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Sacred Heart: Saturday 3:00pm
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Sacraments

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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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

September 14, 2025

The Exaltation of the Cross

The Cross is Not Negotiable

“Holiness isn’t for wimps,” Mother Angelica famously said. “And the cross isn’t negotiable, sweetheart — it’s a requirement.”

I love Mother Angelica, and I love this quote. Following God is *tough*, and to do it you have to make a decision to *be tough*, to endure tough things — and ultimately, to love the toughness of it all, because within that struggle God meets us with mercy and salvation.

But in light of today’s readings, I think Mother Angelica would forgive me for tweaking her words a tiny bit.

Holiness *is* for wimps, *because* the cross isn’t negotiable.

When the unfaithful among the Israelites were bitten by the serpents, they were healed by looking upon the instrument of their suffering: the serpent itself, mounted on Moses’ staff. With a literary flourish that puts Homer and Shakespeare to shame, God inverts that primitive symbol. To heal us, he invites us to look upon the cross — the sacrifice which achieved our redemption.

Jesus came here to die on that cross for us. For the wimps. Because we couldn’t do it ourselves, even if we tried. We couldn’t right all of our wrongs, not if we had a million years to do it. We would keep screwing it up. We would keep failing. We’re wimps; that’s what we do.

But the cross — the cross is a magnificent invitation to something more. Divinity Himself, assuming the cloak of flesh and the weight of sin, so that when we look at the cross we might recognize ourselves. So that we might see what we have been, what we are, what we could be.

And none of it is negotiable.

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*“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.”*
Carlo Acutis

Calendar of Events Week of September 14, 2025

Sunday, September 14, 2025

1:00pm Parish Picnic Yawger Brook

Monday, September 15, 2025

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Thursday, September 18, 2025

Friday, September 19, 2025

8:30am-8:00pm(SA) Adoration

6:00pm-9:00pm (SH) Christus Vivit Youth Ministry

Saturday, September 20, 2025

7:30am(SH) Blood Drive

1:00pm(SH) Wedding

Sunday, September 21, 2025

The “**Pack the Pantry**” item for the week of
September 13/14-**Boxes of Cereal**
September 20/21-**Boxes or Canisters of Oatmeal**
of Cereal

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

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 tomato,
chicken noodle, 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
continued generosity and support!*



Do you like to sing? Our choir has
started another year and all are
invited to join. We practice on
Thursday evenings at Sacred Heart
at 5:30pm. Anyone from any parish is invited to join
and all are welcome. We would love to have you. For
information call Tom Techman at 315-252-7271 Ext.
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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR 08/31/25

Sacred Heart Church

Regular Collection \$4221.00

St. Alphonsus Church

Regular Collection \$3615.00

St. Ann’s Church

Regular Collection \$2417.00

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR 09/07/25

Sacred Heart Church

Regular Collection \$7845.00

St. Alphonsus Church

Regular Collection \$3258.00

St. Ann’s Church

Regular Collection \$4468.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Memorial Candles Week of September 14, 2025

Sacred Heart Church Tabernacle Candle

Leo McGinn

by

Family

St. Alphonsus Church Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Margery Klock Connell

by

The Connell Family

For Those Who Have Recently Died

Peter Kirichi

Tom Woods

Nancy Tokarz

Marjorie Zelehowski

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



Our new Parish Council Members effective September 2025

Holy Family Church: Liza Kelly, Jeannine Larose

Sacred Heart Church/St. Ann: John Murtari,
Tom Ryan, Andrea Gilfus, Charlie Greene &
Lisa Sobus

St. Alphonsus Church: Mike Skomsky, Karen Walter,
Lisa Homick, Marianne Mendzef

We would like to thank our outgoing Parish Council
Members for their commitment and dedication to
Holy Family, Sacred Heart, St. Alphonsus and
St. Ann.

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. Registration for the 2025-2026 program year is now open! Forms can be found in the back of each church, on our website 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 to accommodate in-person registrations.

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

If you know of someone who needs a "Hug from God" the Prayer Shawl Ministry can help. It could be a parishioner, family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, or anyone in need of a hug. If you know someone who is struggling with an emotional challenge, illness, a job loss, struggling in school or who has been bullied, or suffered the loss of a loved one, please call Nancy in the parish office for more information. "Shawls ... made for centuries universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles..." *Written in 1998 by: Janet Severi Bristow Copyright ©2023.*



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, October 6, 2025. Hope to see you there.

Dance for People with Special Needs will take place on Friday October 3rd, in the Sacred Heart Hall from 6:00pm to 8:00pm featuring a DJ, dancing, pizza, water and soda with gifts for the guests!!! We are very excited and hope to see you there!!!

