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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

August 24, 2025
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 13:22-30

I've been hiking Camelback Mountain in Phoenix, Arizona most of my life. It is a vigorous forty-five minutes to the top. Near the peak, the end suddenly appears much further away, and steeper. At that moment, a descending hiker often offers encouragement: "Keep going! The peak is right there. It's not as far as it looks. You can do it!" It usually works. After another five-minute push, you summit and enjoy a glorious panorama of the Sonoran Desert in the Valley of the Sun.

When Jesus is asked about how many people are saved, he says: "Strive to enter through the narrow gate" (Luke 13:24). How many? Strive! Focus on your journey. What does heavenly census taking have to do with you or me? How would it help a hiker on a mountain to ask the others coming down, "How many people are going to make it to the top?" A normal response would be something like: "How is that a relevant question? Carry on!"

Jesus links one virtue directly to salvation: perseverance (cf. Matt 24:13; *hypomone* in Greek). Strive! Endure! Keep going! The one absolutely necessary virtue is perseverance, to not give up on our journey. The mountain we struggle to climb is often our own weakness, failures, and sins. Persevere in prayer. Keep celebrating the sacraments. Embrace daily duties. With God's grace, you are strong enough to keep going. Perhaps the peak is not as far away as you might fear. Keep going!

Father John Muir

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the more we will become like Jesus,
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we will have a foretaste of heaven."
Carlo Acutis*

Calendar of Events Week of August 24, 2025
Sunday, August 24, 2025
Monday, August 25, 2025
Tuesday, August 26, 2025
Wednesday, August 27, 2025
Thursday, August 28, 2025
Friday, August 29, 2025 8:30am-8:00pm(SA) Adoration
Saturday, August 30, 2025
Sunday, August 31, 2025

The “**Pack the Pantry**” item for the week of
August 23/24-**Jars of Peanut Butter**
August 30/31-**Jars of Jams/Jelly/Preserves**

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!

St. Alphonsus Food Pantry is collecting cans of soup to help keep the Food Pantry shelves full. "One Can Make a Difference" — whether it's chicken noodle, tomato, vegetable, or a hearty stew. Let's come together to make sure everyone in our community has something warm to eat.

Thank you for your generosity!

~Time Change for Mass~

Beginning September 7th the Sunday Mass will change from 11:30am to 11:00am at Sacred Heart Church. This change is so catechists can take students to 11:00am Mass as part of their religious education program to help them understand and participate in the liturgy.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR 08/17/25

Sacred Heart Church

Regular Collection \$4914.00

St. Alphonsus Church

Regular Collection \$3320.00

St. Ann's Church

Regular Collection \$1960.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Memorial Candles Week of August 24, 2025

Sacred Heart Church Tabernacle Candle

Sherry Chayka
by
Jean & Paul

St. Alphonsus Church Tabernacle Candle

James Cummings
by
Wife Audrey & Son John

For Those Who Have Recently Died

William Jacobs

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



HAIL MARY FULL OF GRACE...please kneel down after Mass and pray three Hail Mary's for the next parishioner who dies in our parishes.



Eucharistic Ministers

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Lectors



Sacred Heart, St. Alphonsus and St. Ann are seeking Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers (and Altar Servers)

The lector has the honor to proclaim the Word of God to the congregation at each Mass. The lector should have a good understanding of the scripture passages and then successfully communicate them to the congregation.

Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist assist the clergy to distribute Holy Communion during Mass. There is no ministry in the Church that holds a greater responsibility or privilege!

These ministries require a loving commitment and training will be provided if necessary.

If you have a calling to use your gifts and talents in this way or have any questions, contact Nancy in the parish office at 315-252-7271 or email at nancy.kavanagh@dor.org.

The Catholic Community of Sacred Heart, St. Alphonsus and St. Ann Faith Formation Program works in partnership with parents to help form children along their faith journey. It is important that parents understand their primary vocation as catechists to their children as defined by the Catholic Church. Children first experience their Catholic faith at home with their family. The children's Faith Formation program is here to assist you. We offer faith formation classes beginning in kindergarten through the 6th grade along with preparation for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation.

