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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

85 E. Genesee St.

### St. Ann Church

4890 Twelve Corners Rd.

## The Catholic Community of Holy Family \* Sacred Heart \* St. Alphonsus \* St. Ann

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### GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 13, 2025  
15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Luke 10:25-37

I used to be a bad neighbor. I'd get wrapped up in my life and ignore those around me. Then I found sage advice from Benjamin Franklin to this effect: to be a better neighbor, ask someone to do a favor for you. It's counterintuitive, isn't it? Tell strangers that I need their help? Yuck. I'll risk looking needy. Worse, I'll be indebted to them. But I tried it, and it works like a charm. Recently I asked my neighbor Alan for a hacksaw, and Inga for an egg. They kindly obliged, and our friendship is growing.

This week we hear a scribe of the law cynically ask Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29). Like him, we prefer to keep the list of our "neighbors" as short as possible. It requires less interruption and inconvenience. But when Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan, he exposes the lonely, cold-heartedness tendency of the scribe's (and our) heart. My "neighbor" is anyone I encounter who manifests a concrete need. There isn't time to require any other credential because human need opens us to the happy reciprocity which is love.

Jesus' words challenge us this week to ask a neighbor for help in some small way. How marvelous that God himself shows us how. He moves into our world and asks us to love Him with small deeds of love. Maybe that's where Ben Franklin got the idea.

— 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 13, 2025

**Sunday, July 13, 2025-Diocesan Missionary**

**Monday, July 14, 2025**

**Tuesday, July 15, 2025**

**Wednesday, July 16, 2025**

**Thursday, July 17, 2025**

**Friday, July 18, 2025**  
8:30am-8:00pm(SA) Adoration

**Saturday, July 19 2025**  
7:30am(SH) Blood Drive

**Sunday, July 20, 2025**

The “**Pack the Pantry**” item for the week of  
July 12/13—**Boxes of Granola Bars or Cereal Bars**  
July 19/20—**Boxes of Macaroni & Cheese**  
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!*

**If you have moved**, changed your phone number,  
email address, if your children have grown and are  
no longer living at home, you wish to register at a  
different church or any other circumstance or  
significant life event, please let the parish office  
know. We need to keep the information in our parish  
census as up to date as possible so we can assure  
you receive the information we send out to you.  
Thank you!



### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR 06/29/25

**Sacred Heart Church**  
Regular Collection \$6376.00  
**St. Alphonsus Church**  
Regular Collection \$4589.00  
**St. Ann's Church**  
Regular Collection \$1426.00

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR 7/6/25

**Sacred Heart Church**  
Regular Collection \$6012.01  
**St. Alphonsus Church**  
Regular Collection \$4405.23  
**St. Ann's Church**  
Regular Collection \$1956.00

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

**Memorial Candles**  
**Week of**  
**July 13, 2025**

**Sacred Heart Church**  
**Tabernacle Candle**  
Mark Hughes  
by  
The Feeney Family

**St. Alphonsus Church**  
**Tabernacle Candle**  
Mary Glauberman  
by  
Patty & Amy

**St. Alphonsus Church**  
**Our Lady of**  
**Perpetual Help**  
Lena Barnum & Sons  
by  
Family

### For Those Who Have Recently Died

Leighanne Boni  
Patricia Galloway  
*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 this 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. This weekend 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 palates. We welcome Tom and encourage you to generously support their missionary endeavors. There will be a second collection taken up this weekend to support them. To learn more about FCN, please visit: [www.fcn-usa.org](http://www.fcn-usa.org).

**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 AlSahouri) 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.

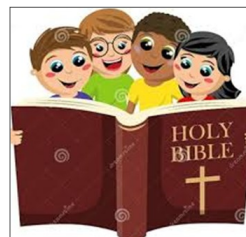
<https://theshepherdandthelostsheep.net/>



**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.

**Come join us for outdoor game day** for youth and young families at Sacred Heart from 12:00pm-3:00pm on Saturday, 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!!! 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, August 4, 2025. Hope to see you there.

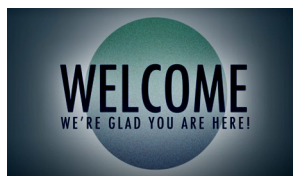


**2025-2026 Faith Formation Volunteers Needed**

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](mailto: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.



