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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.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 12, 2026
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 13:1-23

Sometimes I feel capable of absorbing almost anything except God's Word. My mind soaks up song lyrics, sports trivia, and endless online content. But what was the reading at Mass this morning? I struggle to recall. That realization discourages me, and it leads to an uncomfortable question. What is my heart really for? Is it shaped for constant information and distraction, or is it truly designed for God? Am I capable of deeply receiving His Word?

Jesus speaks directly to this today with a simple image. "The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it." By comparing the Word of the Kingdom to a seed, Jesus reveals something hopeful about us. The human heart is made for that seed. Soil and seed belong together. No matter how compacted, rocky, or overgrown the ground has become, the Sower never stops sowing.

God loves our hearts. He sees them as a farmer sees his fields, full of potential. Human hearts can indeed "understand the Word." Understanding does not mean mastering information. It means letting the Word sink in, interacting with it, and giving it a home. It means trusting that, beneath the surface, God is at work in quiet and hidden ways.

When we allow the Holy Spirit to loosen the soil of our hearts through prayer, repentance, and simplicity, the same Word that created the universe begins to bear fruit in us, 30, 60, even a hundredfold.

Lord Jesus, Sower of life, soften the soil of my heart. Let Your Word take root in me again, and bring forth the fruit You desire. Amen.

— Father John Muir

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The “**Pack the Pantry**” item for the week of
July 11/12-Bags of Flour or Sugar
July 18/19-Boxes of Granola 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
Monday-Saturday
9:00 am-11:30 am
315-252-0710

***PLEASE NOTE: Tuna Fush 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

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Thank you for your generous contributions to the
Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern
Europe last week! Our parishes collected \$1,490.00
to restore the Church and build the future in more
than 25 countries. If you missed the collection, it's
not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/ceee.
iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if
you prefer to donate online.

Calendar of Events
Week of July 12, 2026

Sunday, July 12 2026

11:30am(SA) Coffee Hour

Monday, July 13, 2026

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Memorial of St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Wednesday, July 15, 24

Thursday, July 16, 2026

Friday, July 17, 2026

Saturday, July 18, 2026

7:00am (SH) Blood Drive

Sunday, July 19, 2026

9:30am(SH) Coffee & Conversation-
Conference Room

Financial Stewardship For June 28, 2026

Sacred Heart Church

Regular Collection \$4935.00

St. Alphonsus Church

Regular Collection \$4509.00

St. Ann Church

Regular Collection \$1757.00

Financial Stewardship For July 5, 2026

Sacred Heart Church

Regular Collection \$5330.00

St. Alphonsus Church

Regular Collection \$3914.00

St. Ann Church

Regular Collection \$2296.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.
Your gifts help sustain our ministries
and bless our community.

Low-Gluten Hosts Available

Please check in with the Sacristan before Mass if you
require a low-gluten host. A dedicated pyx will be
placed on the Altar for consecration. Thank you for
helping us prepare properly for Holy Communion.

Mark your calendar!

St. Ann's Drive Thru Chicken BBQ and Raffle
Sunday,

July 26, 2026 11:00am until Sold Out.

\$15 Chicken Dinners include: half a chicken, salt
potatoes, baked beans, brownie, and water. In the
Hamlet of Owasco, corner of Rt 38A and Twelve
Corners Rd.

Our 2026 Mission Cooperative Appeal
Catholic Diocese Of Meerut, India

The Propagation of the Faith Office of our diocese
has invited the Diocese of Meerut, India to participate
in the Mission Cooperative Appeal in our parish. Rt.
Rev. Bhaskar Jesuraj will speak about this on the
weekend of August 08-09. The Catholic Diocese of
Meerut was erected in 1956, 70 years ago. The Italian
Capuchins, of the Tuscany Province of Italy, did the
pioneering mission. We thank God for the dedicated
missionary activities that the mission is growing.
More details will follow about the diocese and their
needs.

July 12, 2026

Parish Life will be hosting a Coffee Hour on Sunday, July 12, right after the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Alphonsus Church. Join us in the narthex for light refreshments, a little conversation, and a chance to connect with one another before heading into the new week.

Join us for our next First Friday Mass in the Hall at Sacred Heart Church on *August 7, 2026 at 11:30 AM*. A light luncheon will follow. If you've never attended a First Friday Mass before, this is the perfect time to come see what the fun, faith, and fellowship are all about!

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.

What Role does the Parish Life play in our Faith Community? A parish life committee's primary role is to foster community and fellowship within the parish by organizing social events and activities. These committees aim to create a sense of belonging and strengthen the parish family, often by organizing events that allow parishioners to connect in a casual, social atmosphere. They plan and execute various social gatherings, such as potlucks, picnics, festivals, and other events that bring people together. If you would like to be a part of Parish Life, please join us at our next meeting or at any of our upcoming events.

Our Daily Mass Record Book is open. If you would like to schedule a Mass Intention or reserve the Tabernacle Candle in honor of a loved one, please call the Parish Office at 315-252-7271. The Tabernacle Candle is a beautiful way to honor a loved one or offer a special prayer intention. The candle burns for an entire week, and the offering is \$10.00. If you are requesting both a candle and a Mass, kindly provide two separate checks, as each offering is deposited into a different account. Thank you for your understanding and generosity.



The wait is over – it's next week! Join us for Week 1 of Coffee & Conversations with your fellow parishioners for faith-sharing, where we can experience fellowship and the community of faith Christ offers and share the

Catholic faith together more fully.
Coffee, juice, and donuts @ 9:30am
Conversation from 10:00am to 10:45am
Sacred Heart Church Conference Room
Week 1 happening on July 19 - all are welcome.
Bring a friend, bring your curiosity, and come grow together in faith.

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.

