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Sacred Heart:
Saturday 3:00pm
St. Alphonsus:
Saturday 3:30pm

Sacraments

Baptism, Marriage,
Ministry of the Sick:
Please Call Parish Office

Holy Family Church

85 North St.

Sacred Heart Church

90 Melrose Rd

St. Alphonsus Church

85 E. Genesee St.

St. Ann Church

4890 Twelve Corners Rd.

The Catholic Community of Holy Family * Sacred Heart * St. Alphonsus * St. Ann

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GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 18, 2026
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
John 1:29-34

It's common to hear belief in Jesus and the Church mocked as blind faith and credulity. But in reality, it is deeply human and rational. Think about it: we rely on the testimony of others constantly. I trust chemists who certify the safety of toothpaste and cleaning products. I trust engineers when I use a microwave or drive over a bridge. Why? Because they have studied and seen what I have not, and their testimony proves itself in daily life. That kind of trust is not irrational; it is how human knowledge works.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist declares: **"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God"** (John 1:34). That is the language of an eyewitness. It invites us into a very human act: trusting someone who has directly encountered something — or Someone — we have not yet fully seen ourselves.

The Church's faith is built on this kind of reliable sight-based testimony. The Apostles did not make abstract claims. They saw, followed, suffered for, and proclaimed Jesus Christ. Over centuries, their witness — carried in Scripture, in the lives of the saints, and in the sacramental life of the Church — has proven dependable. We come to know its truth by assenting to it, by living and studying it, praying with it, trusting it.

Faith in Christ is not a childish leap into the dark. It is a step into the light of testimony that proves itself over time.

— Father John Muir
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Intentions of the Holy Father Pope Leo

January

For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Calendar of Events Week of January 18, 2026

Sunday, January 18, 2026

Monday, January 19, 2026

Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr Day

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

5:00pm-6:00pm(SH)
1st Reconciliation/Communion Class

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

Thursday, January 22, 2026

Friday, January 23, 2026

8:00am-8:00pm(SA) Adoration

Saturday, January 24, 2026

Sunday, January 25, 2026

10:00am(SH) Faith Formation
3:00pm(SH) Year 1 Confirmation
5:00pm(SH) Year 2 Confirmation

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR 01/11/26

Sacred Heart Church

Regular Collection \$7691.25

St. Alphonsus Church

Regular Collection \$3019.00

St. Ann's Church

Regular Collection \$1005.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

GIVING STATEMENTS

2025 Annual Giving Statements will be mailed before January 31st. If you have not received a statement by the second week of February, please call Nancy at the parish office or if you have any questions regarding your statement, please contact the Regional Finance Office at 315-252-7111.

Thank you for your continued generosity.



The "Pack the Pantry" item for the week of January 17/18-Boxes of Macaroni & Cheese
January 24/25-Bottles of Ketchup

Please bring these items to church and place them in our "Pack the Pantry" baskets or they can be brought to the:

**ST. ALPHONSUS FOOD PANTRY
(PHYSICAL LOCATION)**
1579 CLARK ST. RD. FINGERLAKES MALL
Monday-Saturday
9:00 am-11:30 am
315-252-0710

PLEASE NOTE: Soup, Pasta Sauce, Coffee, Tea, Juice, Dish Soap, Laundry Soap, Tissues and Hand Soap are always needed and appreciated

All Correspondence should be addressed to:

St. Alphonsus Food Pantry
90 Melrose Rd.
Auburn, NY 13021

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DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER PERMANENT DIACONATE

DIACONATE: The deacon is a man of faith, who is called from the community that already recognizes his dedication to service. He makes a lifetime commitment to serving the People of God by proclaiming the Word, assisting and presiding at liturgies, and ministering in the areas of charity and social justice. A deacon gives witness to his availability to the community by addressing present and emerging needs of the Church. The Diocese is inviting interested men of strong and active faith, who can demonstrate a record of service in the communities in which they live, work and worship, who may wish to explore a possible call to ordained ministry as a permanent deacon, to first speak with their pastor for an initial conversation. They may also contact Deacon Edward Giblin, Director of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate, at edward.giblin@dor.org, for additional information.

