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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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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS **The Zeal of the Convert** **October 12, 2025**

When you work in the Church, professionally or on a volunteer basis, you become familiar with the phenomenon known as “the zeal of the recent convert.”

Sometimes, it really seems that the newly baptized are just stronger Catholics than the cradle Catholics. They smile more at Mass. They are awestruck by the Eucharist. They come out of the confessional beaming.

It's not that they are naive. It's not that they are in some honeymoon phase of religion, living outside of reality. It's simply that they remember. They remember what it felt like before the Eucharist or before Confession. They recall before the sacraments and the oil and the grace and the relief. It was more recent for them than for some of us older Catholics — especially those of us who were baptized as infants.

Let's ask ourselves: Have we become too comfortable? Do we receive God's grace with expectation instead of surprise? Have we ceased to marvel and wonder at the goodness of God? If the answer is a resounding yes, don't despair. Look at the Gospel — a literal nine times out of ten, God goes un-thanked and un-noticed.

So many of us have forgotten, or never understood, what it meant when the leprosy was washed from our souls. But when we remind ourselves, we become more keenly aware of the extraordinariness of the gift we have received.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Prayer of Gratitude

Dear Lord,

Every day is full of blessings from Your generous hands. Thank You for waking us this morning, filling our lungs with breath. Thank you for the ways You are healing our past, working in the present, and opening possibilities for the future.

Amen.

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Calendar of Events Week of October 12, 2025

Sunday, October 12, 2025

No Faith Formation

Monday, October 13, 2025-Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

10:00am Mass at The Home

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

Thursday, October 16, 2025

5:30pm(SH) Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 17, 2025

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

Saturday, October 18, 2025

Sunday, October 19, 2025

No Faith Formation

The "Pack the Pantry" item for the week of
October 11/12-Cans of Ravioli or Spaghetios
October 18/19-Cans of Fruit or Fruit Cocktail

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 10/05/25

Sacred Heart Church

Regular Collection \$7003.11

St. Alphonsus Church

Regular Collection \$4705.00

St. Ann's Church

Regular Collection \$1969.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

**Memorial Candles
Week of
October 12, 2025**

**Sacred Heart Church
Tabernacle Candle**
Dale Gamba
by
Family

**For Those Who Have
Recently Died
Jeanne Doyle Buckles**

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



Sacred Heart, St. Alphonsus and St. Ann

Are you called to be a Lector. The ministry of lector is one of the most visible roles of service at liturgy. Our faith community needs more people willing to serve in this Special Ministry and hope you will prayerfully consider this invitation to become a Lector. The proclamation of the Word of God is truly a service to the Church. Lectors bring the living Word of God to the liturgical assembly. Being a lector is a great way to deepen your appreciation of Sacred Scripture and assist your fellow parishioners at Mass to hear the Word of God clearly and prayerfully.

The 4:30pm Mass and the 10:30am Mass at St. Alphonsus Church especially needs more Lectors. Anyone from our Faith Community can Lector at these Masses or any other in our Faith Community. Training is provided.

For more information or to speak to someone about this ministry, 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!*



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 Church 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. 208

Would you like to read the bulletin on-line: Sign up to have the bulletin sent to your email by going on <https://parishesonline.com/home> and selecting either zip code or Sacred Heart Church to bring you to our bulletin page. From there you can sign up to have the bulletin sent directly to your email every week. There is also a link to our Facebook page. (facebook.com/sacredheartauburn) and our Website(www.sacredheartauburn.org).

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.

On October 31st Adoration will end at 3:00pm and Rosary will start immediately after, followed by Benediction.

There will be no Adoration November 14, 21 or 28 due to the renovations at St. Alphonsus Church and the Thanksgiving holiday. 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



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!!!

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, November 3, 2025. 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 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.

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!

*"It is right, therefore, that we not just be called Christians, but that we actually be Christians." ~
Ignatius of Antioch*

The 2026 Book for Mass Intentions and Tabernacle Candles is open. The 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.

		MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF OCTOBER 12, 2025 Sacred Heart (SH) * St. Alphonsus (SA) * St. Ann (ANN)
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> + Elizabeth Westmiller <i>by Pearl Staples Quill</i>
Monday, October 13, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+ No Mass
	12:15pm (SA)	+ No Mass
Tuesday, October 14, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+ John Melnick <i>by Family</i>
	12:15 pm (SA)	+ Lorraine Kimak <i>by Louise Szakalski & Carol Aldrich</i>
Wednesday, October 15, 2025	12:15 pm (SA)	+ Anniversary of MM. Joseph J. Janusz <i>by Lorraine & Donald Arliss</i>
Thursday, October 16, 2025	5:15pm (SA)	+ Richard Cavanaugh <i>by Beverly</i>
Friday, October 17, 2025	7:30am (SA)	+ Special Intention <i>by Debbie Netti</i>
	8:30am (SH)	+ Walter & Irene Dec <i>by The Dec & DeRouin Family</i>
Saturday, October 18, 2025	4:00pm (SH)	+ Edward & Bernadine Orlick <i>by Family</i> + John Nadge <i>by Ann Marie Nadge</i> + William & Frances Keller <i>by Daughter Mary</i>
	4:30 pm (SA)	+ Joseph & Mary Trama <i>by Family</i> + Maureen Burns <i>by Tim & Marsha Burns</i> + Shirley Marquart <i>by The Reilley Family</i>
Sunday, October 19, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+ Gina Suslik & Son David <i>by Tom & Paula</i>
	9:00 am (ANN)	+ Special Intention <i>by Deb Netti</i> + For the People of St. Ann
	10:30 am (SA)	+ Josephat Karanja, Agnes Njambi & Peter Kirichi <i>by Dr. & Mrs. Gioia</i> + Peggy Powers <i>by Sylvia & Susanne</i>
	11:00 am (SH)	+ Matthew Tabone <i>by Family</i> + Rick Currier <i>by Amy Renkin</i>
	5:00 pm (SA)	+ Edna Cruz <i>by The Sperduti Family</i>

Faith Formation News
October 12, 2025

The Beatitudes

In the Beatitudes of *Matthew 5:1-12*, Jesus speaks about a life that is blessed by God. Who would not want to listen to Jesus as he shows us the path to blessing? Everyone wants to be blessed – we want to be blessed in life and blessed in death; we want to be blessed in eternity.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus shared eight beatitudes. The word “beatitude” has its origins in Latin. It is derived from the Latin word “beatitudo” which means “blessedness” or “happiness.” Jesus begins each beatitude with the word “blessed,” and in His eight beatitudes, He is describing for us what the blessed life looks like.



Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

People who recognize their spiritual need and humility are blessed with God's kingdom.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Those who feel sorrow or grieve, perhaps for their own sins or the state of the world, will receive spiritual comfort from God.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

The gentle and humble, those who don't assert themselves aggressively, will be given their rightful place.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Those with a deep desire to do what is right will find spiritual fulfillment.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

People who show compassion and forgiveness will receive mercy from God.

Blessed are the pure of heart, for they will see God.

Those who are morally and spiritually pure will have a clear spiritual vision and experience of God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

People who work to bring peace and reconciliation will be recognized as God's children.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Those who suffer or are treated badly for doing what is good and right can know that God considers them blessed and that heaven awaits them.

These are ways to live as Jesus' followers; they help us live with joy and goodness.

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

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.

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 at 1:30pm** 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.

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.

"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~

**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.

THE TYBURN ACADEMY ANNUAL SPORTS BANQUET, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 207, will take place on Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 6:00 pm, 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.

Saint Mary's Young Adult Group meets from 6:30-8pm on Tuesday nights for fellowship, spiritual reading, and reflection. We are currently reading through *This Is My Body* by Bishop Barron. Materials are provided. Please contact ashley.reilly@dor.org for the address of our meeting location and to be added to our email list.

Knights of Columbus Fr. Guy Council 12223 are hosting the annual Election Day ziti dinner on Tuesday, November 4th from 4:00pm-7:00pm at St. Joseph's Church in Weedsport. Adults are \$12, children 6-12 are \$5 and children under 5 are free. Meals include pasta and meatballs, salad, bread, and dessert. Takeout is also available. Dessert donations and volunteers are greatly needed and appreciated.



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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, 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, 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."
