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Sacred Heart:
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Saturday 3:30pm

Sacraments

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

Sacred Heart Church

90 Melrose Rd

St. Alphonsus Church

85 E. Genesee St.

St. Ann Church

4890 Twelve Corners Rd.

Holy Family Church

85 North St.

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PRACTICING) CATHOLIC
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Carpenter and the Law

February 15, 2026

My husband and I couldn't believe our luck: our new house had a deck. It was more than a couple of broke millennials had ever dared to dream. Lounging in our patio furniture drinking coffee and watching the cars drive past, we felt like Kennedys at Hyannis Port. We had arrived.

Well, until it started falling apart.

To be fair, my husband knew this was going to happen all along, because he's a person who uses words like "joist" and "weight-bearing" correctly. He took one look at the deck at the open house and knew it wasn't up to code. "We're going to have to reinforce this at some point," he told me. "Whatever!" I replied, daydreaming about twinkle lights and porch parties.

Sure enough, our second summer in the house, he had to rip the rotting surface boards off. The biggest issue was that the joists were too far apart; when we stepped on the boards, they bowed and almost cracked, lacking adequate support beneath. But we weren't going to redo the whole deck — we're not *actually* Kennedys. We (okay, *he*) simply ripped the surface boards off, added the necessary joists, and replaced the decking with newer, better, stronger wood.

Simply put, my husband did not come to abolish the deck, but to fulfill it.

The law of Moses was like a good deck, admirably built. You could say "*Raqa*," your heart filled with anger, and the law didn't break. But that anger treads heavily on boards not adequately supported. Over time, the anger becomes too much to bear. And that board — that law, that heart — it'll break. Just you wait.

And when it does, you'll see why: there wasn't anything beneath, holding it up.

So God sent a Carpenter to reinforce the law. The Carpenter crafted joists from prudence, fortitude, justice and temperance — strong virtues that can withstand a lifetime of battery, if properly maintained.

And the law still holds.

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Intentions of the Holy Father Pope Leo

February:

For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Calendar of Events Week of February 15, 2026

Sunday, February 15, 2026

No Faith Formation-Winter Break

Monday, February 16, 2026

All Parish Offices Closed for President's Day

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

7:00pm(SH) Peace and Justice Meeting

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Ash Wednesday

Thursday, February 19, 2026

Friday, February 20, 2026

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

6:00pm-8:00pm(SH) Christus Vivit

Saturday, February 21, 2026

Sunday, February 22, 2026

10:00am-11:00am(SH) Faith Formation

The "**Pack the Pantry**" item for the week of
Feb. 14/15-**Bottles of Salad Dressing**
Feb. 21/22-**Jars of Peanut Butter**

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

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Justice and Peace Committee will hold its first
meeting on Tuesday, February 17th at 7:00pm at
Sacred Heart Church, 90 Melrose Road, Auburn. Our
intent is to promote awareness of Catholic social
teaching and opportunities to live the Baptismal call to
love God and neighbor.

Topics are Laudate si: Care and Creation, Pastoral
Migratoria and You are not alone - a national Catholic
initiative for Migrants and their families. If you have
questions, please contact Charlie Greene,
cgreene@greenemeadow.com

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR 02/08/25

Sacred Heart Church

Regular Collection \$4782.00

St. Alphonsus Church

Regular Collection \$3623.00

St. Ann's Church

Regular Collection \$797.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Ash Wednesday

February 18

Sacred Heart 8:30am

St. Alphonsus 12:15pm

St. Alphonsus 5:15pm

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday 12:00pm & 7:00pm

February 20

St. Mary's Church

February 27

Sacred Heart Church

March 6

St. Francis Church

March 13

Sacred Heart Church 12:00pm

St. Alphonsus Church 7:00pm

March 20

St. Hyacinth's Church

March 27

6:00 pm at SS Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church
for the Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

Catholic Relief Services Operation Rice Bowl

This Lent parishioners are encouraged to participate
in Operation Rice Bowl as a means of almsgiving.
Operation Rice Bowl is part of Catholic Relief
Services. Contributions to CRS Rice Bowl benefits the
hungry and impoverished throughout the world and
our own St. Alphonsus Food Pantry. It is a way to
share our goods and ourselves. Our Holy Father,
Pope Leo, reminds us that "Love for our neighbor is
tangible proof of the authenticity of our love for God."
Thank you and have a blessed Lent 2026.

