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**Fifth Sunday of Lent
Enough to Wake the Dead
March 22, 2026**

“O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them.” Are more wonderful words to be spoken in all the world? No loss is as great as what death takes from us. No sorrow is as deep as when our loved ones “go before us, marked with the sign of faith.” None of us remains untouched by death for long in this life, and all of us are delivered into its domain in the end. Like Mary falling down in the road before Jesus, we will weep for our losses. Like Martha voicing her indignation to Jesus with clenched fists, we will rage against the dying of the light. And like Lazarus himself we will find our bodily limitations eventually overwhelmed by accident or illness, age, time, and circumstance. We will close our eyes on this world once and for all.

Yet God has authority over the grave and can literally wake the dead. Even more: “I have promised, and I will do it, says the Lord.” The same God who rescues a people from slavery, exile, and the darkness of sin vows to remove the sting of death. We will not fail to die, but death won’t have the last word. The grave can’t hold us. We will see the glory of God when the voice of love cries out to us by name: “Come out!” And we’ll be unbound to enjoy the full freedom of the children of God at last—and forever.

Let’s be clear: The Lazarus experience is more than a finale at the edge of eternity. Just as Ezekiel foretold that the exiles of Babylon would be freed from the grave of captivity, we can be free of anything that impedes our liberty right now. Are we paralyzed with anxiety about the future; addicted to substances that call all the shots in our days; trapped in relationship dynamics that wound and don’t heal; wrapped in memories of the past that enshroud us in what was and make us unavailable for what could be? God pledges freedom from oppression if we would only “trust in the Lord,” as the psalmist says.

But perhaps it’s not weakness and circumstance that contain and constrict us. Maybe it’s the deliberate choices we make, the steps we take daily that encourage our progress on the road to ruin. Sin, too, is a prison from which we must escape, as Saint Paul understood. If Christ is in us, he declares, we are cheerfully dead to sin and can enjoy a vigorous new life in the Spirit. Freedom from fear, from sin, and ultimately, from death? No grave can bind us, no walls contain us, when God holds all the keys.

~Alice Camille

Alice Camille is a religious educator, scripture commentator, and author of many books including This Transforming Word and other titles found at alicecamille.com.

**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 21/22-Boxes or Canisters of Oatmeal
 March 28/29-Cake Mixes

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!

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR 03/15/26

Sacred Heart Church
 Regular Collection \$5607.00
St. Alphonsus Church
 Regular Collection \$3120.30
St. Ann’s Church
 Regular Collection \$630.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Day of Penance & Mercy
Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Individual Confession throughout the day:
 City of Auburn on Tuesday, March 24, 2026
 1:00 to 2:00 pm St. Mary’s
 3:00 to 4:00 pm St. Alphonsus
 5:00 to 6:00 pm St. Francis
 7:00 to 8:00 pm Sacred Heart

Stations of the Cross
March 27

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



Date	Cans
2/22/2026	530
3/1/2026	1331
3/8/2026	1261
3/15/2026	780
3/22/2026	
3/29/2026	
TOTAL	3902

Calendar of Events
Week of March 22, 2026

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
Monday, March 23, 2026
Tuesday, March 24, 2026
 Day of Penance & Mercy
 5:00pm(SH) 1st Penance/1st Communion Prep
Wednesday, March 25, 2026
Thursday, March 26, 2026
 5:30pm(SH) Choir Rehearsal
Friday, March 27, 2026
 6:00pm SS Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church
 Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts
Saturday, March 28, 2026-Palm Sunday
 1:00pm(SA) Decorate for Palm Sunday
Sunday, March 29, 2026-Palm Sunday
 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 fund-raising 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.

Thank you for the overwhelming generosity that so many individuals and groups have shown for Fr. Joseph Bonsu. Due to the huge outpouring of support, it is not possible for Father to write individual thank you notes as he had hoped to do. The following quote, however, is directly from him for all of the love, prayers, and financial contributions you continue to send: I thank you from my heart and I am praying for all of you.

If you know of someone who needs a "Hug from God" the Prayer Shawl Ministry can help. It could be a anyone in need of a hug. If you know someone who is struggling with an emotional challenge, illness, a job loss, struggling in school or who has been bullied, or suffered the loss of a loved one, please call Nancy in the parish office for more information. "Shawls ... made for centuries universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles...

