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Sacred Heart: Saturday 3:00pm
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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

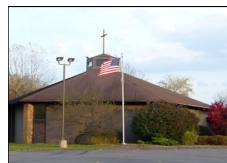
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St. Ann Church

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GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

June 22, 2025

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Luke 9:11-17

A Catholic friend of mine occasionally says, "The Eucharist is not a noun. It's a verb." In so saying, he is making the point that the Eucharist isn't simply Jesus' bodily presence given to us in holy Communion. It also manifests the dynamic pattern by which Christ actively loves and saves us. He teaches us to cooperate with that pattern. This Eucharist actually embodies four verbs: Jesus takes, blesses, breaks, and gives. Let's consider each one.

He takes: Do we acknowledge that we are totally in God's hands? Do we receive everything in our lives as a gift, and act responsibly with it?

He blesses: Do we actively reflect that Jesus makes us holy in our baptism? Do we embrace our bodies and souls as temples of God, worthy of love, peace, and joy?

He breaks: Do we run from failure and disappointment, from getting old or being ignored? Are we too worried about getting hurt or sick? Do we embrace our sufferings with confidence?

He gives: Are we willing to make our lives a gift for others? Are we confident that we will always have enough love to give to others, that God will always provide enough for us? Do we rejoice in giving away what we have to others, expecting nothing in return? This is the dynamic life the Eucharist empowers us to live.

— Father John Muir

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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*

Calendar of Events Week of June 22, 2025

Sunday, June 22, 2025

Monday, June 23, 2025

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

Thursday, June 26, 2025

Friday, June 27, 2025

(SA) 8:00 am-12:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration

(SA) 3:00 pm Wedding

Saturday, June 28, 2025

Sunday, June 29, 2025

(SH) 1:00pm-3:00pm Strawberry Ice Cream Festival

The “**Pack the Pantry**” item for the week of
June 21/22–**Boxes of Crackers**
June 28/29–**Cans of Soup**

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!

Buildings and Grounds/Capital Repairs & Improvements Envelopes

Since these envelopes are new to the Sacred Heart and St. Ann parishes, we thought this would be a good opportunity to remind everyone how these funds are used. A well-maintained facility is essential for a church to function effectively and carry out its mission, including hosting worship services, events, and community outreach programs. Your donations help the parishes cover routine maintenance, emergency repairs, upgrades, and general upkeep to ensure buildings and grounds remain safe and functional. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR 06/15/25

Sacred Heart Church

Regular Collection \$4129.00

St. Alphonsus Church

Regular Collection \$2696.00

St. Ann's Church

Regular Collection \$1500.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Memorial Candles Week of June 22, 2025

Sacred Heart Church Tabernacle Candle

Paul Lattimore
by
The Nash Family

St. Alphonsus Church St. Joseph Candle

Joseph Graney
By
Family

St. Alphonsus Church Tabernacle Candle

Barbara Weaver
by
Ed & Joanne Nash

For Those Who Have Recently Died

Patricia Burtless

Mary Zammett

Caroline Blowers

Eternal rest grant unto them,

O Lord;

and let perpetual

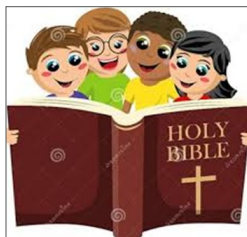
light shine upon them



**The Catholic
Community of
Holy Family,
Sacred Heart, St.
Alphonsus and St.
Ann** is looking for
new Parish Council

members for each parish. Parish Council is made up of lay members who assist the pastor (priest) in guiding the parish's spiritual and practical needs. They offer advice and recommendations on pastoral planning, evangelization, and other activities. While the pastor ultimately makes decisions, the council's input is valuable in fostering a vibrant and engaged faith community. Parish council members typically serve a term of three years. Please call the parish office if you would like to learn more or would like to serve on the parish council.

St. Ann's Chicken BBQ Drive -Thru-Sunday, July 27th 11am until Sold Out \$15. Dinners include Half Chicken, Salt Potatoes, Baked Beans, Brownie, and Water, in the Hamlet of Owasco, corner of 38A and Twelve Corners Rd.