LENT FILL THE TOWER St. Alphonsus Food Pantry
will once again participate in our Lenten Project, "40
Cans for 40 Days." We are asking families to donate
forty cans of food for the 40 days of Lent. This is one
can of food for every day of Lent. There will be sheets
at the entrances of the church with suggestions of
what is needed. Our goal is to fill our 90-foot church
tower with cans of food. You can drop cans off each
week at the Pantry at the Fingerlakes Mall, which is
open from 9:00am to 11:30am, Monday through
Saturday or at any of the Masses on the weekends.

During Lent, we strive to free ourselves from all kinds of clutter-material and spiritual-in order to focus on God and turn back to him with our whole hearts. If this "turning back" is genuine, it will be a reorientation, a transformation. To help us enter into this season, we will be guided in exploring three key moments in the life and ministry of Jesus. Please join us for a Bible Study as we read **Lent: Season of Transformation** on Wednesday, March 4th, 11th, & 18th from 6:00pm – 7:00pm at Sacred Heart. Led by Liza Kelly. If you have any questions, please contact Ana at 609-575-9580 or ana.haff@dor.org.

The Knights of Columbus 207 Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship, valued at \$500 each, will be awarded to two well-rounded high school seniors and/or continuing education adults who have consistently demonstrated a Christian attitude, through word and example, and are actively involved in their parish, school, and community. Interested individuals should contact their guidance counselor for an application. Deadline is April 24th.

Have you ever felt called to walk in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi? The Secular Franciscan Order (formerly known as the "The Third Order"), was created more than 800 years ago by St. Francis for lay people – married and single – priests, and deacons who want to live out Franciscan spirituality in their daily lives. Our Lady of the Angels Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order regularly meets in Schrader Hall at St. Mary's Church, 15 Clark St, Auburn at 2:15 p.m. for prayer and study of Franciscan spirituality. Visitors are welcome to see if they are called to this Franciscan approach to life. Our next meeting is Sunday, February 22. For more information, contact Bernie Tomasso at 315-246-3440 or olasfoauburn@gmail.com.

Catholic Ministries Appeal
Please make checks payable to:
Catholic Ministries Appeal
PO Box 6841
Ithaca, NY 14851

02/02/26	Donors	Pledged	Goal	%
ANN	26	\$10,335	\$10,000	103.35%
SH	140	\$35,353	\$47,000	75.22%
SA	102	\$20,537	\$37,000	55.51%

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!



Please join us at our next Parish Life meeting on **Monday, March 2nd at 6:00 PM**. All are invited. We are looking for new ideas for fundraisers, social gatherings or any other ideas you may have for Parish Life.

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!

Scholarship Applications are available through the Knights of Columbus, Father Albert Shamon #735, to graduating high school seniors from the following schools, J-E, Cato, Auburn, Weedsport, Union Springs, Skaneateles, Southern Cayuga, Marcellus, Moravia, and Tyburn Academy. Seniors should see the guidance counselors for more information. Deadline is April 24th.

"HOLY HOUR FOR PEACE" has been encouraged by Archbishop Paul Coakley, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). It is hoped that these Holy Hours be a moment of renewal for our hearts and for our nation. The archbishop asks us to pray "for reconciliation where there is division, for justice where there are violations of fundamental rights, and for consolation for all who feel overwhelmed by fear or loss." St. Mary's Church will offer **Holy Hour For Peace** at the Vesper Service at 4:00 pm Sunday, February 15 at 4:00 pm. All are welcome to participate in the quiet of their hearts for healing in our nation and communities.

