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

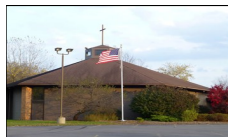
Sacraments

*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.

**The Catholic Community of
Holy Family * Sacred Heart * St. Alphonsus * St. Ann**

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**GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

**November 23, 2025
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Luke 23:35-43**

Not long ago, I was called to a hospital to anoint a woman in her early 80s. She was dying, and visibly in pain. But what struck me most wasn't her suffering — it was the atmosphere in the room. She had eight children and 30 foster kids, and many of them were gathered around her. You'd expect sorrow, fear, maybe even despair. But the room was filled with something else entirely — a quiet strength, a kind of sweetness. It was as if she was suffering not just with them, but for them. And they, in love, were suffering for her. The pain was real. But so was the peace. I didn't want to run. I felt as if I was in a little paradise, beeping machines and all.

I think of that moment when I hear today's Gospel. Jesus, hanging on the cross, doesn't look like a king. But one of the crucified, dying men beside him sees through the suffering and says, "**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom**" (Luke 23:42). That word — *remember* — literally means to make someone a member again. He's asking to be joined to Christ, to become part of his Body. And Jesus says, "**Today you will be with me in paradise.**"

He doesn't say, "I'll take your suffering away." He says, "**You will be with me.**"

That's the strange power of Christ the King. He doesn't rule by avoiding suffering. He reigns by entering into it, and transforming it with love.

What are you suffering right now in your life? Likely you want it to stop. But if we are willing to suffer with him — paradise begins even today.

— *Father John Muir*

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Calendar of Events Week of November 23, 2025

Sunday, November 23, 2025

10:00am(SH) Faith Formation

Monday, November 24, 2025

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

Wednesday, November 26, 2025

All Parish Offices Closed at Noon

Thursday, November 27, 2025

All Parish Offices Closed

Friday, November 28, 2025

All Parish Offices Closed

Saturday, November 29, 2025

Sunday, November 30, 2025

1st Sunday of Advent

No Faith Formation

The “**Pack the Pantry**” item for the week of November 22/23-**Boxes or Pouches of Rice/ Flavored Rice**

November 29/30-**Cans of Beans**

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!

Snowbirds – before you leave town please fill out and return to the Parish Office by mail or in the collection basket OR call the Parish Office at 315-252-7271 and give us this information.

Name _____

Address _____

Parish: Sacred Heart ____ St. Alphonsus ____

Saint Ann's ____

Date Leaving _____

Date Returning _____

Due to the early submission date for the bulletin, there is no weekly report. The information for November 16th will be in next week's bulletin.

On behalf of Fr. Stephen, Fr. Mike, the staff and volunteers in our faith community, we would like to wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving. Our offices will close at 12:00pm on Wednesday, November 26th and reopen on Monday, December 1st at 8:00am.

Annual city-wide Thanksgiving day Mass on Thanksgiving Day is at Saint Hyacinth Church this year on Thursday, November 27th at 9:00 am. Fr. Michael Bown will be the homilist. This is the only Mass in Auburn on Thanksgiving Day, providing a wonderful opportunity for the Catholic community to come together and offer our praise and thanks to God for the wonderful blessings we have all received.



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES

The tags are all done and on the trees. There will also be a basket next to the trees with food items on tags as well as for gift cards to Wegmans or Walmart. Gifts can be brought to any church during Masses. All gifts must be returned by December 14th. On Tuesday, December 16th at 5:30pm, we will need many volunteers to help organize and pack the food and gifts. Please call please call Kathy Herr at 315-685-1278 or Nancy in the parish office 315-252-7271 for more information.

“What you do for the least among you, you do for Jesus.”

The 2026 Book for Mass Intentions and Tabernacle Candles are 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.

“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.” ~St. Carlo Acutis



You are invited to our next First Friday Mass and lunch social at Sacred Heart Church 90 Melrose Rd. on Friday December 5th. Mass is at 11:30 AM followed by a lite lunch. Come pray and socialize with us! After Mass we will be singing Christmas Carols, making Christmas cards and enjoying the food and time together as we grow in our community of faith. We look forward to seeing you there! Any questions, please call Nancy in the parish office.



OFFERING COUNTERS

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.

Let us know of any changes in your family. If you have moved, changed your phone number, if your children have grown and are no longer living at home, or any other circumstance, please let the parish office know. We need to keep the information in our parish census as up to date as possible so we can assure you receive the information we send out to you. Thank you!

The 2025-2026 Catholic Ministry Appeal has begun. 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**

11/10/25	Donors	Pledged	Goal	%
ANN	9	\$2,950	\$10,000	29%
SH	61	\$8,688	\$47,000	18%
SA	51	\$10,155	\$37,000	27%



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 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.

