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Reconciliation

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.

Parish Council Members:

Holy Family Church: Helen Delaney, Liza Kelly, Jeannine Larose

Sacred Heart Church: Pat Collier,

Melissa Deyneka, Kathy Herr

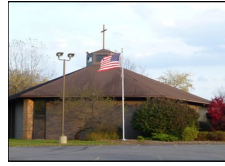
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St. Ann Church: Janet Zane

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 6, 2025
5th Sunday Lent
John 8:1-11

“The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle” (John 8:3). Why do they make her stand in the middle? Why not expose her on the periphery? The reason is something that affects us practically every day.

The center is what stabilizes a community's identity. We humans tend to center ourselves around an accused and condemned victim — though we rarely admit it. This renews our fragile communities and our power as those who weaponize the accusation. This is effective because it is often a victim who represents something truly dangerous for the group. In this case, adultery stands for the breakdown of a community and those within it, because it forces questions like: who is my father? Whose child is this? Is this child one of us, or that of an outsider? The accusers place the adulteress in the center because their community, like most, is built around turning an enemy into a victim.

Once you understand this, you'll see it almost anywhere humans group together (families, politics, workplaces, sports, schools, etc.). The good news is Jesus exposes this dynamic by deftly pointing out the sin-infected hearts of everyone besides the woman. They all leave, symbolizing the breakdown of the old order, and she is **“left alone before him.”** A new community has begun, structured around the merciful love of Christ.

What is in your center? What is in the center of our parish and family communities? Strive to center on Christ's forgiveness, and we experience the new, lasting community we call the Church.

— Father John Muir

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*Go to Mass not just to pray, but to receive Communion,
the bread that is the Body of Jesus Christ who saves us, forgives us,
unites us to the Father.
~Pope Francis*

Calendar of Events Week of April 6, 2025

Sunday, April 6, 2025

(SH) 10:00am-11:15am Faith Formation-Last Class

Monday, April 7, 2025

(SH) 6:00pm Parish Life Meeting

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

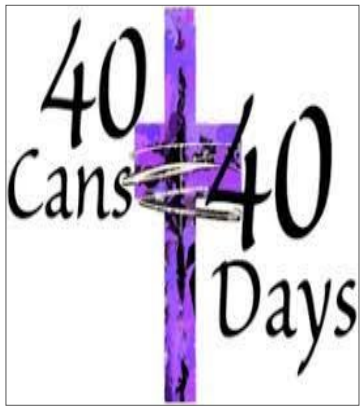
Thursday, April 10, 2025

Friday, April 11, 2025

(SA) 8:00 am-8:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration
(SS. Peter & Paul) 6:00pm Liturgy of the
Pre-Sanctified Gifts

Saturday, April 12, 2025 Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 13, 2025 Palm Sunday



Date	Cans
03/09/25	631
03/16/25	780
03/23/25	693
03/30/25	1968
04/07/25	
04/14/25	
TOTAL	4072

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR 03/30/25

Sacred Heart Church

Regular Collection \$4926.00

St. Alphonsus Church

Regular Collection \$5048.44

St. Ann's Church

Regular Collection \$1175.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Memorial Candles

**Week of
April 6, 2025**

**Sacred Heart Church
Tabernacle Candle**

*Peter Cadwallader
by
his Patty*

**St. Alphonsus Church
Tabernacle Candle**

*Deceased members of
the Lanni Family
By
Phillip & Catherine
Gioia*

**For Those Who Have
Recently Died
Richard Mentillo**

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

The **"Pack the Pantry"** item for the week of
April 5/6—**Cans of Frosting**

April 12/13—**Cans of Ravioli or Spaghetios**

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
(SAVANNAH BANK ENTRANCE)**

Monday-Saturday
9:00 am-11:30 am
315-252-0710

All Correspondence should be addressed to:
St. Alphonsus Food Pantry
90 Melrose Rd.
Auburn, NY 13021

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

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Ministry Schedule for April 12/13

Saturday

4:00 pm (SH) L: S. Donnelly **V:** P. Messina
N: D. John **EM:** L. Carr; B. Ringwood **S:** P. Messina

4:30 pm (SA) L: D. Balloni **EM:** K. Mahoney;
S. Mellor **AS:** S: C. Mellor

Sunday

8:30 am (SH) L: S. Marullo **V:** T. Gucciardi
N: D. Gregg **EM:** G. White **AS:** N. Sperduti &
C. Casler **S:** S. Marullo

