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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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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 6, 2025
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

In the days after the awful 2020 killing of George Floyd, a Catholic friend remarked, "Racism is today's great evil. We should put all our energy into fighting it." I admired her intuition that the church must stand firmly against evil. Amen, I thought. At the same time, something felt wrong. As months went by, I saw her steadily slide into bitterness and anger. Soon, despondency. She spoke of giving up the fight. Don't we too wonder how to fight evil without losing our joy or energy?

Jesus' words this week help. He says, "**Rejoice not that you have power over demons, but that your names are written in heaven**" (Luke 10:20). Notice the asymmetry in where he wants our focus: on the latter, not the former. Should we confidently embrace our God-given power to overcome evil? Absolutely. But even more so, we should emphasize the positive element of our relationship to God. It is tempting but dangerous to define ourselves by what we oppose. It is better to define ourselves by—to rejoice in—what we celebrate: in Jesus, God has written our names in heaven. This sustains our battles.

This week, our marching orders are: fight evil. But more deeply, rejoice that God knows and loves us personally, individually. We allow this joyful knowledge to undergird our fight against the darkness of our day. Then we enjoy long-term stability to be cheerful warriors, who never forget the reason for the contests we are called to fight and win: love.

— 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 July 6, 2025

Sunday, July 6, 2025

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

Monday, July 7, 2025

(SH) 6:00pm Parish Life Meeting

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

Thursday, July 10, 2025

Friday, July 11, 2025

Saturday, July 12 2025-Diocesan Missionary

Sunday, July 13, 2025-Diocesan Missionary

The “**Pack the Pantry**” item for the week of
July 5/6–**Bags of Flour/Sugar**
July 12/13–**Boxes of Granola Bars or Cereal Bars**
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!

Due to the early submission date for the bulletin, there is no weekly report. The information for June 29th will be in next week's bulletin.

Memorial Candles Week of June 29, 2025

Sacred Heart Church Tabernacle Candle

Sherry Chayka

by

Peg Eve

St. Alphonsus Church Tabernacle Candle

Betty Tomandl

by

Jan & Bill Bullard

For Those Who Have Recently Died

Robert Enge Sr.
Mary Glauberman
Patricia Kelley
*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.



Mission Appeal next weekend, July 12-13, 2025:

Each year, the Mission Office of our Diocese invites a missionary group to every parish to share about their mission work. On July 12-13 we welcome the Foundation for Children in Need (FCN), a lay Catholic organization based in Arlington Heights, IL. FCN serves the poor in the villages of India. Mr. Tom Chitta, the founder of FCN, will share about their work. FCN sponsors 1500 children and college students for their education and provides shelter and support to 200 elderly and physically challenged.

Over the past ten years, FCN has provided free corrective surgeries for 2200 children born with cleft lips and cleft palate. We welcome Tom and encourage you to generously support their missionary endeavors. There will be a second collection taken up next weekend to support them. To learn more about FCN, please visit: www.fcn-usa.org.

On Monday, July 14th, Tom will be flying out of Rochester and will need a ride to the airport. If you are able to provide a ride for Tom, please contact Nancy in the parish office at 315-252-721.



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.

Representatives from Bethlehem Christian Families

(wafa AISahouri) with (the shepherd and the lost sheep) will be with us on July 26 & 27, 2025 to ask for your help and blessing for the native people of the Holy Land in Bethlehem. These families, sixty years ago, made up 18% of the population. Due to recent events in the Middle East, it has caused these families to face devastating economical strain and caused the population to decrease to less than 1% in the Holy Land. These families have relied on the income from their religious hand carved olive wood artifacts to tourist. So we have come to the USA to try to help support these families by bringing their artifacts here to sell in the USA. All the proceeds from sales will be sent back to the families of the Holy Land so that they may be able to keep their homes and provide their families. The last few years were very tough for the Christian families, and this is the only source of income.

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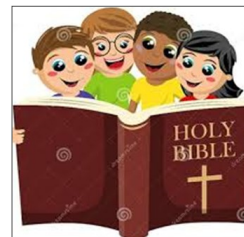


Parish Life Meetings are the first Monday of every month at 6:00pm at Sacred Heart Church. The meetings are open to all. Our next meeting is Monday, July 7, 2025. Hope to see you there.

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 First 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.....



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

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.

MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF JULY 6, 2025
Sacred Heart (SH) * St. Alphonsus (SA) * St. Ann (ANN)

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Saturday, July 5, 2025	4:00pm(SH)	+Sam Guarnieri & Gary Leader <i>by Family</i> +Bernie & Gloria Offenburg <i>by Lisa Sobus</i> +Tom Patterson <i>by Linda Carr</i>
	4:30 pm (SA)	+Richard Boedicker <i>by Family</i> +Christian Lewis <i>by Family</i> +Mark Hughes <i>by Karen & Lou Walsh</i>
Sunday, July 6, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+Mike Ford <i>by Maureen Dykoschak</i>
	9:00 am (ANN)	+Christine Cuff <i>by Family</i>
	10:30 am (SA)	+Paul A. & Dorothy M. Riester & The Riester & Donovan Families <i>by Estate</i>
	11:30 am (SH)	+Barbara Foster DelloStritto <i>by Family</i> +Marjorie Penafeather & Maryann Schuldes <i>by Family</i>
	5:00 pm (SA)	+For the People of St. Alphonsus
Monday, July 7, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+Paul Costello <i>by Family</i> +Tom Patterson <i>by Linda C., Mike W., Karen S., & Linda K.</i>
	12:15pm(SA)	+Mary Zammatt <i>by Bereavement Ministry</i>
Tuesday, July 8, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+Caroline Blowers <i>by Andrew & Helen Kuczek</i> +Jeanne Sofsky <i>by Bereavement Ministry</i>
	12:15 pm (SA)	+Special Intention <i>by Deb Netti</i>
Wednesday, July 9, 2025	12:15 pm (SA)	+No Intention
Thursday, July 10, 2025	5:15pm(SA)	+Patricia Burtless <i>by The Shernesky Family</i>
Friday, July 11, 2025	7:30am(SA)	+Keisha Boothman <i>by Darlene Lattimore</i>
	8:30am(SH)	+Carmella Ruscio <i>by Family</i> +Teresa Foster <i>by Family</i>
Saturday, July 12, 2025	4:00pm(SH)	+Barbara Senft <i>by Family</i> +Nick Kuncio <i>by Susan</i> +Amy Pine <i>by Jared & Kate Tabone</i>
	4:30 pm (SA)	+Maureen Burns <i>by Terry & Joanne Rice</i> +John Lawler <i>by Family</i>
Sunday, July 13, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+Tom Driscoll <i>by Dave & Ann Driscoll</i> +Alan Wilson <i>by Family</i>
	9:00 am (ANN)	+Michele DeOrio & Gloria DeMarco <i>by Family</i> +Mark Geherin <i>by Alex & Abbe Dellonte</i>
	10:30 am (SA)	+For the People of St. Alphonsus
	11:30 am (SH)	+For Jim Podolak's Successful Bone Marrow Transplant <i>by Linda</i>
	5:00 pm (SA)	+Larry Todisco <i>by Daughter Ginger Todisco Sheffey</i> +Deceased Members of The Gioia Family <i>by Dr. & Mrs. Phillip Gioia</i>

New Mental Wellness Offering for Parishioners

"Prolonged Grief Treatment (PGT) is a treatment specifically designed to help people who feel stuck in their grief. Prolonged Grief (PG) is grief that continues to be intense and pervasive, disrupting everyday life for longer than a year. This happens to about 10-20% of bereaved people, with rates differing depending on who died, when they died and how they died. People experiencing PG often describe it as feeling "stuck" in grief or "frozen in time" as if the death had just happened. Grief dominates their thoughts and feelings, making it difficult to think about or concentrate on anything else."

"The treatment has a specified time frame and targets 6 Healing Milestones. Therapists trained by Columbia University Center for Prolonged Grief to do this treatment are skilled in meeting adult grievers where they are and helping them learn ways to accept their new reality and restore their wellbeing through gentle guidance. The individual therapy includes sharing and discussing information about grief and adapting to loss and the use of a series of activities that promote experiential learning."

Contact Dcn. Dennis via text or VM at 315 406 1538 if you think you may be impacted by prolonged grief and wish to learn more about this treatment option available now through Bl. Solanus Casey Doorway Ministry in Auburn.

Ukrainian Heritage Festival will take place on Sunday, July 13, from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM at SS. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church at 136 Washington St. Ethnic food, vendors, games and live music will take place all afternoon. Free entry and all are invited.



**Intentions of the Holy Father
Pope Leo XIV
July**

For formation in discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

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.

A BUS TRIP to *Our Lady of Victory Shrine and Basilica*, sponsored by St. Mary's Rosary and Scapular Society, will take place on Wednesday, July 16, 2025. The bus will leave St. Mary's at 8:00 am. The cost is \$30 per person. Participants will attend Mass and tour the Shrine, stop for supper, and return around 8:00 pm. To secure your place, send a check to the Parish Office at 299 Clark Street. Please put your phone number on the check, and Rosary and Scapular on the memo. An itinerary sheet will then be sent to you.

