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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.

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Holy Family Church: Helen Delaney,
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GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 11, 2025
4th Sunday of Easter
John 10:27-30

A few years back, I felt as if I couldn't hear God's voice the way I used to. The words in the Bible seemed like cold ink on a page. Prayer felt like sitting anxiously in a lonely room. I was worried — how could I, a priest, preach or help others if I couldn't hear God's voice? It went on for months.

Then a friend encouraged me to go on a retreat and spend as much time as possible in silence. After a day or two of quiet prayer, I noticed gentle but clear thoughts of repentance in two specific areas of my life. I asked God for the grace to change, and I went to confession. Suddenly, the divine silence that haunted me was filled with a sense of God's closeness and goodness. I realized, gratefully, that God had been speaking to me in the quiet voice of my conscience.

This week we hear Jesus say, **"My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me"** (John 10:27). Jesus links the hearing of his voice to following him. He speaks to us in our conscience in an intimate, personal way, when we most need to hear him. When you feel deaf to God's voice, perhaps it is time to listen in silence for His voice in your conscience calling you to hear and follow the Good Shepherd of your soul.

— *Father John Muir*

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Calendar of Events Week of May 11, 2025

Sunday, May 11, 2025 *Mother's Day*
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Monday, May 12, 2025

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Thursday, May 15, 2025

Friday, May 16, 2025
(SA) 8:00 am-8:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, May 17, 2025
(SH) 7:30am Blood Drive

Sunday, May 18, 2025

The "Pack the Pantry" item for the week of
May 10/11—**Boxes, Bags or Pouches of Pasta**
May 17/18—**Boxes of Instant or Mashed Potatoes**
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, 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 5/4/25

Sacred Heart Church
Regular Collection \$7120.00
St. Alphonsus Church
Regular Collection \$5503.00
St. Ann's Church
Regular Collection \$1373.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Offering Counters are needed for St. Mary's. The
teams count Monday morning at 9:00am at the
Regional Finance Office at Sacred Heart Church on
Melrose Road. If you have one Monday a month to
volunteer, we would love to have you join our team. If
you can help, please call Shawn Gillen-Caryl at
315-252-7111.

Memorial Candles
Week of
May 11, 2025

Sacred Heart Church
Tabernacle Candle

Tommy Vasile III
By
Family

St. Alphonsus Church
Tabernacle Candle

Chuck Stevesky
by
By Family

St. Alphonsus Church
St. Joseph Candle

Katherine Festa
By

MaryAnne Festa Leonard

St. Alphonsus Church
Our Lady of
Perpetual Help
Candle

For All Mothers

A Mother's Day Prayer

Dear Lord,

Please watch over
and support all mothers
on earth and in heaven . . .

and help them to know how much
they are loved and appreciated
on Mother's Day and every day.

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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

Thank You

The committee for the Jubilee 2025 Dance for People with Special Needs at Sacred Heart Church Hall on Friday, May 2nd would like to express their sincere appreciation to the businesses and individuals who supported our wonderful event with their generosity.

Their contributions helped to make this event a huge success and bring great joy to the folks who attended the dance. We would like to recognize the following for their generosity: Cheryl & Wayne McEvers, Angelo's Pizza, Kinney Drugs, Church Men's Club, The Hallmark Store, Pepsi-Cola Distributors and the many volunteers who helped in various ways to make this event a success. We are deeply grateful for the tremendous support.



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.

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, June 2, 2025. Hope to see you there.

The Parish Life Committee has two fun events planned in June and August.

The first is a Strawberry Ice Cream Festival on Sunday June 29th from 1pm to 3pm in Sacred Heart Hall. There will be board games to play!!! We look forward to seeing you there!!!

The second one is August 2nd and will be an outdoor game day for youth and young families at Sacred Heart.....Disc Golf, Bucket Tic Tac Toe, Giant Jenga, Giant Yahtzee, Cornhole, Giant 4 in One and many more. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and much, much more!!! Put this date on your calendar.....

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!*

| 05/05/25 | Donors | Pledged | Goal | % |
|----------|--------|----------|----------|--------|
| SH | 150 | \$36,475 | \$42,000 | 87.56% |
| ANN | 27 | \$10,300 | \$12,000 | 85.83% |
| SA | 131 | \$24,347 | \$33,000 | 73.78% |

Prayer for the Election of a New Pope



O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing 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.

MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF MAY 11, 2025
Sacred Heart (SH) * St. Alphonsus (SA) * St. Ann (ANN)

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| Saturday, May 10, 2025 | 4:00pm(SH) 4:30 pm (SA) | +Mama Jennie <i>by Ann Marie Nadge</i> +Maria Pilipczak <i>by Bereavement Ministry</i> +Joseph Locastro <i>by William & Barbara Cholette</i> +Lou Moretti <i>by Wife Evelyn</i> |
| Sunday, May 11, 2025 | 8:30 am (SH) 9:00 am (ANN) 10:30 am (SA) 11:30 am (SH) 5:00 pm (SA) | +Mary Piccirillo <i>by Her Sons Gary & Tom</i> +For the People of St. Ann's +Marjorie Gregory, Jill Dougherty, Marci Lalonde, Beverly Clifford & Brian Farrelly <i>by Family</i> +Emilie Burke <i>by Family</i> +Donna Lawler <i>by Family</i> +Margaret Valentino <i>by Rick, Donna, Mathew & Jenna Brooks</i> +Deceased Mothers of Our Faith Community |
| Monday, May 12, 2025 | 8:30 am (SH) 12:15pm(SA) | +Amy Pine <i>by Donna May & Family</i> +No Intention |
| Tuesday, May 13, 2025 | 8:30 am (SH) 12:15 pm (SA) | +Walter J. Dec <i>by The Dec & Derouin Family</i> +Winnie Murray <i>by Kathy & Maureen</i> |
| Wednesday, May 14, 2025 | 12:15 pm (SA) | +For the People of St. Alphonsus |
| Thursday, May 15, 2025 | 5:15pm(SA) | +Amy Pine <i>by Bereavement Ministry</i> |
| Friday, May 16, 2025 | 7:30am(SA) 8:30am(SH) | +Special Intention +Tommy Vasile III <i>by Family</i> |
| Saturday, May 17, 2025 | 4:00pm(SH) 4:30 pm (SA) | +Gerald Evans <i>by Family</i> +Bernie & Gloria Offenburg <i>by Lisa Sobus</i> +Jim & Jackie Driscoll <i>by Family</i> +Helen Graney <i>by Family</i> +Chuck Stevesky <i>by Family</i> |
| Sunday, May 18, 2025 | 8:30 am (SH) 9:00 am (ANN) 10:30 am (SA) 11:30 am (SH) 5:00 pm (SA) | +Maria Pilipczak <i>by Maria Redmond</i> +For the People of St. Ann +Raymond C., Mabel E., & Mildred Casler <i>by Estate</i> +Sherry Chayka <i>by Jean & Sam</i> +Amy Pine <i>by Mike & Mary Hearn</i> +Santa Catalano <i>by Phil, Fran & Stephen Siracusa</i> +No Intention |

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

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Dear Lord,
 How lovely are your ways!
 Guide each of us closer to your will.
 Pour your courage into those
 you are calling to the vocations of
 married, religious, consecrated, and single life.
 Help them to respond boldly,
 and with trust in your provision.
 Amen.
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You are Invited! Our faith community needs more people willing to serve in this Special Ministry and hope you will prayerfully consider this invitation to become a Lector or Eucharistic Minister. The proclamation of the Word of God is truly a service to the Church. Lectors bring the living Word of God to the liturgical assembly. Being a lector is a great way to deepen your appreciation of Sacred Scripture and assist your fellow parishioners at Mass to hear the Word of God clearly and prayerfully. All ministers of Holy Communion should show the greatest reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist by their demeanor, their attire, and the manner in which they oversee the consecrated bread. For more information or to speak to someone about any of these ministries, please call Nancy in the parish office at 315-252-7271.



Here are easy steps to creating your FREE online learning account at franciscanathome.com/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!