9:00 am (ANN) L: L. DeOrio; **V:** C. Greene **N:** D. John
EM: S. Podolak **S:** S. Podolak

10:30 am (SA) L: A. Robson **EM:** M. Mendzef;
S. Norton **AS:** J. Robson **S:** J. Robson

11:30 am (SH) L: P. Ringwood **V:** K. Collier
N: D. Gregg **EM:** K. Collier; K. Moran **S:** J. Clark

5:00 pm (SA) L: C. Gioia **EM:** S. Clink
S: R. White

Stations of the Cross

April 11th
6:00 pm at SS Peter & Paul Ukrainian
Catholic Church
for the Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

Communal Penance Service

Monday, April 14th at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's Church

Holy Week

Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper
April 17th-St. Alphonsus Church-7:00pm

Good Friday

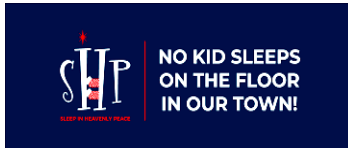
April 18th-St. Alphonsus Church-3:00pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

April 19th-St. Alphonsus Church-7:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 20th

Sacred Heart Church-8:30am
St. Ann Church-9:00am
St. Alphonsus Church-10:30am
Sacred Heart Church-11:30am
St. Alphonsus Church-5:00pm



Sleep In Heavenly Peace

Thank you to everyone who donated items to the bedding drive. You have helped Sleep In Heavenly Peace give children a comfortable place to sleep with this collection. We were able to donate four pillows, nine comforter sets, 18 blankets, and 30 sheet sets. Thank you again for helping with my Confirmation project.

Catholic Ministries Appeal, PO Box 6841 Ithaca, NY 14851

Please make checks payable to:
Catholic Ministries Appeal (not your parish)
*Thank you for your continued
Generosity and Support!*

03/31/25	Donors	Pledged	Goal	%
SH	147	\$36,350	\$42,000	86.55%
ANN	26	\$10,200	\$12,000	85.00%
SA	127	\$23,747	\$33,000	71.96%



Parish Life Meetings are the first Monday of every month at 6:00pm at Sacred Heart Church. The meetings are open to all. Our next meeting is Monday, April 7, 2025. Hope to see you there.

First Fridays will resume on May 2nd with Mass at 11:30am and 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!!!

Volunteers will be acknowledged at the Parish Picnic this year as Easter is so late in April! The Picnic will take place in September.

The Garage Sale has been our biggest fundraiser for years providing for the events we hold. St. Alphonsus held Garage Sales in the Parish Center and after we became a Cluster, we continued the tradition. However, with the sale of the school we no longer have a place to hold them.

If anyone knows of or has a location that would be large enough to hold the sale, with the following requirements, please contact either Karen Mahoney at 315-515-3151 or Jeanette Richardson at 315-784-5534. The space needs to be at least as large as a gymnasium, we would need it for 7-8 weeks in late June to August 2025 and hopefully yearly.

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few. The pandemic had hit Christians in the Holy Land hard. Most of them depend on pilgrims for work. The war made their situation even more dire. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous! Thank you.

		MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF APRIL 6, 2025 Sacred Heart (SH) * St. Alphonsus (SA) * St. Ann (ANN)
Saturday, April 5, 2025	4:00 pm (SH)	+Thomas Patterson <i>by Parish Staff</i>
	4:30 pm (SA)	+Ruth Barry <i>by Estate</i>
Sunday, April 6, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+Tom Driscoll <i>by Karen Driscoll & John Kennedy</i>
	9:00 am (ANN)	+Special Intention
	10:30 am (SA)	+Alan Wilson <i>by Family</i>
	11:30 am (SH)	+Sam Emmi <i>by Family</i>
	5:00 pm (SA)	+Louise, Joseph & Danny Ciao & Josephine & Anthony Ragusa <i>by Estate</i>
Monday, April 7, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+Frances Bayus <i>by Karen</i> +Patty Collins Purington <i>by Family</i>
	12:15pm (SA)	+No Intention
Tuesday, April 8, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+Donald Callanan <i>by Lisa & Sam Giacona</i>
	12:15 pm (SA)	+No Intention
Wednesday, April 9, 2025	12:15 pm (SA)	+Special Intention
Thursday, April 10, 2025	5:15 pm (SA)	+Donna Carnevale <i>by Gloria Alano</i>
Friday, April 11, 2025	7:30 am (SA)	+No Intention
	8:30 am (SH)	+Joanne Lawler <i>by Helen DeOrio</i>
Saturday, April 12, 2025 Palm Sunday	4:00 pm (SH)	+Paul Castellano <i>by Family</i>
	4:30 pm (SA)	+Anthony J. Daloia <i>by Betty Festa</i> +Alfred, Shirley & Maria Napoli <i>by Bill & Cathy Barlow</i>
Sunday, April 13, 2025 Palm Sunday	8:30 am (SH)	+Thomas Eisenschmidt <i>by Bereavement Ministry</i>
	9:00 am (ANN)	+Christine Cuff <i>by Family</i>
	10:30 am (SA)	+Tom Patterson <i>by Sylvia Lukins</i> +Frank Reginelli <i>by Family</i>
	11:30 am (SH)	+Mary Brooks <i>by Family</i>
	5:00 pm (SA)	+Deceased Members of the Gioia Family <i>by Phillip & Catherine Gioia</i>

