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Reconciliation

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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Catch some air
Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2026

When athletes in racing, basketball, or other sports leave the ground even for a few seconds, they are said to “catch air.” Especially when it comes to basketball, most of those players have a higher perspective than the rest of us who are only walking around! The euphoria of getting off your feet and into the air, however, lends an additional sensation not unlike our childhood dreams of flying. We feel somehow less materially bound, more than a mortal, if only for an instant.

Maybe folks who feel compelled to climb every mountain or walk a tightrope or do daredevil stunts in a skateboard park are answering that same wild urge to transcend mortal boundaries and catch some of that rarified air. Maybe it was a similar urge that drove Saint Peter to get out of a boat and walk toward Jesus on the water. Being human weighs us down with cares and limitations, a sometimes-leaden past or a sense of our own futility. Don’t we all feel a desire to be able to float up and away from everything that keeps us pinned to the ground and all of the “have-tos” of our existence?

Is there a way we are invited to ascend with Jesus on this feast? He asks his disciples to do just that in the 40 days Luke tells us he spoke with them after the Resurrection. After Jesus presents himself so improbably alive and glorified, he instructs them once more about the kingdom of God. Admittedly, he had a lot to say about God’s reign before he was crucified, but it seems as if they were asleep at the time. Now they’re wide awake, blasted open by the trauma and the magnificence of the Triduum events (are we?), better prepared to hear what he’s been saying all along.

Yet still, what do they ask him when they have this wonderful opportunity? “Will you restore the kingdom of Israel now?” They have yet to ascend, these friends of Jesus. They’re still fretting about temporal kingdoms and earthly authority. It’s as if Jesus said to them, “My friends, come up higher!” and they persisted in responding, “But lower is so much more familiar and comfortable!”

We sympathize with these friends of Jesus because we, too, find ascension a challenging way to go. So much locks us down to Earth: the pursuit of a living, the need to pay bills, the obligation to care for children and elders, the politics demanded by our social contract, the fragility of bodies not built to last. When we are asked to lift our gaze and maybe even catch some air by adopting a Kingdom perspective, it can seem impractical and even implausible. If we remain Earthbound, though, most of what Jesus said won’t make much sense.

Alice Camille is a religious educator, scripture commentator, and author of many books including *This Transforming Word* and other titles found at alicecamille.com.

The “**Pack the Pantry**” item for the week of
May 16/17-Boxes, Bags or Pouches of Pasta
May 23/24-Boxes or Pouches 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
 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.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR 05/10/26

Sacred Heart Church
 Regular Collection \$7734.05
St. Alphonsus Church
 Regular Collection \$3581.00
St. Ann’s Church
 Regular Collection \$2242.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Today is Diocesan Missions Sunday. We honor the
 missionary service of the Sisters of St. Joseph and the
 Sisters of Mercy in Brazil and Chile, and we hold their
 ministry in prayer. A second collection will be taken to
 support their vital work. Thank you for your generosity
 and faithful support.

BOOKKEEPER

*Part Time Bookkeeper Needed for the Regional
 Finance Office based in the Ithaca/Lansing Area*

LIST OF JOB DUTIES:

- Coordinates volunteers for money-counting and record-keeping. This is accomplished by scheduling, recruiting, training, supporting, and overseeing the work of volunteers.
 - Oversee the counters to ensure accurate counting and help with reconciliation as needed.
 - Escort the transportation of funds to the bank.
 - Issue tamper evident bags for masses, office bags, fund raising and maintaining the logbook.
 - Attend a monthly staff meeting in Auburn with the Finance Team.
 - Participating in diocesan-sponsored training.
 - Other duties as assigned.
- NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS:** General account clerk experience, ability to maintain confidentiality and organize work effectively.
- SEND RESUME:** to Shawn.Gillen-Caryl@dor.org

**Calendar of Events
 Week of May 17, 2026**

- Sunday, May 17, 2026**
- Monday, May 18, 2026**
- Tuesday, May 19 2026**
 10:00am Mass at The Home
- Wednesday, May 20 2026**
 7:00pm(SH) Justice & Peace Meeting
- Thursday, May 21, 2026**
 5:30pm(SH) Choir Rehearsal
- Friday, May 22, 2026**
 8:00am(SA) Adoration
- Saturday, May 23, 2026**
- Sunday, May 24, 2026**

CMA Final Appeal

The Catholic Ministries Appeal concludes on May 31, and there is still time to make a meaningful impact. Our parish has made steady progress, but we have not yet reached our goal. Every gift—large or small—truly matters. We will hold a special collection next weekend, May 23 & 24. If you have not yet made your contribution, please prayerfully consider doing so during this final week. A strong response from our parish family can help us finish the appeal successfully. Envelopes are available in the church. Thank you for your generosity, your faith, and your commitment to the mission we share in Christ.



