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

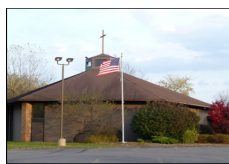
Sacraments

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.

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

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December 7, 2025
Catholic Ministries Appeal

Together We Bring Hope
...and Hope does not disappoint



The 2025-2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) is our annual fundraising campaign within the Diocese of Rochester that supports a wide range of Catholic ministries, services, and programs.

What the appeal funds:

Parish and diocesan support: The CMA helps fund essential services within parishes and the diocese that are difficult to afford on their own.

Education and formation: Funding supports Catholic schools, religious education, faith formation for youth and young adults, and the education of seminarians and deacons.

Social services: The appeal provides critical funds for Catholic Charities and other programs that assist families, the poor, the sick, and the imprisoned.

Ministry and outreach: Contributions support ministries that reach out to the elderly, assist engaged couples in marriage preparation and provide a connection to the Church for young adults on college campuses.

Promoting Catholic values: The appeal helps promote Catholic values and make the Church's voice heard in society.

How to participate

Make a financial contribution:

You can make a pledge or a one-time gift to the appeal.

Fulfill existing pledges: If you have a previous pledge, make sure to fulfill it as scheduled.

Check with your local parish:

Your parish bulletin or website will have specific information about the campaign in your area, including the goal and how to donate.

New to the CMA this year is a rewards incentive, through which cash prizes will be awarded to parishes with the largest increases in donor counts from 2024-25. A \$5,000 grand prize will go to the parish with the greatest percentage increase.

The idea is to invite parishioners whose gifts to the CMA have either lapsed or they have never contributed to the CMA. We encourage all our parishioners to contribute. We thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Together We Bring Hope...and Hope Does Not Disappoint

Calendar of Events Week of December 7, 2025

Sunday, December 7, 2025

2nd Sunday Sunday of Advent

10:00am(SH) Faith Formation

3:00pm(SH) Year 1 Confirmation

5:00pm(SH) Year 2 Confirmation

Monday, December 8, 2025

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Thursday, December 11, 2025

6:00pm(SH) Tyburn Christmas Concert

Friday, December 12, 2025

10:00am-6:00pm(SH)

Kathy Stefanek Memorial Blood Drive

Saturday, December 13, 2025

Sunday, December 14, 2025

2nd Sunday Sunday of Advent

10:00am(SH) Faith Formation

3:00pm(SH) Year 1 Confirmation

5:00pm(SH) Year 2 Confirmation

The “**Pack the Pantry**” item for the week of
December 6/7-**Cans of Tuna**
December 13/14-**4-Pack Snack Pudding**
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 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.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR 11/23/25

Sacred Heart Church

Regular Collection \$7610.00

St. Alphonsus Church

Regular Collection \$4534.00

St. Ann's Church

Regular Collection \$939.00

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR 11/30/25

Sacred Heart Church

Regular Collection \$4542.00

St. Alphonsus Church

Regular Collection \$3979.00

St. Ann's Church

Regular Collection \$1110.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!



The St. Alphonsus Food Pantry would like to thank all those who donated their TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE for the THANKSGIVING BASKET GIVEAWAY. We served a record number of families this year and your

generosity made it a SUCCESS. Students & parents, police officers, fire fighters, and adults of all ages spent their free time on Saturday November 22nd and Sunday November 23rd filling baskets and handing them out. Organizations throughout Auburn donated money, held food drives, and helped prepare the baskets. Many of you filled the bags with food and gave us gift cards to help pay for the turkeys, or donated turkeys. Because of your generosity we were able to provide 566 families with a full Thanksgiving dinner plus enough food for four more days. *Thank you and may God Bless You.*

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES

The tags are on the trees. There will also be a basket next to the trees with food items on tags as well as 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 5:00pm, we will need many volunteers to help organize and pack the food and gifts. 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 Christmas Pageant, presented by the Faith Community of Sacred Heart, St. Alphonsus, and St. Ann, will be held on Sunday, December 21st, at 12:30 pm at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. All children are invited to

participate in the "Living Nativity."

To sign your child up, or to volunteer to help with the pageant, please use the contact information below. Rehearsal schedules will be announced shortly. Please contact Ana Haff at 315-252-7271 Ext 204 or Nancy in the Parish Office.