A potential candidate must be at least 35 years of age and no older than 62 years of age at the time of ordination after a five (5) year period of formation. He must be in good health, emotionally mature, have stable relationships and must have the wholehearted support of his wife (if married) and family to enter the phase of inquiry. Because the parish is the primary experience of Church for most inquirers, the parish community is asked as well to invite from among its members men who exhibit strong faith and a spirit of service and encourage them to consider a possible vocation to the permanent diaconate. The Diocese anticipates that the next formation class will begin in Fall 2027, with the application process beginning in early 2027.



With the winter season upon us, we want to inform you if we have any snow cancellations for Mass and/or Faith Formation classes we will post them on facebook.com/sacredheartauburn and on these TV stations and their websites: WSTM-3, WTVH-5, WSYR-9, auburnpub.com and SPECTRUM News. Thank you!

Week of prayer for Christian Unity begins today, January 18th. This annual event is a time when the sad divisions that separate the Christian churches seem even stronger. Pray this week that “we may all be one.” The week of Prayer concludes on January 25th.

Attention! Attention! Attention!
New date and time!

The Catholic Community of Holy Family, Sacred Heart, St. Alphonsus and St. Ann invite you to our Wine Tasting Social on **Friday, February 13th** at Sacred Heart Parish Hall from 6:30pm-8:30pm. \$5.00 per person. Bring an appetizer and your favorite bottle of wine to share! We look forward to seeing you there.

Eucharistic Adoration is every Friday at St. Alphonsus Church beginning with the 7:30am morning Mass and concluding with Eucharistic Benediction at 8:00pm. Stay for one minute or for an hour. Feel His love and His peace! *“Be still and know that I am God.” — Psalm 46*
All are welcome to spend quiet time with the Lord.

The 2025-2026 Catholic Ministry Appeal has begun. Please prayerfully consider donating to this years CMA and help us reach our goals. Please make checks payable to:

Catholic Ministries Appeal (not to your parish). They can be put in an envelope either in the collection basket or mailed to:
Catholic Ministries Appeal,
PO Box 6841
Ithaca, NY 14851

01/12/26	Donors	Pledged	Goal	%
ANN	21	\$8,110	\$10,000	81%
SH	125	\$30,953	\$47,000	65%
SA	96	\$18,752	\$37,000	50%

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL is offering a prize of \$5,000 to the parish who has the greatest increase of donors. So, if you have never made a pledge to the CMA, please do so now, even if it is only ten or fifteen dollars. In most parishes, only about 35% of parishioners support the CMA. Let's bring that percentage to 50% in our parish!



Reminder our next Parish Life meeting will be on *Monday, March 2, 2026*, at 6:00 PM. There is no meeting in February. All are invited. We are looking for new ideas for fundraisers, social gatherings or any other ideas you may have for Parish Life.

Our next First Friday Mass and Luncheon in the Hall at Sacred Heart is on February 6, 2026. We will not have first Friday Masses during Lent but will start back up in May.

NEW CATALOGS!!! RADA Catalogs for Parish Life Fundraising are available in the vestibule of each of the Churches with instructions on the front for ordering online. If you have difficulty ordering or have any questions, please contact Karen Mahoney at 315-515-3151 or Missy Deyneka at 315-246-8945 for assistance. **\$5.00 Coupons** are now attached to the front of the RADA Catalogs for the Parish Life Fundraising that are available in the vestibule of each of our Churches!! Feel free to take advantage of this savings and know that you are helping our Fellowship events like the Picnic for free!! Thank you!

Tyburn Academy Open House

Tyburn Academy will be hosting an Open House February 2nd from 6:30 - 8:30 pm for any families interested in learning more about the school's identity and academic programs for Grades 7-12. There will also be a follow up shadow for prospective students to attend Tyburn for a day on Thursday, February 5th. Walk-ins are welcome, and you can also register in advance at tyburnacademy.com/visit

Tyburn Academy Hiring Volleyball Coach

Tyburn Academy is searching for a head coach for our Girl's Varsity Volleyball team. Interested persons can email Principal Conor O'Donnell at codonnel@tyburnacademy.com

We would like to thank
Dr. Thomas A. Hogan, D.D.S.
Dr. Jeffrey J. Graceffo, D.M.D.
315-252-7281
For Sponsoring an Ad
In Our Weekly Bulletin

