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Reconciliation
Sacred Heart:
Saturday 3:00pm
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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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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
The Power of a Simple Action
August 2, 2026

I remember seeing a story on a morning news program about a little girl who wanted to give an elderly man in a grocery store a hug. She had no way of knowing that this man had just lost his wife of many years and now felt so very alone and depressed. Her reaching out to the man seemed odd to her mom at first, but the girl was so insistent about giving a hug she moved the shopping carts close together so the exchange could take place. No one knew that from that moment on the little girl would ask to visit her new friend at least once a week for the next four years until he passed away. In an interview soon after the initial encounter, the man said, "I haven't been this happy in some time." Imagine the joy that relationship brought to them both over the years!

It was just a moment. It was a simple gesture. Yet, it had a large impact that no one could have predicted. You never know what will result when we give just a little of ourselves. That uncertainty too often leads us to hold back or refrain from the simple actions of love or gestures of generosity that could come so easily for us if we wanted. We should never doubt the power of a simple random act of kindness. Generosity does not need to be grand to make a big difference. The time is now, and the opportunity presents itself often to plant a small seed that God can water and nourish so that something beautiful can grow.

– Tracy Earl Welliver

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The “**Pack the Pantry**” item for the week of
August 1/2-Bottles of Ketchup
August 8/9-Bottles of Mustard
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

Many thanks to Karen Vasile for
tending to our beautiful flower
beds at Sacred Heart.
Her ministry is a blessing, and
we thank her for sharing her time
and talent again this year.

Calendar of Events
Week of August 2, 2026

Sunday, August 2, 2026
Monday, August 3, 2026
Tuesday, August 4, 2026
Wednesday, August 5, 2026
Thursday, August 6, 2026
Friday, August 7, 2026
11:30am(SH) First Friday Mass & Luncheon
Saturday, August 8, 2026
Missionary Weekend
Sunday, August 9, 2026
9:30am(SH) Coffee and Conversation
Missionary Weekend

Financial Stewardship For July 26, 2026

Sacred Heart Church
Regular Collection \$6524.00
St. Alphonsus Church
Regular Collection \$4469.00
St. Ann Church
Regular Collection \$2359.00

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

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. Rev. Don Bosco Selvaraj will speak about
this next weekend August 8th & 9th. Here is an
overview of the missionary assets, activities,
challenges and needs of the Diocese of Meerut.

Our Main Mission-needs:

- The education of rural children are highly subsidized, as they can't pay a nominal fee.
- The youth are supported in higher education and professional training, this us we show our concern and strengthen them in Catholic faith.
- We are surrounded by people of other faiths, so peace-building, inter-religious dialogues, are essential part of evangelization.
- Even the Bishop's House of the Diocese is on a leased property and we are nearly forced to vacate. So, there is a need for a Bishop's House.
- Our socio-economic wing, needs financial support for social work projects.
- We give priority to women education: health and hygiene, tailoring, knitting, social upliftment training etc.
- Our medical centres / dispensaries need constant upgradation and renovation.

SCHEDULE CHANGE: AUGUST 8th

Please note a one-time schedule change for
Saturday, August 8. Due to Fr. Don Bosco presiding
at the 4:30 PM Mass at St. Alphonsus Church, the
only Confession session that day will be held at
Sacred Heart Church at 3:00 PM. There will be no
Confessions at St. Alphonsus.
Thank you for your understanding.

Parish Life will be hosting a Coffee Hour on Sunday, August 2nd, 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. We will not have a coffee hour in September due to Labor Day weekend.

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 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 Picnic September 13th more details coming soon.

Parish Life meeting September 14th @ 6 PM

Parish Registration It is especially important to be registered in a parish. We need to keep our parish census as up to date as possible, but we can do that only when you formally register. This is helpful for religious education, Catholic school attendance and for times when you need letters from the parish confirming parish registration. For example, you may be asked to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation and need a letter stating you are registered and a participating member of this parish and suitable to assume the role of being a sponsor. Please make sure you are registered. You can always check by calling your Parish Office.

August 2, 2026



There is still time to join us. Our last Coffee & Conversations will be held next Sunday, August 9. Coffee, juice, and donuts @ 9:30am.

Conversation from 10:00am to 10:45am.

Sacred Heart Church Conference Room

All are welcome. Bring a friend, bring your curiosity, and come grow together in faith.

TRAFFIC NOTICE: THE GREAT RACE

The Great Race takes place Sunday, August 9th, starting at 9:30 AM. This will impact traffic and travel times for two of our Sunday morning Masses. Please plan your commute carefully, leave early, and expect delays. We thank you for your patience and for cooperating with the race volunteers working to keep everyone safe.

Help Warm Hearts:

Donate to the Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you knit or crochet? Our Prayer Shawl Ministry needs your hands and hearts! We are running low on handmade shawls and need volunteers to create and donate more.

These shawls act as a tangible "hug from God" for parishioners, friends, and neighbors facing severe illnesses, grief, job losses, or emotional challenges.

 By donating a shawl, you provide deep comfort and a reminder that they are wrapped in our community's prayers.

Bring completed shawls to the parish office at 90 Melrose Rd. If you cannot craft but want to help, we gratefully accept donations of new, soft skeins of washable yarn. Please call Nancy in the parish office at 315-252-7271 or email nancy.kavanagh@dor.org.