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 will be in January as we know how busy we can all get in December.

We are working on events for 2026. If you have suggestions for a social event you would like to see happen in our Faith Community, please drop a note in the Collection Basket addressed to the Committee. We look forward to hearing from you.

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.

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. **If you attend Mass** at another church, you can use your own parish envelope. There is an agreement among all the Catholic Churches in Cayuga County that individual envelopes are returned to your home parish.

Saturday, November 22, 2025

4:00pm(Sacred Heart)

+John Farrell *by Mary*
+Mel Brown *by Linda Carr*
+Peter & Josephine Sikora *by Deb & Dave Sikora*

4:30 pm (St. Alphonsus)

+Stanislaw Walawender Family & John Stechuchak
by Clara
+Mark Andrus *by Maureen & Scott Angotti*

Sunday, November 23, 2025

8:30 am (Sacred Heart)

+Helen Oyer *by Family*

9:00 am (St. Ann)

+For the People of St. Ann Church

10:30 am (St. Alphonsus)

+Marjorie Zelehowsky *by Bereavement Ministry*
+Mark Andrus *by Family*

11:00 am (Sacred Heart)

+Phyllis Van Giesen *by Bob*
+Caroline Blowers *by Pat S.*

5:00pm(St. Alphonsus)

+Nancy Smith *by Mike Lavey*

Monday, November 24, 2025

8:30 am (Sacred Heart)

+Joanne Tonzi *by Bereavement Ministry*

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

8:30am(Sacred Heart)

+Richard Bryant *by Bereavement Ministry*

12:15pm(St. Alphonsus)

+The Deceased Members of the Tatar Family *by Geri*
+Joanne Francis *by Jeannine Francis*

Wednesday, November 26, 2025

12:15pm(St. Alphonsus)

+Joseph J. Janusz *by Lorraine & Donald Arliss*

Thursday, November 27, 2025

City Wide Mass (Only Mass Today)

9:00am at St. Hyacinth's Church

Friday, November 28, 2025

7:30am No Mass today

8:30am No Mass today

Saturday, November 29, 2025

4:00pm(Sacred Heart)

+Tom Patterson *by Tom Augustine*
+Rick Currier *by Tom Keogan*
+Jama Kessler *by Bill & Sherry Gabak*

4:30 pm (St. Alphonsus)

+Ted Tomandl *by Family*
+Judith J. Janusz *by Lorraine & Donald Arliss*

Sunday, November 30, 2025

8:30 am (Sacred Heart)

+Mick Savino *by Tom & Angela Catalano*

9:00 am (St. Ann)

+Valerie Usowski *by Family*
+Ann Scanlan *by Family*

10:30 am (St. Alphonsus)

+Fred & Patrice Balch *by Mary & Sue*

11:00 am (Sacred Heart)

+For the People of Sacred Heart Church
+Barbara Quinn *by John & Joey White*

5:00pm(St. Alphonsus)

+Shirley Marquart *by Kathy & Tom Gray*
+Barbara Quinn *by Dick & Joan Rusinko*

**The Memorial Candles
Week of
November 23, 2025**

**Sacred Heart Church
Tabernacle Candle**

*Edward & Mary
Giannino
by
Family*

**St. Alphonsus Church
Tabernacle Candle**

*Deceased Members of
the Boedicker &
VanLiew Families
by
Family of Richard
Boedicker*

**St. Alphonsus Church
St. Joseph Candle**

*Joanne Francis
by
Jeannine Larose*

**St. Alphonsus Church
Our Lady of
Perpetual Help
Candle**

*Carl & Katherine Festa
by
Kevin & Mary Ann Festa
Leonard*

**For Those Who Have
Recently Died
William Fulton
Stella Chalanick
Arlene D'Alberto
John Gormley
Sister Mary Lucy
Walawender**

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

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

Sunday, November 23, 2025
ADVENT

Advent is a significant season in the Catholic liturgical calendar that marks the anticipation and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas. It is a time of reflection and prayer when individuals and communities prepare their hearts and minds for the coming of Christ. Advent lasts for four weeks, beginning on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day and culminating on Christmas Eve.

During this season — which actually marks the beginning of the liturgical year, rather than the end — Catholics around the world engage in various traditions and practices that enhance their spiritual preparation.

WHAT DOES ADVENT MEAN?

The term “Advent” originates from a Latin root meaning “arrival” or “coming.” Each week of Advent corresponds to a particular theme of hope, peace, joy, and love, aligning with the liturgical readings and prayers of the season. This framework helps Catholics reflect on the significance of Christ’s birth, his ministry, and his promise to return. The Advent season encourages believers to delve into their faith, foster a greater awareness of God’s presence in their lives, and cultivate a spirit of gratitude and generosity as they prepare for Christmas.

