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Sacred Heart: Saturday 3:00pm
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Sacraments

Baptism, Marriage,
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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.

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

September 21, 2025

Mini reflection: Jesus' parable of the untrustworthy steward sums up all our anxieties surrounding material wealth and the delicate balance we have to strike of caring for our physical needs while prioritizing our spiritual ones.

God and Mammon

Dealing with money is unpleasant.

You might be good at dealing with money (I am not). You might even do it for a living (I do not). You might be careful to use as much of your money as you can for good purposes (I try to, but man, these skyrocketing grocery prices are killing me).

But ultimately, money does not bring out the best in us. We waste it. We manipulate it. We hoard it. We become obsessed by it. We let pursuit of it define our decisions. Money is something akin to — it corrupts by touch, it seems. But unlike witchcraft, you can't avoid money altogether. It's necessary. These dollars and cents keep us alive in this world, for a time. We need them for food, for warmth, for health.

Jesus' parable of the untrustworthy steward sums up all our anxieties surrounding material wealth and the delicate balance we have to strike of caring for our physical needs while prioritizing our spiritual ones. But the parable reminds us that we can't escape money, just like we can't escape the world and all the barriers forged by this world between man and the happiness his Creator intends for him. We could retreat to the highest, remotest mountaintop, but the human condition would follow us there.

We would still feel doubt. We would still feel pain. We would still feel fear. We would still sin.

And we would still be hungry and cold. We would still need money.

Money will never be something that is easy to handle virtuously. But guess what? Nothing in this world is. And it's probably best that we remember that.

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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 21, 2025

Sunday, September 21, 2025

10:00am-11:00am(SH) Faith Formation
3:00pm-5:00pm(SH) Year 1 Confirmation
5:00pm-7:00pm(SH) Year 2 Confirmation

Monday, September 22, 2025

5:30pm(SH) Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

Thursday, September 25, 2025

5:30pm(SH) Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 26, 2025

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

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Sunday, September 28, 2025

10:00am-11:00am(SH) Faith Formation

The “**Pack the Pantry**” item for the week of
September 20/21-**Boxes or Canisters of Oatmeal
or Cereal**
September 27/28-**Cake Mixes**

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!*

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR 09/14/25

Sacred Heart Church

Regular Collection \$5035.00

St. Alphonsus Church

Regular Collection \$4485.00

St. Ann's Church

Regular Collection \$1658.00

The Financial Stewardship Collection for August 31st
was posted incorrectly in the bulletin. These are the
correct totals.

St. Alphonsus Church

Regular Collection \$4468.00

St. Ann's Church

Regular Collection \$1626.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Memorial Candles Week of September 21, 2025

Sacred Heart Church Tabernacle Candle

Patrick Penafather
by
Family

St. Alphonsus Church Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Alan Wilson
by
Georgia

For Those Who Have Recently Died

Shirley Marquart

Eternal rest grant

unto them,

O Lord;

and let perpetual
light shine upon them



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

Our special collection today supports the Catholic
Campaign for Human Development. CCHD funds
programs that empower low-income people to
address the root causes of their poverty. These
grants support organizations across the country.
Over the past decade, six organizations in our own
Diocese have received major national CCHD grants.
In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in
our diocese to fund smaller, local anti-poverty
projects. By supporting this collection, you are
standing with people on the margins and making
positive social change. Make your check out to your
parish and write “CCHD” in the memo or give at give
online at our parish web site, under “Second
Collections.” *Please be generous.*

“We should spend as much time in thanking God for
his benefits as we do in asking for them.”

~St. Vincent De Paul

The 2026 Book for Mass Intentions and Tabernacle Candles will open up on **Tuesday, October 7th.** Office hours are Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:30pm and Friday 8:00am-11:00am. Please call 315-252-7271 or stop in during regular office hours. Thank you.

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



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.

The International Day of Peace ("Peace Day") is observed around the world each year on September 21. Established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution, Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace.

Let us all create Peace Day every day!



