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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
Holy Family * Sacred Heart * St. Alphonsus * St. Ann
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The Role of A Deacon

May 3, 2026

What are the vestments that a deacon wears?

Why does a deacon wear his stole across his shoulder?

Why does the deacon sometimes wear a Vestment over his Alb and stole?

Why does the deacon wear his stole differently from the priest?

The answers are deep and beautiful.

Not Power, But Service

The deacon is not ordained to lead the Church like a priest.

He is ordained to serve, just like Jesus did.

The word "deacon" comes from the Greek "diakonos" meaning "servant". So, his vestment, especially the stole, must reflect that.

While a priest wears his stole straight down on both shoulders, the deacon wears it from his left shoulder, across his chest, and ties it at the side.

But why?

Every Part Has Meaning:

From the shoulder, because that's where you carry a burden. The deacon carries the burden of the Gospel, of the poor, of the Church.

Across the chest, it crosses the heart. Because service must come from love. Without love, it's just work.

Tied at the side, because he's ready to serve. Like a servant rolling up their sleeves, the deacon is always ready.

The Stole Is a Cross

That stole, crossing from shoulder to side, is shaped like a cross. It reminds the deacon, and all of us, that to serve like Jesus is to carry a cross.

- It's not about looking important.

- It's about loving deeply, serving humbly, and giving joyfully.

The deacon wears what Christ wore:

- A towel to wash feet.

- A cross to save the world.

A Message Without Words

When you see a deacon in his stole, you're seeing a message:

- "I am here to serve, not to be served."

- "I carry Christ's message, with love."

- "I stand between the altar and the street, to bring God to the people, and the people to God."

The priest's stole says: I lead you to the altar.

The deacon's stole says: I walk with you to the streets.

The outer vestment is a Dalmatic, it is worn by deacons during Mass and other solemn liturgies, symbolizing joy and the diaconal ministry of service.

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The “**Pack the Pantry**” item for the week of
May 2/3-Bottles or Cans of Juice
May 9/10-Cans of Tuna
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**

St. Alphonsus Food Pantry is extremely low on
canned tuna and we need help right away. Tuna is
one of our most requested items, and our shelves are
nearly empty. If you’re able to donate even a few
cans, it would make a real difference for local
families who rely on us. Donations can be dropped
off during our regular hours or in the back of church.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Calendar of Events Week of May 3, 2026

Saturday, May 2, 2026

4:30pm(SA) First Holy Communion

Sunday, May 3, 2026

11:00am(SH) First Holy Communion

Monday, May 4, 2026

6:00pm(SH) Parish Life Meeting

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

6:00pm(SH) Men’s Club

7:00pm St. Mary’s Church Confirmation

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Thursday, May 7, 2026

5:30pm(SH) Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 8, 2026

8:00am(SA) Adoration

Saturday, May 9, 2026

Sunday, May 10, 2026 *Mother’s Day*

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR 04/26/26

Sacred Heart Church

Regular Collection \$4829.00

St. Alphonsus Church

Regular Collection \$4771.00

St. Ann’s Church

Regular Collection \$984.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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With the sleeves, which distinguish it from the
priest’s Chasuble, when fully opened with arms
outstretched, it is a cross by design, reflecting just
like his stole that deacons who serve the Gospel of
Jesus Christ bear the cross.

The Dalmatic is worn by a deacon, but sometimes
a bishop may wear one under his chasuble
symbolizing that they possess the fullness of Holy
Orders including the diaconate.

Over time, the dalmatic became so closely
identified with the diaconate that it functioned as
the visual sign of this order. When someone saw a
minister wearing a dalmatic, they immediately
recognized him as a deacon rather than a priest or
bishop.

Vestments have come to symbolize the ministries
of the minister. Priests gathering the people in
community and prayer; deacons serving the needs
of priests and people.

Remember that vestments are not just a cloth.
Vestments testify to the cross and remind the
faithful that serving the People of God is not a
function or a job, It’s a calling, a vocation and
complete commitment to serving the People of
God spiritually as well as physically.

Shalom shalom my sisters and brothers.
And it’s worn...
with the heart in the middle.

God bless you

*Lord Jesus, you came to serve. Fill Deacon John
and Deacon Gregg with your love, compassion,
and courage. Bless their ministry and
their families with joy.*

Amen.

