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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

October 5, 2025

Mini reflection: “Increase my faith.” I’ve said it to God plenty of times, imagining a prayer life that is effortless and a sacramental life that is uncomplicated. Easy faith — that’s what I’m asking for, and lots of it, please. But easy faith isn’t faith at all.

The Father Who Knows What You Want

It’s easy to give your kid what he’s asking for. It’s hard to give him what he wants.

If a kid asks to eat an ice cream cone, there’s nothing wrong with giving him one. But if he’s grumpily demanding an ice cream cone at 7:45 in the morning, what he wants — whether he realizes it or not — is some protein and whole grains and a little encouragement to get him going on his day.

So you give him eggs and toast, and you watch him struggle to accept it. Sometimes he does and sometimes he doesn’t, but either way, you’ll be here. You’ll forgive him for whatever names he calls you and you’ll put the healthy breakfast in the fridge, waiting for him when he’s ready to eat it.

“Increase my faith.” I’ve said it to God plenty of times, imagining a prayer life that is effortless and a sacramental life that is uncomplicated, an acceptance of truth that is unshakeable. Easy faith — that’s what I’m asking for, and lots of it, please.

But easy faith isn’t faith at all, and faith that you aren’t strong enough to hold will break your arms. And what God will never do is say, “Sure, kiddo, here you go,” and pass off a false gift as the real thing, just to make us both feel good. He won’t hand me something I’m not strong enough to hold.

That would be a classic lazy-father move. That would be an ice-cream-cone-at-7:45 a.m. move.

Instead, He watches carefully while I navigate the bumpy terrain of the spiritual life, ready to whisper directions in my ear. He holds his breath while the challenges of this world create deep grooves in my soul — and then He irrigates those grooves with the life-giving waters of grace, transforming them into valleys of consolation and respite.

Sometimes I call Him names. Sometimes I refuse what He’s offering. It’s not what I asked for, after all.

But it’s what I want. Luckily, He knows that better than me.

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Calendar of Events Week of October 5, 2025

Sunday, October 5, 2025

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

Monday, October 6, 2025

5:30pm(SH) Parish Life Meeting

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

6:00pm(SH) Men's Club Meeting

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Thursday, October 9, 2025

5:30pm(SH) Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 10, 2025

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

Saturday, October 11, 2025

Sunday, October 12, 2025

No Faith Formation

The "Pack the Pantry" item for the week of
October 4/5-**Cans of Frosting**
October 11/12-**Cans of Ravioli or Spaghetios**

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 CHURCH will begin Renovations
and Painting beginning the week of November 10th
through November 24th. During this time, **WE WILL**
NOT HAVE DAILY MASS at St. Alphonsus but we
will still have our regular weekend Mass schedule for
November 15/16 & November 22/23.

If you have a Mass scheduled during the two weeks
of renovation, please call Nancy in the parish office
at 315-252-7271. Thank you for your understanding
as we complete these renovations at
St. Alphonsus Church.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR 09/28/25

Sacred Heart Church

Regular Collection \$6242.25

St. Alphonsus Church

Regular Collection \$2869.00

St. Ann's Church

Regular Collection \$1616.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Memorial Candles Week of October 5, 2025

Sacred Heart Church Tabernacle Candle

Danny Fitzpatrick
by
Virginia



St. Alphonsus Church Tabernacle Candle

William Androsko
by
Mariellen

St. Alphonsus Church Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle

Ron & Kate Erickson
by
Joan & Dick Rusinko

The 2026 Book for Mass Intentions and
Tabernacle Candles will open up this **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.



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 at 315-252-7271.

Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes Annual Empty Bowls Event is *October 21, 2025 at Sacred Heart Church* from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$25.00 for adults or \$10.00 for children under 10. For tickets or more information contact Rhonda Zettlemoyer at 315-789-2235, ext. 104 or email rhonda.zettlemoyer@dor.org or catholiccharitiesfl.org.



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!*

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

*"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~*

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



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 a great variety of food.....we look forward to a larger crowd this year so please get this on your calendar and plan to attend!!!

Come pray and socialize with us! You are invited to our next First Friday mass and lunch social to take place Friday November 7th 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.

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. If you would like to be a part of Parish Life, please join us at our next meeting or at any of our upcoming events.

		MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF OCTOBER 5, 2025 Sacred Heart (SH) * St. Alphonsus (SA) * St. Ann (ANN)
Saturday, October 4, 2025	4:00pm (SH)	+Madeline & Sandy O'Brien <i>by Family</i> +Nancy Tokarz <i>by Richard White</i>
	4:30 pm (SA)	+Josephat Karanja, Agnes Njambi & Peter Kirichi <i>by Dr. & Mrs. Gioia</i>
Sunday, October 5, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+Harry Flanigan <i>by Family</i> +Barbara Wallace <i>by Family</i>
	9:00 am (ANN)	+Mark Geherin <i>by Paul & Kristine Hickey</i>
	10:30 am (SA)	+John Arpino <i>by Mom & Brothers</i> +Alan Wilson <i>by Georgia</i>
	11:00 am (SH)	+Catherine Brooks <i>by Family</i> +Gerald Oliver <i>by Family</i> +Gino Alberici <i>by Family</i>
	5:00 pm (SA)	+Maureen Burns <i>by Joan & Dick Rusinko</i>
Monday, October 6, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+Donna Lawler <i>by Family</i> +Tom Patterson & Dale Ross <i>by Linda Carr</i>
	12:15pm (SA)	+Lorraine Kimak <i>by Kim Wojnowicz</i>
Tuesday, October 7, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+Joseph Augustine Jr. <i>by His Brother Thomas</i>
	12:15 pm (SA)	+Mel Brown <i>by Estate</i>
Wednesday, October 8, 2025	12:15 pm (SA)	+In Gratitude to St. Jude for Prayers Answered <i>by C. W.</i>
Thursday, October 9, 2025	5:15pm (SA)	+Jeanne Hogan <i>by Family</i> +Robert Barton <i>by Family</i>
Friday, October 10, 2025	7:30am (SA)	+Ruth Barry <i>by Estate</i>
	8:30am (SH)	+Danny Fitzpatrick <i>by Virginia</i>
Saturday, October 11, 2025	4:00pm (SH)	+William J. Rabuano <i>by Mom & Dad</i> +Nicholas Fisher <i>by Uncle Joe & Trisha</i> +Dale Gamba <i>by Family</i>
	4:30 pm (SA)	+Shirley Marquart <i>by Theresa Zanowick</i>
Sunday, October 12, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+Tom Eisenschmidt <i>by Dawn & David Wayne</i> +Jim Salva <i>by Family</i>
	9:00 am (ANN)	+Laurence Winum <i>by Ron & Sara Podolak</i>
	10:30 am (SA)	+Mary Grudzien <i>by Family</i>
	11:00 am (SH)	+Barney Mizro <i>by Family</i> +Anthony & Jenny Bellerdine <i>by Their Children</i> +Gino Alberici <i>by Mike & Mary Broderick</i>
	5:00 pm (SA)	+Joseph Klonowski <i>by Mary</i>

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

Faith Formation News
Sunday, October 5, 2025

Living Our Faith

God gave us the Ten Commandments. They teach us how to live for God and for others. They help us follow the moral law to do good and avoid evil.

First Commandment:

I am the Lord your God; you shall not have strange gods before me.

Second Commandment:

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Third Commandment:

Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.

Fourth Commandment:

Honor your father and your mother.

Fifth Commandment:

You shall not kill.

Sixth Commandment:

You shall not commit adultery.

Seventh Commandment:

You shall not steal.

Eighth Commandment:

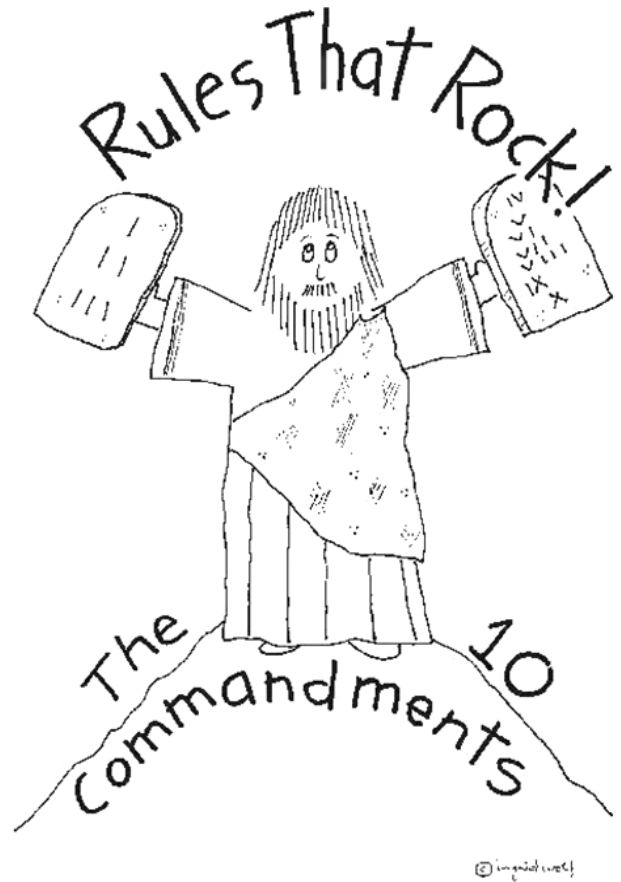
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Ninth Commandment:

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.

Tenth Commandment:

You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.



The Great Commandment

People asked Jesus, **"What is the most important commandment?"**

Jesus said,

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.

This is the greatest and the first commandment.

The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Matthew 22:37-39

The New Commandment

Before his Death on the Cross, Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment.

"I give you a new commandment: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

John 13:34

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>.

Fr. Joseph Bonsu will offer a presentation on the Church in Ghana, along with parishioners from Auburn who have visited him there. The presentation is Sunday, October 12 in Schrader Hall at St. Mary's Church. Ghana is a country of 35 million inhabitants in West Africa in which Catholics are approximately 14% of the population. All are invited.

Intentions of the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV

October

For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

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

The Cultural Italian American Organization (CIAO) will honor the Rev. Vasile Colopelnic of Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, and Angelo's Pizza founder Angelo D'Angelo at its annual Christopher Columbus Day Recognition Dinner on Sunday, October 12 at Springside Inn. The family style dinner will begin with cocktails at 5 pm at the inn, 6141 W. Lake Road, Fleming. Tickets are \$50, and RSVPs are requested by Oct 3 by calling Jo Anne Charles at 315-253-2981 or emailing lynda@cayugacountyciao.org. Payment can also be sent to CIAO, 144 Genesee Street, Suite 102-240, Auburn, NY 13021. For more information and reservation and program ad forms, visit www.CayugaCountyCIAO.org.

THE TYBURN ACADEMY ANNUAL SPORTS BANQUET, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 207, will take place on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at the Sennett Fire House on Franklin Street Rd. This year's honoree is Fr. Frank Lioi, pastor of the parishes of St. Mary's, Ss Mary & Martha, and Our Lady of the Snow. Personnel from Syracuse University Athletics will be at the banquet to speak about Syracuse University's upcoming sports season and mingle with fans. An authentic Italian dinner will be provided by CIAO and the Italian Kitchen Crew. A silent auction of great sports memorabilia will take place. Tickets at \$50 are available by calling Tyburn Academy at 315-252-2937.

Fr. John Guy Council 12223 is sponsoring a Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest which is open to Catholic students in grades 8 through 12. The topic is **"In an essay of 300-500 words, discuss 'Out of the 267 Popes that have led the Catholic Church, who are your three favorite Popes and why?'"** There will be a \$50.00 prize at each grade level for the best essay. Entries are due by Friday, November 3 and may be emailed to berniet8@gmail.com or mailed to PO Box 194, Port Byron NY 13140.

We would like to thank
Dr. Thomas A. Hogan, D.D.S.
Dr. Jeffrey J. Graceffo, D.M.D.
315-252-7281

For Sponsoring an Ad
In Our Weekly Bulletin



Remember our Sick:

Carl Jr. & Cheryl Festa, Tim Grazsko, Vicky Festa, Jamie Mazza, Pat, Jim Podolak, Mary Manuel, Olivia, Sue, Evelyn Gagliano, Kathleen, Bruce, Marilyn Castiglione, Allyza, John Salva, Stacy, Danielle, Kevin & Maryanne Festa Leonard, Lucy Pagano, Courtney 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, 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."