Prayer of Christian Unity

Help us to be one, Lord Jesus, as you prayed to the Father. Gather us all to you, diverse in culture, gift, call, way of life, and perspective. May the love we have for you overflow into the love we have for each other.

Amen.

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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**

12/01/25	Donors	Pledged	Goal	%
ANN	10	\$3,150	\$10,000	31%
SH	71	\$10,653	\$47,000	23%
SA	59	\$11,230	\$37,000	30%

PARISH & FAMILY ACTIVITIES



The annual Festival of Trees is currently on display at the Ward W. O'Hara Agricultural & Country Living Museum on Owasco Rd. The event features over 180 decorated trees from local organizations and is a popular holiday tradition in the Finger Lakes region. This year our theme is "*Jesus is OUR Reason*" since we, on Parish Life, are committed to being "Servants of Jesus" through the Parish Life committee. We added some beautiful stained glass replica ornaments and a few more photo ornaments of our events from this past year. Please stop at the museum and visit all the stunning trees-however **tree #56** is the BEST!! Ha ha. While there, you can vote on your favorite tree, from now through 1/31/26. I believe the museum has extended hours through the Christmas Season. Last year we made 15th or 16th place (which wasn't bad for our first year and out of 200 trees!) Our committee has loved coming together to decorate our tree.

Lastly, this is a reminder that due to the busy, and hectic Christmas season, we will NOT be having our Parish Life meeting in December. We will meet again once all the Christmas celebrations are over, on January 5, 2026, at our usual 6:00 PM.

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 Friday, January 23, 2026. More information to follow.

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 7, 2025

Saturday, December 6, 2025

4:00pm(Sacred Heart)

+Lena & Audley Steele *by Mary*
+Gina Gabak *by Parents*
+Special Intention *by Debbie Netti*

4:30 pm (St. Alphonsus)

+Jama Kessler *by Mena & Rick Hansinger*

Sunday, December 7, 2025

8:30 am (Sacred Heart)

+Barbara Wallace *by Family*

9:00 am (St. Ann)

+Laurence Winum *by Peter Sikora*
+Stella Chalanick *by Jack & Jean Baraczek*

10:30 am (St. Alphonsus)

+Nicholas Newert *by Priscilla Feneck & Family*

11:00 am (Sacred Heart)

+Marjorie Penafeather *by Family*
+Helen Oyer *by The Alberici Family*

5:00pm(St. Alphonsus)

+For the People of St. Alphonsus Church
+Bill Bodweber *by Jerry & Mary Ellen Vasile*

Monday, December 8, 2025-Holy Day of Obligation

8:30 am (Sacred Heart)

+Howard & Mary McCuin *by Ellen*

12:15pm (St. Alphonsus)

+For the People of St. Alphonsus Parish

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

8:30am(Sacred Heart)

+Jim Toole *by The Morrissey Family*

12:15pm(St. Alphonsus)

+Fred & Jane Kruger & Children & Grandchildren
by Family

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

12:15pm(St. Alphonsus)

+Patricia Rybash *by Geri Pelc*

Thursday, December 11, 2025

5:15pm (St. Alphonsus)

+Mrs. Dana Reimers *by The Boedicker Family*

Friday, December 12, 2025

7:30am (St. Alphonsus)

+Sam & Yolanda DeRosa *by Family*

8:30am (Sacred Heart)

+Joe Hogan *By Family*
+Michael Walsh & Patricia Herrling Nolan *by Mt. Carmel Class of 1960*

Saturday, December 13, 2025

4:00pm(Sacred Heart)

+Josephine Kott *by Family*
+Ken Kanya *by Linda Carr*
+Gregory Redmond *by Family*

4:30 pm (St. Alphonsus)

+For St. Alphonsus Parishioners

Sunday, December 14, 2025

8:30 am (Sacred Heart)

+Helen Oyer *by Family*

9:00 am (St. Ann)

+Nick DeOrio *by Family*
+Mark Angier *by Jack & Jean Baraczek*

10:30 am (St. Alphonsus)

+Sam Feneck *by Priscilla Feneck*
+Marjorie Gregory, Jill Dougherty, Marcie LaLonde,
Beverly & Terry Clifford, Brian Farrelly, &
William Dougherty *by Family*

11:00 am (Sacred Heart)

+Arlene D'Alberto *by Sue Lennox*
+Sam Emmi *by Family*

5:00pm(St. Alphonsus)