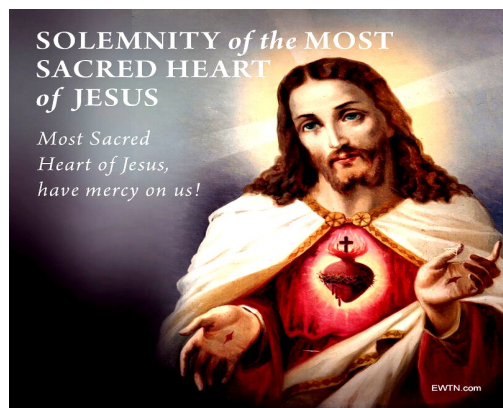
2025-2026 Faith Formation Volunteers Needed

Are you interested in helping Faith Formation with teaching our younger parishioners? You don't have to have a child in our program to volunteer. We will assist with lesson plans

and ideas to benefit your ministry! We encourage all adults to prayerfully consider whether this ministry is right for you! We could use your help as a Catechist, Substitute Catechist, or Hall Monitor. Please contact Ana Haff at 315-252-7271 or via email at ana.haff@dor.org with any questions or to express your interest to volunteer. Thank you!

Important note: All volunteers must attend Safe Environment training and pass a background check through the Diocese of Rochester.

This year the Diocese of Rochester is assigned to Foundation for Children in Need to make the mission appeal. Their representative Tom Chitta will visit us the weekend of July 12th and July 13th. Tom has requested staying with a host family while he is here as he finds it is a wonderful way to extend hospitality and support those serving the Lord. This could involve providing a room, sharing meals, and offering a warm welcome. **IF THE HOLY SPIRIT PUTS IT ON YOUR HEART TO MINISTER TO OUR CLUSTER BY WELCOMING TOM INTO YOUR HOME FOR ONE OR TWO NIGHTS**, please contact Nancy in the parish office.



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

PARISH FAMILY ACTIVITIES



Summer has arrived...

FINALLY and so has our Strawberry Ice Cream Festival. Come join us Sunday June 29th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in Sacred Heart Hall. We will have some fun board games, fellowship and lots of laughs. 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, July 7, 2025. Hope to see you there.

Our next First Friday Mass and Luncheon is Friday, August 1st 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.

No July 1st Friday Mass due to July 4th Holiday

Come join us for outdoor game day for youth and young families at Sacred Heart from 12:00pm-3:00pm on August 2nd. Disc Golf, Bucket Tic Tac Toe, Giant Jenga, Giant Yahtzee, Cornhole, Giant 4 in One and more. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and much, much more!!! Put this date on your calendar.....



Is God Calling You to Become A Eucharistic Minister Eucharistic Ministers are fully initiated Catholics who

have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Eucharistic Ministers help the priest in distributing the precious Body of Jesus Christ at Mass. Our Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion express a deep love of our Eucharistic Lord and perform all responsibilities with respect and dignity. Some may also bring the Eucharist to those who are unable to attend Mass, such as the sick, elderly, or those who are homebound.

Our faith community needs more people willing to serve as Lector or Eucharistic Ministers at all three churches. Are you called to one of these ministries? If so, speak to Fr. Stephen, Fr. Mike or Deacon John or call Nancy in the parish office at 315-252-7271.

MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF JUNE 22, 2025
Sacred Heart (SH) * St. Alphonsus (SA) * St. Ann (ANN)