Blessing of God's Provision

Dear God,

Thank You for the ways You have always provided in the past and be with us in these days as well. Bless our community — every family, every home, every person entrusted to our parish's care. Provide for our needs — bodily, emotional, financial, mental, and spiritual — in Your holy and sacred name.

Amen.

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LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF August 2, 2026

Saturday, August 1, 2026

4:00 pm Sacred Heart

+*Helen & Lynn Ripley* by Family
+*Dale Gamba* by Carol
+*Patricia Bialaszewski* by Linda Carr

4:30 pm St. Alphonsus

William Holzhauer by Bereavement Ministry

Sunday, August 2, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*Ann Driscoll* by Bereavement Ministry

9:00 am St. Ann

+*Ann Metzler* by Family
+*John Morabito* by Bob & Tina Brechue

10:30 am St. Alphonsus

+*John & Margaret Barron Haney,*
William F. Haney, Paul Earl Haney &
John G. Curran by Estate

11:00 am Sacred Heart

+*Margaret Mary Mazzeo* by Family
+*Andy Nolan* by Mark Driscoll

5:00 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Duke Pagano* by The Holmes Family
+*Michael Gavigan* by Chicago Cousins

Monday, August 3, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*James McCuin* by Ellen Dello Stritto
+*Jeff VanOrman* by Family

12:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+*George & Letizia Magats* by Estate
+*Beverly Sabine* by Mark & Marianne & Family

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*Father Jim Enright* by Family

12:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Tom Diego* by Family

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

12:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+*For the People of our Parishes*

Thursday, August 6, 2026

5:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Robert Brown* by Dr. Phillip & Cath Gioia

Friday, August 7, 2026

7:30 am St. Alphonsus

+*Ruth Berry* by Estate

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*Carmella Ruscio* by Family

11:30am Sacred Heart

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

Saturday, August 8, 2026

4:00 pm Sacred Heart

+*Jama Kessler* by Barbara Hartnett
+*The Deceased Members of the Catto-Steele Family*
by Mary
+*Mike O'Leary* by Sacred Heart's Men's Club

4:30 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Richard Boedicker* by Family
+*Anita Petrosino* by Family

Sunday, August 9, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*Steven Colvin* by Bereavement Ministry
+*Jerry Secaur* by Family

9:00 am St. Ann

+*John Podolak* by Family

10:30 am St. Alphonsus

+*Father Jim Enright* by Sue Norton
+*Keisha Boothman* by Maryann Mendzef

11:00 am Sacred Heart

+*Raymond F. Flanigan*
by Mt. Carmel Class of 1964
+*Thomas Donovan* by Bereavement Ministry

5:00 pm St. Alphonsus

+*The Deceased Members of the Holmes Family*
by The Holmes Family

The Memorial Candles The Week of August 2, 2026

Sacred Heart Church
Tabernacle Candle
Mary, Carl & Cindy Townsend
by Family



For those who Have Recently Died
John Yurco

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord;
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

August 2, 2026— Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven,
he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples,
who in turn gave them to the crowds. *Matthew 14: 19*



When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. The crowds heard of this and followed him on foot from their towns.

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples approached him and said, “This is a deserted place, and it is already late; dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves.”

Jesus said to them, “There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves.” But they said to him, “Five loaves and two fish are all we have here.” Then he said, “Bring them here to me,” and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass.

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.

They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over - twelve wicker baskets full.

Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children.



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“The Family That Prays Together, Stays Together.” - Venerable Patrick Peyton
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August 2, 2026



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK~

When Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes, he didn't create only what was needed — there were leftovers that could be saved and shared again. God is lavish in bestowing His grace upon us. He always gives enough to share.



Annual Rachel Mass, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 207, will take place on Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the infant section of Saint Joseph Cemetery in Auburn, NY. In case of inclement weather mass will be at 7:00pm at St. Mary's Church. All families and individuals are welcome to come to this Mass in remembrance of babies who have been lost through abortion, miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death. We honor the fact that these little ones were conceived and were and are important in the eyes of God and that they still linger in our hearts and minds. This Rachel Mass is also meant to offer consolation and support to the parents of these little one who have died and are now with God. All are invited.



Pope Leo's Intention for August **For evangelization in the city**

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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

Grades K-7 & Confirmation **Year 1 and Year 2**



Faith Formation Begins in September: A New Year of Growing in Christ!

We are excited for the opportunity to meet and serve the families of our parish cluster and beyond for the 2026-2027 Faith Formation year!

No matter if you are a returning family, have been away from the parish/faith formation program for a while, or are brand new to our parish cluster, we are so happy that you have made the choice to entrust your children to us and form a partnership where we can spread the love and joy of the Gospel together. May this new season of faith formation draw every child and teen closer to Jesus, deepen prayer, strengthen participation in the sacraments, and strengthen our parish community in love. For questions, class times, volunteer opportunities, or registration, please contact Ana Haff, Director of Faith Formation via email (ana.haff@dor.org). We look forward to growing in faith together this year!

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

Remember our Sick: Kelly Pines, Lonnie & Barbie Kiesenger, Sandra Ward, 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 Komaneky, 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."