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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.

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

3/16/2026	Donors	Pledged	CMA Goal	%
ANN	28	\$10,751	\$10,000	107.75
SH	152	\$36,578	\$47,000	77.83
SA	109	\$22,022	\$37,000	59.52

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LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 22, 2026

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

Monday, March 23, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+Patty Galloway by Bereavement Ministry
+Michael Lewis by Family

12:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+Fr. Peter Mutunga Kiarie by Dr. Phillip & Cath Gioia

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+Ken Kanya by Family

12:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+Mary Anne & Peggy Kolo by Nancy Stevesky

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

12:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+Barbara Babiarz Leonardi, Jeffrey Babiarz &
Marguerite M. Yorio by Ezio V. Leonardi Family

Thursday, March 26, 2026

5:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+For our Faith Community

Friday, March 27, 2026

7:30am St. Alphonsus Church

+ The Poor Souls in Purgatory

8:30 am Sacred Heart Church

+Terry Flanigan by Family
+Walter Dec by Dec & DeRouin Family

Saturday, March 28, 2026

4:00 pm Sacred Heart

+Phil DelloStritto by Natalie Edmunds
+Ormie King by The Gamba Family

4:30pm St. Alphonsus

+Neil Hopkins by Patty Caster

Sunday, March 29, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+Joanne Paleczny by Jack & Sue Conway

9:00 am St. Ann

+David Weaver by Kristine & Paul Hickey

10:30 am St. Alphonsus

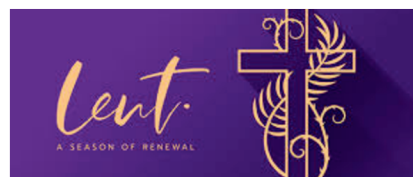
+Ronald Jones by Mike Lavey

11:00 am Sacred Heart

+Laurie D'Agostino by Joey White
+Ann Driscoll by Theresa Warter

5:00 pm St. Alphonsus

+Catherine Burger
+Jean Bunker
+DeeDee Gillooly



**The Memorial Candles
Week of March 22, 2026
Sacred Heart Church**

Tabernacle Candle

Walter Dec

by The Dec & DeRouin Family

St. Alphonsus Church

Tabernacle Candle

David Festa

by Kevin & Mary Ann Festa Leonard

For Those Who Have Recently Died

Ann Driscoll

Neil Hopkins

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

**Sunday, March 22, 2026
5th Sunday of Lent**



SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

The Gospel today contains a powerful story of the death and resurrection of Lazarus. Jesus first weeps at the loss of His friend Lazarus. He is sad with those who are grieving the loss of their brother and friend. In fact, John says that Jesus wept. Losing someone we love to death is very sad for those of us on earth. But the story doesn't end there!

Just like Jesus' death doesn't end there, neither does Lazarus.' Jesus uses this moment to teach Mary and Martha (and all of those gathered) that He is the Resurrection and the Life. Jesus then raises Lazarus from the dead—after he had been dead for days! Can you imagine witnessing this miracle? Just like Jesus wept with those who were sad at Lazarus' death, so He is with us in our sufferings and sorrows. And as He brings hope and joy to those at Lazarus' tomb that day, He wants to bring hope and joy to us as well! When we place our trust in Jesus, He will never fail us.

Activities:

- Gather with your family and read the Gospel passage. Consider acting it out. How do you think Martha and Mary felt at different times in this event?
- What would you say to Jesus if he were sitting beside you today? Jesus is right here with you, as He was with his friends in this Gospel. Take a moment to pray to Him about all the things in your heart.
- Consider writing a note or a letter to someone you are missing! Send it by email or even old-fashioned snail mail!

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BROTHER	JERUSALEM	MARTHA
DIED	JESUS	MARY
DISCIPLES	LAZARUS	SISTERS
ILLNESS	LORD	STONE
WEPT	LOVED	TOMB

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In His Service,
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Sunday, Mar 22, 2026

A rock of faith

Of the two sisters of Bethany, Mary is usually considered the “spiritual” one, and Martha is relegated to the category of “hostess with the mostest.” But after the death of their brother Lazarus, it is Martha who shows her spiritual mettle in her encounter with Jesus on the road. She gives her profession of faith with as much insight and certainty as does Peter when he was once asked by Jesus, “Who do you say that I am?” Peter’s response earns him the role of first leader of the church. Martha’s faith ensures that Lazarus is returned to her family and demonstrates that she, too, is a “rock.”