Saturday, June 21, 2025	4:00pm(SH)	+Adele Keegan <i>by Bereavement Ministry</i> +Joe & Paula Daloia <i>by Family</i> +Dale Gamba <i>by Family</i>
	4:30 pm (SA)	+John Lawler <i>by June Lawler</i>
Sunday, June 22, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+Joanne Lawler <i>by Bereavement Ministry</i> +Carolyn Howland <i>by Cheri</i>
	9:00 am (ANN)	+The Beck & Munn Families <i>by Family</i>
	10:30 am (SA)	+Patricia Burtless <i>by Bereavement Ministry</i> +Sue Carter <i>by Jeannine Larose</i>
	11:30 am (SH)	+Amy Pine <i>by Sam & Missy Picciano</i> +Maureen Burns <i>by Bonnie Sheppard</i> +Mark Geherin <i>by Abbe, Nick, Harper, Alex, Caleb, Jackson & Ava</i>
	5:00 pm (SA)	+Beverly Hoskins <i>by Jim & Mary Ann LaMay</i> +For Linda Gentilcore's Healing <i>by Sally Fritz</i>
Monday, June 23, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+Jack & Jeanne Hogan <i>by Family</i> +Tom Patterson <i>by Linda & Ken</i>
	12:15pm(SA)	+Louise, Joseph & Danny Ciao & Frank, Josephine & Anthony Ragusa <i>by Estate</i>
Tuesday, June 24, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+Maureen Burns <i>by Helen & Andrew Kuczek</i>
	12:15 pm (SA)	+Ruth Schell <i>by Estate</i>
Wednesday, June 25, 2025	12:15 pm (SA)	+Special Intention <i>by Deb Netti</i>
Thursday, June 26, 2025	5:15pm(SA)	+Mom & Skeeter <i>by Gloria</i>
Friday, June 27, 2025	7:30am(SA)	+For the People of St. Alphonsus
	8:30am(SH)	+William Ohora & Mark Ohora <i>by Family</i>
Saturday, June 28, 2025	4:00pm(SH)	+George & Frances Clancy <i>by Their Children</i> +Donna Carnevale <i>by Michael & Trisha Panarites</i> +Jennifer Schnurr <i>by Al & Nancy Prosser</i>
	4:30 pm (SA)	+Marvin Riester & Ivan VanNostrand <i>by Nancy</i> +Joseph Szymanski <i>by Aunt Geri</i>
Sunday, June 29, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+Mark Geherin <i>by Greg & Linda Doan</i>
	9:00 am (ANN)	+Dr. Joe & honey Karpinski <i>by Children & Grandchildren</i> +Patricia Dec <i>by Family</i>
	10:30 am (SA)	+Sheila Wawro <i>by Maria White</i>
	11:30 am (SH)	+Amy Pine <i>by Susan Kuncio</i> +Special Intention <i>by Deb Netti</i>
	5:00 pm (SA)	+Ted Tomandl <i>by Family</i> +Cathy Burger

Sign Before the Gospel

Question:

I have been going to Mass for years and have always wondered: why do we make the three signs of the cross before the Gospel?

Answer:

Certainly, many people go to Mass or other devotions, doing and saying things out of habit or reverence and not really understanding the reasons behind some of these things. But everything we do has a meaning or purpose that helps us to worship better, proclaim our beliefs, or focus the attention of the people on something that has a greater importance or significance. A review of the meaning of various gestures and practices can help us have a deeper appreciation for what we do.

There is a little prayer that goes with the three crosses before the Gospel: "May the words of the Holy Gospel be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart." In standing to hear the Gospel, we acknowledge that Jesus is present, and the words of the Gospel are addressed to us. All of the gestures and special postures we adopt before the Gospel are intended to help us prepare for hearing the Word as well as act on it. The incense, the Alleluia, the deacon or priest, and the special dialogue and announcement that introduces the Gospel help us focus our attention on the Good News we are about to hear. The three signs of the cross show our desire and good intention to hear and live the Gospel ©LPi

JUBILEE OF SEMINARIANS (23-24 JUNE)

Biblical Reflection

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11, Philippians 4:13

INTERCESSIONS

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of Seminarians who have answered your call to serve as priests in the future. We ask for your blessings upon them as they journey through their formation and grow in faith. Help them to develop a deep relationship with you through prayer and reflection. Strengthen their decision to live according to the values of the Gospel. We pray that they remain steadfast in their commitment to holiness, even when faced with challenges. Surround them with mentors and supportive communities that nurture their growth and encourage their vocations.

Intentions of the Holy Father June

That the world might grow in compassion
Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation
in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his
Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

Eucharistic Adoration is every Friday at St. Alphonsus Church beginning with the 7:30am morning Mass and concludes with Eucharistic Benediction at 8:00pm. All are invited to spend quiet time alone with the Blessed Sacrament.

