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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.

The Catholic Community of  
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## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman  
Within Thy Wounds

The prayer I love best in the world is the Anima Christi. This private, devotional litany of supplication, begins with the phrase “anima Christi, sanctifica me” (“soul of Christ, sanctify me”) and continues on to appeal individually to each aspect of Our Lord’s crucified flesh: “Body of Christ, save me; blood of Christ, inebriate me; water from Christ’s side, wash me; passion of Christ, strengthen me; Oh good Jesus, hear me.”

Then comes my favorite part: “within thy wounds hide me.”

The Anima Christi is a prayer traditionally said after receiving Holy Communion. The ancient Celts spoke of liminal places, where the veil separating this world from the next is particularly thin, and I believe the moments immediately following the reception of Holy Communion, when the Host is dissolving on my tongue, create a liminal place. When I am in that place, I am as intimately connected to God as I can be while my heart is still beating.

And when I am there, holding God within me, what are the words that I speak? It’s overwhelming to think about. What could possibly be right to say?

There is no right or wrong answer, I suppose. But the best words I can think of are these: “Within thy wounds, Lord, hide me.”

There is a reason Christ showed his wounds as he said the words, “Peace be with you.” It was not just a means of identifying himself — it was a catechism lesson. Here, he was saying. Here is the peace you will not find anywhere else.

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### Anima Christa

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me.  
Blood of Christ, embolden me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me.  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me.  
Within your wounds hide me. Never permit me to be parted from you.  
From the evil Enemy defend me. At the hour of my death call me  
and bid me come to you, that with your Saints I may praise you  
for age upon age.  
Amen.

The **“Pack the Pantry”** item for the week of  
April 11/12-**Cans of Ravioli or Spaghettios**  
April 18/19-**Cans of Fruit or Fruit Cocktail**  
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!*



**LENT FILL THE TOWER**  
**St. Alphonsus Food Pantry**

Each year during Lent, our parish community comes together in a powerful way to support our neighbors in need. This year, our goal was to collect 5,000 cans for the St. Alphonsus Food Pantry. Thanks to your incredible generosity, we not only reached that goal—we surpassed it with a total of 6054 cans!

Your donations make a real and lasting impact. For 41 years, the St. Alphonsus Food Pantry has relied on the kindness of parishioners who give from the heart. Your continued support ensures that families in our community have access to essential food items during difficult times.

We are deeply grateful for every contribution, every can, and every act of kindness that made this year’s collection such a success. Your commitment to serving others reflects the true spirit of Lent and the mission of our parish.

Thank you for helping us continue this important ministry of compassion and care.

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR 03/29/26**

**Sacred Heart Church**

Regular Collection \$5130.72

**St. Alphonsus Church**

Regular Collection \$5334.00

**St. Ann’s Church**

Regular Collection \$1531.00

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR 04/05/26**

**Sacred Heart Church**

Regular Collection \$6492.30

**St. Alphonsus Church**

Regular Collection \$4667.00

**St. Ann’s Church**

Regular Collection \$1691.00

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

**Thank you to all our volunteers at** Sacred Heart, St. Alphonsus, and St. Ann’s who helped decorate our churches for Holy Week and Easter. We are grateful for the time and care you put into preparing our worship spaces for this Holy Season. Each of our churches looked beautiful, and we sincerely appreciate all you did throughout the Lenten and Easter seasons. Your quiet dedication is a true gift to our parish community.

**Calendar of Events**  
**Week of April 12, 2026**

**Sunday, April 12, 2026**

10:00am(SH) Faith Formation

3:00pm(SH) Year 1 Confirmation

5:00pm(SH) Year 2 Confirmation

**Tuesday, April 14, 2026**

5:00pm(SH) 1st Rec/1<sup>st</sup> Communion Prep

**Wednesday, April 15, 2026**

7:00pm(SH) Justice & Peace Meeting

**Friday, April 17, 2026**

8:00am(SA) Adoration

6:00pm(SH) Christus Vivit

**Sunday, April 19, 2026**

10:00am(SH) Faith Formation



**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.

**Pope Leo's Intentions for April:**

*For priests in crisis*

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

**A Prayer for World Peace**

"Lord, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation."

