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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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December 14, 2025
Third Sunday of Advent
EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Leading the Way

There are many examples of false prophets in history. Some of these gifted charlatans have led people away from family and friends. They have led people to do evil things, like stealing, torture, or even murder. It is amazing how those gifted with charisma can lead others down such a destructive path. In today's modern world filled with so much technology and sophisticated communication platforms, one must be careful not to buy into a lie or scam so easily.

John the Baptist didn't have any modern technology in his toolbox as he was preparing the way for the Messiah, Jesus. He moved people with a profound message and by the way he lived his life. People questioned whether he was the One who was to come, but he assured them that he was not the One. Instead, all he did was to prepare people for Jesus' coming.

You and I can either lead people to Jesus by our words and actions, or we can lead them away from him. Our stewardship can be a powerful witness to how Jesus has changed our lives. Unfortunately, if we are not changed and instead act in ways that are contrary to a mature disciple, we can lead people down the wrong path. During the Advent season, there is much to be done in our homes and with our families to get ready for the celebration of Christmas. However, this is not about a day; it is about Jesus. May our actions and words bear witness to the transformative power of Jesus Christ in our lives, not just during this season, but all year long.

— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

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

Calendar of Events Week of December 14, 2025

Sunday, December 14, 2025

3rd Sunday Sunday of Advent

10:00am(SH) Faith Formation

3:00pm(SH) Year 1 Confirmation

5:00pm(SH) Year 2 Confirmation

Monday, December 15, 2025

7:00pm(SA) Penance Service

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

5:00pm(SH) Organize and Pack Giving Tree Gifts

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

Thursday, December 18, 2025

Friday, December 19, 2025

Saturday, December 20, 2025

Sunday, December 21, 2025

4th Sunday Sunday of Advent

12:30pm Children's Christmas Pageant

The “**Pack the Pantry**” item for the week of December 13/14-4-Pack Snack Pudding

December 20/21-**Boxes of Crackers**

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!

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES

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.”

Due to the early submission date for the bulletin, there is no weekly report. The information for December 7th will be in next week's bulletin.

Help Decorate St. Alphonsus Church!

Everyone is invited to join in decorating the church for the holidays. Last year was a great success thanks to all the help, and we're hoping to make it even more beautiful this year.

When: Saturday, December 20th, starting around 10:00 AM

Who: All ages are welcome! Please feel free to invite anyone who would like to help.

What to Bring: We have plenty of decorations (including those generously gifted by Holy Family last year), trees for the altar, a manger scene, and lots of flowers (real and artificial). If you have a special decoration you'd like to add, please bring it along.

Questions: If you have any questions, please feel free to call (315) 515-8935.

P.S. Don't forget to visit and vote for our tree (Number 56) at the Festival of Trees at the Ward O'Hara Agricultural Museum!

Christmas 2025

Advent Penance Service

Monday, December 15th

7:00pm-St. Alphonsus Church

Children's Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 21st

12:30pm-Sacred Heart Parish Hall

**The Nativity of Our Lord
Christmas Eve Masses**

Wednesday, December 24th

4:00pm-Sacred Heart Church

4:00pm- St. Alphonsus Church

9:00pm-St. Ann Church

**The Nativity of the Lord
Christmas Day Mass**

Thursday, December 25th

10:30am-St. Alphonsus Church

New Year's Eve

Wednesday, December 31st

5:00 pm-St. Alphonsus Church

New Year's Day

Thursday, January 1st

10:30 am-St. Alphonsus Church



The St . Alphonsus Food Pantry is looking for volunteers to help us put together our Christmas baskets. We are preparing about 375 baskets! If you are interested in volunteering to help put together or deliver the 375 Christmas baskets, please contact Sue directly at **315-515-8936** to sign up for one of the shifts below:

Saturday, December 20th: 8:00am - 12:00pm
(assembling)

Sunday, December 21st: 9:00am - 12:00pm
(assembling/delivering)

Monday, December 22nd: 9:00am - 11:30am
(assembling)

Thank you for supporting your neighbors in need!

