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Sacred Heart:  
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St. Alphonsus:  
Saturday 3:30pm  
Sacraments  
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Please Call Parish Office

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**St. Ann Church**  
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**Palm Sunday  
Loyalty: Priceless  
March 29, 2026**

Some of the brightest words in the Bible are about loyalty. “Wherever you go, I will go,” says Ruth to Naomi as she leaves her homeland for good. “As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord,” Joshua pledges before crossing the Jordan into the promised land. “A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter . . . beyond price . . . a life-saving remedy,” Ben Sira declares with exuberance. God repays the faithful with compassion, protection, salvation, and companionship, the psalms repeat like a mantra. “The faithful will abide with him in love,” the Book of Wisdom assures us.

Abraham’s loyalty to God was his finest trait, attributed to him as righteousness. David’s devotion to Jonathan—heir to the throne David was fated to claim—and David’s refusal to harm King Saul who wanted him dead are also striking examples of a loyalty that confounds us. Jesus emphasizes the value of loyalty in parables that result in the master of the house declaring, “Well done, my good and faithful servant!” Luke also includes a fragile scene where Jesus wonders aloud: “When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on Earth?”

We tend to define faith as adherence to a system of beliefs. What Jesus means is: Will anyone still be faithful to me after I’m gone? He has good reason to wonder. The answer in the short run, in his own lifetime on Earth, is not promising. This night you will all have your faith in me shaken, Jesus tells his closest friends at the Last Supper. Never, Saint Peter replies. Not me. I will not deny you, even to the death. We know how that promise turned out. “All the disciples spoke likewise,” Matthew tells us—for all the good it did. If a faithful friend is indeed a sturdy shelter, a lifesaving remedy, that alone would spell destruction for Jesus.

Peter did follow Jesus after his arrest—“at a distance.” That may describe, without irony, our own discipleship. We keep our distance between the condemned and suffering Lord because those are places we don’t want to go. We’re willing to be faithful friends but only until the road veers south. We may feel deep regret after our betrayals, of course, as Judas did—although we rarely fling our coins away to prove it. For the most part we neither testify against Jesus nor participate in his trials, neither causing nor approving of his anguish. We only wait out the whole matter in a convenient hiding place, a snug upper room where we won’t be touched by his cross at all. But what if we chose to be another kind of friend? What if we dared to say: “Wherever you go, I will go”

~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](http://alicecamille.com).

The “**Pack the Pantry**” item for the week of  
March 28/29-**Cake Mixes**  
April 4/5-**Cans of Frosting**  
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!

**Due to early submission** of the bulletin, the count  
for March 22<sup>nd</sup> will be in next weekends bulletin.



**The Memorial Candles**  
**Week of March 29, 2026**  
**Sacred Heart Church**  
Tabernacle Candle  
*Sheila Chayka*  
by Friend

**St. Alphonsus Church**  
Tabernacle Candle  
*The Borza, Guido & Moschetti Families*  
by Nancy

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

**Due to the early submission** date for the bulletin,  
there is no weekly report. The information for March  
22<sup>nd</sup> will be in next week’s bulletin.

**Easter Triduum**  
**Holy Thursday, April 2, 2026**  
7:00pm-St. Alphonsus Church  
*Adoration at St. Alphonsus and  
Sacred Heart until 10:00pm*

**Good Friday, April 3, 2026**  
3:00pm-St. Alphonsus Church

**Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 4, 2026**  
7:30pm-St. Alphonsus Church

**Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026**  
8:30am-Sacred Heart Church  
9:00am-St. Ann Church  
10:30am-St. Alphonsus Church  
11:00am-Sacred Heart Church  
5:00pm-St. Alphonsus Church

**Calendar of Events**  
**Week of March 29, 2026**

**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  
**Monday, March 30, 2026**  
**Tuesday, March 31, 2026**  
Chrism Mass at SHC in Rochester  
**Wednesday, April 1, 2026**

**Thursday, April 2, 2026 Holy Thursday**  
All Parish Offices Close at Noon

**Friday, April 3, 2026 Good Friday**  
All Parish Offices Closed

**Saturday, April 4, 2026 Easter Vigil**

**Sunday, April 5, 2026 Easter Sunday**  
**Monday, April 6, 2026 Easter Monday**  
All Parish Offices Closed

**Father Joseph Osei Bonsu**, a priest from the Diocese of Obuasi in Ghana who served in Auburn from 2010–2013, is currently in Auburn receiving treatment for pancreatic cancer and needs help with living expenses through July.

Donations may be made through the GoFundMe page “Community Support for Father Joseph” or by mailing a check payable to Dr. Theresa Casper-Klock with “Fr. Joseph” in the memo line to: 1712 W. Genesee St. Rd Auburn, NY 13021 Please keep Father Joseph in your prayers.