Come pray and socialize with us! You are invited to our next First Friday mass and lunch social to take place Friday October 3rd at 11:30 AM at Sacred Heart Church, 90 Melrose Road. We invite you to attend and meet new people, make new friends, and enjoy the food and time together as we grow into one community of faith.

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!



Break the Cycle of Poverty: Support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

At the Masses on Sept. 20/21, we'll be taking up a collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. CCHD addresses the root causes of poverty in America by supporting grassroots, self-help organizations of low-income people. Here in our Diocese, many life-changing community organizations have been funded with major CCHD national grants. They included a refugee organization, a small enterprise that provides employment to women in addiction recovery, and a land trust of low-income people becoming homeowners in inner city Rochester. In addition, 25% of the funds will remain in our diocese to fund smaller anti-poverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are standing with people on the margins and making positive social change. You can give at church or online at our parish web site, under "Second Collections."

		MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 Sacred Heart (SH) * St. Alphonsus (SA) * St. Ann (ANN)
Saturday, September 13, 2025	4:00pm (SH)	+John Farrell <i>by Mary</i> +Bill Klink <i>by Lou Walsh & Karen Walsh</i>
	4:30 pm (SA)	+Deceased Members of the Burns & Morgan Families <i>by Family</i> +Margery Klock Connell <i>by The Connell Family</i> +Edna Cruz <i>by Cheryl Foster</i>
Sunday, September 14, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+Leo McGinn <i>by Family</i> +The Mount Carmel Class of 1966 <i>by Classmates</i>
	9:00 am (ANN)	+For the People of St. Ann's
	10:30 am (SA)	+Nancy Smith <i>by Richard & Maria White</i>
	11:00 am (SH)	+James Connors <i>by Monica Weslowski & Family & Steve Vincent</i>
	5:00 pm (SA)	+Ted Dykoschak <i>by Family</i>
Monday, September 15, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+Special Intention <i>by Debbie Nettie</i>
	12:15pm (SA)	+Josephat Karanja <i>by Deacon John & Carole</i>
Tuesday, September 16, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+Mark Geherin <i>by Bereavement Ministry</i>
	12:15 pm (SA)	+Dorothy S. Caruana <i>by Family</i>
Wednesday, September 17, 2025	12:15 pm (SA)	+Paul A. & Dorothy M. Riester & The Deceased Members of the Riester & Donovan Families <i>by Family</i>
Thursday, September 18, 2025	5:15pm (SA)	+Bill Jacobs <i>by Bereavement Ministry</i>
Friday, September 19, 2025	7:30am (SA)	+John & Margaret Barron Haney, William F. Haney, Paul Earl Haney & John G. Curran <i>by Estate</i>
	8:30am (SH)	+Marion Jessie <i>by Kevin & Paige Jessie</i>
Saturday, September 20, 2025	4:00pm (SH)	+Paul Castellano <i>by Family</i> +Jim Beer <i>by Family</i>
	4:30 pm (SA)	+Joseph & John Carberry <i>by Family</i> +Jean & Ralph Merola <i>by Family</i>
Sunday, September 21, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+Barbara Wallace <i>by Family</i>
	9:00 am (ANN)	+Stanley Dec <i>by Family</i>
	10:30 am (SA)	+Charles Norton <i>by Family</i> +Lorraine Kimak <i>by The Newert Family</i>
	11:00 am (SH)	+Nancy Smith <i>by The Holy Family Catechists</i> +Patrick Penafeather <i>by Family</i> +Nancy McMahon <i>by Family</i>
	5:00 pm (SA)	+Nancy Smith <i>by Deacon John & Carole</i>

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

Faith Formation News

*As we get ready to begin a new Faith Formation year, I'd like to **WELCOME** and send a **HUGE THANK YOU** to our catechists. Some are new faces, others are veteran catechists, but each individual brings a wealth of experience and knowledge in partnering with you, the parents, who are the primary catechists, in nurturing your child's faith.*

Grade K / 1	Ms. Missy Deyneka
Grade 2	Mrs. Kathy Herr
Grade 3	Ms. Lisa Sobus
Grade 4	Mrs. Nube Staehr
Grade 5 / 6	Mr. Jack Kears
Hall Monitor/Class Assistant	Ms. Mackenzie Rumsey
Confirmation Year 1	Mrs. Ana Haff
Confirmation Year 2	Mr. Mike Cuddy

ALL FAITH FORMATION CLASSES BEGIN ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

Grades K through 6 will meet in classrooms from 10am to 11am. Students will then be escorted to church and sit as a class (or they can opt to sit with their family) for 11am Mass.