We're thrilled to announce that Faith Formation Registration for the 2025-2026 program year is now open! We are eagerly looking forward to this year's offerings. We encourage your children to continue their journey of faith, growing and deepening their understanding, and we kindly request all families to register for each year, not just the Sacramental years. Registration forms can be found in the back of each church or by contacting Ana Haff at 315-252-7271 or via email at ana.haff@dor.org. Our Faith Formation Office will also be open on Wednesdays from 5:30pm to 7:30pm beginning on July 30 to accommodate in-person registrations.

AT-A-GLANCE for the program:

*Blessing of the Backpacks will take place at all masses on Saturday, September 6 and Sunday, September 7.

*Classes begin on Sunday, September 21

*Grade Kindergarten to Grade 6 will meet from 10am to 11am; children will then be escorted to 11am mass by their catechist and sit as a class (or they can opt to sit with their family)

*Confirmation Year 1 will meet from 3pm to 5pm

*Confirmation Year 2 will meet from 5pm to 7pm

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.

"Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that it will be recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity." St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



NEW CATALOGS!!! RADA Catalogs for Parish Life Fundraising are available in the vestibule of each of the Churches with instructions on the front for ordering online. If you have difficulty ordering or have any questions, please contact Karen Mahoney at (315) 515-3151 or Missy Deyneka at (315) 246-8945 for assistance. Thank you!

Parish Life Meetings are held 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 8, 2025. Hope to see you there.

Our next First Friday Mass and Luncheon is Friday, September 5th 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!!!



The Parish Picnic will be held on September 14th at Yawger Brook again this year at 1:00pm. We will be honoring all our wonderful Volunteers at this event; their service is a blessing to our church. So join us and enjoy delicious food, games, and fellowship. RSVP to Nancy in the parish office at 315-252-7271.

Prayer for Holiness

Good Shepherd,
Guide me through the narrow gate.
Remove from me anything that distracts
me from You, Your love, Your invitation,
Your mission. Keep me close to You,
familiar at every step. Amen.

Pauly Shed Reminder As you are moving things around in closets, attics, and storage areas, please remember to sort out the items of clothing you are no longer wearing, and pack them up for the Pauly Shed. Everyone wins when you donate — the person in need who receives the clothing, you, when you gain storage space and the parish who derives income from your donations. Donations are tax deductible and receipts available at the shed. Items may be dropped off all day, every day. The Pauly Shed is in the back (East Side) parking lot of Sacred Heart Church.

MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF AUGUST 24, 2025
Sacred Heart (SH) * St. Alphonsus (SA) * St. Ann (ANN)

Saturday, August 23, 2025	4:00pm (SH)	+Edward & Bernadine Orlick <i>by Family</i> +Helen & Lynn Ripley <i>by Family</i> +Jim & Donna Lawler <i>by Thomas Augustine</i>
	4:30 pm (SA)	+Maureen Burns <i>by Tim & Marsha Burns</i> +Joan Rusin <i>by Joe & Susan Rusinko</i> +Tom & Brian Burns <i>by Bill & Mary Rowe</i>
Sunday, August 24, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+Robert Enge Sr. <i>by Bereavement Ministry</i>
	9:00 am (ANN)	+Patty Galloway <i>by The Owasco Planning Board</i> +Special Intention <i>by Deb Netti</i>
	10:30 am (SA)	+Charles Norton <i>by Family</i> +Keisha Boothman <i>by Janet & Peter Brooks</i>
	11:30 am (SH)	+Jerry Crowley <i>by Sharon & Family</i> +Gerald Oliver <i>by Family</i> +Charlotte Moran <i>by Family</i>
	5:00 pm (SA)	+For the People of St. Alphonsus
Monday, August 25, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+Mary Rita Carnicelli <i>by The Herman Ave Retirees</i>
	12:15pm (SA)	+Josephat Karanja <i>by Jeannine Larose</i>
Tuesday, August 26, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+Special Intention <i>by Deb Netti</i>
	12:15 pm (SA)	+Edna Cruz <i>by Maria White</i>
Wednesday, August 27, 2025	12:15 pm (SA)	+Stacy Carberry & Marlene Eberline <i>by Nancy</i>
Thursday, August 28, 2025	5:15pm (SA)	+Louise, Joseph & Danny Ciao & Frank, Josephine & Anthony Ragusa <i>by Estate</i>
Friday, August 29, 2025	7:30am (SA)	+Ted Tomandl <i>by Family</i>
	8:30am (SH)	+Jim Lawler <i>by Family</i>
Saturday, August 30, 2025	4:00pm (SH)	+Stanley Kott <i>by Family</i> +D. Walsh <i>by Lou Wash & Family</i> +Mary Rita Carnicelli <i>by Suzanne Galbato</i>
	4:30 pm (SA)	+The Festa & Ford Families <i>by Family</i> +Ann Caci & William Donald McConnell <i>by Theresa Powers</i>
Sunday, August 31, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+Steve Gauthier <i>by Dave & Ann Driscoll</i>
	9:00 am (ANN)	+Joseph Zane <i>by Family</i> +Florence Liberatore <i>by Frank & Lynda Liberatore</i>
	10:30 am (SA)	+Dolores Caramella <i>by Adele, Patty & Elaine Giacalone</i>
	11:30 am (SH)	+The Deceased Members of the Graney/Zanowick Families <i>by Theresa Graney Zanowick & Daughters</i>
	5:00 pm (SA)	+Alfred, Shirley & Maria Napoli <i>by Bill & Cathy Barlow</i>