Intentions of the Holy Father Pope Francis

April

For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

What Is a Mass Intention?

A Mass intention is a specific petition for which the Mass is offered. Mass intentions are most commonly offered in remembrance of a person who has died. It may seem counterintuitive to offer a Mass intention for a person who has died, as their time on earth is finished. However, the practice of offering Mass intentions for the deceased relates to the Catholic belief in purgatory.

As Catholics, we believe souls of those who die in a state of sin go through a purification process before entering heaven. We offer Masses for our deceased loved ones to aid them in their journeys to heaven. We pray with hope that the graces imparted by the Mass usher them further towards eternity with God.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "From the beginning, the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God" (CCC 1032).

It is especially important to pray for the dead, as they can no longer pray for themselves. Pope Francis said that offering the celebration of the Eucharist for the dead "is the best spiritual help that we can give to their souls, particularly to the most abandoned ones."

The graces acquired by having a Mass said for a special intention are beyond earthly comprehension. The Mass is the greatest prayer and therefore the most powerful means to help others and ourselves gain eternity with him.

Understanding the Grace that Comes with a Mass Intention By Divine Word Missionaries on September 22, 2023

Our 2025 Book for Mass Intentions is open. Please call 315-252-7271 or stop in during regular office hours to schedule Mass. Office hours are Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:30pm and Friday 8:00am-11:00am.

The Bereavement Group meets on the third Wednesday of the month from 1:30 to 3:00 pm in Schrader Hall. Each month we discuss a specific topic, usually suggested by the group. There is time for sharing and then a video and discussion time. The topic for April 16 is '[Loss of a Spouse.](#)' The seminar offers helpful insights on what to expect in the days to come; how to deal with the loneliness; what to do with your spouse's belongings; why it won't always hurt this much; and other practical help for dealing with the challenges of widowhood. The cost is \$5.00 to cover the cost of a book. Contact Bernie Tomasso at 315-246-3440 or berniet8@gmail.com.

Jubilee Month of April

This month, during the Jubilee of Teenagers, Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonized as a saint. Carlo Acutis is the first millennial saint. He was a web designer who was especially devoted to the Eucharist and he designed a website that catalogued all of the Eucharistic miracles in the world. This month, celebrate his sainthood by attending Eucharistic Adoration as a family and talk about how the Eucharist impacts your lives!

Eucharistic Adoration is every Friday at St. Alphonsus Church beginning with the 7:30am morning Mass concluding with Eucharistic Benediction at 8:00pm. All are invited to spend quiet time alone with the Blessed Sacrament.

Please Note: There is NO Eucharistic Adoration on Good Friday, April 18th at St. Alphonsus Church.

"The Tyburn Academy Choir will be presenting for its fourth year a service of Tenebrae - a celebration of Christ's Passion and Death - through scripture and song. Please join us in this prayerful reflection as we go deeper into the season of Lent and anticipate the Resurrection at Easter. We will hold the service on Wednesday, April 9th, at 7:00pm at St Mary's Church in Auburn. We hope to see you there!"

**UNDIVIDE US EVENT**

On Thursday, April 10th, St. James' Episcopal Church invites you to a film and community discussion entitled UNDIVIDE US. The film and structured discussion are meant to improve communication and understanding in a world where our differences sometimes overshadow our shared humanity. The event takes place at Auburn Public Theater at 6:00pm and is free and open to the public.