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.

Parish Life Meeting is Monday, June 1st at 6:00pm at Sacred Heart Church.

All are invited to attend.

Join us for our next First Friday Mass in the Hall at Sacred Heart on June 5, 2026 at 11:30 AM. A light luncheon will follow. If you've never attended a First Friday before, this is the perfect time to come see what the fun, faith, and fellowship are all about!

Parish Life will be hosting a Coffee Hour on Sunday, June 7, right after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Join us in the narthex for light refreshments, a little conversation, and a chance to connect with one another before heading into the week.

Eucharistic Adoration is every Friday at St. Alphonsus Church beginning with the 7:30am daily Mass and concluding with Eucharistic Benediction at 8:00pm. Stay for one minute or for an hour. Feel His love and His peace!
"Be still and know that I am God." — Psalm 46
All are welcome to spend quiet time with the Lord.

**Pope Leo's Intentions
For Month of 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.

Sharing the Light Award – Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes will hold its annual Sharing the Light Award Dinner on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva. This year, we are delighted to share that *Doug Mason*, a devoted parishioner of Sacred Heart Church, will be one of the honorees. Doug is being recognized for the many ways he has shared his time, talent, and generous spirit—not only within our parish, but throughout the wider community. His quiet service has touched countless lives, far more than can be listed on a page, yet deeply appreciated by all who know him. Please join us in congratulating Doug on this well-deserved honor as he continues to be a light for others. Tickets are \$60.00 per person; please contact Rhonda Zettlemoyer at 315-789-2235 ext. 104 or register online at www.catholiccharitiesfl.org Reservations must be in by June 4th.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

MEMORIAL DAY

MONDAY, MAY 25, 2026

Mass at St. Joseph's Cemetery @ 9am
Sponsored by: Council #207
(In the event of inclement weather/rain, the event will be held at St. Mary's Church @ 9:30am)

After Mass, head down to Council #207, which has been "Parade Central" since we moved to our new location in 1997.

HOT DOGS • SOFT DRINKS • ADULT BEVERAGES
HELP US CELEBRATE OUR HEROES!

We would like to thank
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Our Weekly Bulletin

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF May 17, 2026

Saturday, May 16, 2026

4:00pm Sacred Heart

+Jama & Steve Kessler by Barbara Hartnett & Family
+Gerald Evans by Family

4:30pm St. Alphonsus

+Helen Graney by Family

Sunday, May 17, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+Sandi Mettler by The Moore Family
+Bernie & Gloria Offenburg by Lisa Sobus

9:00 am St. Ann

+Bill Stinson by Paul & Kristine Hickey
+Sharon Romano by Anna Flanigan & Family

10:30 am St. Alphonsus

+Louise M. Janusz by Lorraine & Donald Arliss

11:00 am Sacred Heart

+Colonel Robert Schnurr, Jr. by Nancy & Al Prosser
+Mr. & Mrs. Austin T. Donovan
by Timothy A. Donovan

5:00 pm St. Alphonsus

+Peggy Kolo by Jim & Mary Ann LaMay

Monday, May 18 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+Kenneth Kanya by Bereavement Ministry
+Fr. Jim Enright by Pat, Alyce & Emily Messina

12:15pm St. Alphonsus

+Jane Yoensky by Family

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+James Beer by Family
+Tom Donovan by Patty & Dick Stone

12:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+Marietta Lani & Rita Ford by Dr. & Mrs. Gioia
+Kris May by Donna & Children

Wednesday, May 20 2026

12:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+Joseph & John Carberry by Family

Thursday, May 21, 2026

5:15pm St. Alphonsus

+Charles Paul Graceffo
by Adele, Patty & Elaine Giacolone

Friday, May 22, 2026

7:30am St. Alphonsus

+For the People of Our Fith Community

8:30am Sacred Heart

+Jeanne Doyle Buckles by Bereavement Ministry
+Don Quinn by Donna

Saturday, May 23, 2026

4:00pm Sacred Heart

+Ken Kanya by Mary E. Nolan
+Gregory Redmond by Family
+Clara Walsh by Family

4:30pm St. Alphonsus

+David Welch by Carol Gamba
+Jean Fennessy by Joe & Susan Rusinko

Sunday, May 24, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+Jim & Donna Lawler by Family
+Michael Walsh by Tom & Kathy Gray

9:00 am St. Ann

+Josephine Christiantelli by Joanie Howland Macholl
+Nancy & Joseph Brechue by Tina & Bob

10:30 am St. Alphonsus

+Charles Norton by Family

11:00 am Sacred Heart

+Emilie Burke by Family
+Gregory Redmond and
The Stevens & Redmond Families by Family

5:00 pm St. Alphonsus

+Barbara Giusti by Maureen Dykoschak

**The Memorial Candles
The Week of May 17, 2026
Sacred Heart Church**

Tabernacle Candle
Tommy Vasile III
by Family

St. Alphonsus Church

Tabernacle Candle
Vito L. Moschetti by Nancy
by Mary Anne Festa Leonard

For those who Have Recently Died

Robert Brown

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



**Congratulations,
Confirmation Class of 2026
May 17, 2026**

To the Confirmation candidates of 2026 – and to your families and sponsors – congratulations on reaching this important milestone in your journey of Christian initiation! In the Sacrament of Confirmation, God gives the Holy Spirit to strengthen and complete the grace received at Baptism, rooting you more deeply in Christ, binding you more firmly to the Church, and helping you live your faith with courage and clarity.