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!!!
We need VOLUNTEERS, please call Karen Mahoney at (315) 515-3151 or Nancy in the Parish office at 315-252-7271. Hours would be 5:30pm to 8:30pm on October 3rd.

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.

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.

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.

\$5.00 Coupons are now attached to the front of the RADA Catalogs for the Parish Life Fundraising that are available in the vestibule of each of our Churches!! Feel free to take advantage of this savings and know that you are helping our Fellowship events like the Picnic for free!! Thank you!

We are so excited to have our 2nd annual Pass-A-Dish Dinner on Friday, October 24th in the Sacred Heart Hall. Doors will open at 5:00pm with dinner beginning around 5:30. Last year's Pass-A-Dish Dinner was a wonderful gathering of people and great variety of food.....we look forward to a larger crowd this year so please get this on your calendar and plan to attend!!!

		MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 Sacred Heart (SH) * St. Alphonsus (SA) * St. Ann (ANN)
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>
Monday, September 22, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+Louise & Tony Catalfano <i>by Family</i> +John Farrell <i>by Ellen, Mary Ellen, Doug & Katie</i>
	12:15pm (SA)	+Jack Speno <i>by Bereavement Ministry</i>
Tuesday, September 23, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+Don Quinn on the 1st Anniversary of His Death <i>by Family</i> +John McKeon <i>by Riley & Talia</i>
	12:15 pm (SA)	+Lorraine Kimak <i>by Priscilla Feneck & Family</i>
Wednesday, September 24, 2025	12:15 pm (SA)	+Josephat Karanja <i>by Dr. & Mrs. Gioia</i>
Thursday, September 25, 2025	5:15pm (SA)	+For the People of St. Alphonsus
Friday, September 26, 2025	7:30am (SA)	+Ruth Schell <i>by Estate</i>
	8:30am (SH)	+Peter Cadwallader <i>by Patty</i>
Saturday, September 27, 2025	4:00pm (SH)	+Bill Lee <i>by Jim & Tina Farrell</i> +Patty Galloway <i>by Dennis Thorpe</i>
	4:30 pm (SA)	+Lynn Berhaupt <i>by Mom</i> +Rose & Dan Testa <i>by Family</i> +Fr. Clarence Gardner <i>by Blessed Trinity Alumni</i>
Sunday, September 28, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+Steve Gauthier <i>by Karen Driscoll & John Kennedy</i>
	9:00 am (ANN)	+Special Intention <i>by Debbie Netti</i>
	10:30 am (SA)	+Adele Keegan <i>by Dr. & Mrs. Gioia</i> +Pat Cinnotti <i>by Family</i>
	11:00 am (SH)	+Paul Marrero <i>by Jim & Pat Van Orman</i>
	5:00 pm (SA)	+Mary Frieda Darrat Zammatt <i>by Adele, Patty & Elaine Giacalone</i>

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

Faith Formation News

What is Catechetical Sunday?

The Church established Catechetical Sunday, which is always celebrated on the third Sunday in September, to recognize and celebrate the gift that catechists give to their parish community by volunteering their time for the faith formation of children. We come together as a church community to acknowledge the dedication of those who serve as catechists in our parish family.

The day also reminds all Catholics to consider ways we are witnesses for Jesus Christ. All Catholics have the opportunity to rededicate themselves to the mission of passing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel as a community of faith.

Who are Catechists?

The word catechesis is from a Greek word meaning “to echo.” All those who teach the Catholic faith and share the Church’s teachings, by word and by the way they live their lives, are catechists. The catechist's goal is always to set hearts aflame for Christ.

We celebrate and pray for all who come forward for this ministry. They are people who are willing to share their own faith and have the courage to listen to the faith stories of others, without judgment but with a sense of wonder and awe.

In May 2021, Pope Francis established the lay ministry of catechist in the Catholic Church, officially declaring that catechists are to be recognized as lay ministers in the Catholic Church and are due the training and support they need to be successful in their ministry.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God. (CCC 2226). Therefore, moms, dads, stepparents, grandparents, foster parents, godparents, and all who form the faith of children at home, in the domestic church, are the first and most important catechists of their children.