**Chrism Mass** at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester is Tuesday, March 31st at 6:00 pm. At the Chrism Mass, our new bishop, The Most Reverend John Bonnici, will bless the holy oils used for the Celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and the Anointing of the Sick. A bus will leave from St. Mary’s Church at 4:00 pm. If you would like to go, call the parish office 315-252-7593 to reserve a seat on the bus.

**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.

**Thank you for your continued support** and generosity to the Catholic Ministries Appeal! Once again we congratulate St. Ann Church for meeting and exceeding their goal this year. Sacred Heart is at 77% while St. Alphonsus is at 59%. We have a little over two months to make our goal. If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider giving to this year’s Catholic Ministries Appeal.

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



**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.



**Eucharistic Adoration** is every Friday at St. Alphonsus Church beginning with the 7:30am daily 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.  
**Please note there is no Adoration on Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

We would like to thank  
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**315-252-3600**  
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LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 29, 2026

**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

**Monday, March 30, 2026**

**8:30 am Sacred Heart**

+Dale Gamba by Family

**12:15 pm St. Alphonsus**

+Alan Wilson by Family

**Tuesday, March 31, 2026**

**8:30 am Sacred Heart**

+Michael Savino by Bereavement Ministry

**12:15 pm St. Alphonsus**

+James "Robbie" Robinson by Family

**Wednesday, April 1, 2026**

**12:15 pm St. Alphonsus**

+Deceased Members of the Lanni Family  
by Dr. Phillip & Cathy Gioia

**Thursday, April 2, 2026 Holy Thursday**

**7:00pm St. Alphonsus**

+For our Faith Community

**Friday, March 27, 2026 Good Friday**

**3:00pm St. Alphonsus**

**Saturday, April 4, 2026 Easter Vigil**

**7:30pm St. Alphonsus**

+For Our Faith Community

**Sunday, April 5, 2026 Easter Sunday**

**8:30 am Sacred Heart**

+For Our Faith Community

**9:00 am St. Ann**

+For Our Faith Community

**10:30 am St. Alphonsus**

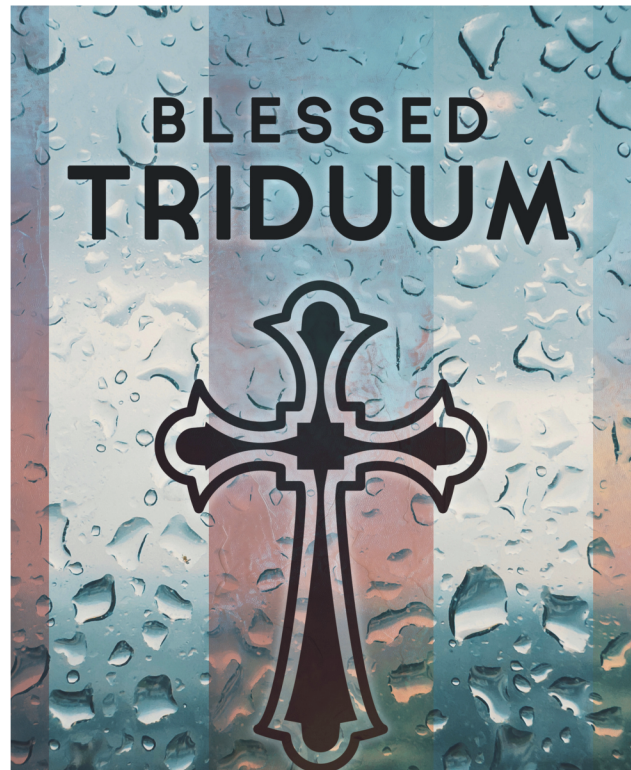
+For Our Faith Community

**11:00 am Sacred Heart**

+For Our Faith Community

**5:00 pm St. Alphonsus**

+For Our Faith Community



**Catholic Community of Holy Family, Sacred Heart, St. Alphonsus and St. Ann  
Faith Formation Office, 90 Melrose Rd. Auburn, NY 13021**

**Sunday, March 29, 2026  
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

Palm Sunday is the start of Holy Week, the most sacred time in the Church, when we remember the events of Our Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. We start by recalling Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, as the crowds wave palms and shout "Hosanna!" Then we read a long section from the Gospel of Matthew about Jesus' death. This is why He came to Jerusalem. In fact, this is why He came to earth! To suffer and die for love of us is the mission of Jesus. The entire Old Testament points to His coming (even in Genesis!), giving detail after detail of what Christ would be like and what He would do. Even the details of His Passion and Death have their roots in many Old Testament prophecies. How many can you find mentioned in today's Gospel?

Activities:

- Gather with your family and read today's readings. How do you think Jesus felt? What did Jesus do when he was feeling afraid in Gethsemane?
- Make plans in advance for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday that embrace this sacred time.
- The crowds that sing "Hosanna!" today will be crying out "Crucify him!" in a few short days. Do you notice this hypocrisy or double standard in your life? How can you be more faithful to the Lord this Holy Week?