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LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15, 2026

Saturday, February 14, 2026

4:00 pm Sacred Heart

+Ken Kanya by His Wife Linda
+Jim & Donna Lawler by Michelle
+Clara Walsh by Family

4:30 pm St. Alphonsus

+Thomas Fennessy by Charles Healy
+Ginny & Lisa Elardo by Family

Sunday, February 15, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+Barbara Wallace by Family
+Lucille & Ed Brown by Family

9:00 am St. Ann

+Ed & Nancy Shaw by Family

10:30 am St. Alphonsus

+John Arpino by Mom, Stephen & Joe
+Don Lukins by Family

11:00 am Sacred Heart

+Patrick Penafeather by Family
+For the Intentions of JPB & Family
by Robert & Laurie Faiola

5:00 pm St. Alphonsus

+For the People of St. Alphonsus Parish

Monday, February 16, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

No Mass Office Closed

9:00 am St. Alphonsus

+For the People of Sacred Heart Parish

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

8:30 am-Sacred Heart

+Patty Simmonds by Family

12:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+Ruth Schell by Estate

Wednesday, February 18, 2026-Ash Wednesday

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+Sherry Chayka by Bereavement Ministry

12:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+For the People of St. Alphonsus Parish

5:15pm St. Alphonsus

+The Poor Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, February 19, 2026

5:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+Letizia Magats by Estate

Friday, February 20, 2026

7:30 am St. Alphonsus

+Joseph & John Carberry by Family

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+Mary Krawczyk by Virginia

Saturday, February 21, 2026

4:00 pm Sacred Heart

+Jama Kessler by Barbara Hartnett
+Phil Dello Stritto by Mary Farrell
+Nancy Aldrich by Bereavement Ministry

4:30 pm St. Alphonsus

+Richard Boedicker & Deceased Family Members
by Chris & Bob Boedicker

Sunday, February 22, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+Helen Oyer by Family
+Ed Galka by Marlene & Glenn White

9:00 am St. Ann

+For the People of St. Ann's Parish

10:30 am St. Alphonsus

+Joanne & Tim Francis & Jim Salva by Jeannine Larose

11:00 am Sacred Heart

+Ed Galka by Kathy & Brent Rhodes
+Robert McMahon by Family

5:00 pm St. Alphonsus

+Ormie King by Joe & Sue Rusinko

**The Memorial Candles
Week of
February 8, 2026**

**Sacred Heart Church
Tabernacle Candle**
Patrick Penafeather
by
Family

**St. Alphonsus Church
Tabernacle Candle**
Katherine Festa
by
Mary Anne Festa Leonard

**For Those Who Have Recently
Died**
David Festa
Eternal rest grant
unto them,
O Lord;
and let perpetual
light shine upon them

Sunday, February 15, 2026
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this week's Gospel, Jesus continues to teach his disciples. Many people—including the disciples—were confused by the miracles of Jesus and His preaching. Jesus assures them that He has come not to abolish (a fancy word for getting rid of something) the laws of their faith, but to fulfill the promise made by God to his people. Jesus further instructs his disciples about how they are to conduct themselves. He tells his followers that they are to hold themselves to an even higher standard than the high priests and Pharisees (the religious leaders of Jesus' day) in how they treat one another. It isn't just our actions which make us holy or sinful, but also our thoughts and our words.

Jesus also reminds us that we must love others through the words we say and the way we behave toward them. In this way, we love God.



SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

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 O G M V E W N I U L V L Q H F T S T E B
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AMEN

EVIL

JUDGE

RECONCILE

BREAKS

FULFILL

KILL

SWEAR

BROTHER

GREATEST

LAW

TEACHES

COMMANDMENTS

HEAVEN

OBEYS

In His Service,
 Ana Haff
 Director of Faith Formation
ana.haff@dor.org

Sunday, Feb 15, 2026 Choose the right route

Breaking Bad, the highly acclaimed television series (2008-13) in which a desperate and dying chemistry teacher decides to become a producer of methamphetamine to make sure his family is cared for, is a modern morality tale that illustrates the destruction and death that are the consequences of making wrong choices, or “breaking bad,” as it were. With each ill-conceived decision it becomes easier to make the next until you become so turned around that you completely lose your moral compass. Take the time to map out your choices to see where they will lead—and then choose the path of righteousness.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37 (76). *“Whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven.”*