+Nancy Wright Smith *by Kathy Evans Gray*
+Shirley Marquart *by St. Alphonsus Parishioners*

**The Memorial Candles
Week of
December 7, 2025**

**Sacred Heart Church
Tabernacle Candle**

Helen Oyer
by
Jean Shutter

**St. Alphonsus Church
Tabernacle Candle**

Alfred, Shirley & Maria Napoli
by
Bill & Cathy Barlow

For Those Who Have Recently Died

Angelina "Angie" Giancola
Eternal rest grant

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

Second Advent Candle/Sunday: Peace
December 7, 2025

“May we be in this world a ray of that light which shone forth from Bethlehem, bringing joy and peace to the hearts of all men and women.” – Pope Francis

The second candle on the Advent wreath represents **Peace**. Like the first candle, it is also purple. Often called the **“Bethlehem Candle,”** the second Advent candle reminds us of Mary and Joseph’s journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem before Mary gave birth to Jesus. Building on the meaning of the Prophecy Candle, this second candle recalls that after all of the division, destruction, and dispersion of the kingdom in the Old Testament, there might finally be peace on Earth – Jesus is coming, and so is his Kingdom of Peace. As we read in the quote from Pope Francis, this light of peace shone forth from Bethlehem for all the world. This Advent, light the second candle on **Sunday, December 7, 2025**.

Next week, we will learn about the third week of Advent centering on the theme of **JOY**.

References: <https://hallow.com/blog/advent-candles-and-advent-wreaths/#second-advent-candle-peace>
<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/Sunday-connection/second-Sunday-of-advent-cycle-a-sunday-connection/>



ADVENT WORD SEARCH									
ADVENT	S	E	C	O	N	D	P	B	J
BETHLEHEM	A	C	A	N	D	L	E	F	E
BIRTH	H	E	D	G	L	J	A	H	S
CANDLE	T	I	V	N	Q	R	C	M	U
JESUS	R	K	E	S	Y	X	E	V	S
PEACE	I	C	N	O	T	Z	W	P	D
SECOND	B	E	T	H	L	E	H	E	M

In His Service,
Ana Haff
Director of Faith Formation
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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**OH MARY,
CONCEIVED
WITHOUT SIN,
PRAY FOR US
WHO HAVE
RECOURSE
TO THEE.**



Immaculate Conception

Question:

I've heard people call Jesus' conception by the Holy Spirit being "immaculately conceived." Is that what the Immaculate Conception is?

Answer:

While these two events are often confused, they are not the same thing. We celebrated the conception of Jesus on March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation. While that was surely miraculous, it isn't what we refer to as the "immaculate conception." The Immaculate Conception is *Mary's* conception, and we typically celebrate it on December 8th. If the 8th happens to be a Sunday, the Church moves the feast to December 9th. It is a holy day of obligation. Why does the Church consider it so important to celebrate?

Mary's conception is immaculate because she was conceived without original sin. The angel Gabriel acknowledges this when he hails Mary as "full of grace" (Luke 1:28). Scripture scholars identify several theological ideas that confirm this. In the Old Testament, the sacred, pristine Ark of the Covenant held the presence of God. The presence of God is now held within a new "arc" — the womb of Mary. Genesis 3 also prophesies of a woman who would oppose the devil and whose child would crush the devil's head. Christ is the "New Adam." This passage sets up Mary, then, as the "New Eve." Jesus and Mary are the beginnings of a new creation, one we all can participate in through the grace of our baptism. After all, God's love is more "original" than our sin! ©LPi

Intentions of the Holy Father

Pope Leo XIV

December

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

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 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, December 21. For more information, contact Bernie Tomasso at 315-246-3440 or olasfoauburn@gmail.com.

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 Canticle 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

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.

"Dear friends, we don't ever thank the Lord enough for the gift He has given us in the Eucharist! It is a really great gift and that is why it is so important to go to Mass on Sunday. Go to Mass not just to pray, but to receive Communion, the bread that is the Body of Jesus Christ who saves us, forgives us, unites us to the Father. It is a beautiful thing to do! And we go to Mass every Sunday because that is the day of the resurrection of the Lord. That is why Sunday is so important to us." ~Pope Francis~

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.

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Remember our Sick:

Eleanor Hudo, 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, Lucy Pagano, Kevin & Maryanne Festa Leonard, 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, 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."