**As Bishop Bonicci and all Diocesan Priests** come together for their Convocation this week, let us remember them in prayer:

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

**Please Note**

**We have a few temporary Mass schedule changes from April 13–15.**

**Thank you for your understanding**

**Thank you for your continued support and generosity to the Catholic Ministries Appeal!**  
*153 Sacred Heart parishioners have contributed \$36,603 or 77% of our goal. 113 parishioners from St. Alphonsus have contributed \$23,547 or 63% of our goal.*

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.

Checks may be made 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

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

We would like to thank  
**Gillespie Chevrolet**  
**315-889-8604**

For Sponsoring an Ad In Our Weekly  
Bulletin

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF April 12, 2026

**Saturday, April 11, 2026**

**4:00pm Sacred Heart**

+Paul Castellano by Family  
+Margaret Mazzeo by Lisa & Sam Giacona  
+Joanne Sidor by The Gamba Family

**4:30pm St. Alphonsus**

+Anthony J. Daloia by Betty Festa  
+Judith A. Janusz by Lorraine & Donald Arliss  
+Mark Hughes by His Loving Family

**Sunday, April 12, 2026**

**8:30 am Sacred Heart**

+Helen Oyer by Family  
+Barney C. Mizro by Family

**9:00 am St. Ann**

+Helen & Don Fromel by The Breed Family  
+Nick DeOrio by Family

**10:30 am St. Alphonsus**

+William Androsko by Mariellen  
+Raymond Wisniewski by Sylvia Lukins

**11:00 am Sacred Heart**

+Nancy Aldrich by Chuck Healy  
+Michael & Valerie Usowski by Pam Usowski

**5:00 pm St. Alphonsus**

+Betty Tomandl by Jill  
+Peggy Kolo by Kathy & Tom Gray

**Monday, April 13 2026**

**8:30 am Sacred Heart**

+Virginia & Raymond Brady  
by Bereavement Ministry

**No 12:15pm Mass at St. Alphonsus**

**Tuesday, April 14, 2026**

**No 8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart**

**12:15 pm St. Alphonsus**

+Bernie Kavanagh by Family

**Wednesday, April 15, 2026**

**12:15 pm St. Alphonsus**

+Paul A. & Dorothy M. Riester & Deceased  
Members of Riester & Donovan Families by Estate

**Thursday, April 16, 2026**

**5:15pm St. Alphonsus**

+John & Margaret Barron Haney, William F. Haney,  
Paul Earl Haney and John G. Curran by Estate

**Friday, April 17, 2026**

**7:30am St. Alphonsus**

+Mel Brown by Estate

**8:30am Sacred Heart**

+Linda Davidson by Shirley Talamo  
+Pat Petrosino by Family

**Saturday, April 18, 2026**

**4:00pm Sacred Heart**

+Joseph Guerrera by Bill & Linda Prosser  
+Clara Walsh by Family  
+Ann Driscoll by David Driscoll's Siblings

**4:30pm St. Alphonsus**

+Shirley Marquart by Mary Chalupnicki  
+Maureen, John & Ann Burns by Tim & Marsha

**Sunday, April 19, 2026**

**8:30 am Sacred Heart**

+Alan Wilson by Georgia

**9:00 am St. Ann**

+Mark Geherin by Family  
+Sharon Springer by Kristine & Paul Hickey

**10:30 am St. Alphonsus**

+Sr. Diane Muldoon SSJ by Jeannine Larose  
+Joanne Paleczny by Mike & Pam Skomsky  
+Frances Watkins by Lisa, Danielle & Micah

**11:00 am Sacred Heart**

+Anthony & Joyce Lobisco by Tom & Jane Leone  
+Paul Viggiano by Tom & Jane Leone  
+Ron Netti by Tom & Jane Leone

**5:00 pm St. Alphonsus**

+Ronald Jones & Joan Manning  
by Peter & Janet Brooks  
+Richard Wisniewski by Richard & Maria White

**The Memorial Candles  
Week of April 12, 2026  
Sacred Heart Church  
Tabernacle Candle  
*The Rhodes Family*  
by Family**

**St. Alphonsus Church  
Tabernacle Candle  
*Frank Reginelli*  
by Family**

For Those Who Have Recently Died  
*Joseph Saville*  
*Sharon Romano*  
*Paul Drake*  
Eternal rest grant  
unto them, O Lord;  
and let perpetual light  
shine upon them