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

Sunday, August 24, 2025

Summer with the Saints ... Who is Blessed Carlo Acutis?

Carlo was born in London on May 3, 1991, and lived in Milan, Italy, where he developed as a normal child and teenager. He liked to play video games and soccer and hang out with his friends. He also had a sweet tooth and loved Nutella and ice cream. But he loved God above all else and so he limited activities that deepened his attachments to the world. For example, he only allowed himself to play one hour of video games a week, even though he wanted to play much more, and he learned not to overindulge on his favorite foods. He understood the virtue of temperance would help him draw closer to God. He tracked his progress in a diary, where he wrote, "Sadness is looking at oneself, happiness is looking at God. Conversion is nothing but a movement of the eyes."



As a young child, Carlo loved visiting churches and praying the rosary. He made his First Holy Communion when he was seven and, afterwards, went to confession weekly and received Jesus in the Eucharist every day when possible. He believed, "the more often we receive the Eucharist, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on this earth we will have a foretaste of heaven."

When he was still in primary school, Carlo taught himself how to code and build websites. When he was 11, he decided to use what he learned about computers to cultivate a greater love for the Eucharist in the world. He created a website cataloging Eucharistic miracles throughout history (<https://www.miracolieucaristici.org>).

As Blessed Carlo once said, "I am happy to die because I lived my life without wasting even a minute of it on anything unpleasing to God." These words encapsulate the essence of Carlo's life—a life lived in complete abandonment to God's will, where every moment was dedicated to glorifying Him. Through his exemplary life and actions, Blessed Carlo Acutis challenges us to examine our own lives and strive for holiness in all that we do.

Carlo died on October 12, 2006, at the age of 15, one week after being diagnosed with leukemia. Pope Francis announced his beatification following the miraculous healing of a seven-year-old child in 2019. Pope Leo XIV declared Carlo Acutis to be canonized on September 7, 2025. Prior to this announcement, Carlo's canonization date was temporarily paused, due to the death of Pope Francis and the 2025 papal conclave. Carlo Acutis, known for his deep devotion to the Catholic faith and his adept use of technology to share religious content, is set to become the first millennial saint. Pope Francis officially recognized a second miracle attributed to Acutis and approved his canonization.

