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### Holy Family Church

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### 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

**St. Alphonsus Church:** Meg Gremli,

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**St. Ann Church:** Janet Zane

## The Catholic Community of Holy Family \* Sacred Heart \* St. Alphonsus \* St. Ann

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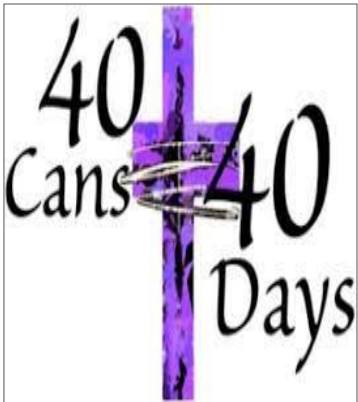
April 20, 2025



## EASTER SUNDAY

The other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. - Jn 20:8

<b>Calendar of Events Week of April 20, 2025</b>
<b>Sunday, April 20, 2025 Easter Sunday</b>
<b>Monday, April 21, 2025 Parish Office Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday, April 22, 2025</b>
<b>Wednesday, April 23, 2025</b>
<b>Thursday, April 24, 2025</b>
<b>Friday, April 25, 2025</b>
<b>Saturday, April 26, 2025</b>
<b>Sunday, April 27, 2025</b>



<b>Date</b>	<b>Cans</b>
03/09/25	631
03/16/25	780
03/23/25	693
03/30/25	1968
04/06/25	101
04/13/25	
04/20/25	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4173</b>

Due to the early bulletin submission, the can count for April 13th will be in next week's bulletin.

The **"Pack the Pantry"** item for the week of April 19/20—**Cans of Fruit or Fruit Cocktail**  
 April 26/27—**Cans of Vegetables**  
 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!*

**Memorial Candles  
 Week of  
 April 20, 2025**

**Sacred Heart Church  
 Tabernacle Candle**  
*Tom Patterson*  
 by  
 Tom Augustine

**St. Alphonsus Church  
 Tabernacle Candle**  
*Chuck Stevesky*  
 By  
 Family

**St. Joseph Candle**  
*Carl & Katherine Festa*  
 By  
 Kevine & Maryanne Festa  
 Leonard

**The Parish and Finance Offices** are closed Monday, April 21st and will reopen Tuesday, April 22nd at 8:00am.

**Due to** the early submission date for the bulletin, there is no weekly financial stewardship report. The information for April 13th will be in next week's bulletin.

**Intentions of the Holy Father  
 Pope Francis  
 For 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.

*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*

**The Auburn Community of St. Alphonsus, Holy Family, Sacred Heart, and St. Ann's Catholic Churches** is pleased to announce a very special event for people with special needs. Our church is celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025 during which time we will strive to re-establish hope for the world, deepen our faith, and renew our relationships with God and each other. Throughout the year, we will recognize many important groups of people for their significance to society.

On Friday, May 2, we will sponsor a dance for people with special needs at Sacred Heart Church Hall, 90 Melrose Rd, Auburn, from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, to recognize these individuals. Two great DJ's will be spinning music the folks love with plenty of room for dancing. Refreshments will include pizza, soda, popcorn, and water. There is no fee or registration needed, but we do ask that individuals are accompanied by staff or family in order to provide a safe environment for all. Attire is casual.



### Easter Hope

Every year by the grace of God, we celebrate the resurrection of Christ from the dead at Easter. We acknowledge with deep faith the fact that Jesus Christ overcame all the forces of evil including the greatest evil of all time, death. By his death upon the cross, Christ gave us all a share in his life and hope for eternal life. Because he had such a great love for humanity, Christ was able to overcome all adversity by remaining faithful and committed to fulfilling God's will. In return for his faithfulness, God all loving Father, raised his obedient son from death and through this action guaranteed eternal life to all who believe in Him.

There are many things in life that can make our lives feel gloomy and dreary, dark icy winter days, conflicts, war, anger, unemployment, homelessness, poverty, illness and even death. In all these situations, we as believers in Jesus Christ are Pilgrims of Hope. The message of Easter is that Christ has overcome all these for all who put their hope and trust in him. It is God's will that all of God's children be freed from anything that diminishes the image and likeness of God in each of us. God our creator and giver of all life has the power to restore life where it is broken, even in the most hopeless of situations. God the Father heals the broken hearted, brings the light of Christ's resurrection to those dark days of our lives, God uplifts our spirits when life's issues weigh heavy on us.