Sunday, April 12, 2026: 2nd Sunday of Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday

In the Gospel reading, the disciples were locked away in fear of the Jews. Jesus came to them, stood among them, and said: “Peace be with you.” He showed them His hands, where the nail holes remained, and His side, where He had been pierced by the soldier’s lance. These wounds are visible signs of God’s love for each and every one of us. At the very end of today’s passage, John the Evangelist explains why he wrote down all these stories of Jesus! He wants us to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Not only that, but through believing in Jesus, he wants us to have life in Jesus’ name. Jesus, too, wants us to believe in Him. He wants to have His life in us—do we trust Him enough to let Him live in us?

In His Service,  
Ana Haff  
Director of Faith Formation  
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## SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

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| DOORS    | HANDS       | NAILS  | THOMAS |
| FATHER   | HOLY SPIRIT | PEACE  |        |

**Activities:**

- This Sunday we also celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. If you can, go to Confession and receive the loving mercy of God in your life.
- We are also asked to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy today. Visit <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet> to learn how to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
- John the Evangelist wrote down all of these stories of Jesus so we can learn about Him. Who can you share the story of Jesus with this week?



**Divine Mercy Sunday** will be observed at Saint Hyacinth Church, 63 Pulaski Street, Auburn this Sunday, April 12, 2026: Eucharistic Adoration from 12 noon to 3:00 pm. Private Confessions from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. Readings from St. Faustina's Diary at 2:50 pm. Sung Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:00 pm. For information, contact Ss Mary & Martha Parish at 315-252-7395.

**The weekend of 4/25/26 & 4/26/26**, you may notice some of our school families present after Mass with raffle tickets in hand. They are helping support St. Albert the Great Academy's Gift Card Raffle Fundraiser, an important effort that benefits our students and school programs. We invite you to consider supporting their efforts with a donation by purchasing a ticket. Not only will you be supporting Catholic education and our school community, but you'll also have the chance to win exciting gift card prizes from national retailers and local businesses. Your generosity helps make a lasting difference in the lives of our students. Thank you for your continued support of St. Albert the Great Academy!

**Loss of a Spouse** is a 90-minute program for people grieving a spouse's death. It will be held on Monday, April 27 at St. Mary's Church in Schrader Hall at 1:30 pm. If you come into the parking lot from State Street behind Savannah Bank, the entrance is between the rectory (white house) and the church. The seminar offers helpful insights into what to expect in the days to come; how to deal with 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. Everyone who attends will receive a booklet with over 30 short readings on how to live with grief and eventually rebuild your life. The fee is \$7.00 for the book. To register, contact Bernie Tomasso at 315-246-3440 or [berniet8@gmail.com](mailto:berniet8@gmail.com) or register at <https://www.griefshare.org/leaderzone/my/events/274194>.

**Eucharistic Adoration** is every Friday at St. Alphonsus Church beginning with the 7:30am daily Mass and concluding with Eucharistic Benediction at 8:00pm. All are welcome to spend quiet time with the Lord.

### **Celebrating Sister Chris**

Sister Chris will be celebrating two remarkable milestones this year — her 80th Birthday on May 2nd and her 60th Anniversary of Religious Life in July. All are invited to join in honoring her years of faith, service, and dedication by sending cards and congratulations to:

*Sister Chris Treichel*  
*Saint Elizabeth Motherhouse*  
*115 E. Main St*  
*Allegany, NY 14706-1396*

**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.

### **St. Alphonsus Food Pantry – Children's Book Drive**

St. Alphonsus Food Pantry is in need of new or gently used children's books. Our supply is very low, and the kids truly love being able to take home a book of their very own.

If you have children's books your family no longer uses, we would be grateful to receive them.

You may drop donations off after Mass at the church or directly at the Pantry.

Thank you for all you do to support our neighbors in need.

**Have you ever felt** called to walk in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi? The Secular Franciscan 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, April 26. For more information, contact Bernie Tomasso at 315-246-3440 or [olasfoauburn@gmail.com](mailto:olasfoauburn@gmail.com).

April 12, 2026

*Remember our Sick:* Frank D., Johnny Coop, 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:* Major Mark Doherty US Army, 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."*