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Sacred Heart: Saturday 3:00pm

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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

St. Alphonsus Church: Meg Gremli,

Karen Odrzywolski

St. Ann Church: Janet Zane

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GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 4, 2025
3rd Sunday of Easter
John 21:1-19

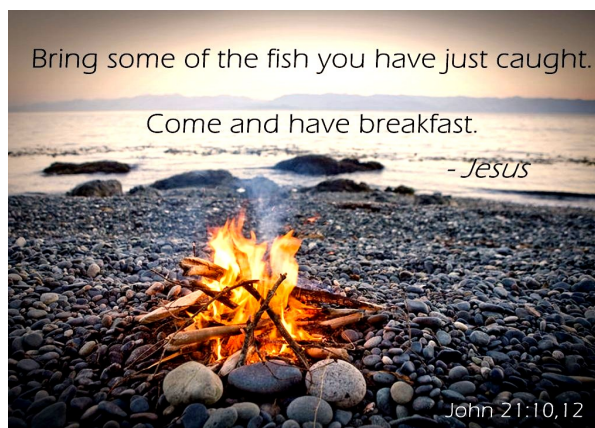
I eat breakfast. If I don't have something substantial, I'm fading by midmorning. Breakfast is my key meal because it sets up my physical wellbeing for the rest of the day.

Spiritually speaking, we need sustenance to get us going. This is true for the Apostles in this Sunday's remarkable Gospel reading. The risen Jesus makes his third appearance to them in the early morning light and calls, "**Come, have breakfast**" (**John 21:12**). The exhausted and cold fishermen sit, and he feeds them bread and fish as the dawn breaks. They are overwhelmed by his presence to the point of awestruck silence. As they eat, their bodies and their hearts come alive. Once refreshed by their morning meal, they will be ready to feed others — indeed, the whole world — with the love of the risen Jesus. But first, they need breakfast from him.

Do you realize how essential early morning prayer is? Jesus desires to refresh us every morning with his word of love, with his grace-filled presence. This week, hear Jesus calling to you: "Come, have breakfast!" Embrace some form of spiritual, meditative practice each morning for spiritual strength to get you going.

— *Father John Muir*

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Calendar of Events Week of May 4, 2025

Sunday, May 4, 2025

9:00am(ANN) 1st Communion

11:30am(SH) 1st Communion

Monday, May 5, 2025

6:00pm(SH) Parish Life Meeting

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

6:00pm(SH) Men's Club

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Thursday, May 8, 2025

Friday, May 9, 2025

Saturday, May 10, 2025

Sunday, May 11, 2025 *Mother's Day*

The "Pack the Pantry" item for the week of
May 3/4—**Bottles or Cans of Juice**
May 10/11—**Boxes, Bags or Pouches of Pasta**
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!

Now is the time of year when we start planning
our home gardens. Maybe you would like to help
your neighbors in need by planting a row for the
food pantry. Fresh vegetables like Zucchini,
Summer Squash, Tomatoes, Green or Wax Beans,
Green Peppers, Peas, Lettuce, Onions, Peas,
Corn, Cauliflower, Carrots, Broccoli, and any fresh
fruit just to name a few.

Our neighbors love being able to serve fresh fruits
and vegetables to their families. Fresh produce is
expensive. Please consider helping us help them.
Questions call Sue at 315-515-8936.

Thank you for all that you do for your neighbors in
need.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR 04/27/25

Sacred Heart Church

Regular Collection \$4712.00

St. Alphonsus Church

Regular Collection \$4298.00

St. Ann's Church

Regular Collection \$1095.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Memorial Candles Week of May 4, 2025

Sacred Heart Church Tabernacle Candle

Richard L. Palazzoli

By

Wife Mary

St. Alphonsus Church Tabernacle Candle

*Deceased Members of the
Rosetti Family*

by

Phillip & Catherine Gioia

For Those Who Have
Recently Died
Sherry Chayka
Janet Miller

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



*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 St. Alphonsus Food Pantry would like to thank
all who participated in Operation Rice Bowl. Six
churches in Cayuga County designated
St. Alphonsus Food Pantry as the recipient of the
25% that comes back to our community. We received
\$1,155.75. Many of our grants have been cut and this
gift helps us bridge the gap. Thank you so much for
helping us help your neighbors in need. May God
bless you and your families.

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to have the bulletin sent to your email by going on
<https://parishesonline.com/home> and selecting either
zip code or Sacred Heart Church to bring you to our
bulletin page. From there you can sign up to have the
bulletin sent directly to your email every week. There
is also a link to our Facebook page.
(facebook.com/sacredheartauburn) and our
Website(www.sacredheartauburn.org).

If you would like the bulletin sent to you please call
the parish office at 315-252-7271.

