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Sacred Heart:
Saturday 3:00pm
St. Alphonsus:
Saturday 3:30pm

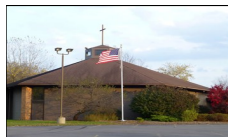
Sacraments

*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.

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November 9, 2025

Questions Catholics Ask.

My mom asked me to promise her a Christian burial.

What does that involve?

Your mother is asking for her departure from this world to be accompanied by the rituals of the church.

Good news: it no longer involves descending into a catacomb, which was the normative way Christians were buried for the first five centuries. Unlike most earlier societies, Christians weren't buried in these underground vaults with valuable objects they might require in the afterlife—a disappointment to grave robbers. But at my dad's viewing before the casket was closed, his small grandson saw fit to tuck a Hot Wheels car in beside Grandpap. That sort of generous gesture is entirely okay.

Your mother is asking for her departure from this world to be accompanied by the rituals of the church. Christians share with Jews and other ancient religions a respect for the dead and how their bodies are treated posthumously. This included washing and dressing the bodies with care. What distinguishes the Christian response to death is that we rejoice and give thanks for those who have "gone before us marked with the sign of faith." So no need to hire a band of mourners, though it's natural to shed a tear at the loss of our dear ones.

As early as the seventh century, a believer near death was given the Eucharist along with a reading from Scripture. After death, the body was delivered to the church, psalms were prayed, followed by a procession to the place of burial. Catholics still follow a similar format. Calling the priest to administer "last rites" when a person is expected to die is proper, a ritual known as viaticum ("on the way with you"). Even if your mother is unconscious, it's possible to perform this rite.

After death, the body may be brought for a church viewing, though this vigil service popularly known as a wake or rosary is often held at a funeral parlor. A priest may be present, or the vigil can be led by anyone. It typically includes a Liturgy of the Word: a song, prayer, Scripture reading, psalm, gospel, short reflection, and prayers of intercession, concluding with the Lord's Prayer. That's the standard vigil; however, many wakes involve little formal prayer since many attendees aren't Catholic. While the church's preference is that the body be present for the vigil and funeral Masses, some families choose cremation. "In all, pastors are encouraged to show pastoral sensitivity." (Appendix #415 Order of Christian Funerals.)

The final part of fulfilling your mother's request is the funeral and committal rituals. Her pastor will know what's required for these rites at the church and gravesite. These four moments of passage together—the dying time, vigil, funeral, and burial—are marked by simple rites acknowledging a life is ending, yet life continues.

~Alice L. Camille ~

Alice Camille is a religious educator, scripture commentator, and author of many books including *This Transforming Word* and other titles found at alicecamille.com

Calendar of Events Week of November 9, 2025

Sunday, November 9, 2025

10:00am(SH) Faith Formation

Monday, November 10, 2025

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

Parish Office Closed

6:00pm(SH) Men's Club

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

6:00pm(SH) Adoration Guardians Dinner

Thursday, November 13, 2025

Friday, November 14, 2025

Saturday, November 15, 2025

7:30am(SH) Blood Drive

Sunday, November 16, 2025

10:00am(SH) Faith Formation

12:00pm(SH) Our Lady of Angels Coffee Hour after Mass

The **"Pack the Pantry"** item for the week of
November 8/9-**Boxes of Pasta or
Bags/Pouches of Pasta**

November 15/16-**Boxes of Instant or
Mashed Potatoes**

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!

"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

Sunday Obligation It's all too easy to find some
reason *not* to go to Mass. All of us probably have at
least one good excuse that we could use to try to
justify skipping Mass, but the Mass is the greatest
gift that God has given to us.

Due to the early submission date for the bulletin,
there is no weekly report. The information for
November 2nd will be in next week's bulletin.

The Memorial Candles Week of November 9, 2025

Sacred Heart Church Tabernacle Candle

Richard L. Palazzoli

by

Wife Mary

Please call the Parish Office at 315-252-7271 to
schedule a Mass Intention or Tabernacle Candle for
2026.

Celebrating a Year of Adoration – Thank You!

We are deeply grateful for your unwavering
commitment to Adoration throughout this past year.
Your faithfulness has been a source of strength and
grace for our Parish community, and we thank you for
every moment spent in prayer and reflection.
Please join us for a special celebration on
Wednesday, November 12th from 6:00–8:00 PM at
Sacred Heart. We'll gather for fellowship and fun with
pizza, dessert, and soft drinks as we honor the
blessings of this past year and look ahead with joy.
All are welcome—especially those who are curious or
interested in learning more about Adoration. Come
see what it's all about and celebrate with us!
Thank you for being a vital part of this journey.
We look forward to celebrating with you!

