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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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**The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 9, 2026**

**The Assumption: A Sign of Hope**

Is the resurrection a concept or reality? For many of us, the resurrection of the dead may be a stray idea recited in the Nicene Creed. Heaven we discuss. But resurrection? The feast of the Assumption is a reminder to us that heaven gets even better! We pray that the souls of the faithful departed would soon be united to God in heaven. The truth is the separation between our souls and our bodies was not God's original plan for things. It's one of the results of the Fall, of original sin. At the end of time and Jesus' second coming, our bodies and souls will be reunited. Lest we forget, Mary's Assumption is the reminder.

The graces of Jesus' redemption are outside of time and space. Mary is conceived without original sin. In the feast of the Assumption, we celebrate the result of that reality! Mary's soul and body are not separated at the moment of death, nor does her body decay. She is brought up, body and soul, into Heaven. Even in apostolic times, no religious site has claimed the actual body of Mary. Considering the Church's enthusiasm for relics, this is a startling fact! After Christianity became legal in the Roman Empire, the site of her empty tomb became a place of local pilgrimage. On this feast, we remember that just as Jesus has taken care of his mother, he will take care of us!

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On August 15th, we celebrate that Mary is enjoying what we, too, hope to participate in — complete joy in heaven with our God, experienced body and soul. Today and every day, let's pray for those who have died and that we may meet them again in the heavenly kingdom. This year, the Feast of the Assumption (August 15) is not a holy day of obligation. Our standard weekend Mass schedule will remain unchanged, and we welcome you to join us in celebration.



The “**Pack the Pantry**” item for the week of  
**August 8/9**-Bottles of Mustard  
**August 15/16**-Jars of Mayonnaise  
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 Fish, 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.*

**A Prayer for the Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary**

Almighty and ever-living God,  
You assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary,  
Mother of Your Son,  
body and soul into heavenly glory.  
Grant, we pray that  
always attentive to the things  
that are above, we may merit  
to be sharers of her glory.  
Amen.

**Calendar of Events**

**Sunday, August 9, 2026**

9:30am(SH) Coffee and Conversation

*Missionary Weekend*

Monday, August 10, 2026

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

**Thursday, August 13, 2026**

6:00pm(SH) Disabilities Dance Meeting

Friday, August 14, 2026

Saturday, August 15, 2026

*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Sunday, August 16, 2026

**Financial Stewardship For August 2, 2026**

Sacred Heart Church

*Regular Collection \$6492.00*

St. Alphonsus Church

*Regular Collection \$3743.00*

St. Ann Church

*Regular Collection \$1658.00*

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

**Mission Cooperative Appeal (August 8 & 9)**

This weekend, our parish welcomes Rev. Don Bosco  
from the Catholic Diocese of Meerut, India, for our  
annual Mission Cooperative Appeal.

Father Don Bosco will speak at all Masses about the  
Church's vital work in northern India, where  
Catholics are a small minority.

Your generosity in the second collection will directly  
support:

- Education for underprivileged children.
- Medical care in remote villages.
- Clean water and social programs.
- Faith formation and seminarian training.

Please use the special mission envelope or make  
checks payable to the parish with "Mission Appeal"  
in the memo line.

Thank you for your generosity!

**We extend our heartfelt gratitude** to everyone who  
contributed to the success of St. Ann's 2026 Chicken  
Barbecue. A special thanks goes out to our incredible  
volunteers – whether you worked the pit, sold tickets,  
served, packaged, delivered, or cleaned. We also  
appreciate everyone who purchased chicken dinners,  
baked brownies, bought raffle tickets, or volunteered  
on the day of the event. Your time, donations, and  
energy were invaluable. The success of this  
fundraiser highlights our wonderful parish  
community.

Thank you for making it all possible!

*Frank & Laura Christiantelli*

**St. Ann Church Benefit Raffle Winners**

1st ~ Margie Swarz

2nd ~ Katherine Weiss

3rd ~ Lynn Fulton

4th ~ Sharon Mellor

5th ~ Larry Pritchard

6th ~ Rosemary Olszewski

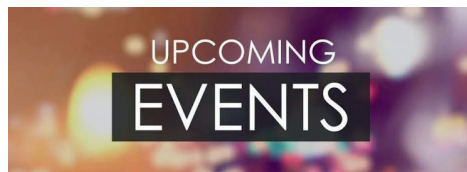
7th ~ Tina Farrell

8th ~ Kathy Gray

9th ~ Kelly Cottrell

10th ~ John Evans

*Congratulations to all of our winners!*



**Join us for** our next First Friday Mass in the Hall at Sacred Heart Church on *September 4, 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!

**The Parish Picnic** will be held on September 14th at Yawger Brook again this year at 1:00pm-4:00pm. Join us and enjoy delicious food, games, and fellowship. RSVP to Nancy in the parish office at 315-252-7271.

**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, September 14th due to September 7<sup>th</sup> being Labor Day. All are welcome.