References:

<https://www.wordonfire.org/articles/carlo-acutis-the-first-millennial-saint/>

<https://www.carloacutis.com>

In His Service,
Ana Haff
Director of Faith Formation

	BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS WORD SEARCH													
BLESSED	A	C	V	I	D	E	O	G	A	M	E	S	A	
CARLO ACUTIS	C	R	A	B	L	O	B	E	N	U	E	L	L	
CONFESSION	C	A	R	L	O	A	C	U	T	I	S	E	A	
EUCCHARIST	O	N	L	E	Q	Y	I	C	B	C	A	U	I	
ICE CREAM	N	F	T	S	A	B	C	H	U	E	B	K	N	
ITALY	F	D	L	S	Z	M	H	A	M	C	V	E	N	
LEUKEMIA	E	G	M	E	X	C	H	R	E	R	J	M	E	
LONDON	S	D	R	D	M	G	B	I	H	E	R	I	L	
MILLENNIAL	S	L	O	N	D	O	N	S	C	A	B	A	L	
NUTELLA	I	T	A	L	Y	B	I	T	I	M	M	L	I	
TECHNOLOGY	O	C	Y	G	O	L	O	N	H	C	E	T	M	
VIDEO GAMES	N	U	T	E	L	L	A	B	A	R	T	U	N	

THE LIVING ROSARY, in commemoration of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, takes place on this Sunday, August 24, 2025, at 6:30 pm at the outdoor Lourdes Grotto next to St. Francis of Assisi Church, 303 Clark Street, Auburn. The Celebration will include the Living Rosary, the sung Litany of the BVM and a Candlelight Procession, followed in church with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Refreshments will be served afterwards in Nacca Hall. Some may wish to bring a lawn chair. All are invited

GRIEFSHARE Meetings will be held on Wednesdays, beginning August 27, 2025. Meetings begin at 1:30pm and are approximately 90 minutes to two hours long. GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. The DVD seminar features grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was viewed. Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. You will find encouragement, comfort, and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member, or friend. GriefShare meetings are held at Schrader Hall (basement of St. Mary's Church), 15 Clark St., in Auburn. If you come into the parking lot from State Street behind Savannah Bank, the entrance is between the rectory (white house and the church). Register at <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/265582>. Contact Bernie Tomasso at 315-246-3440 or berniet8@gmail.com for further information.

Have you ever felt called to walk in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi? The Secular Franciscan Order (formerly known as the "The Third 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 on the fourth Sunday of the month 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, August 24. For more information, contact Bernie Tomasso at 315-246-3440 or berniet8@gmail.com.

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

For Mutual Coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.



St. Albert the Great Academy, here in Auburn, offers an excellent, faith-based, nurturing education for those in Pre-K through 6th grade. We seek to educate the whole child in a Catholic setting using elements of Montessori education. Our pre-K classes now have a waiting list, but we are still accepting registrations for those in grades Kindergarten through 6th grade for the upcoming school year. For more information, please check our website at www.stalbertthegreatacademy.com or call the school office at 315-283-0555. Let us help your child achieve Greatness!

"The Spiritual Care Department" at Auburn Community Hospital is opening training for Volunteers. There is an immediate need for office help as well as patient visitors in the hospital and resident visitors in the nursing/rehabilitation facility ~The Finger Lakes Center for Living. For more information email Deacon John at jotomandl@auburnhospital.org.



Save the Date! SAINTS NEXT DOOR DINNER Sunday, November 2, 2025, 2:00 PM-5:00 PM Springside Inn, 6145 W. Lake Rd. Auburn, NY.

Prior to his death, Pope Francis encouraged the faithful to recognize their "saints next door," during the 2025 Jubilee Year. Please join us in celebrating all the Priests and Sisters who have dedicated their lives to serving and spiritually guiding our local Catholic faith community over the decades. Ticket price: \$50/Person To purchase tickets, please call Cheryl Foster (315) 246-4345 or Laura Cuthbert (315) 246-1960.

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!

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In Our Weekly Bulletin



Remember our Sick:

Jamie Mazza, Pat, Jim Podolak, Nancy Tokarz, Mary Manuel, Helen Oyer, Olivia, Sue, Evelyn Gagliano, Kathleen, Bruce, Marilyn Castiglione, Allyza, John Salva, Stacy, Kevin & Maryanne Festa Leonard, Danielle, Lucy Pagano, 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, Stephen L. Norris, Siobhan Phillippe, Donna Romano, David Festa, 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:

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.

"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."