**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](mailto:nancy.kavanagh@dor.org) or stop in the parish office.

**MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF JULY 13, 2025**  
**Sacred Heart (SH) \* St. Alphonsus (SA) \* St. Ann (ANN)**

<b>Saturday, July 12, 2025</b>	<b>4:00pm(SH)</b>	<b>+Barbara Senft</b> <i>by Family</i> <b>+Nick Kuncio</b> <i>by Susan</i> <b>+Amy Pine</b> <i>by Jared &amp; Kate Tabone</i>
	<b>4:30 pm (SA)</b>	<b>+Maureen Burns</b> <i>by Terry &amp; Joanne Rice</i> <b>+John Lawler</b> <i>by Family</i>
<b>Sunday, July 13, 2025</b>	<b>8:30 am (SH)</b>	<b>+Tom Driscoll</b> <i>by Dave &amp; Ann Driscoll</i> <b>+Alan Wilson</b> <i>by Family</i>
	<b>9:00 am (ANN)</b>	<b>+Michele DeOrio &amp; Gloria DeMarco</b> <i>by Family</i> <b>+Mark Geherin</b> <i>by Alex &amp; Abbe Dellonte</i>
	<b>10:30 am (SA)</b>	<b>+For the People of St. Alphonsus</b>
	<b>11:30 am (SH)</b>	<b>+For Jim Podolak's Successful Bone Marrow Transplant</b> <i>by Linda</i>
	<b>5:00 pm (SA)</b>	<b>+Larry Todisco</b> <i>by Daughter Ginger Todisco Sheffey</i> <b>+Deceased Members of The Gioia Family</b> <i>by Dr. &amp; Mrs. Phillip Gioia</i>
<b>Monday, July 14, 2025</b>	<b>8:30 am (SH)</b>	<b>+Jean &amp; Harry Flanigan</b> <i>by Family</i>
	<b>12:15pm(SA)</b>	<b>+Maureen Burns</b> <i>by Judy Oristian</i>
<b>Tuesday, July 15, 2025</b>	<b>8:30 am (SH)</b>	<b>+Fred Delaney</b> <i>by Ann &amp; Dave Driscoll</i>
	<b>12:15 pm (SA)</b>	<b>+Special Intention</b> <i>by Deb Netti</i>
<b>Wednesday, July 16, 2025</b>	<b>12:15 pm (SA)</b>	<b>+Carl &amp; Charlotte Porten</b> <i>by Estate</i>
<b>Thursday, July 17, 2025</b>	<b>5:15pm(SA)</b>	<b>+Jo Ann Brennan</b> <i>by Linda Moran</i>
<b>Friday, July 18, 2025</b>	<b>7:30am(SA)</b>	<b>+Special Intention</b> <i>by Darlene Lattimore</i>
	<b>8:30am(SH)</b>	<b>+Jo Ann Brennan</b> <i>by Pat Messina</i>
<b>Saturday, July 19, 2025</b>	<b>4:00pm(SH)</b>	<b>+Donna Major</b> <i>by Louise Kirwan</i> <b>+Bernard Kavanagh</b> <i>by Virginia Fitzpatrick</i> <b>+Dale Gamba</b> <i>by Family</i>
	<b>4:30 pm (SA)</b>	<b>+Cathryn O'Bryan</b> <i>by Robert Trama</i>
<b>Sunday, July 20, 2025</b>	<b>8:30 am (SH)</b>	<b>+John Farrington</b> <i>by Cheri</i>
	<b>9:00 am (ANN)</b>	<b>+For the People of St. Ann</b>
	<b>10:30 am (SA)</b>	<b>+Joseph &amp; John Carberry</b> <i>by Family</i>
	<b>11:30 am (SH)</b>	<b>+Joseph Locastro</b> <i>by Bereavement Ministry</i> <b>+Steve Gauthier</b> <i>by Sam &amp; Amanda Casamano</i>
	<b>5:00 pm (SA)</b>	<b>+Cathy Burger</b>

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



Sunday, July 13, 2025  
Summer with the Saints ...  
Who is Saint Kateri Tekakwitha?

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American to be recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church. Known as the "Lily of the Mohawks", Kateri Tekakwitha was born in 1656 in Ossernenon (today Auriesville, New York) to a Catholic Algonquin mother and a Mohawk Chief.

She contracted smallpox as a four-year-old child which scarred her skin. The scars were a source of humiliation in her youth. She was commonly seen wearing a blanket to hide her face. Worse, her entire family died during the outbreak. Kateri Tekakwitha was subsequently raised by her uncle, who was the chief of a Mohawk clan.