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 21, 2025, with the theme “*Always be ready to give an explanation...for a reason for your hope.*” (1 Pet 3:15)

Prayer for Catechists

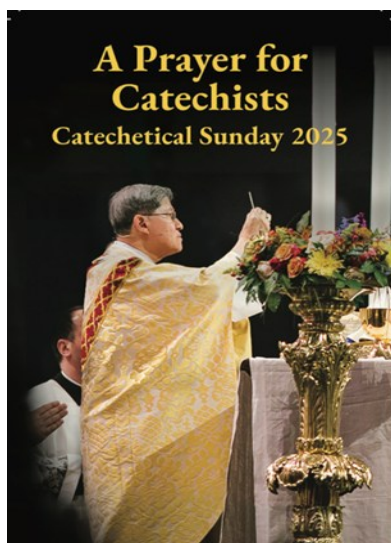
Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church.

Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.

Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We pray this through Chris, our Lord. Amen.

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In His Service,
Ana Haff
Director of Faith Formation
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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.



Loss of a Spouse is a 90-minute program for people grieving a spouse's death. It will be held on Monday, October 6 at St. Mary's Church in Schrader Hall at 1:30 pm. If you come into the parking lot from State Street behind Savannah Bank, the entrance is between the rectory (white house) and the church. The seminar offers helpful insights into what to expect in the days to come; how to deal with loneliness; what to do with your spouse's belongings; why it won't always hurt this much; and other practical help for dealing with the challenges of widowhood. Everyone who attends will receive a booklet with over 30 short readings on how to live with grief and eventually rebuild your life. The fee is \$7.00 for the book. To register, contact Bernie Tomasso at 315-246-3440 or berniet8@gmail.com or register at <https://www.griefshare.org/leaderzone/my/events/274194>.

**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.

On Wednesday, October 22, the Knights of Columbus Council #207 is sponsoring a Sports Banquet to honor Fr. Frank Lioi. Personnel from Syracuse University Athletics will be there to speak about Syracuse University's upcoming sports season and mingle with fans. A delicious authentic Italian dinner will be provided by CIAO and the Italian Kitchen Crew. We will also have a silent auction of great sports memorabilia. The banquet will take place at the Sennett Fire House. Doors open at 6:00 pm. The cost is only \$50 per person. Tickets are available at the Knights of Columbus and Tyburn Academy. You can call Tyburn Academy at 315-252-2937 to reserve your tickets early because we anticipate this event to sell out!

Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes Annual Empty Bowls Events October 21, 2025 at

Sacred Heart Church, 90 Melrose Road, Auburn from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$25.00 for adults or \$10.00 for children under 10. Cost includes soup, bread, beverage, dessert, and a handmade ceramic bowl. Bowls are being made local artists and organizations, including the Rochester Folk Art Guild, Geneva High School Art Department, Weedsport Schools, Cayuga Community College Studio Art and Design Program, Gandee Gallery, Joy Martin & John Baker, Deb Doran.

For tickets or more information contact Rhonda Zettlemoyer at 315-789-2235, ext. 104 or email rhonda.zettlemoyer@dor.org or catholiccharitiesfl.org

All proceeds will benefit Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes' programs.
Please help us help others!



**"JESUS WISHES TO
ESTABLISH DEVOTION TO MY
IMMACULATE HEART IN THE
WORLD."**

Public Rosary Rally. Join us as we gather together to honor Mother Mary and pray the rosary in commemoration of the 108th Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun (October 15th, 1917) on Saturday, October 11th at 12:00pm at St. Francis Church (outside shrine). (Rain or Shine)

"Finally My Immaculate Heart Will Triumph"

Our Lady of Fatima

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In Our Weekly Bulletin



Remember our Sick:

Carl Jr. & Cheryl Festa, 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."