Monday, Feb 16, 2026 A sure sign

Generations still seek a sign. But often we look for signs in the wrong place and remain oblivious to the divine inklings all around us. “If there is anyone who is not enlightened by this sublime magnificence of created things,” says Saint Bonaventure, “he is blind. If there is anyone who, seeing all these works of God, does not praise Him, he is dumb; if there is anyone who, from so many signs, cannot perceive God, that man is foolish.” Open your eyes and look around. When the brokenhearted take heart and the hard-hearted show some mercy—those are signs that God has gotten through. Want to find other divine signs? Fix your gaze on love. James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13 (335). *“Why does this generation seek a sign?”*

Tuesday, Feb 17, 2026 It’s hard to keep it simple

Being “hard of heart” might be the biblical equivalent of having a thick skull. And most of the time the disciples, God bless them, are guilty as charged. At many points in the gospel accounts they misunderstand, misinterpret, or otherwise mismanage the Good News Jesus is trying to communicate to them. They are therefore the perfect role models for all who have followed Jesus since then. The simplicity and clarity of notions such as “love one another” and “do unto others” leaves us looking for an escape clause—it can’t be that simple, can it? Try to keep an open mind—and heart. James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21 (336). *“Do you not yet understand or comprehend? Are your hearts hardened?”*

Wednesday, Feb 18, 2026 Spring cleaning for the soul

It’s the beginning of a new season of Lent for those who believe. Lent traditionally takes on a penitential tone with somber purple color and the practice of fasting, prayer, and charitable giving. But we shouldn’t forget that Lent comes from the Old English word for “spring,” and in this sense it’s a sort of spiritual new year, a season of rebirth and renewal. “Lent is a time of grace, a time for conversion, a time to come home to God,” says Saint Maximilian Kolbe. During Lent we cultivate better habits for a healthy heart. What will you refrain from (fasting), how will you seek God (prayer), and where will you share your love (almsgiving) these 40 days?

ASH WEDNESDAY; DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 (219). *“When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites.”*

Thursday, Feb 19, 2026 The pain is worth the gain

When Jesus asks us to take up our cross daily and follow him, he’s not saying we need to seek out maximum pain. But he is saying that we can and should embrace suffering that is inescapable or for a higher good, rather than trying to avoid it at all costs. “Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring,” Saint Catherine of Siena reminds us. To take up our cross means to give our lives over to walking in the loving ways of God—a love which, as every Eucharist reminds us, is willing to sacrifice and suffer for others. May you find yourself at cross purposes today. LENTEN WEEKDAY Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25 (220). *“If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily.”*

Friday, Feb 20, 2026 Not by bread alone

Fasting and mercy go together, like meat and potatoes—or, because it’s the first Friday of Lent, coleslaw and deep-fried cod. “Mercy is to fasting as rain is to the Earth,” says Early Church Father Saint Peter Chrysologus. “However much you may cultivate your heart, clear the soil of your nature, root out vices, sow virtues, if you do not release the springs of mercy, your fasting will bear no fruit.” Who might benefit from your mercy during your Lenten fast? Perhaps someone who has wronged you. Or someone who comes to you with hand out. Keep this additional advice in mind from Saint Peter Chrysologus as you contemplate moments of mercy: “You will not be allowed to keep what you have refused to give to others.” LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15 (221). *“This, rather, is the fasting that I wish: releasing those bound unjustly.”*

Saturday, Feb 21, 2026 Offer one another a sign of peace

Adults try to help young people discern how to choose their friends wisely and be a good friend to others. We encourage them to associate with upstanding and trustworthy people. We pray that they will lead exemplary Christian lives, which—if they take Jesus’ words to heart—will mean that they’ll end up eating and drinking with sinners! But there’s a catch: Jesus neither joins in the sin nor judges the sinner. He merely extends an offer of peace to people who are leading sad and desperate lives. “Let the weakest, sinful soul have no fear to approach me,” says Jesus in a vision recorded by Saint Faustina, “for even if it had more sins than there are grains of sand in the world, all would be drowned in the unmeasurable depths of my mercy.” This boundless compassion is the very heart of Christian discipleship. LENTEN WEEKDAY Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32 (222). *“Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”*

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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 Komanecky, Elizabeth Lane, Frances Lane, Siobhan Phillippe, Donna Romano, 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."