Kateri was known as a skilled worker, who was diligent and patient. However, she refused to marry. When her adoptive parents proposed a suitor to her, she refused to entertain the proposal. They punished her by giving her more work to do, but she did not give in. Instead, she remained quiet and diligent. Eventually they were forced to relent and accept that she had no interest in marriage.

At age 19, Kateri Tekakwitha converted to Catholicism, taking a vow of chastity and pledging to marry only Jesus Christ. Her decision was very unpopular with her adoptive parents and their neighbors. Some of her neighbors started rumors of sorcery. To avoid persecution, she traveled to a Christian native community south of Montreal.

According to legend, Kateri was very devout and would put thorns on her sleeping mat. She often prayed for the conversion of her fellow Mohawks. According to the Jesuit missionaries that served the community where Kateri lived, she often fasted and when she would eat, she would taint her food to diminish its flavor. On at least one occasion, she burned herself. Such self-mortification was common among the Mohawk.

Kateri was very devout and was known for her steadfast devotion. She was also very sickly. Her practices of self-mortification and denial may not have helped her health. Sadly, just five years after her conversion to Catholicism, she became ill and passed away at age 24, on April 17, 1680.

Her name, Kateri, is the Mohawk form of Catherine, which she took from Saint Catherine of Siena.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 21, 2012. She is the patroness of ecology and the environment, people in exile, and Native Americans.

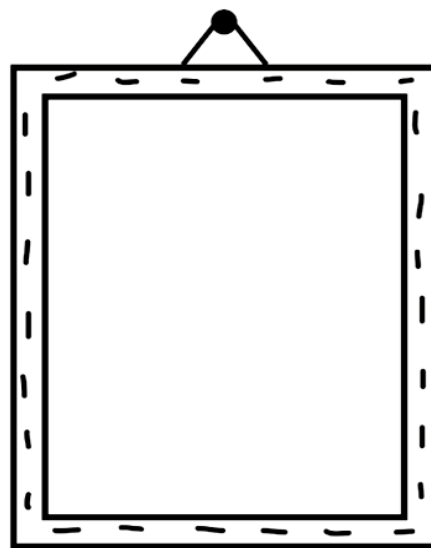
In His Service,  
Ana Haff  
Director of Faith Formation

## **All about St Kateri Tekakwitha**

**Birth Date:**

**Feast Day:**

**Where did she live?**



**Draw St Kateri**

**3 Interesting Facts:**

**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.

### **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.

### **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.

**ORGAN CONCERT** this Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's Church at 4:00 pm, presenting Croatian organist **Sándor Balatoni** and soprano **Jennyfer Schultz** performing works that showcase the musical ties between German and Hungarian traditions featuring works by J.S. Bach, G.F. Handel, F. Liszt, and B. Bartók, among others.

**Sándor Balatoni** received his doctoral degree from the Eastman School of Music. He is currently Assistant Professor and Deputy Director at the University of Pécs in Hungary and serves as organist of the Pannon Philharmonic Orchestra.

**Jennyfer Schultz** graduated from the University of Pécs as an opera singer. As a soloist, she has performed world premieres with the Szolnok Philharmonic and Savaria Philharmonic Orchestras, and appeared in leading opera roles in Pécs, Bjelovar, and Vukovar.

All are welcome to attend this community event and experience the majestic sound of the historic pipe organ in the St. Mary's Church. Admission is free; donations are accepted.

**Ukrainian Heritage Festival** will take place this 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.

**The Bereavement Group** will meet on Wednesday, July 16 from 1:30pm to 3:00 pm in Schrader Hall. The topic for July is 'What No One Tells You About Grief.' There is time for sharing and then a video and discussion time. Contact Bernie Tomasso at 315-246-3440 or [berniet8@gmail.com](mailto:berniet8@gmail.com).

### **A Special Prayer for Flood Victims in Texas**

God of Mercy and Shelter,

In this time of devastation and loss, we lift up our hearts to You. Be close to all who suffer from the flooding in the effected Texas communities.

Embrace those who mourn, shelter the displaced, strengthen the weary, and inspire all of us to offer loving assistance to those in need.

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Anthony of Padua, may the Archdiocese of San Antonio be a beacon of hope and solidarity.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We would like to thank  
**Plis Funeral Home**  
**315-252-6261**

For Sponsoring an Ad  
In Our Weekly Bulletin



### Remember our Sick:

Jim Podolak, Nancy Tokarz, Mary Manuel, Helen Oyer, Evelyn Gagliano, Kathleen, 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  
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