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 18, 2026

Saturday, January 17, 2026

4:00 pm Sacred Heart

+William Foster by Family

+Phil Dello Stritto by Natalie Edmunds

4:30 pm St. Alphonsus

+Sheila Chayka by Michael & Barbara Walsh & Family

Sunday, January 18, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart)

+Phil Gauthier by Matt & Nancy Casler

9:00 am St. Ann

+Michael & Valerie Usowski by Family

10:30 am St. Alphonsus

+Suzanne Hutton by Terri & David Holmes

11:00 am Sacred Heart

+William Fulton by Joanne & Lizzie Szot

+Charles Penafeather by Family

5:00 pm St. Alphonsus

+Paul A. & Dorothy M. Riester & the Deceased
Members of the Riester & Donovan Families by Estate

Monday, January 19, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

Office Closed-No Mass

12:15 pm St. Alphonsus

Office Closed-No Mass

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

8:30 am-Sacred Heart

+Barbara Quinn by Bob & Sue Marullo

12:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+Joseph & John Carberry by Family

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

12:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+Gertrude Colbert by Bereavement Ministry

+Chuck Stevesky by Family

Thursday, January 22, 2026

5:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+Angelina Giancola by Tom & Kathy Gray

Friday, January 23, 2026

7:30 am St. Alphonsus

+John & Margaret Barron Haney, William F. Haney,

Paul Earl Haney & John G. Curran by Estate

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+Bill Fulton by Anne

Saturday, January 24, 2026

4:00 pm Sacred Heart

+Jama & Steve Kessler & Jim & Janeth Denman
by Barbara Hartnett & Family

+The Deceased Members of the Farrell Family
by The Farrell Family

+Edward & Bernadine Orlick by Family

4:30 pm St. Alphonsus

+James & Elizabeth Westmiller by Elizabeth Quill

Sunday, January 25, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart)

+Don Poole by Family

+Barbara Wallace by Family

9:00 am St. Ann

+For the People of St. Ann Parish

10:30 am St. Alphonsus

+Nicholas Newert by The Holmes Family

+John Arpino by Mom, Stephen & Joe

11:00 am Sacred Heart

+The Moore & Guido Families by Family

5:00 pm St. Alphonsus

+For the People of Our Faith Community

The Memorial Candles
Week of
January 18, 2026

Sacred Heart Church
Tabernacle Candle
Helen Oyer
by
Family

**For Those Who Have
Recently Died**

Nancy Aldrich

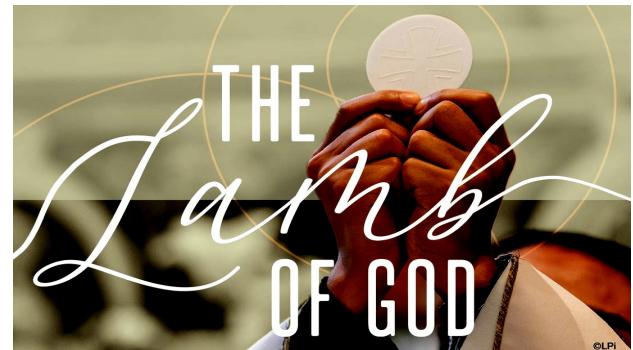
Edward Galka

Tom Donovan

William Stinson

Margaret "Peggy" Kolo
Evelyn Moretti

Eternal rest grant
unto them,
O Lord;
and let perpetual
light shine upon them

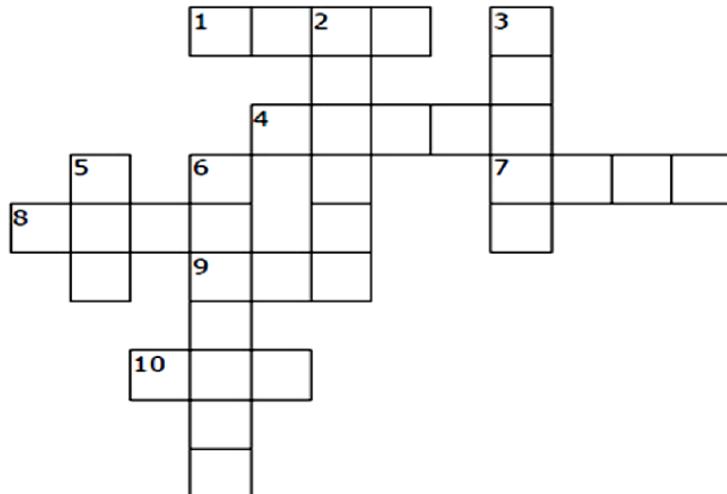


January 18, 2026
Show and Tell

The Bible tells us about a man named John who loved to "show and tell" others about Jesus. The Bible says that one day John was standing with a group of people when he saw Jesus coming. He said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! I have seen him and I tell you that this is the Son of God."