We would like to thank
Sawran Garage Doors
315-729-2907
For Sponsoring an Ad
In Our Weekly Bulletin



**Catholic Community of Holy Family, Sacred Heart,
St. Alphonsus and St. Ann
Faith Formation Office,
90 Melrose Rd. Auburn, NY 13021 Barbara Quinn,
Coordinator of Faith Formation
Email: Barbara.Quinn@dor.org
Telephone: 315-252-7271 Ext. 204**



April 6, 2025

Bringing Faith Formation into the Home

Our Faith Formation Classes ended this year on April 6th with an all-class Mass at 11:30am at Sacred Heart. A special thank you to our Catechists: Ana Haff, Sophia Gwinn, Kathy Herr, Maria Staehr, Nubé Staehr and Liza Kelly. We appreciate them sharing their gifts and talents with us. Thank you to Jack Kearsse who assisted with the desk and Mackenzie Rumsey our 2nd grade assistant.

It's important that though formal instruction has ended, our work in Faith Formation does not end. Parents and family are the first and foremost instructors in Faith Formation. Growing in faith as a family doesn't have to involve hours of reading the Bible, studying Scripture and meditating. It can begin with simple prayers.

Here are a few hints:

- Make time in your day. Make choices about how your family will change its schedule to make space for prayer time.
- Create a ritual. Choose a specific time and place for daily devotions — whether it's breakfast, dinner or before bedtime.
- Start simple. Begin with a simple, one-sentence prayer at meal like "Thank you God for this food" or a Bible story at bedtime.
- Repetition is key. Your devotional time might feel messy and awkward but keep practicing.
- Creating a habit is the goal, not perfection! Begin with a story or verse. Introduce your kids to the stories and concepts of the Bible.
- Choose a verse to read and discuss or read a Bible story.
- Pay attention. Look for God in everyday life.
- Ask your family to share where they experienced or felt close to God during their day.
- Practice Sabbath. Start small and spend 10-15 minutes as a family to be with God.
- Turn off screens, pause from chores and do something fun.
- Create a space for prayer. Provide a quiet, comfortable place with materials for writing or drawing along with a Bible and other devotional books.
- Start a prayer journal. Use a simple notebook to write or draw pictures of what you want to pray about.
- Create a family journal or provide one for each member.
- Model your own faith. Let your children see you reading Scripture, writing in a prayer journal, and praying aloud. Watching your practices will reinforce the importance of devotional time.

Most of all, remind your family of God's love on a daily basis. Start small and grow. You will be amazed at how your children will absorb their faith as you practice it as a family.

God Bless,
Barbara Quinn,
Coordinator of Faith Formation



Here are easy steps to creating your FREE online learning account at Franciscanathome/diocese-rochester:

1. Click on the blue button that says "My parish/school is already registered."
2. Select "Create a New Account"
3. **Find Holy Family/Sacred Heart/St. Ann/St. Alphonsus AUBURN** in the drop-down menu.
4. Fill in required fields
5. Follow directions to start learning!



Remember our Sick:

Evelyn Gagliano, Kathleen, Leighanne Boni, Kevin & Maryanne Festa Leonard, Marilyn Castiglione, John Salva, Patricia Burtless, Allyza, Danielle, Lucy Pagano,

Bruce, Olivia, Sue, Cortney Fedysyn, Briana Dewitt, Joyce Blowers, John Clark, Cheryl Bellnier, Colleen Pinckney, Pat Gallagher, Gloria Cuddy, Carol Aldrich, Thomas Didio, Dave, Don & Joan Zeleznik, Mary Campbell, Stacy, Jonathan Arrowsmith, Lucas Mallory, Joe Schubach, Mary Warter, Caroline Blowers, Mark Cole, Sue Daly, Tim Daly, Gina DelPiano, Caleb Jones, Michael Fronzek, Carter Hergert, Joan Komaneky, Elizabeth Lane, Frances Lane, Stephen L. Norris, Siobhan Phillippe, Donna Romano, David Festa, and those listed in our Book of Petitions. *Please pray for all of our parishioners in nursing homes, assisted living, the hospital or homebound.*



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, LTJG Richard Nelson IV, USN, E4 Adam H. Brooks, Airman Sarah Pasternak Clark, USAF, Airman Alex Gonnella, USAF

Please pray for all who risk their lives for our safety including police, fire, corrections and military personnel.

Prayer List-REMINDER Please let us know of Parishioner changes or those not included on our list. Please email Nancy at nancy.kavanagh@dor.org or call 315-252-7271 to have names added or removed. Thank you!

Bulletin: If you know someone who can no longer attend Mass but would like to receive a bulletin, please call the parish office to be put on the bulletin mailing list.