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Ezekiel 37:12-14;
Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45 (34).

Monday, Mar 23, 2026

Withhold your judgment

If you read the scripture for today, you’ll find two long and dramatic stories about the dangers of judging others. You’ll see the hazards of denying your conscience, bearing false witness, and having the attitudes of judgmentalism and self-righteousness. Believing in Jesus, on the other hand, and following him, leads to humility, honesty, integrity, and compassion. The next time you’re about to judge someone—talk down a friend, coworker, or member of your family, or get mad at someone in a service job—step back and offer your resentment up to God. “Do not judge, and you will not be judged,” Jesus says in Luke 6:37. “Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.”

LENTEN WEEKDAY Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30,
33-62; John 8:1-11 (251).

Tuesday, Mar 24, 2026

The sender in the sent

At the end of every Mass, we hear some version of the words, “Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.” This moment is not the end, it’s the beginning. We celebrate the Eucharist so that we might become for others what Jesus was for us—sustenance and life poured out for the good of all we meet. When we go forth “in his name,” we carry Jesus with us in a very real way, to our families, workplaces, and neighbors, and to strangers alike. Next time as Mass comes to a close, listen to those words commissioning you to bear Christ to the world. Take them to heart.

LENTEN WEEKDAY Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30 (252).
“The one who sent me is with me.”

Wednesday, Mar 25, 2026

Play the favorite

It’s not easy for us to explain why we hold certain people in special esteem above others. We have our favorites, and we don’t usually analyze it much beyond that. But if we did, we would probably find that we enjoy the person’s company because what they do pleases us. For these same reasons Mary found favor with God. She chose ways that were God’s ways. “Mary’s greatness,” says Pope Benedict XVI, “consists in the fact that she wants to magnify God, not herself.” She is the “mirror of all holiness.”

Follow Mary’s example and strive to be a shining example of God’s love.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38 (545).

“The angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.’”

Thursday, Mar 26, 2026

Naming rights

As Christians we often take on new names at Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, and marriage to mark entrance into a new phase of our faith life and discipleship. When God entered into a covenant with Abram and his descendants, Abram got a new name—Abraham—that signified the renewed relationship between God and God’s people. Simon became the Peter as Jesus called him to be his rock. Each Lent as we review and renew our relationship with God, perhaps we should consider giving our faith life a new name. What will yours be?

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59 (254).

No longer shall you be called Abram; your name shall be Abraham, for I am making you the father of a host of nations.”

Friday, Mar 27, 2026

Prayer stations

Today is the last Friday before Holy Week and the last one before Good Friday. As the day of the week on which Jesus died, Fridays have had a special place in Christian tradition. There was a time when Catholics abstained from meat on every Friday, not only those in Lent, as a reminder of Christ’s sacrifice. Another traditional Catholic practice associated with Friday is the Stations of the Cross. Every church has the series of 10 shrines devoted to the Stations. Going from one to another as you pray retraces Jesus’ footsteps to the place of his Crucifixion and offers a kind of pilgrimage in the same sacred space where we celebrate the Eucharist. From life to death to new and transformed life: This is the mystery we enter into at this time of year—and all year round. Pray the Stations today.

LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42 (255).

The LORD is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph.”

Saturday, Mar 28, 2026

Renew, repent, repeat

Being human, it is likely we would sin every day. That is why we are encouraged, particularly during Lent, to renew ourselves daily. “This is what we do with houses, says Saint John Chrysostom, “we keep constantly repairing them as they wear old. You should do the same thing to yourself. Have you sinned today? Do not despair, do not despond, but renew your soul by repentance, and tears, and Confession, and by doing good things.” And the great doctor of the church adds, “Never cease doing this.”

LENTEN WEEKDAY Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56 (256).

Make for yourselves a new heart and a new spirit.”

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



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"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."