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## SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

"This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

*Matthew 21:11*



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## Sunday, Mar 29, 2026

### Find solace in the psalms

In an interview after his release from captivity, Servite Father Lawrence Martin Jenco, one of the hostages held in Lebanon for 564 days in the 1980s, said that the prayers and psalms he had learned as a child gave him the greatest solace during a long incarceration filled with cruel and severe deprivations. Jesus found similar comfort during his torture and death. His last words from the cross, according to the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, were: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” a line from Psalm 22, one of the many psalms Jesus would have learned as a boy. Memorize a psalm today that will give you comfort in your hour of need.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD  
Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66 (37/38).  
*“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”*

## Monday, Mar 30, 2026

### Do you have Jesus’ back?

The last time we saw Martha and Mary together, they were weeping at the tomb of their brother, Lazarus. But now all three of them are having a dinner party for Jesus and the disciples at their home in Bethany. They do not know the religious authorities are planning to put Lazarus to death because his second chance at life is leading many to believe in Jesus. Nor do Martha, Mary, and Lazarus suspect that Jesus is about to be betrayed to those same authorities by one sitting at their table. Sharing the cup with Jesus only signifies friendship with him if we back it up once we’ve left the table. Are you ready to stand by Jesus and stand up for radical love?

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK  
Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11 (257) *“I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice.”*

## Tuesday, Mar 31, 2026

### Put knowledge to good use

What can be said about Judas, the apostle who committed the ultimate betrayal in history, handing over Jesus to his executioners for money? Like the other apostles, Judas knew the Lord—indeed, he knew Him well enough to identify Him to the authorities. But what did Judas do with that knowledge? He chose to exploit it. Ironically, had he used his knowledge of Jesus for the good of others rather than for a few meager silver pieces, he would have been glorified. Instead, he died by his own hand and lives in ignominy. Holy Week invites us to reflect on what we will do with our own knowledge of the Lord: whether we will allow it to transform us, or merely use it for our own ends.

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK  
Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38 (258) *“Amen, amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me.”*

## Wednesday, Apr 01, 2026

### Look for the signs

If you’re reading a suspenseful book or watching a scary movie, you can always tell when evil is about to intrude. In the moments of quiet before the unleashing of the stormy action, you’ll normally find telltale signs—a foreboding phrase or an ominous change in the music. Wednesday of Holy Week is the moment of quiet before the events of Jesus’ suffering, death, and Resurrection begin to rapidly unfold. The sign of what is to come is that Judas

agrees to betray Jesus and begins looking for opportunities to hand him over. What opportunities are you looking for today? Do they support Christ, or betray him?

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK  
Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25 (259) *“From that time on he looked for an opportunity to hand him over.”*

## Thursday, Apr 02, 2026

### Your humble servant, Lord

Today begins the Triduum (Latin for “space of three days”), during which we celebrate the central mystery of our faith: Christ’s Passion and Resurrection. Jesus calls his disciples to do as he has done: namely, love and serve one another. But what does Jesus mean by service? For Jesus, service always involves humbling oneself for the sake of another’s salvation. Jesus washes his disciples’ feet so that they may come to understand what true discipleship is. Jesus suffers, dies, and rises so that each of us may know the path to eternal life. Now it is up to us to choose discipleship and follow that path of love and service.

THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK (HOLY THURSDAY)  
Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15 (39). *“Master, are you going to wash my feet?”*

## Friday, Apr 03, 2026

### Say a prayer for spiritual courage

Sadder than the betrayal of a false friend is the denial of a true one. We might imagine that Judas had a false bottom in his heart: It’s the place where he kept his money. But Peter’s heart was full of genuine love and admiration for Jesus, so what went wrong in the courtyard of the high priest? Not bribery or a loss of faith, but something far simpler overcame Peter: fear. Many of us modern followers of Jesus might admit in an honest hour that fear is one of the greatest enemies of our own friendship with Jesus. Pray for spiritual courage, so that your witness may remain constant.

FRIDAY OF THE LORD’S PASSION (GOOD FRIDAY);  
DAY OF ABSTINENCE  
Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42 (40). *“They said to him, ‘You are not one of his disciples, are you?’ He denied it and said, ‘I am not.’”*

## Saturday, Apr 04, 2026

### Watch and wait

Today the church does two things. It waits and fasts at the tomb of Jesus. Then, when night falls, it celebrates the vigil of his Resurrection. Tonight, we keep vigil around the Easter fire, and as we wait, we tell the stories of how we got here—in particular, how God got us here. Jesus’ empty tomb unveils the deepest mysteries of faith and all we hope for as Christians. If you are able to participate in a vigil liturgy tonight, you’ll be standing on the holiest ground: the place where we follow Christ into glory and welcome new and eternal life (and, in many communities, new members of Christ’s risen Body, the church).

HOLY SATURDAY; EASTER VIGIL  
Genesis 1:1-2:2; Genesis 22:1-18; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Isaiah 54:5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Romans 6:3-11; Matthew 28:1-10 (41).

*“He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.”*

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



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March 29, 2026

*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."*