Devotions

St. Michael Prayer, Explained!

The prayer to St. Michael invokes the protection of the archangel Michael in the ongoing spiritual battle for the souls of all mankind. This prayer was composed by Pope Leo XIII and its use was instituted in 1886 at the end of Low Mass, a tradition which continued until the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council. A popular story regarding its origin claims that the Pope wrote this prayer after having a vision of demonic spirits descending on Rome.

Michael is mentioned as one of God's seven archangels in the Book of Enoch and is presented by Revelations 12:7-12 as the warrior angel who cast Satan from heaven. He is therefore traditionally venerated as a protector against the forces of evil and a guardian of the Church.

The Prayer to St. Michael is still commonly said at the end of the rosary and by some parishes after the conclusion of Mass.

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In Our Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, July 6, 2025

Summer with the Saints ... Who is Saint Maria Goretti?

Maria Goretti was born a poor peasant child in Italy on October 16, 1890, the third of six children. When she was nine, her family's situation grew even worse when her father died of malaria. Maria's mother dutifully took her husband's place in the fields, while little Maria took her mother's role in caring for her siblings. The family was able to survive by working the fields of a Count, a job they shared with a man named Giovanni Serenelli and his teenage son Alessandro. Mr. Serenelli kept most of the profits from the farming, leaving the Goretti family quite poor and frequently hungry.

Through all the difficulties, Maria did her best. When neighbors or kindly merchants would give Maria a treat, she would take it home to share with her brothers and sisters. Cheerful and intelligent, Maria was also beautiful, with chestnut hair complementing her delicate features.

In June of 1902, 20-year-old Alessandro Serenelli began ordering 11-year-old Maria to perform various difficult chores, none of which could be completed to his satisfaction, and she was often reduced to tears. Alessandro also began making advances on Maria. She rebuffed them all, but, unfortunately, said nothing to her mother, for fear of causing trouble.

On July 5, 1902, Alessandro ordered Maria to mend one of his shirts. As Maria sat mending, caring for her little sister Theresa, Alessandro burst in and motioned Maria into a bedroom. As usual, she refused, but this time, he grabbed her, pulled her into the bedroom, and closed the door. He demanded that she submit to him, but she told him that it would be a sin. Enraged, Alessandro stabbed her 14 times in her heart, lungs, and intestines, and then fled to his bedroom, where he pretended to be asleep.

When little Theresa woke up and began to cry, the family discovered Maria lying on the floor. She survived for 20 hours in the hospital, undergoing surgery without anesthesia. Asked if she forgave her murderer, she replied, "Yes, for the love of Jesus I forgive him ... and I want him to be with me in Paradise." She died on July 6.

Unrepentant, Alessandro was convicted and sentenced to 30 years in prison. In his eleventh year of imprisonment, he had a vision of Maria. He saw a garden where a young girl, dressed in white, was gathering lilies. She smiled, and came near him, and encouraged him to accept an armful of the lilies. As he accepted them, each lily transformed into a still white flame. Maria then disappeared. Alessandro's conversion was complete. When he was released from prison after serving 28 years, his first act was to travel to Maria's mother to beg her forgiveness.

Maria Goretti was beatified by Pope Pius XII in a ceremony at Saint Peter's Basilica on April 27, 1947. Three years later, on June 24, 1950, Maria was declared a saint and Alessandro was present in the St. Peter's crowd to celebrate her canonization. The ceremony was attended by a quarter million people, including her mother, the first mother ever to see her child canonized. Alessandro later became a lay brother of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin, where he lived in a monastery and worked as its receptionist and gardener until his death.

Saint Maria Goretti's Feast Day is July 6; she is the patron of youth, young women, purity, and victims of rape.

This week, have a talk with your children about forgiveness. Great discussions occur while we are eating, so this may be a good discussion over mealtime or during snack time. Here are some good questions to get the discussion started:

- How do you feel when your brother/sister takes your toy away?
- What goes through your mind when you are asked to forgive him/her?
- Do we need to forgive? Why?
- What can you do about the situation when someone takes your toy or says something mean?
- What can you do to make it easier to forgive? (Ask Jesus to help.)

In His Service,
Ana Haff
Director of Faith Formation



Remember our Sick:

Jim Podolak, Nancy Tokarz, 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 Gremlí, Karen Odrzywolski *St. Ann Church:* Janet Zane
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