Because John loved to show and tell others about Jesus, many people came to know Jesus and follow him. It is important for you and me to show and tell others about Jesus too. We can show others about Jesus by doing the things that Jesus taught us to do – things like loving one another and being helpful and kind. Then people will see that we know Jesus and that will give us a chance to tell them about Jesus. We can tell them about what he has done for us and what he wants to do for them. Yes, each day we should show and tell others about Jesus!

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. The man who baptized Jesus
4. A clear, colorless, odorless, and tasteless liquid; H₂O
7. A young sheep
8. A bird that is a symbol of peace
9. A male descendant
10. To break one of God's commands

DOWN

2. The place where God is
3. The earth and everything on it
5. The creator of heaven and earth
6. To make a statement based on personal knowledge

SIN	HEAVEN	LAMB	JOHN	WATER
GOD	DOVE	TESTIFY	WORLD	SON

Sunday, Jan 18, 2026 Faith is a daily commitment The Gospel of John tells us that the Spirit came down and remained on Jesus. The wording is no accident. At one point or another, each of us likely has had a powerful spiritual experience, a genuine “moment of connection” with the divine. Without diminishing the beauty and significance of such experiences, a single “peak experience” does not a spiritual life make. It is the day-in, day-out commitment to practice one’s faith that will create a deeply rooted spirituality. The Holy Spirit not only descended on Jesus, it remained with him. The results were evident in Jesus’ life, and can be in ours as well. **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34 (64). “On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.”

Monday, Jan 19, 2026 That all may be one The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity began in 1908. The dates of the week were proposed by Father Paul Wattson, S.A., cofounder of the Gray moor Franciscan Friars. Popes Pius X blessed the concept and Benedict XV encouraged its observance. Protestant leaders in the mid-1920s also proposed an annual octave of prayer for unity. In 1948, with the founding of the World Council of Churches, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity became increasingly recognized by different churches throughout the world. Take a moment today to pray that while acknowledging our differences, Christians of various backgrounds and traditions may indeed all be one in Christ. 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22 (311). “New wine is poured into fresh wineskins.”

Tuesday, Jan 20, 2026 Blissful thinking “We all want to live happily,” Saint Augustine wrote. “How is it, then, that I seek you, Lord?” For the answer, the Catechism of the Catholic Church advises: Look to the Beatitudes—a word that means “ultimate happiness” or “bliss”—in the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus explains how to be comforted, shown mercy, filled, even to inherit the Earth and see God. Happiness doesn’t come from money or power or fame, as tempting as they might be, but from humility, purity of heart, faithfulness—all the virtues Jesus extols. When happiness eludes you, it can be recovered by recapping the words of Saint Thomas Aquinas: “God alone satisfies.” 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28 (312). “The Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.”

Wednesday, Jan 21, 2026 Nothing is as simple as black and white Determining good and evil is rarely a simple affair. Saint Agnes refused to obey a Roman official and marry his son, so she was considered a defiant citizen, tortured and beheaded. Jesus healed on the Sabbath and so was considered a lawbreaker, tortured and hanged. Every age has its citizens and leaders who see things in black and white and stand ready to accuse any who would dare to admit to shades of gray when it careful not to join their ranks. The world is filled with mystery, subtlety, and divine truths that can’t be prepackaged in one-size fits-all boxes. **MEMORIAL**

OF AGNES, MARTYR 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6 (313). “They watched Jesus closely to see if he would cure him on the sabbath so that they might accuse him.” Most of us will never have such an experience, but we can indeed learn to make ourselves aware of the presence and guidance of God. 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39 (307). “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

Thursday, Jan 22, 2026 Cling to Christ While Christian unity comes to our attention each January, in the daily “culture wars” what divides people (including Christian from Christian) seems always more prominent. In the healthcare debate, for example, securing the noble goal of healthcare for all, including the poor and undocumented, sparks controversy and even belligerence. What of the borderless kingship of Christ? Christ’s unconditional compassion is real only insofar as it is acted in our flesh. Unity among Christians will elude us as long as any of us clings to anyone or anything other than Christ. 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12 (314). “Jonathan then spoke well of David to his father Saul, saying to him: ‘Let not your majesty sin against his servant David.’”