WHEN DOES ADVENT START?

Advent begins each year on the Sunday nearest to November 30, which is the feast day of St. Andrew. The exact date varies each year. In 2025, Advent starts on Sunday, November 30.

HOW IS ADVENT CELEBRATED?

Advent is celebrated in various ways across different Catholic traditions. Common practices include the lighting of candles on an Advent wreath, attendance at church services, and daily prayer and Scripture readings.

WHAT DOES THE ADVENT WREATH SYMBOLIZE?

An Advent wreath is a circular arrangement of greenery that through its shape signifies the eternal nature of God’s love and the promise of everlasting life through Christ, while the greenery symbolizes the renewal of life and hope.

The use of Advent candles is a prominent tradition that symbolizes the themes of the season. Generally, one candle is lit each week leading up to Christmas. The most common arrangement features four candles placed in a circular wreath, representing the four Sundays of Advent, with an additional candle in the center called the Christ candle, which is lit on Christmas Eve.

Each candle, lit progressively each week, reinforces the themes of hope, peace, joy, and love, allowing believers to engage in a visual and meaningful way with the spiritual aspects of the Advent season. Lighting each candle can become a cherished family tradition and a focal point for prayers and reflections during Advent.

WHAT ARE THE 4 THEMES OF ADVENT?

Advent encompasses four main themes, each representing a crucial aspect of the spiritual journey leading up to Christmas. Each of the four Sundays of Advent correspond to:

Hope: The first theme of Advent emphasizes the hope Catholics have in the coming of Christ, reminiscent of the anticipation of the Messiah in the Old Testament.

Peace: The second theme reflects on the peace Christ brings into the world, reminding believers to seek inner peace and foster peace with other people.

Joy: The third theme centers on the joy of the season, celebrating the birth of Christ and the joy found in Catholic community and fellowship.

Love: The final theme represents the selfless love of God, encouraging believers to embody love in their lives and relationships.

Next week, we will learn about the first week of Advent centering on the theme of HOPE.

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



CHRISTUS VIVIT
YOUTH MINISTRY

ADVENT

Night of Praise

ADORATION – PRAISE – CONFESSION
TALK GIVEN BY FR. MARTUSCELLO: "RUN TO THE FATHER"

For Anyone to Attend!

FRIDAY DECEMBER 5TH
@7PM
SACRED HEART CHURCH
90 Melrose Rd. Auburn, NY

Follow us @christus_vivit_youth_ministry

Vespers and Benediction takes place every Sunday at 4:00pm at St. Mary's Church. Vespers or Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours consists of a hymn, three psalms, a scripture reading, the Cantic of Mary and Intersessions, all of which are celebrated in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar and concluding with Benediction. This is a wonderful way to pray with the church and continue to "keep holy the Lord's Day." All are invited



Advent at Notre Dame Retreat House

December 1st - Sacred Stillness Day
December 13th - Advent Day Retreat
"Blessed are they that Hope in the Lord: Advent Meditations on the Virtue of Hope"
with Deacon Ed Knauf
Register at www.notredameretreat.org or call 585-394-5700.

Intentions of the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV November

For the prevention of suicide

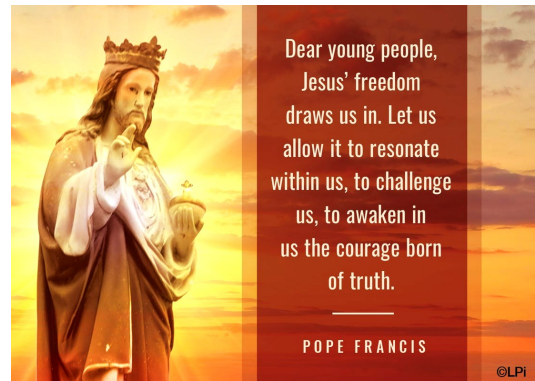
Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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.

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.

A Prayer for Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the true King of peace. In You alone is found freedom. Please free our world from conflict. Bring unity to troubled nations. Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart. Dispel all darkness and evil. Protect the dignity of every human life. Replace hatred with Your love. Give wisdom to world leaders. Free them from selfish ambition. Eliminate all violence and war. Glorious Virgin Mary, Saint Michael the Archangel, Every angel and saint: Please pray for peace. Pray for unity amongst nations. Pray for unity amongst all people. Pray for the most vulnerable. Pray for those suffering. Pray for the fearful. Pray for those who are most in need. Pray for us all. Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us. Jesus, hear our prayers. Jesus, I trust in You! Amen.



We would like to thank
Plis Funeral Home
315-252-6261
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In Our Weekly Bulletin



Remember our Sick:

Patricia Ricci, 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, Lt. Jack Hogan, USN, 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."