Confirmation is not a graduation from faith, but a new beginning with the Holy Spirit. The Church teaches that it is “a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit,” which produces an indelible mark and renews the growth of Baptismal grace—so you may become stronger witnesses of Christ. In the words of the Catechism and the Church’s law, Confirmation strengthens you and obliges you to be witnesses of Christ “by word and deed” and to “spread and defend the faith.”

Pope Francis also reminds us that Confirmation matters because the Holy Spirit gives the strength to go forward in the Christian life – and that young people should be helped to make a personal commitment to Christ and to feel true belonging in the Church.

May the Holy Spirit – through gifts He pours into your hearts – make Christ’s love visible in your choices, your friendships, your school and work, and your everyday decisions.

*Charlie DeRosa
Charles Parker
Marcellina Boyer
Owen Chalupniki
Kitana France
Brynn Gilmore
Lukas Jensen
Raylee Jones
Williams Kufs
Joan Monnin
Luca Musso
Lillian Selvek
Gregory Marshall
Emma Marshall
Joseph White*

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Grant them wisdom and understanding, counsel and fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord; strengthen them to live as true witnesses of Christ.

Amen.

In His Service,
Ana Haff
Director of Faith Formation
ana.haff@dor.org

Sunday, May 17, 2026 Witness your own way Howard Thurman, the theologian, activist, and mentor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., once observed: “Don’t ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive and go do it. Because what the world needs are people who have come alive.” That may sound “selfish”: When you’re discerning the best way to serve, shouldn’t you start with any of the world’s many great needs rather than your own. The world, however, has enough problems to go around. Your response will be most effective when it grows out of what animates you in a deep way. As the Easter Season draws to a close, there can be no better witness to the risen Jesus than to follow his way in your way.



The new Federal Scholarship Tax Credit would allow all taxpayers to receive a 100% federal tax credit, up to \$1,700, for donations that fund scholarships helping students with tuition, tutoring, and other education costs. If New York opts in, this program will bring millions of dollars in privately funded support to families, while allowing taxpayers to redirect a portion of their federal taxes to help students across the state, including our Catholic school families. Tell Governor Hochul to opt in! Go to www.bit.ly/federal-scholarship-credit to take action today.

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, May 24. For more information, contact Bernie Tomasso at 315-246-3440 or olasfoauburn@gmail.com.

Justice and Peace Committee will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, May 20th at 7:00pm at Sacred Heart Church, 90 Melrose Road. If you have questions, please contact Charlie Greene, cgreene@greenemeadow.com

Bl. Solanus Casey Doorway Ministry is our local parishioner assistance ministry helping individuals, couples and families deal with spiritual, emotional and practical concerns impacting their overall wellbeing. The ministry also provides spiritual guidance and resources to those looking to become more intentional in their discipleship. The confidential service is free and provided by Deacon Dennis Donahue, a NYS licensed mental health counselor. To learn more or to schedule an initial phone consult; text or voicemail Dcn. Dennis at 315-406-1538.

Starting June 8th! A Deep Dive in Pope Leo's Spiritual Guide: "The Practice of the Presence of God."
Ascension's Classic Catholics podcast has chosen this book as the fifth book in their series. For twenty consecutive days in June, they will read the entirety of Brother Lawrence's work along with commentary and guidance to make it accessible and useable in your spiritual life. "This is not a complex theological treatise. It is a practical and deeply personal guide to transforming ordinary duties into acts of love." "Drawn from the letters and conversations of a humble seventeenth-century Carmelite lay brother, The Practice of the Presence of God presents a clear and attainable path to lasting peace, joy, and communion with the Lord.... Through gentle but profound instruction, readers learn to cultivate an interior life that remains steady amid external change. The soul becomes recollected, peaceful, and rooted in grace."
If you would like to join in a local study group that will meet periodically in June to talk about this spiritual classic and information gleaned in the podcast; contact Dcn. Dennis at 315-406-1538 by text or VM.

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, email nancy.kavanagh@dor.org or stop in the parish office.

Remember our Sick: Pat Allen, Huguetta Evangelista, 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."