Every last Friday of the month, April through November, at St. Alphonsus Church in Auburn, there is Rosary for revival of Eucharistic Adoration and the return of lapsed Catholics to their families of faith. Rosary will start at 7:00 PM and will be followed by Benediction. For more information, please call Pat Cleaver at 315-406-4238.

*****PLEASE NOTE THIS FRIDAY, JUNE 27TH
ADORATION ENDS AT 12:30PM*****

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Matthew House relies on the many volunteers who offer their time and talent. **We are currently very much in need of some helping hands to do the direct resident care.** Orientation and training will be provided for those who meet volunteer requirements. Please apply online at www.matthewhouse.org or call 315-252-2052.

THE SACRED HEART SOCIETY of St. Francis of Assisi Church is over 100 years old. New members from all parishes are always welcome. To become a member, you must be a Catholic woman, 16 years old or wiser. If you would like more information, please call Mary DiSanto at 315-253-6589. All the living and deceased members of the Society will be remembered at a Solemn Mass on the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday, June 27 at 6:30 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church. This June we commemorate not only the month of the Sacred Heart, but also the conclusion of the celebration of the 350th anniversary of the manifestation of the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, which took place from 1673 to 1675. All are invited to the Mass on June 27th.

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.

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Sunday, June 22, 2025
Summer with the Saints ...
Who is Saint John the Baptist?

John the Baptist was a contemporary of Christ who was known for evangelization and his baptizing of Jesus Christ. He was known for calling people to turn away from sin and first recognizing Jesus for who he was.

John the Baptist was born through the intercession of God to Zachariah and Elizabeth, who was otherwise too old to bear children. According to scriptures, the Angel Gabriel visited Elizabeth and Zachariah to tell them they would have a son and that they should name him John. Zachariah was skeptical and for this he was rendered mute until the time his son was born and named John, in fulfillment of God's will.

When Elizabeth was pregnant with John, she was visited by Mary, and John leapt in her womb. This revealed to Elizabeth that the child Mary carried was to be the Son of God.

John began public ministry around 30 AD and was known for attracting large crowds across the province of Judaea and around the Jordan River. When Jesus came to him to be baptized, John recognized him and said, "It is I who need baptism from you." Jesus told John to baptize Him anyway, which he did, whereupon the heavens opened, and the Spirit of God was seen like a dove. The voice of God spoke, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Following his baptism of Christ, John's popularity grew so much that he alarmed King Herod. Herod ordered him arrested and imprisoned.

John spoke with Herod on several occasions and condemned his marriage to his half-brother's wife. This condemnation would be his downfall as King Herod promised to grant a wish to his daughter. In revenge for John the Baptist's condemnation of her mother's scandalous marriage to Herod, she asked for John's head. King Herod reluctantly obliged. John the Baptist died sometime between 33 and 36 AD.

Saint John the Baptist is celebrated with various activities, particularly on his feast day, June 24. These include religious services, processions, and cultural celebrations like bonfires and feasting. The anniversary of his death is August 29 and is sometimes celebrated with a second feast. John the Baptist is the patron saint of baptism, tailors, bird dealers, converts, monastic life, motorways, printers, and lambs.

In His Service,
Ana Haff
Director of Faith Formation

Preparing the Way

"A voice calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" Mark 1:3

The puzzle is based on Mark 1:1-8



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Remember our Sick:

Mary Manuel, Helen Oyer, Evelyn Gagliano, Kathleen, Leighanne Boni, Marilyn Castiglione, Allyza, Kevin &

Maryanne Festa Leonard, John Salva, 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, 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. 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:

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 Clark, USAF, Airman Alex Gonnella, USAF

Please pray for all who risk their lives for our safety including police, fire, corrections and military personnel.

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 Greml, Karen Odrzywolski *St. Ann Church:* Janet Zane

Buildings and Grounds Committee Members: Rich Knaul, Paul Gera, Mark Locastro, Paul Herrling, Bill Metzler, Charlie Greene, David Holmes, Ed Nash, John Murtari & Don Cleaver.