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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

**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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Holy Family \* Sacred Heart \* St. Alphonsus \* St. Ann**

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**The Fourth Sunday of Lent  
LITURGICAL PARTICIPATION  
03-15-26**

The celebration of Mass is an act of the whole assembly gathered for worship. In the Mass, the Church is joined to the action of Christ. We are joined to this divine action through Baptism, which incorporates us into the risen Christ. This action, which lies at “the center of the whole of Christian life” (General Instruction of the Roman Missal [GIRM], no. 16), is initiated not by us but by God acting in and through the Church as the Body of the risen Christ. The Liturgy is designed to bring about in all those who make up the worshipping assembly a “participation of the faithful, namely in body and in mind, a participation fervent with faith, hope, and charity” (GIRM, no. 18). To the extent that we are able to participate in this way, the work of redemption becomes personally effective for each of us. By such participation we make the actions and prayers of the Liturgy our own; we enter more fully into our personal communion with Christ’s redeeming act and perfect worship. “In the celebration of Mass, the faithful form a holy people, a people of God’s own possession and a royal Priesthood, so that they may give thanks to God and offer the unblemished sacrificial Victim not only by means of the hands of the Priest but also together with him and so that they may learn to offer their very selves. They should, moreover, take care to show this by their deep religious sense and their charity toward brothers and sisters who participate with them in the same celebration. Moreover, they are to form one body, whether in hearing the word of God, or in taking part in the prayers and in the singing, or above all by the common offering of the Sacrifice and by participating together at the Lord’s table” (GIRM, nos. 95, 96). The participation of each person in the Liturgy is important. Each person needs to do his or her part.

Please remember your preparation for Mass begins at home. The Church asks her Faithful to fast one hour before receiving the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion. Upon entering Church before Mass please respect the Sacredness of the Church space and be mindful of those who desire a spirit of silence in order to prayerfully dispose themselves for the celebration of Holy Mass. Please keep conversation to a minimum and in a quiet whisper. At the end of Mass, the Faithful are commissioned to “Go Forth” ... As we conclude Mass in song of Praise and Thanksgiving, the Priest Presider leads the Faithful in going forth. Once the Presider has left the “Church Proper,” the congregation follow. To leave Church before the Presider should only happen in cases of emergency. All the above lends itself to good Liturgy and the proper order of the Sunday celebration of Holy Mass.

REFERENCES General Instruction of the Roman Missal. Liturgy Documentary Series 14. Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2011.

**Intentions of the Holy Father Pope Leo  
March:**

For disarmament and peace  
Let us pray that nations move toward effective  
disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and  
that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and  
diplomacy instead of violence.

The “Pack the Pantry” item for the week of  
 March 14/15-Boxes of Cereal  
 March 21/22-Boxes or Canisters of Oatmeal

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, 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!



Date	Cans
2/22/2026	530
3/1/2026	1331
3/8/2026	1261
3/15/2026	
3/22/2026	
3/29/2025	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3122</b>

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR 03/08/26**

**Sacred Heart Church**  
 Regular Collection \$6470.00  
**St. Alphonsus Church**  
 Regular Collection \$3661.00  
**St. Ann’s Church**  
 Regular Collection \$1105.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

**Stations of the Cross**

Friday 12:00pm & 7:00pm  
**March 20**  
 St. Hyacinths Church

**March 27**  
 6:00 pm at SS Peter & Paul  
 Ukrainian Catholic Church  
 for the Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

**Calendar of Events  
 Week of March 15, 2026**

**Sunday, March 15, 2026**  
 10:00am-11:00am(SH)Faith Formation  
 3:00pm-5:00pm(SH) Y1 Confirmation  
 5:00pm-7:00pm(SH) Y2 Confirmation  
**Monday, March 16, 2026**  
 7:00pm St. Mary’s Church  
 Communal Penance Service  
**Tuesday, March 17, 2026**  
 10:00am(SH) AOH Mass  
 5:00pm(SH) 1st Penance/1st Communion Prep  
**Wednesday, March 18, 2026**  
 7:00pm(SH) Bible Study  
**Thursday, March 19, 2026**  
 5:30pm(SH) Choir Rehearsal  
**Friday, March 20, 2026**  
**8:30am(SA) Mass and Exposition &  
 Adoration to follow**  
 12:00pm & 7:00pm Stations at St. Hyacinth’s  
 6:00pm-9:00pm(SH) Christus Vivit  
**Saturday, March 21, 2026**  
 1:00pm(SA) 1<sup>st</sup> Penance  
 7:30am(SH) Blood Drive  
**Sunday, March 22, 2026**  
 10:00am-11:00am(SH)Faith Formation  
 3:00pm-5:00pm(SH) Y1 Confirmation  
 5:00pm-7:00pm(SH) Y2 Confirmation