Grades K through 6 classes are:

September 21, 28
October 5, 26
November 2, 9, 16, 23
December 7, 14
January 11, 25
February 1, 8, 22
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
April 12, 19, 26

Confirmation Year 1 will meet from 3pm to 5pm in the parish hall.

Confirmation Year 2 will meet from 5pm to 7pm in the parish hall.

Confirmation Year 1 / Year 2 classes are:

September 21
October 26
November 2, 16
December 7, 14
January 11, 25
February 8, 22
March 1, 15, 29
April 12, 26

For more information or to register your child, please contact the Faith Formation office at 315-252-7271 Ext. 204.

In His Service,
Ana Haff
Director of Faith Formation
ana.haff@dor.org

*Faith Formation is more than a subject to be taught-
it is an invitation to a way of life.*

~Joe Paprocki
Joe Paprocki is national consultant for faith formation at
Loyola Press.

GRIEFSHARE Meetings will be held on Wednesdays. Meetings begin at 1:30 pm 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.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray, that we, who have known his mystery on earth, may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: We are looking for new servers to join the Altar Servers Ministry. This is a wonderful learning experience for our young members of the parish. They learn about their faith and take on responsibility. Our Faith Community of Sacred Heart, St. Alphonsus and St. Ann, a Eucharistic community, invites its young people and adults to serve at the table of the Lord. Altar Servers help facilitate our Eucharistic liturgies in a regular and reverent manner. This ministry is open to anyone who has received their first Holy Communion and older. If you would like more information please call Nancy in the Parish Office.

Intentions of the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV

September

For our relationship with all of creation

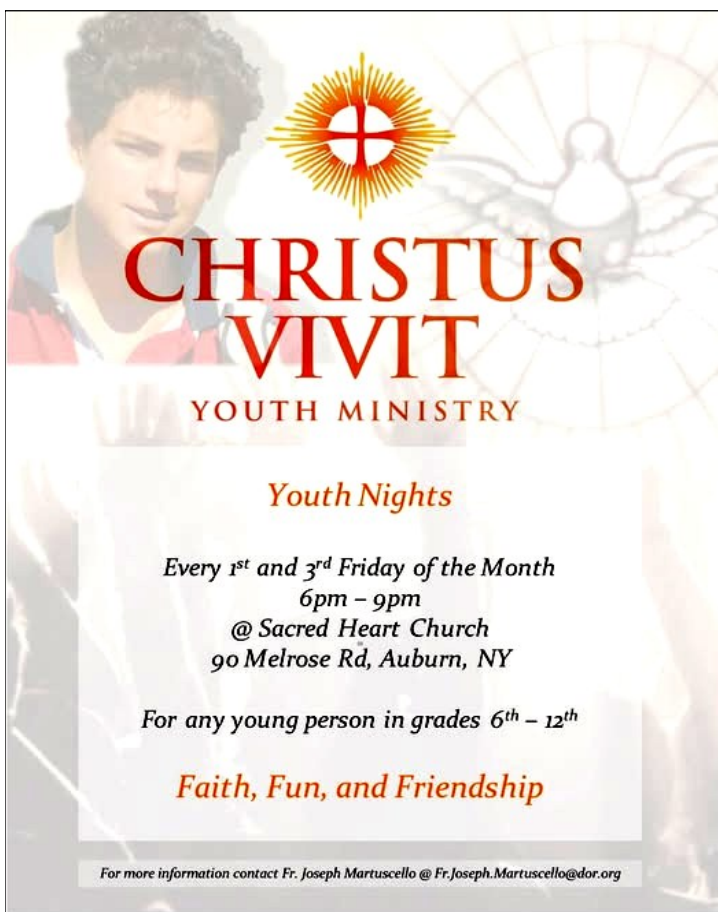
Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis,
we might experience our interdependence
with all creatures
who are loved by God
and worthy of love and respect.



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.



CHRISTUS VIVIT
YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Nights

Every 1st and 3rd Friday of the Month
6pm – 9pm
@ Sacred Heart Church
90 Melrose Rd, Auburn, NY

For any young person in grades 6th – 12th

Faith, Fun, and Friendship

For more information contact Fr. Joseph Martuscello @ Fr.Joseph.Martuscello@dor.org

Christus Vivit Youth Ministry will meet Friday September 19th, 6-9pm @ Sacred Heart Church! Any young person in grades 6th-12th are invited to come and be apart of the best party ever! Christus Vivit! Christ is Alive!

We would like to thank
Cuddy Financial Services
315-252-3600
For Sponsoring an Ad
In Our Weekly Bulletin



Remember our Sick:

Tim Grazsko, Vicky Festa, Jamie Mazza, Pat, Jim Podolak, 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."