**Father Wahl's Brick
Garden** "Plant" a brick in
memory of or in honor of
your loved one in Fr. Wahl's
beautiful Brick Garden at
Sacred Heart Church.
Please call Nancy in the
Parish Office at
315-252-7271 for details or to get a form.
Thank you!



Christmas is Coming...

Volunteers are needed to help prepare gift tags for our
"Christmas Giving" Trees. This is the start to our 2025
holiday giving program, and we can use many pairs of
hands to complete all the tags. If you can help, please
join us on Tuesday, November 18th at 5:30pm at
Sacred Heart in the parish hall. This is a terrific
opportunity for teenagers that need volunteer hours.
For more information, please call Kathy Herr at
315-685-1278 or Nancy in the parish office at
315-252-7271.

The Thanksgiving Holiday is fast approaching, and we are again in need of your help. MANY HANDS make LIGHT WORK, so we are asking for many hands to help us during this time. We will fill five hundred baskets! This is a perfect time for families to work together to help others. We will need help in the following areas:

Fill a bag found at the entrances to the church and/or a \$20.00 gift card from Wegmans to pay for the turkeys. (We have been informed that the price of turkeys is going up.) You may drop off your bag any day between 9:00am & 11:30am at the food pantry at the Fingerlakes Mall or after any Mass on the weekend.

**PLEASE RETURN ALL BAGS BY SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 16, 2025**

Help prepare and distribute baskets:

Saturday, November 22nd, 7:30am-10:00am or 10:00am -1:00pm

Sunday, November 23rd, 9:00am-12:00pm.

Monday, November 24th, 8:00am -12:00pm

Deliveries

Sunday, November 23rd 11:00am-12:00pm

If this sounds like something, you would like to do, please use the sign-up sheet in the back of church or call Sue at 315-315-515-8998 or 315-252-0710 and leave your name and phone number.

We Will Call You Back!

Thank you for all you do for those less fortunate in our community. God Bless you!

Offering Counters are needed for Sacred Heart

The teams count Monday morning at 9:00am at the Regional Finance Office at Sacred Heart Church on Melrose Road. If you have one Monday a month to volunteer, we would love to have you join our team. If you can help, please call Shawn Gillen-Caryl at 315-252-7111. We would also like to remind everyone to please use your Sunday envelopes with your weekly offering. Thank you.

The 2025-2026 Catholic Ministry Appeal has begun. Our CMA parish goals are: for Sacred Heart Church \$47,000; for St. Alphonsus \$37,000; St. Ann \$10,000. Please prayerfully consider donating to this years CMA and help us reach our goals. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Please make checks payable to:
Catholic Ministries Appeal (not to your parish). They can be put in an envelope either in the collection basket or mailed to:

**Catholic Ministries Appeal,
PO Box 6841
Ithaca, NY 14851**



Come pray and socialize with us! You are invited to our next First Friday mass and lunch social to take place Friday, December 5th 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 in our faith community of faith.

The Parish Life Committee is looking for new Members!! Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 6pm in the Conference Room at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 90 Melrose Road, Auburn. If you have any questions, please call the office at 315-252-7271. Our next meeting is Monday, December 1st. 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!

Wine Tasting is our next event in January. More information to follow.

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.*

If you have any questions about the Prayer Shawls, please call Nancy in the Parish Office.

		MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9, 2025
Saturday, November 8, 2025	4:00pm (SH)	+Nancy Smith <i>by Mark & Barb Quinn</i> +Michael Walsh <i>by George & Cheryl Gabak</i> +Shirley Marquart <i>by Peggy Eve</i>
	4:30 pm (SA)	+Jack Speno <i>by Jim & Mary Ann LaMay</i> +Jama Kessler <i>by Mena & Rick Hansinger</i>
Sunday, November 9, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+Gagliano & Ostrander Families <i>by Tom & Paula</i> +Barbara Wallace <i>by Family</i> +Bernie & Gloria Offenburg <i>by Lisa Sobus</i>
	9:00 am (ANN)	+Poor Souls of Purgatory
	10:30 am (SA)	+Betsy Brooks <i>by Family</i> +Nicholas Newert <i>by Sharon DeNardo & Family</i>
	11:00 am (SH)	+Robert Senft <i>by Julia & Christopher Strzalka</i> +John Farrington <i>by Cheri</i>
	5:00 pm (SA)	+Shirley Marquart <i>by Bereavement Ministry</i>
Monday, November 10, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+Albert Bayus <i>by Karen</i> +Diane Vinciguerra <i>by Pat & Kathie Collier</i>
	12:15pm (SA)*	+No Daily Mass
Tuesday, November 11, 2025	8:30 am (SH) 12:15 pm (SA)	All Parish Offices Closed Today No Daily Masses
Wednesday, November 12, 2025	12:15pm(SH)*	+Winnie Murray <i>by Kathy & Maureen</i>
Thursday, November 13, 2025	5:15pm (SH)*	+Emily Barton <i>by Family</i> +Paul Viggiano <i>by Family</i>
Friday, November 14, 2025	7:30am (SA)* 8:30am (SH)	+No Daily Mass +Charlie Avino <i>by Family</i> +Nancy Smith <i>by Bob & Sue Marullo</i>
	4:00pm(SH)	+Deceased Members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians
Saturday, November 15, 2025	4:00pm (SH)	+Deceased Members of the Lewis & Gabak Families <i>by Families</i> +George & Joan Powers <i>by Peggy & Sharon</i> +Rick Currier <i>by Bill & Patty Renkin</i>
	4:30 pm (SA)	+Alfred, Shirley & Maria Napoli <i>by Bill & Cathy Barlow</i> +Maureen Burns <i>by Linda & Joe Bauso</i> +Dave Hares <i>by Joanne</i>
Sunday, November 16, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+Florence Liberatore <i>by Nick & Judi Valvo</i>
	9:00 am (ANN)	+Charles & Elizabeth Metzler <i>by Family</i>
	10:30 am (SA)	+Nancy Smith <i>by Bereavement Ministry</i> +Dale Lang <i>by St. Albert the Great Academy</i>
	11:00 am (SH)	+Margaret & Charles Severson & The Deceased Members of the Brooks Family <i>by Family</i> +The Intentions of Our Lady of the Angels Secular Franciscan Order SFO Fraternity
	5:00 pm (SA)	+For the People of St. Alphonsus Church

Sunday, November 9, 2025
The Parable of the Lost Sheep

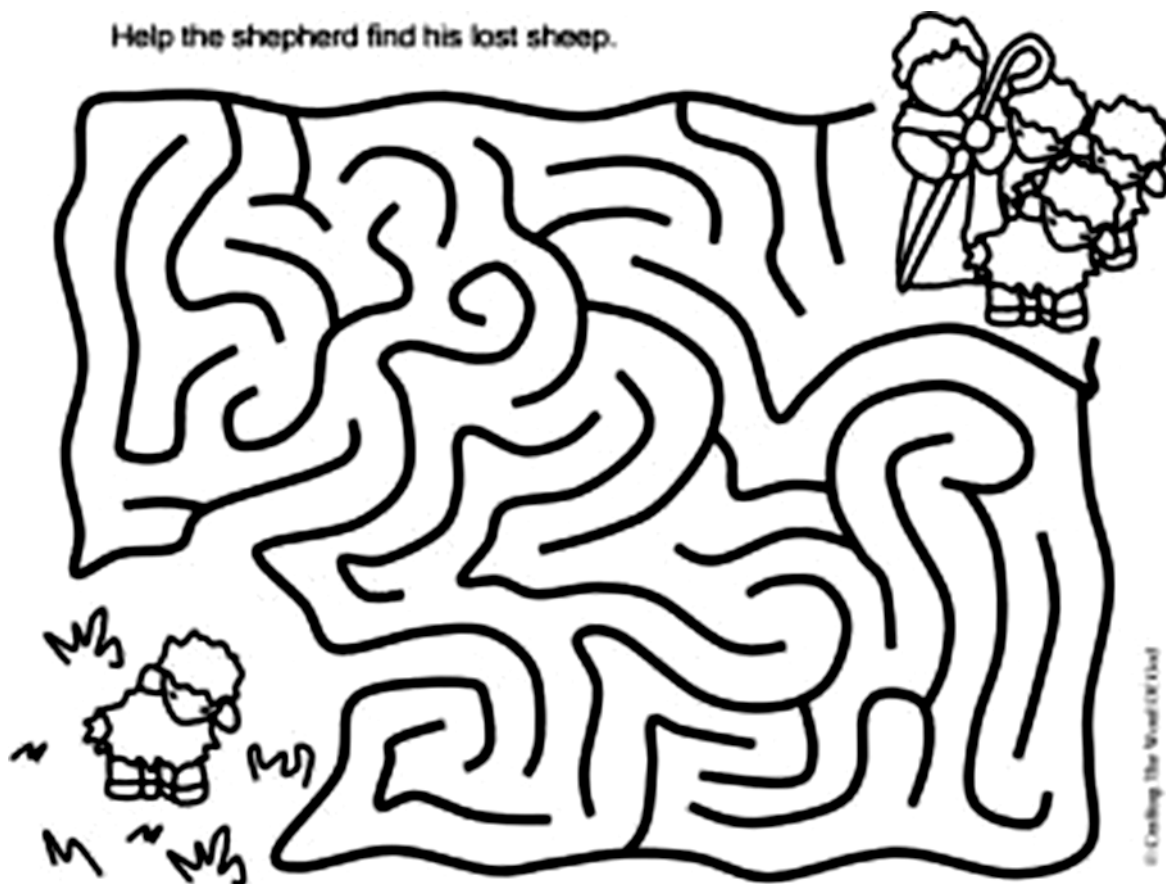
Jesus preached that every person is important to God the Father. He said that the angels in heaven watch over each one of us. Jesus told a parable that teaches an important lesson. He said,