We who are Disciples of Christ are called to follow in the footsteps of Christ with faith and hope. In worship and prayer, we listen to the voice of God's beloved Son and remain passionately committed and faithful to his teachings. Although we may experience dark days in the journey of our faith, the light of Easter brightens our hope that if we remain grounded in our faith, we shall also overcome all adversities that may come our way in life. We shall indeed share in the new life that Christ gives to the world and forever dwell in the warmth of his love. Nourished by Christ's presence, no burden will be impossible for us to bear. In him we shall also share in the glory of his resurrection. In the meantime, as pilgrims of hope, we walk daily towards the light of Christ Jesus for he is truly risen from the dead, Alleluia, Alleluia. Have a glorious Easter,  
Fr. Stephen

### PARISH LIFE & FAMILY ACTIVITIES

**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!!!

**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, May 5, 2025. Hope to see you there.

**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.



*Wishing you blessings of hope,  
peace and love,  
as you rejoice  
in the miracle of Easter!  
Fr. Stephen, Fr. Mike,  
the staff and volunteers of  
Holy Family,  
Sacred Heart, St. Alphonsus and  
St. Ann's*

Please call the Parish Office at 315-252-7271  
to schedule a Mass Intention.

		<b>MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF APRIL 20, 2025</b> <b>Sacred Heart (SH) * St. Alphonsus (SA) * St. Ann (ANN)</b>
<b>Saturday, April 19, 2025</b>	<b>7:30 pm (SA)</b>	<i><b>Easter Vigil</b></i> <b>+For Our Faith Community</b>
<b>Sunday, April 20, 2025</b>	<b>8:30 am (SH)</b>	<i><b>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</b></i> <b>+Lucy Cacciotti by Bereavement Ministry</b>
	<b>9:00 am (ANN)</b>	<b>+Nick DeOrio by Family</b>
	<b>10:30 am (SA)</b>	<b>+Joseph &amp; John Carberry by Family</b> <b>+Frances Watkins by Lisa Utterback &amp; Family</b>
	<b>11:30 am (SH)</b>	<b>+Tom Eisenschmidt by The Tracy Family</b> <b>+Richard L. Palazzoli by Wife Mary &amp;</b> <b>+William &amp; Frances Keller by Daughter Mary</b>
	<b>5:00 pm (SA)</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Monday, April 21, 2025</b>	<b>8:30 am (SH)</b>	<b>Office Closed No Mass</b>
	<b>9:00am(SA)</b>	<b>+Ted Tomandl by Family</b>
<b>Tuesday, April 22, 2025</b>	<b>8:30 am (SH)</b>	<b>+Stanley Kalet by Family</b>
	<b>12:15 pm (SA)</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Wednesday, April 23, 2025</b>	<b>12:15 pm (SA)</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Thursday, April 24, 2025</b>	<b>5:15pm(SA)</b>	<b>+For the People of St. Alphonsus Parish</b>
<b>Friday, April 25, 2025</b>	<b>7:30am(SA)</b>	<b>+Sister Walter Anne O'Malley</b> <i>by the Blessed Trinity/St. Joseph Alumni</i>
	<b>8:30am(SH)</b>	<b>+Christian Lewis by Family</b> <b>+Ann Marie Mule` by Vincent Battista &amp; Family</b> <b>&amp; The Dagostino Family</b>
<b>Saturday, April 26, 2025</b>	<b>4:00pm(SH)</b>	<b>+Joseph Locastro by Dave &amp; Eileen Cuff</b> <b>+Clara Walsh by Family</b>
	<b>4:30 pm (SA)</b>	<b>+Chuck Stevesky by Family</b> <b>+Barbara Granville &amp; Frances P. Riester by Nancy</b>
<b>Sunday, April 27, 2025</b>	<b>8:30 am (SH)</b>	<b>+For the People of Sacred Heart Parish</b>
	<b>9:00 am (ANN)</b>	<b>+Jean Podolak Edwards by Family</b>
	<b>10:30 am (SA)</b>	<b>+William Androsko by Mariellen</b>
	<b>11:30 am (SH)</b>	<b>+Amy Pine by Lisa &amp; Sam Giacona</b> <b>+Robert Senft by Family</b>
	<b>5:00 pm (SA)</b>	<b>+For the People of St. Alphonsus Parish</b>



# RETROUVAILLE

A LIFE LINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

## Stress in Your Marriage?

**Retrouvaille** (pronounced retro-vi, meaning rediscovery) is a program for married couples who feel disillusioned, frustrated or angry in their marriage.

Some don't want to air dirty laundry at counseling.

Some are counseling but going nowhere.

Sometimes life-changing events occur (car accident, illness, addictions) and most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouses about it.

***This world-wide Catholic program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage.***

Our next program starts May 23rd, please call **800-470-2230** with confidential questions or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org)

## Jubilee Month of April

This month, during the Jubilee of Teenagers, Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonized as a saint. Carlo is set to be canonized as the first millennial saint on April 27. 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. Would you like to be a Eucharistic Adoration Guardian for one hour a week? Call Nancy in the parish office at 315-252-7271 for more information.