We would like to welcome Tom Techman in his new role in Funeral Ministry in addition to his role as Music Minister. Tom can be reached by calling the Parish Office at 315-252-7271 Ext. 208. If you see Tom at Mass, please stop and introduce yourself and welcome him in his new role.

Responding to God Question:

I can't explain it. I feel a nudge from God to something out of the ordinary. How do I respond?

Answer:

You're in good company! Abraham was asked to leave all he knew and loved for a strange land, with only abstract divine assurance that such a sacrifice would be worth it. Plenty of prophets protested against God's call, whether it was claiming they were too young (Jeremiah) or running away entirely, only to end up in a whale's belly (Jonah). St. Joseph was asked to do something very strange. He was asked to believe — on the word of an angelic appearance in a dream — that his betrothed was pregnant not from another man, but by a miraculous intervention of God. Then he was called to marry her.

Author Flannery O'Connor once wrote, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you odd." Sometimes God's invitation might seem strange or challenging. It might require sacrifices we never expected to make. Our life might look different than we had always imagined. But as we all know, life throws its own curveballs, regardless of whether or not we're listening for God's will. Better, one would think, to be open to the promptings of God and to follow along the strange trails that they lead. We have the assurance that, eventually, we will find green pastures. ©LPI

Catholic Ministries Appeal, PO Box 6841 Ithaca, NY 14851

Please make checks payable to:
Catholic Ministries Appeal (not your parish).

The Catholic Ministries Appeal is in its final weeks, and we want to thank everyone who has contributed to this year's campaign. If you have not contributed yet, we ask that you please prayerfully consider giving to this year's campaign.

*Thank you for your continued
Generosity and Support!*

04/28/25	Donors	Pledged	Goal	%
SH	150	\$36,475	\$42,000	87.56%
ANN	26	\$10,200	\$12,000	85.00%
SA	131	\$24,347	\$33,000	73.78%



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.

Our next First Friday Mass and Luncheon is Friday, June 6th 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!!! 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.

Prayer for the Election of a New Pope



O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unflinching care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

		MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF MAY 4, 2025 Sacred Heart (SH) * St. Alphonsus (SA) * St. Ann (ANN)
Saturday, May 3, 2025	4:00pm(SH)	+Carol Cristiantelli <i>by Louise Kirwan</i> +Donna Carnevale <i>by Ted & Judy Parker</i> +Peter Killian <i>by Dave & Eileen</i>
	4:30 pm (SA)	+Joseph & Mary Trama <i>by Family</i>
Sunday, May 4, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+In Memory of Monica Daly on her 100th Birthday <i>by Family</i>
	9:00 am (ANN)	+John Podolak <i>by Family</i>
	10:30 am (SA)	+Diane Vinciguerra <i>by Adele, Elaine, & Patty Giacalone</i>
	11:30 am (SH)	+Dario DeVito <i>by Carmella Morley</i> +Alan Wilson & Gary Knapp <i>by Family</i>
	5:00 pm (SA)	+Raymond & Bernadine Sullivan <i>by Family</i>
Monday, May 5, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+Tom Patterson <i>by Bereavement Ministry</i>
	12:15pm(SA)	+The Alano & Mantella Families <i>by Gloria</i> +Jeanne Salva <i>by Jeannine Larose</i>
Tuesday, May 6, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+The Corcoran Family <i>by Andrew & Helen Kuczek</i>
	12:15 pm (SA)	+Mel Brown <i>by Estate</i>
Wednesday, May 7, 2025	12:15 pm (SA)	+Helen Walsh Ditton <i>by Estate</i>
Thursday, May 8, 2025	5:15pm(SA)	+John Sheppard <i>by Bonnie</i>
Friday, May 9, 2025	7:30am(SA)	+For the People of St. Alphonsus
	8:30am(SH)	+Mike Ford <i>by Family</i> +The Kuczek Family <i>by Andrew & Helen Kuczek</i>
Saturday, May 10, 2025	4:00pm(SH)	+Mama Jennie <i>by Ann Marie Nadge</i> +Maria Pilipczak <i>by Bereavement Ministry</i> +Joseph Locastro <i>by William & Barbara Cholette</i>
	4:30 pm (SA)	+Lou Moretti <i>by Wife Evelyn</i>
Sunday, May 11, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+Mary Piccirillo <i>by Her Sons Gary & Tom</i>
	9:00 am (ANN)	+For the People of St. Ann's
	10:30 am (SA)	+Marjorie Gregory, Jill Dougherty, Marci Lalonde, Beverly Clifford & Brian Farrelly <i>by Family</i>
	11:30 am (SH)	+Emilie Burke <i>by Family</i> +Donna Lawler <i>by Family</i> +Margaret Valentino <i>by Rick, Donna, Mathew & Jenna Brooks</i>
	5:00 pm (SA)	+Deceased Mothers of Our Faith Community

The Bereavement Group meets on the third Wednesday of the month from 1:30 pm 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 May 21 is *Anger* which can affect us physically as well as emotionally. It can also be an ally in our grief. Contact Bernie Tomasso at 315-246-3440 or berniet8@gmail.com.