**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.

**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.

## 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](mailto:nancy.kavanagh@dor.org).

### Pause for effect

One detail in this gospel catches my attention every time I read it. Before the wind, before the waves, before Peter steps out of the boat, before the miracle itself, Jesus goes off by himself to pray.

It's easy to overlook, and I have to admit, I often try to skip to the action in my life as well.

When faced with an important decision, I tend to get busy. I gather information. I make lists of pros and cons. I seek advice from people I trust. I analyze possibilities and imagine outcomes. There is value in all those things, but I've come to realize that I sometimes approach discernment as a task to accomplish.

One of the gifts of knowing women and men religious has been learning another way. I've observed them respond to significant questions with an answer that initially surprised me: "I'm still discerning."

Not "I've decided." Not "I need to figure this out by Friday." Simply, "I'm still discerning."

There is freedom in that response. It assumes that not every decision must be rushed. It trusts that God may reveal a path gradually rather than all at once. I am still learning that lesson. Some of the roughest waters I encounter are not caused by the storm itself, but by my haste to leave the shore.

~Jennifer Tomshack, *Prepare the Word*,

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**LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF August 9, 2026**

**Saturday, August 8, 2026**

**4:00 pm Sacred Heart**

- +Jama Kessler *by Barbara Hartnett*
- +The Deceased Members of the Catto-Steele Family  
*by Mary Farrell*
- +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*

**Monday, August 10 2026**

**8:30 am Sacred Heart**

- +Father Jm Enright *by Tom & Jean Lewis*

**12:15 pm St. Alphonsus**

- +Joseph L. Morabito *by Family*

**Tuesday, August 11, 2026**

**8:30 am Sacred Heart**

- +Ed Galka *by Tom & Jean Lewis*

**12:15 pm St. Alphonsus**

- +Nikolina Bolak *by Geri*

**Wednesday, August 12, 2026**

**12:15 pm St. Alphonsus**

- +For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, August 13, 2026**

**5:15 pm St. Alphonsus**

- +The Deceased Members of the Daidone Family  
*by Dr. Phillip & Cath Gioia*

**Friday, August 14, 2026**

**7:30 am St. Alphonsus**

- +For the People of Our Parishes

**8:30 am Sacred Heart**

- +Michael Lewis *by Family*
- +Joan Hogan *by Pat & Kathie Collier*

**Saturday, August 15, 2026**

*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**4:00 pm Sacred Heart**

- +Ken Kanya *by Wife Linda*
- +Walsh & Covich Families *by Family*
- +Mary Mohan *by Glen & Sandy Jorgensen*

**4:30 pm St. Alphonsus**

- +Ronald Faulk *by Mom & the Kids*
- +Samantha Whitaker *by Mary Farrell*

**Sunday, August 16, 2026**

**8:30 am Sacred Heart**

- +Helen Oyer *by Family*
- +Barbara Wallace *by Family*

**9:00 am St. Ann**

- +Michael & Jane Renski *by Paul & Alice Herrling*

**10:30 am St. Alphonsus**

- +Jack Speno *by Bereavement Ministry*

**11:00 am Sacred Heart**

- +MaryEllen Nolan *by Bill & Linda Prosser*
- +Gino Alberici *by Family*

**5:00 pm St. Alphonsus**

- +Lottie Jurczak *by Maureen Dykoschak*
- +Joseph Klonowski *by Mary*

**The Memorial Candles  
The Week of August 9, 2026**

**Sacred Heart Church**

Tabernacle Candle

*David Roller*

*by Family*

**St. Alphonsus Church**

Tabernacle Candle

*Ronald Faulk*

*by Mom & The Kids*

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle

*Carolyn Malec*

*by Family*

For those who Have Recently Died

*Becky Wisniewski*

*Jean Lewis*

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.

Catholic Community of Holy Family, Sacred Heart, St. Alphonsus and St. Ann  
Ana Haff~Director of Faith Formation [ana.haff@dor.org](mailto:ana.haff@dor.org)  
**THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER**

Sunday, August 9, 2026 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary

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## SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

*Matthew 14: 30-31*



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"The Family That Prays Together, Stays Together." - Venerable Patrick Peyton  
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### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

In the second reading this past weekend, Paul grieves over the unbelief of his fellow Jews. How can you help family members or friends who do not believe in Jesus?



**Annual Rachel Mass**, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 207, will take place this 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.

**St. Albert the Great Academy and Tyburn Academy** are currently accepting students for the 2026-27 School Year! St. Alberts offers Grades Pre-K - 6 and Tyburn Academy offers grades 7-12. Call our offices to learn more about our excellent Catholic Schools! St. Albert the Great: 315-283-0555 Tyburn Academy: 315-252-2937.

**St. Albert the Great Academy** is hiring for a part-time P.E. Teacher. Interested applicants should call 315-283-0555 for more information.

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

**Grades K-7 & Confirmation**  
**Year 1 and Year 2**  
*Welcome to* 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](mailto: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](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."*