**THE NATIONAL
DAY OF PRAYER**

May 7, 2026





Our next Parish Life Meeting is Monday, May 4th at 6:00pm at Sacred Heart Church. All are invited to attend.

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 June 5, 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!!!

**Pope Leo's Prayers for May
That Everyone Might Have Food**

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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."

Catholic Home Missions Appeal Thank you for your generous support for last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish community we collected \$1286.00 to strengthen the Church at home and spread the Gospel across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/home-missions. iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for the collection if you prefer to donate online.



*Thank You to our
Catechists &
Volunteers*

Thank you to our dedicated catechists for your "yes" to God's call, sharing the faith with patience, joy, and love.

Your commitment to nurturing young souls, countless hours of preparation, and generous spirit make a lasting impact on our parish family, and we are deeply grateful for your invaluable service in leading children closer to Christ.

Thank you for sharing your time and faith with our children. You are a blessing to our parish!

- Ms. Missy Deyneka, Grade K-1
- Mrs. Kathy Herr, Grade 2
- Ms. Lisa Sobus, Grade 3
- Mrs. Nube Staehr, Grade 4
- Mr. Jack Kearse, Grade 5-6
- Mrs. Ana Haff, Confirmation Year 1
- Mr. Michael Cuddy, Confirmation Year 2

All are invited to spend quiet time alone with the Blessed Sacrament or would you like to be a Eucharistic Adoration Guardian for one hour a week? For more information, please call Nancy in the Parish Office at 315-252-7271 or Pat at 315-406-4238.

We would like to thank
Dr. Thomas A. Hogan, D.D.S.
Dr. Jeffrey J. Graceffo, D.M.D.
315-252-7281
For Sponsoring an Ad In
Our Weekly Bulletin

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF May 3, 2026

Saturday, May 2, 2026

4:00pm Sacred Heart

+Ray & Virginia Brady by Jean Larose
+John Smith by Virginia
+Mike O'Leary by Nancy & Bob Westover

4:30pm St. Alphonsus

+Neil Hopkins by Ron & Sara Podolak

Sunday, May 3, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+Evelyn Moretti by Bereavement Ministry

9:00 am St. Ann

+Mark Angier by Kristine & Paul Hickey
+Josephine Christiantelli
by Shirley & Carlton West

10:30 am St. Alphonsus

+Ann Bryla by Peter & Janet Brooks
+Joseph F. McConnell Jr. by Kathy Gray

11:00 am Sacred Heart

+Ann M. Mulvey by Peter & Barbara Mulvey
+Anthony Lobisco by Family

5:00 pm St. Alphonsus

+Peggy Kolo by MM. Felix Mucedola

Monday, May 4 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+Clara Walsh by Family
+Bill Fulton by Andrew & Helen Kuczek

12:15pm St. Alphonsus

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

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+Ken Kanya by Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Hogan

12:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+Karen DiVirgilio by Charlie & Sharon Mellor

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

12:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+Ruth Barry by Estate

Thursday, May 7, 2026

5:15pm St. Alphonsus

+Ann Mulvey by Gloria Alano

Friday, May 8, 2026

7:30am St. Alphonsus

+Margaret Newert by Family

8:30am Sacred Heart

+Joan Hogan by Bereavement Ministry

Saturday, May 9, 2026

4:00pm Sacred Heart

+Deceased Members of the Eisenschmidt Family
by Denise & Tony Bellerdine
+Ann Driscoll by Sue Lennox & Family
+Ginny Chalanick by Dave & Eileen Cuff

4:30pm St. Alphonsus

+John Smith by Joe & Susan Rusinko
+Jean Fennessy by Family

Sunday, May 10, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+Mary Piccirillo by Sons Gary & Tom
+Barbara Wallace by Family

9:00 am St. Ann

+John Podolak by Family

10:30 am St. Alphonsus

+Marjorie Gregory, Jill Dougherty, Marci LaLonde,
Brian Farrelly, Edward Farrelly, Beverly Clifford,
Terry Clifford & William Dougherty by Family

11:00 am Sacred Heart

+Helen Oyer by Family
+Frances Kellar & Angie Palazzoli by Mary
+Donna Lawler by Family

5:00 pm St. Alphonsus

+Mary Diego by Family

**The Memorial Candles
The Week of May 3, 2026
Sacred Heart Church**

Tabernacle Candle

Walter Dec

by The Dec & DeRouin Family

St. Alphonsus Church

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle

Margaret Newert

by Family

For those who Have Recently Died

Robert L. LaDuca

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



Sunday, May 3, 2026
First Holy Communion

May you always know the peace of Jesus, the light of His love,
and the joy of His life within you.

