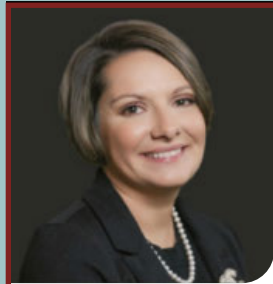
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