Prayer of Belief

Lord,
Help me to see You
and to recognize what I see.
Help me to hear Your invitation
and to respond.
Help me to join You
where and when You call.
Amen. ©LPi

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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!

Intentions of the Holy Father
For May

For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.



The Duck Derby Returns!
Downtown Auburn
Monday, May 26, 2025

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| 1) Cash Prize \$1500 | 6) Cash Prize \$200 |
| 2) Cash Prize \$1000 | 7) Cash Prize \$200 |
| 3) Cash Prize \$500 | 8) Cash Prize \$100 |
| 4) Cash Prize \$300 | 9) Cash Prize \$100 |
| 5) Cash Prize \$300 | 10) LAST DUCK \$200 |



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Thank you for visiting our church this Sunday! We hope you felt at home and that the message encouraged your heart. It was a joy to have you with us, and we look forward to seeing you again. If you have any questions or want to know more about our church, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. If you would like to register, contact Nancy in the Parish Office at 315-252-7271 or email nancy.kavanagh@dor.org. or stop in and say hello.

"Oh, Come Let us Adore Him."

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. Eucharistic adoration is a Catholic devotion that involves praying in the presence of Jesus Christ, who is believed to be present in the Eucharist, also known as the Blessed Sacrament. During adoration, a consecrated host, or the Blessed Sacrament, is displayed in a monstrance, and people can sit, kneel, or stand to pray and meditate. The term "adoration" can refer to prayer in front of a closed tabernacle or in front of the exposed host. Would you like to be a Eucharistic Adoration Guardian for one hour a week? For more information, please call Pat Cleaver at 315-406-4238.

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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
Ana Haff, Coordinator of Faith Formation
Email: Ana.Haff@dor.org
Telephone: 315-252-7271 Ext. 204**



May 4, 2025

The Importance of First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion is important in our lives. The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith: it is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Pope Francis has called it the "Sacrament of Love." "The Eucharist is at the heart of 'Christian initiation', together with Baptism and Confirmation, and it constitutes the source of the Church's life itself.

From this Sacrament of love, in fact, flows every authentic journey of faith, of communion, and of witness." Jesus comes to us in a unique way in the Eucharist. When He comes, we receive Him into our body and our soul. This is very beautiful, personal, and intimate and it should not be taken for granted. This is why the first time a family member makes their Holy Communion; it is an exciting event for the whole family. The child prepares for this sacrament and in receiving the Eucharist is united with Jesus in a spiritual way.

As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us "The sacraments of Christian initiation — Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist — lay the foundations of every Christian life. The sharing in the divine nature given to men through the grace of Christ bears a certain likeness to the origin, development, and nourishing of natural life. The faithful are born anew by Baptism, strengthened by the sacrament of Confirmation, and received in the Eucharist the food of eternal life. By means of these sacraments of Christian initiation, they thus receive in increasing measure the treasures of the divine life and advance toward the perfection of charity." Catechism of the Catholic Church #1212.

First Holy Communion is, without question, a time of great joy. The saints in heaven, who are delighted to intercede for us, are celebrating along with our families and parishioners.

"You come to me," says Saint Maximilian Kolbe to Jesus, speaking for all of us, "and unite Yourself intimately to me under the form of nourishment. . . . What miracles! Who would have ever imagined such!"

St. Mother Teresa also has words for you and your family: "Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist..."

Yes, the celebration of a child's First Holy Communion IS a big deal! We have Twenty-Three children from Holy Family, Sacred Heart, St. Alphonsus and St. Ann churches who will be making their First Eucharist. On Saturday, May 3, 2025, at 4:30pm Mass at St. Alphonsus, five children will receive the Blessed Sacrament: *Elouise Crawford, Ryker DeFelice, Mason Evans, Lily Hogan and Avery Sears*

On Sunday, May 4 at 9am Mass at St. Ann's, two children will receive the Blessed Sacrament: *Jack Rozak and Ava Szozda*

At the 11:30am Mass at Sacred Heart sixteen children will receive communion for the first time: *Antonio Bartolotta, Harper Carr, Graycen Cole, Georgia Cuddy, Austin Donovan, Hazel Driscoll, Everett Flanigan, Liana Flanigan, Ollie Kufs, Audrey Mizro, Andrea Nedza, Emerson Pine, Olivia Redsicker, Emily Sperduti, Olivia Wasileski, and Jack Wilson.*

I would like to extend a special thank you to our Catechist Kathy Herr and our new Faith Formation Coordinator Ana Haff and Liza Kelly for conducting the rehearsals and ceremonies.

Please pray for our First Communicants and their families:

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

God Bless,
Barbara Quinn,
Coordinator of Faith Formation



Remember our Sick:

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

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 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.