## Jubilee Pilgrimage to Shrines in Auriesville

May 17th Pilgrimage Drive Along Opportunity  
The bus has been sold out for the May 17th Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Shrines of St. Kateri and North American Martyrs. We encourage others to drive along with family or carpool with friends and join us as we walk these hallowed and sacred grounds as Pilgrims of Hope! If you think you may want to join us at one or both Shrines and participate in all or part of the day's activities, please feel free to contact Deacon Dennis by text or VM at 315-406-1538 and he will get back to you with details to plan your day.

## CRUSADERS UNITED COLOR RUN

Tyburn Academy is sponsoring a Color Run 5k on May 3rd, at Everest Park. The day also features a shorter Color Fun Run for younger children. Proceeds raised will benefit Tyburn Academy and United Way of Cayuga County's Financial Stability Programs and Community Resiliency Programs. Register by April 15th to guarantee your event t-shirt! Registration is \$38 for the Color Run, and \$22 for the Fun Run. Runners/walkers can register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/Auburn/CrusadersUnitedColorRun>

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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!

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**April 20, 2025**

### **Bring the Joy of Easter into Your Daily Lives**

So often in our busy lives we think of Easter as a date to check off on our calendars. Let's take a few minutes to recognize Pascha, the 50 days of Easter and the importance of the Paschal Candle. Pascha "The word, 'Pascha,' or 'Pasch,' comes from the Greek word for the 'Passover.' The early Christians used the word to describe the resurrection of Jesus as the Christian Passover. Today, we sometimes refer to the death and resurrection of Jesus as the Paschal Mystery, which is derived from the word, 'Pasch.' Orthodox Christians still use the word, 'Pascha' when referring to Easter. 50 Days of Celebrating Easter, the proclamation of Easter does not end with Easter Sunday.

The Easter season, known as Easter Time, is celebrated for 50 days. It culminates with the celebration of Jesus' ascension into heaven, and Pentecost, which marks the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles and birthday of the Church. Eastern Orthodox Christians still use the word 'Pascha' when referring to Easter. The proclamation of Easter does not end with Easter Sunday: That is only the beginning. The Easter season, known as Easter Time, is celebrated for 50 days. We end the Easter season on May 29 with the Ascension of the Lord and Pentecost on June 8, which marks the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles and birthday of the Church.

### **Importance of the Paschal Candle**

Easter brings a renewal and the presence of the Paschal Candle. Take a few minutes to locate it in our churches. At the Easter Vigil, the candle is lit and brought into the dark church. This Paschal candle is one of the most sacred and enduring elements in Christianity. Made of beeswax to represent the purity of Christ, the candle's wick signifies Christ's humanity, and the flame His Divine Nature. It is adorned with one or more Christian symbols, often the cross to represent His redemptive sacrifice; the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet - Alpha and Omega - to signify that He is the beginning and the end; symbols of wheat and grapes, or a chalice and host, for the Eucharist - the true presence of Christ and our spiritual strength; the 12 Apostles - witnesses and scribes to the passion, death, resurrection and ascension of Christ; and other symbols such as the Good Shepherd, the Lamb, the Sacred Heart, and the Risen Christ. The Paschal candle is a rich symbol of our faith. It reaches its pinnacle at Easter.

Each year during the Easter Vigil service on Holy Saturday night, a fire is kindled in a metal bowl, called a brazier. From the brazier comes a "new" and blessed fire that lights the Paschal candle which is carried in procession into the dark church. The "new" fire serves as an image of the Resurrection. The candle, which represents Christ himself, is placed on a special Paschal candle stand near the altar. Five grains of incense are inserted into the candle to recall the aromatic spices that were used to prepare Christ's body for the tomb, and the wounds in His hands, feet and side, which remained after His resurrection. The Paschal candle remains in the Sanctuary on its special candle stand during the full 50 days of the Easter season and is lit for liturgical services during that time. After Pentecost, the candle will be placed next to the baptismal font.

The candle is lit during all baptisms throughout the year, passing the light of Christ to each person baptized, starting with the Catechumens at the Easter Vigil service. The candle may also be used at funeral services, and placed next to the casket during a funeral Mass. At funeral services it is a reminder that the sacrament of Baptism is itself a death and resurrection in Christ and testifies to Christian certainty in the resurrection of the dead and life with Christ in the world to come.

We hope you and your family make this Easter season an important part of your lives.

God Bless,  
*Barbara Quinn,*  
*Coordinator of Faith Formation*





### Remember our Sick:

Mary Manuel, Helen Oyer, Evelyn Gagliano, Kathleen, Leighanne Boni, Kevin & Maryanne Festa Leonard, Marilyn Castiglione, John Salva, Patricia Burtless, Allyza,

Danielle, Lucy Pagano, Bruce, Olivia, Sue, Cortney Fedyshyn, 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 Komanecky, 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](mailto: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.