Prayer of the Day for July 12th
Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace,
Saint Francis Prayer

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.

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Our Weekly Bulletin

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF July 12 2026

Saturday, July 11, 2026

4:00pm Sacred Heart

+Jama Kessler by Barabara Hartnett
+Teresa Foster by Family
+Ricard & Clara Walsh by Family

4:30pm St. Alphonsus

+The Deceased Members of the Gioia Family
by Dr. Phillip & Cath
+Barbara Latanyshyn by Mary Klonowski

Sunday, July 12, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+Barbara Wallace by Family
+Ed Galka by Bereavement Ministry

9:00 am St. Ann

+Michele DeOrio & Gloria DeMarco by Family
+Nancy Westover by Clair & Maria Westover

10:30 am St. Alphonsus

+Robert Brown by Sue Norton
+Bishop Patrick Byrne-Servant of God
by the people of Holy Family Parish

11:00 am Sacred Heart

+Amy Pine by Ron & Marti Milliman
+Stevie Colvin by Mark Driscoll

5:00 pm St. Alphonsus

+Angie Giancola by Maureen Dykoschak

Monday, July 13, 2026

8:30am Sacred Heart

+Harry & Jean Flanigan by Family

12:15pm St. Alphonsus

+Jean Fennessy by Bereavement Ministry

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+Charlie Warter by Mary

12:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+The Alano & Mantella Families &
the Souls of Purgatory by Gloria

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

12:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+Jo Ann Brennan & Julie Simmons
by Linda Moran

Thursday, July 16, 2026

5:15pm St. Alphonsus

+Henry Sabine by Mark & Marianne Sabine

Friday, July 17, 2026

7:30am St. Alphonsus

+Paul A. & Dorothy M. Riester &
Deceased Members of the Riester & Donovan
Families by Estate

8:30am Sacred Heart

+Kenneth Kanya by Tom Augustine

Saturday, July 18, 2026

4:00pm Sacred Heart

+Harland "Woody" Wood by Joannie Macholl
+Dominick Balistreri by Ann Marie Nadge
+Tom Patterson by Tom Augustine

4:30pm St. Alphonsus

+The Fromel Family by Betty Fromel Festa
+Francesco & Josie Sindoni
by Nick & Cathy Sindoni

Sunday, July 19, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+Helen Oyer by Family
+John Farrington by Cheri

9:00 am St. Ann

+Chris Cuff by Anna, Sharon & Gary
+Nancy Westover by Bob & Tina Brechue

10:30 am St. Alphonsus

+Anthony(J.R.) & Dorothy Colella
by Kids & Grandkids

11:00 am Sacred Heart

+Antonina Maltese by Rose & Matteo Bartolotta
+Rob Brown by Al & Nancy Prosser

5:00 pm St. Alphonsus

+Donna Passarello by Family
+Adele Giacalone by Amy Podgorski

**The Memorial Candles
The Week of July 12, 2026**

**Sacred Heart Church
Tabernacle Candle**

The Deceased Members of the Messina Family
by Family

**St. Alphonsus Church
Tabernacle Candle**

Mimi Hoffmann by The Nash Family

For those who Have Recently Died

Lucette Wildner

Ann Foley

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



Sunday, July 12, 2026-Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit,
a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

Matthew 13: 8



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"The Family That Prays Together, Stays Together." - Venerable Patrick Peyton
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Glory to Jesus Christ!

"Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church warmly invites everyone to its Summer Parish Festival this *Sunday, July 12*, from 12:00 Noon to 6:00 PM. Come and enjoy delicious ethnic food, live American and Ukrainian music, and a day of fellowship and fun for the whole family. All are welcome!"

The Justice and Peace Committee is accepting donations of Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Laundry Detergent, and Socks. Items donated by St. Alphonsus parish will be donated to the St. Alphonsus Food Pantry. Items donated by Sacred Heart and St. Ann's parishes will be donated to the St. Alphonsus Food Pantry, and to Safe & Warm, an Auburn non-profit organization which serves local people experiencing homelessness. Baskets will be located near the main entrance to the churches.

Physician-Assisted Suicide Teaching With physician-assisted suicide set to be legalized in NYS this August, the Catholic Bishops of NYS have released a 2026 revised and updated edition of their teaching booklet entitled *Now and at the Hour of Our Death: A Catholic Guide to End-of-Life Decision-Making*. Hardcopies will be available in our churches in the coming weeks; free online pdf versions in both English and Spanish are available now at the LifeROC.org website, as well as the NYS Catholic Conference:
https://www.nyscatholic.org/application/files/9817/7669/8773/Now_and_at_the_Hour_of_Our_Death.pdf

Pope Leo's Intention for July For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

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.

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, July 26. For more information, contact Bernie Tomasso at 315-246-3440 or olasfoauburn@gmail.com.

United Way of Cayuga County Book Buddies is a volunteer-driven program that connects caring community members with elementary students to build confidence, encourage reading, and strengthen engagement in school. What began as a pilot at Genesee Elementary has now expanded to include Herman Elementary, thanks to strong volunteer interest and positive results for students.

Community members who live or work in Cayuga County volunteer as reading mentors and are fully vetted by United Way and AECSD before participating. Volunteers meet with their student buddies twice a month during the school day to read, talk, and build meaningful connections. Teachers have seen their students grow, and volunteers consistently share how rewarding the experience is. If you're interested in becoming a Book Buddy or if you're a business interested in sponsoring the program, please contact United Way's Office & Programs Assistant Administrator, Sarah Sayles at ssayles@unitedwayofcayugacounty.org.

"The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the world."

~Pope Saint John Paul II

Remember our Sick: Sara Fitzpatrick, Julie Boyd, Richard Burns, Bobby Boucher, Pat Allen, 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."