**SUPPORT FOR FR. JOSEPH OSEI BONSU:**

In 2010, Fr. Bonsu, from the Diocese of Obuasi in Ghana, began a three-year priestly assignment in Auburn. When he completed his assignment, he returned to Ghana as is the protocol for his diocese. Ever since then, Fr. Bonsu has taken a six-week vacation every few years in Auburn. In mid-2024, Fr. Bonus needed medical treatment for pancreatic cancer, which he has received in Auburn all through 2025 with all his needs taken care of. It is in his current stay in Auburn lasting until July that he needs financial assistance for housing, food, transportation, etc. Dr. Theresa Casper-Klock has graciously arranged a fundraising program to assist Fr. Bonsu. Please visit GoFundMe and go to “Community Support for Father Joseph” or make a check payable to Dr. Theresa Casper-Klock and write “Fr. Joseph” in the memo line and mail to 1712 W. Genesee St. Rd, Auburn, NY 13021. In your kindness, please keep Father Joseph Osei Bonsu in your prayers.

**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, March 22. For more information, contact Bernie Tomasso at 315-246-3440 or olasfoauburn@gmail.com.



**RADA Catalogs** for our Parish Life Fundraising are now available in the vestibule of each of our Churches. Instructions for placing online orders are printed right on the front of every catalog.

If you have any difficulty ordering or have questions, please reach out to:

- Karen Mahoney: 315-515-3151
- Missy Deyneka: 315-246-8945

We’re also excited to share that \$5.00 coupons are now attached to the front of the catalogs! Feel free to take advantage of this savings while supporting our Parish Life events—like our Parish Picnic—at no extra cost to you.

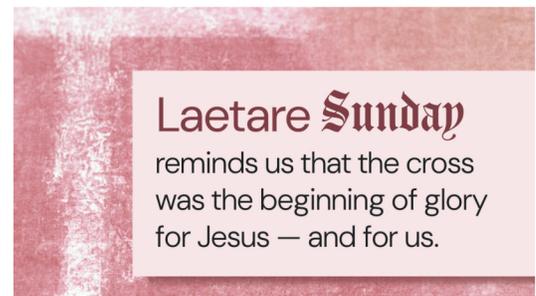
Thank you for your continued support and generosity. It truly helps our fellowship flourish.

**Our next First Friday Mass** in the Hall at Sacred Heart is on May 1, 2026 at 11:30am with a light luncheon to follow. If you have not attended a First Friday as of yet, please join us and see what the fun and fellowship is all about!!!

**Our next Parish Life Meeting** is Monday, May 4th at 5:30pm at Sacred Heart. All are invited to attend.

**Tyburn Academy** has scheduled a fundraiser night at the restaurant At Long Last for Thursday, 3/19/2026, from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. If people mention that they are there for Tyburn, either dine-in or take-out, the restaurant will donate back to the school a portion (10%) of the proceeds. Thank you for your support!

*Thank you for your continued generosity and support to the Catholic Ministry Appeal.*



3/9/2026	Donors	Pledged	Goal	%
<b>ANN</b>	28	\$10,751	\$10,000	107.75
<b>SH</b>	151	\$36,478	\$47,000	77.61
<b>SA</b>	108	\$21,972	\$37,000	59.38

We would like to thank **St. Albert the Great Academy** For Sponsoring an Ad In Our Weekly Bulletin