"If a man has 100 sheep and one of them goes astray, will he not leave the 99 in the hills and go in search of the stray? And if he finds it, amen, I say to you, he rejoices more over it than over the 99 that did not stray."

Jesus teaches us that is also what our heavenly Father wants. God does not want one single person to be lost.

Jesus told us he was like a good shepherd who took care of his sheep. If a sheep got lost, the shepherd would find the sheep again. Sometimes we make bad choices. We can lose our way. In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, Jesus is always ready to help us find our way back to him.

A good shepherd protects and watches over every one of his sheep, just as God does for us. Solve the maze to lead the shepherd to his lost sheep.



In His Service,
Ana Haff
Director of Faith Formation
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St. Hyacinth's Church begins its 65th Year of

Pierogi Sales St. Hyacinth's Church Pierogi & Kapusta sales have resumed at the Parish Center. Orders can be placed on Thursdays from 8:00am-11:00am by calling St. Hyacinth kitchen at 315-252-9547. Pick-up is on Fridays from 10:00am-1:00pm. Pierogies are \$12/dozen and Kapusta is \$6/pint. Follow the sign for entrance into the Parish Center on 61 Pulaski St. Pre-orders are appreciated but walk in sales are welcome on a first come first serve basis. Thank you for your support.

Surviving the Holidays, a 90-minute seminar for people facing the holidays after a loved one's death, will be offered on Monday, November 10 in Schrader Hall at St. Mary's Church in Auburn at 1:30 pm. The seminar features a video with practical, encouraging advice from counselors, pastors, and widowed men and women, followed by a small-group sharing time. The cost is \$7.00 for the book. To register, contact Bernie Tomasso at 315-246-3440 or berniet8@gmail.com.

Our Lady of the Angels Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order (SFO) happily shares the news of our upcoming professions. *Anna Reiff and Maria White* will make a permanent commitment to the Gospel Life as they profess into the Secular Franciscan Order. This Rite of Profession will take place at Sacred Heart Church during the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, November 16. A reception follows in the parish hall immediately following mass. Profession in the Order is the culmination of over three years of initial formation. At their profession, the candidates promise to follow the Rule of Life of the Secular Franciscan Order, pledging themselves to live the Gospel in the manner of St. Francis by means of this Rule. St. Francis himself wrote the first "Rule of Life" for members of the SFO. Since Vatican II that Rule has been updated but remains true to the vision of St. Francis of Assisi. This Rule calls on Secular Franciscans to live out their calling to the Franciscan life in a particular way in their homes and families, at work, in their parishes, and in the world. Our Lady of the Angels Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order began meeting in Geneva NY in 1961 at the Capuchin Monastery. For more information on the SFO please contact Bernie Tomasso at 315-246-3440 or berniet8@gmail.com.

Intentions of the Holy Father

Pope Leo XIV

November

For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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, October 26. For more information, contact Bernie Tomasso at 315-246-3440 or berniet8@gmail.com.

Saint Mary's Young Adult Group meets from 6:30-8:00pm 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.

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.



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Sawran Garage Doors
315-729-2907

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Remember our Sick:

Josephine Silliman, Anthony Alberici, 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., Major William Griffin USMC

"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."