We are excited to present to you our candidates
receiving their First Holy Communion on
Saturday, May 2 at St. Alphonsus Church and
Sunday, May 3 at Sacred Heart Church:

*Cameron Anastasi
Brodrick Applebee
Giovanni Bartolotta
Hunter Blanchfield
Elon Carter
Graycen Cole
Keaton Donovan
Kenadie Hall
Stella Hoey
Shea Jackson
Carter Kulis
Elliette Mendillo*



*Henry Mizro
Emersyn Phillips
Sophia Querns
Jack Reiff
Allison Rhodes
Brooklyn Ryan
Brendan Sheahan, Jr.
Graham Simmons
Harper Sloan
Dominic Vietti, Jr.
Marianna Vitale*

It was such a blessing to see their faces beaming with so much joy and excitement.
I imagine their families are equally, if not more, thrilled
that these “littles” are now about to partake in this
gift of our Faith, Jesus Himself – Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity.

Reception of the Holy Eucharist is one of the greatest gifts God has given to us.
Through the gift of Holy Communion,
we are able to share a deep intimacy with Jesus.
Let us commit to continue journeying with our “littles” and
by our words and deeds, be examples for them to follow.

May this milestone for them be a moment for us to remember
our first encounter with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist;
and for us to more deeply appreciate the gift Jesus
extends to us every time we are gathered at the Sacred Banquet.

A special THANK YOU to Mrs. Kathy Herr for preparing the children
for this most special Sacrament and who
made their big day possible.

Sunday, May 03, 2026, Embrace life
 People say the darnedest things when someone dies. They say, “God took him from us” or “God must’ve had a reason.” But according to our faith, Jesus promised to rescue us from death. When, because of age or illness or injury, our mortal bodies can no longer sustain God’s precious gift of life, Jesus promised to “come again” and snatch us from the jaws of death. The Bible says, “In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died” (Wisdom 3:2). God had a reason for giving us life. And Jesus has a reason for saving us from death. Death is not part of God’s plan for us. Only life—life everlasting. **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
 Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12 (52). “I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.”

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Catholic Ministries Appeal Update

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Your gifts make a real impact in the life of our parishes and the ministries we share.

Sacred Heart Parish
 156 parishioners have contributed \$37,228 toward our goal of \$47,000.
St. Alphonsus Parish
 113 parishioners have contributed \$23,547 toward our goal of \$37,000.

We are deeply grateful for every household that has participated so far. If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, we invite you to join us. Every gift—large or small—brings us closer to reaching our goals and strengthens the mission we carry out together. The CMA ends in just a few short weeks

Checks may be made payable to:
 Catholic Ministries Appeal
 PO Box 6841
 Ithaca, NY 14851

(They can be put in an envelope either in the collection basket or mailed to the address above.)

Thank you for helping our parishes continue to grow in faith, service, and love.

St. Albert the Great Academy is excited to announce that they will be hosting an Ignatius Book Fair! Join us at St. Albert the Great Academy (134 Washington St.) *May 4–May 8, 2026, with shopping hours from 8:30–10:30 AM and 2:00–3:30 PM.* This special event is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the joy of reading while supporting our school community. Browse a thoughtfully curated selection of classic literature and faith-filled books for all ages. You’ll also find meaningful sacramental gifts and resources perfect for your children or loved ones as they grow in their faith. Come together as a community, discover inspiring reads, and help support our school—we look forward to seeing you there!

Young Adult Ministry resumed on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm at St. Mary’s Church. The Young Adult Ministry is open to folks from 18 to 33 years old. Alex Haines will coordinate the Young Adult Ministry.

Tyburn Academy has several job openings for next school year, including Science and Math Teacher, English Teacher, Spanish Teacher, and Athletic Director. Please contact Principal Conor O’Donnell if you are interested in learning more at codonnell@tyburnacademy.com



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 bernie8@gmail.com or register at <https://www.griefshare.org/leaderzone/my/events/274194>.

Remember our Sick: Heidi, 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."