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 15, 2026

**Saturday, March 14, 2026**

**4:00 pm Sacred Heart**

+Gerald Evans by Family  
+Josephine Kott by Family

**4:30 pm St. Alphonsus**

+For the People of Our Faith Community

**Sunday, March 15, 2026**

**8:30 am Sacred Heart**

+Helen Oyer by Family  
+Barbara Wallace by Family

**9:00 am St. Ann**

+Mark Geherin by Kathy & Brent Rhodes

**10:30 am St. Alphonsus**

+Ruth Barry by Estate

**11:00 am Sacred Heart**

+Jerry Oliver by Family  
+William Foster by Family  
+Tom Burke by Family

**5:00 pm St. Alphonsus**

+Margaret Renahan & Dominick Schillace  
by Michael Schillace  
+Lawrence & Josephine Kenna & Family by Family

**Monday, March 16, 2026**

**8:30 am Sacred Heart**

+Leighanne Boni by Bereavement Ministry

**12:15 pm St. Alphonsus**

No Mass

**Tuesday, March 17, 2026**

**8:30 am Sacred Heart**

+Ormie King by Liz Secaur  
+Jack Hogan by Family

**10:00 am Sacred Heart**

+For the Living and Deceased Members of  
the Ancient Order of Hibernians

**12:15 pm St. Alphonsus**

+Henry & Sarah Lavey by Family

**Wednesday, March 18, 2026**

**12:15 pm St. Alphonsus**

No Mass

**Thursday, March 19, 2026**

**5:15 pm St. Alphonsus**

+For our Faith Community

**Friday, March 20, 2026**

**8:30 am St. Alphonsus Church**

+William & Frances Keller &  
John & Angie Palazzoli by Mary

**Saturday, March 21, 2026**

**4:00 pm Sacred Heart**

+Jama Kessler by Barbara Hartnett & Family  
+Karen Donovan by Family  
+Dale Gamba by Family

**4:30pm St. Alphonsus**

+John Langham by Bereavement Ministry

**Sunday, March 22, 2026**

**8:30 am Sacred Heart**

+Lillian Sperduti by Bob & Diane Kiernan

**Sunday, 9:00 am St. Ann**

+Joseph Dec by Family

**10:30 am St. Alphonsus**

+Joseph J. Janusz  
by Lorraine & Donald Arliss

**11:00 am Sacred Heart**

+Teresa Foster by Family  
+Tom Donovan by Jerry Sliss & Family  
+Joseph & Jennie Vitale  
by Rose & Matteo Bartolotta

**5:00 pm St. Alphonsus**

+Tom Fennessy by The Gamba Family  
+Ann Bryla by Nancy & Al Prosser  
+Nick & Carm Diego & Patty Frazier  
by Family

**The Memorial Candles  
Week of  
March 15, 2026**

**Sacred Heart Church  
Tabernacle Candle**  
*Ed Galka*  
by Pat Messina

**St. Alphonsus Church  
Tabernacle Candle**  
*Joan Hogan*  
by  
The Nash Family

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle**  
*Carl Festa*  
by Kevin & Mary Ann Festa Leonard

Sunday, March 15, 2026  
4th Sunday of Lent

Have you ever sat in a room that is totally and completely dark? Sometimes we lose power and our homes can be very dark. When Jesus walked the earth, there was no electricity. Oil and candles were burned to provide light. It is hard to imagine nowadays how dark the evenings must have been with no streetlights or electricity.

In today's Gospel, we hear about a blind man who lived in such darkness all the time. Jesus heals him! The man can finally see light. At first, the blind man thinks that Jesus must be a great prophet. But after being questioned by the Pharisees and speaking with Jesus again, the man understands that Jesus is the Christ. Jesus proclaims to him that He is the light of the world. Not only did He allow this man to see physical light, but He also showed him spiritual light (Jesus). Jesus alone can bring light to the darkness.

*Activities:*

- Have you ever been afraid of the dark? Discuss with your family how knowing that Jesus is the Light makes a difference!
- It can be hard to be faithful during Lent. How is Jesus calling you to recommit yourself to Him this Sunday?
- Today is Laetare Sunday, for rejoice! What is a tangible way you can rejoice in the Lord as a family today?