Friday, Jan 23, 2026 On call every day To what will you be called this day? Will it be to reconciliation and right relationship with a friend or coworker? To lead the way on a project using your gifts and a bit of inspiration from the Spirit? To lay aside your pride to help another person? To make someone smile? You may not see it coming, and you might not even realize it when it is happening, but throughout this day, indeed every day, you are called by God to bring about the gospel of Christ Jesus—to “do small things with great love,” in the words of Mother Teresa. Listen, and be ready! 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19 (315). “Jesus went up the mountain and summoned those whom he wanted.”

Saturday, Jan 24, 2026 Here’s a crazy idea: Be kind and gentle Many of Jesus’ relatives thought Jesus was out of his mind because of all the things he was saying and doing. Sixteen centuries later people thought Saints Francis de Sales and Jane Frances de Chantal were nuts for starting a religious order of sick and broken-down women who could not follow the more austere rules of religious life at the time. Yet together, like Mary at the Visitation, these women practiced “gentleness with a valiant spirit.” The Order of the Visitation has as its motto “Live Jesus,” which serves as a reminder to all of us to do the same. **MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH 2** Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mark 3:20-21 (316). “They set out to seize him, for they said, ‘He is out of his mind.’”



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Remember our Sick:

Kevin Jessie, Kathryn Lane, Eleanor Hudo, Patricia Ricci, Anthony Alberici, Evelyn Gagliano, Sue, Carl Jr. & Cheryl Moore Festa, Tim Grazsko, Jamie Mazza, Pat, Jim Podolak, Mary Manuel, Olivia, Kathleen, Bruce, Marilyn Castiglione, Allyza, John Salva, Stacy, Danielle, Lucy Pagano, Kevin & Maryanne Festa Leonard, Cortney Fedyshyn, Briana Dewitt, Joyce Blowers, John Clark, Cheryl Bellnier, Colleen Pinckney, Pat Gallagher, Gloria Cuddy, Tim Daly, Sue Daly, Carol Aldrich, Thomas Didio, Dave, Don & Joan Zeleznik, Mary Campbell, Mark Cole, Jonathan Arrowsmith, Lucas Mallory, Joe Schubach, Mary Warter, Gina DelPiano, Caleb Jones, Michael Fronzek, Carter Hergert, Joan Komanecy, Elizabeth Lane, Frances Lane, Siobhan Phillippe, Donna Romano, David Festa, and those listed in our Book of Petitions.

"We pray for all those who are sick, especially those on our parish prayer list, those in nursing homes, assisted living, the hospital or the homebound. May they receive comfort, healing, and strength from God's grace."

Please call Nancy at 315-252-7271 to have names added or removed. Thank you!


We pray for the men and women of our Armed Forces serving U.S. and abroad:

LCpl Brian Baxter USMC, Capt. Gregory Baxter USMC, Capt. DJ Benzing USAF, Lt. Col Joseph E. Brooks USAF, SSgt Tom Ellis Sr. USA, SSgt Angel Gonzalez USA, Col Eddie Gonzalez USMC, Pvt Zachary Gonzalez USMC, CWO4 Roger Graf USA, 1SGT Zachary Howell USA, SSgt James Johnson USMC, SFC Jason Mero USA, Pvt Justin Miller USA, E3 David Mirales US Navy, Lt Jg Richard Nelson IV, USN, E4 Adam H. Brooks, Airman Sarah Pasternak, USAF, Lt. Jack Hogan, USN, Airman Alex Gonnella, USAF., Major William Griffin USMC

"We pray for the protection and safety of all military personnel, including police, fire, and corrections serving both at home and abroad, especially those deployed in dangerous situations."