Intentions of the Holy Father

For May

For working conditions

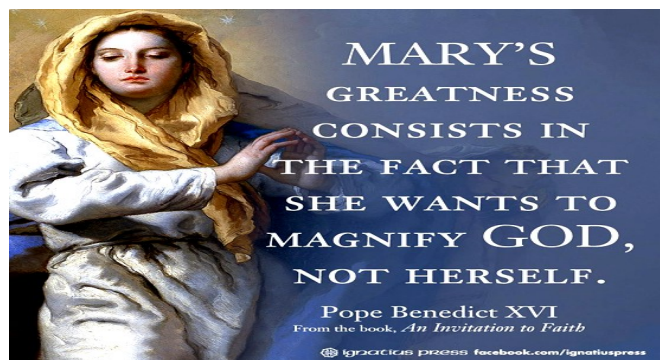
Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

"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.

VESPERS (Evening Prayer) from the Liturgy of the Hours and **BENEDICTION** of the Blessed Sacrament are celebrated every Sunday at 4:00 pm at St. Mary's Church. Vespers consists of a hymn, three psalms, the Magnificat, and intercessory prayers. There is also a period of silent Eucharistic Adoration during the Service. Vespers is the official Evening Prayer of the Church.

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.



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May 11, 2025

Do You Know ... What/Who is the Pope?

There are many important sounding names for the Pope – His Holiness, Vicar of Christ, Bishop of Rome, Supreme Pontiff, Servant of the Servants of God, and many others. The word "Pope," or "papa," comes from the affectionate Latin and Greek for "father."

The Pope is the successor to the Apostle Peter. Jesus chose Simon, one of the Twelve Apostles, and renamed him Peter, which means rock. Jesus said, "On this rock I will build my church." Peter is the rock.

After His Resurrection, Jesus entrusts Peter with a mandate of shepherding the Church. He tells him, "Feed my sheep." He says this to Peter three times. Jesus doesn't want to leave His people without a leader to love and care for them. Peter and his successors represent Jesus. In fact, another name for the Pope is Vicar of Christ. "Vicar" is the root of "vicarious," which means "to represent." And they did stand in His place even in His sacrificial love. They've worked to keep the worldwide faith unified and focused on Christ's mission to love and serve.

Many of the Popes in the first 250 years of Christianity died as martyrs, including Peter, who was crucified upside down in Rome between 64 and 67 AD. He was buried where the Vatican now stands. St. Linus followed Peter as Pope, and another after him, and so on right up to today. We can trace our Popes back to the Apostles. This is called apostolic succession.

When a Pope dies or resigns, the governance of the Church passes to the College of Cardinals. Cardinals are high officials ranking next to the Pope and appointed by him to assist in the governance of the Church – they wear red vestments in formal settings. The Cardinals hold a series of meetings at the Vatican called General Congregations where they discuss the needs and challenges facing the Church. They will also prepare for the papal election, called a Conclave (the Conclave to elect the new Pope after Pope Francis's death begins on Wednesday, May 7). The Cardinals gather in St. Peter's Basilica for a Mass to invoke the guidance of the Holy Spirit in electing a new Pope in the Conclave (Conclave means literally "with key"). For the Conclave, the Cardinal electors go to the Sistine Chapel and take an oath of absolute secrecy before sealing the doors. The Cardinals vote by secret ballot, going one by one up to Michelangelo's fresco of The Last Judgment, saying a prayer, and dropping the ballot in a large chalice. Four rounds of balloting are taken every day. If no one receives two-thirds of the vote, the ballots are burned in a stove near the Chapel with a mixture of chemicals to produce black smoke. When a Cardinal receives two-thirds of the vote and accepts, the ballots of the final round are burned to produce white smoke, to signal to the whole world the election of a new Pope. The new Pope chooses a papal name and is dressed in papal vestments before going out to the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica. The senior Cardinal deacon announces "Habemus Papam" which means, "We have a Pope." The new Pope then comes out to impart his blessing on the city of Rome and the entire world.

More information can be found on the Vatican website (<https://www.vatican.va>)

In His Service,
Ana Haff
Director of Faith Formation

May 11, 2025

On May 4th at the 11:30am Mass at Sacred Heart Church these children from St. Albert the Great Academy received communion for the first time: Joey Giannotta, Bella Nardella, Stella Hahn, Ella Jones and Elizabeth Stein. Please pray for our First Communicants and their families.



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.