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



**Sunday, Mar 15, 2026**

### **Believe what you see**

Did you ever go looking for your glasses when they were sitting right on top of your head? Or search everywhere for your car keys when they were lying on the table where you left them? There are times when we can look directly at something and not see it because we can't believe it's there. Take Jesus, for instance. We say we look for him and can't find him. Yet the Bible says he is "hear you, in your mouth and in your heart" (Romans 10:8). Christ is in you, wrapped up in your humanity. There is nothing that can separate you from the love of God you have in Jesus Christ. Seeing may be believing, but in this case believing is seeing.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41 (31). *"Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he.'"*

**Monday, Mar 16, 2026**

### **Scrap your plans**

"Hear our prayer" is a common response to the Prayers of the Faithful. Though you may go to God humbly, sometimes you have a pretty good idea of what you want God to do; all that's needed is for God to set your plan in motion. Yet faith requires not a well-thought-out solution but a willingness to give yourself over to God. "Surrender without reservation to the Lord who has called us," says Saint Benedicta of the Cross. "This is required of us so that the face of the earth may be renewed." Who wouldn't want to experience such global renewal? Let your faith open you to glories you never dreamed of.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54 (244). *"He went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, who was near death."*

**Tuesday, Mar 17, 2026**

### **Commit to being healed**

Jesus posed an intriguing question to one man who had been ailing for 38 years: Do you want to be well? It appears as though the answer would be obvious. So why does Jesus even bother to ask before healing him? Perhaps because he knew how often we find it difficult to leave our own suffering. We cling to our suffering because we have grown so comfortable in it. Ailments can explain all our insufficiencies before God. But what would we cling to when those ailments have been cured? Muster the courage to commit to true health, and say yes to an offer to be healed.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16 (245). *"Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been ill for a long time, he said to him, 'Do you want to be well?'"*

**Wednesday, Mar 18, 2026**

### **Building spiritual muscle memory**

Catholics give up all kinds of things for Lent: cookies, drinking, cussing, not to mention meat on Fridays. They also try to find time for prayer and charitable works. Why do we do it? What purpose do these small, penitential acts serve? As dietary measures the impact on the scales is slight, and as behavioral correctives they don't always "take" beyond the 40 days. The main benefit, then, is

strength training for the will. We have to learn to say no to the self, so that when it comes time to say yes to God, we'll be ready.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30 (246). *"I do not seek my own will but the will of the one who sent me."*

**Thursday, Mar 19, 2026**

### **Getting past polarization**

A righteous man follows the laws of his religion yet allows mercy to guide his actions. That is why Joseph decided to divorce Mary quietly, so that she might avoid the harsh penalty for what seemed to be her infidelity. But true righteousness—God's righteousness—goes beyond religious law and draws on the dictates of a well-formed conscience to discern a deeper response. This "third way" of compassion makes room for the mysterious work of God to bring forth fulfillment. Trusting this call, Joseph came to believe that God wanted him to welcome Mary into his home, and so took a courageous risk. His decision changed the course of history. In our polarized world, perhaps Joseph's discerning spirit can inspire us to break free from our rigid either/or thinking and choose the path of compassion.

SOLEMNITY OF JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a (543). *"Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly."*

**Friday, Mar 20, 2026**

### **Add depth to your days**

Are you feeling a time crunch in your life? Many Americans report that they do, especially families with school-aged children. None of us can add breadth to the span of time available to us, but we can add depth to it by living more consciously aware of the grace of each moment. In the gospels this Lent we will hear how Jesus was keenly aware that "his hour" was drawing near. This is the hour of the greatest possible depth, when he freely gave his life so that faith could overcome fear, holiness could overcome sin, and life could triumph over death. We, too, will live more fully when, like Jesus, we realize we are sustained in every hour by the love of God.

LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 (248). *"No one laid a hand upon him, because his hour had not yet come."*

**Saturday, Mar 21, 2026**

### **A question of justice**

Justice doesn't come easy for most of us. That's why Moses and company felt compelled to lay down the law, which continues to shape our modern understanding of justice. Consider the question Nicodemus poses in today's gospel: "Does our law condemn a man before it first hears him and finds out what he is doing?" Our updated version of that is: One is innocent until proven guilty. How often we fall short of this precept. Think of detainees at refugee and detention camps who languish while waiting to be processed, those inadequately defended who now sit on Death Row, or the people you meet every day whom you subject to snap judgments. Let's each resolve, yet again, to act justly and work for justice.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53 (249). *"Does our law condemn a man before it first hears him?"*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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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."*

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