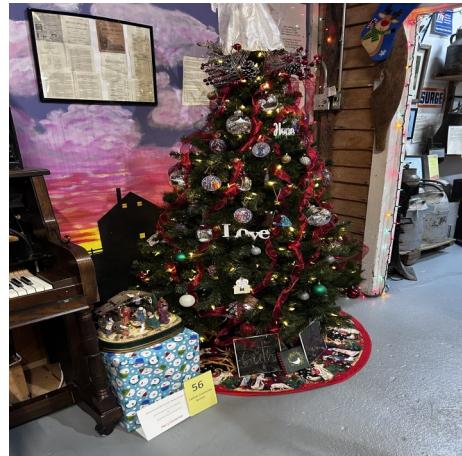
The Catholic Community of Holy Family, Sacred Heart, St. Alphonsus and St. Ann invite you to our Wine Tasting Social on Friday, January 23rd, 2026, at Sacred Heart Parish Hall from 6:30pm-8:30pm. \$5.00 per person. Bring an appetizer and your favorite bottle of wine to share! We look forward to seeing you there.

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

12/05/25	Donors	Pledged	Goal	%
ANN	10	\$3,150	\$10,000	31%
SH	71	\$10,653	\$47,000	23%
SA	59	\$11,230	\$37,000	30%



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 01/31/26. 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.

Reminder our next Parish Life meeting will be on Monday, January 5, 2026, at 6:00 PM. All are invited. We are looking for new ideas for fundraisers, social gatherings or any other ideas you may have for Parish Life.

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!

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 14, 2025

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, Marci 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*

Monday, December 15, 2025

8:30 am (Sacred Heart)

+Phyllis Ryan *by Family*

12:15pm (St. Alphonsus)

+Deceased Members of the Lanni Family
by Dr. & Mrs. Gioia

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

8:30am(Sacred Heart)

+Special Intention *by Debbie Netti*

12:15pm(St. Alphonsus)

+Nam Young Im *by The Boedicker Family*

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

12:15pm(St. Alphonsus)

+Andrew Komanecky *by Deacon John & Carole*

Thursday, December 18, 2025

5:15pm (St. Alphonsus)

+Special Intention for Healing of Maria ~
+In Honor of Mike & Debbie Maywalt's
50th Wedding Anniversary

Friday, December 19, 2025

7:30am (St. Alphonsus)

+Sam & Yolanda DeRosa *by Family*

8:30am (Sacred Heart)

+R. Michael Harmon *by Family*

Saturday, December 20, 2025

4:00pm(Sacred Heart)

+Deceased Members of the Quinn & Gummerson Families *by Family*
+Jama Kessler *by The Jorgensen Family*
+Leonard & Ann Sikora *by Deb & Dave Sikora*

4:30 pm (St. Alphonsus)

+Joseph & John Carberry *by Family*
+Maureen Burns *by Tim & Marsha Burns*
+The Patella & Reginelli Families *by Family*

Sunday, December 21, 2025

8:30 am (Sacred Heart)

+Robert Restey *by Jeanne & David Trinca*

9:00 am (St. Ann)

+Carli, Ted, Mom & Dad *by The Tomandl Family*
+The Parishioners of St. Ann

10:30 am (St. Alphonsus)

+Elsa Bernardoni *by Adele, Patty & Elaine Giacolone*
+Mark Andrus *by Family*

11:00 am (Sacred Heart)

+Caroline Blowers *by Pat S.*
+James Reilley *by The Morrissey's*

5:00pm(St. Alphonsus)

+Ted Tomandl *by Family*
+Louis Daly *by Family*

**The Memorial
Candles
Week of
December 14, 2025**

**Sacred Heart Church
Tabernacle Candle**

Phyllis Ryan
by
Family

**St. Alphonsus
Church
Tabernacle Candle**

Robert Graney
by
Family

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

Jean LaDue
by

Mariellen

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

Lena Barnum &
Deceased Sons
By
Family

**For Those Who Have
Recently Died**
Sheila Chayka

Eternal rest grant
unto them,

O Lord;
and let perpetual
light shine upon them

Third Advent Candle/Sunday: Joy
“Gaudete Sunday”
December 14, 2025

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion, shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!
(Zephaniah 3:14)

The third candle of Advent symbolizes Joy. As we continue to approach Christmas Day, our joy grows more and more. The third candle takes us back to the joyful anticipation of the shepherds who journeyed to see Jesus in Bethlehem, even before the wise men. On this third Sunday of Advent, which the Church calls “Gaudete Sunday” meaning rejoice or praise, we light the third candle and rejoice like the shepherds. For this reason, the third candle of Advent is called the “Shepherd’s Candle” and its color is pink, the liturgical color for joy. This Advent, light the third candle on Sunday, December 14, 2025.

Next week, we will learn about the fourth week of Advent centering on the theme of **LOVE**.

References: <https://hallow.com/blog/advent-candles-and-advent-wreaths/#third-advent-candle-joy>

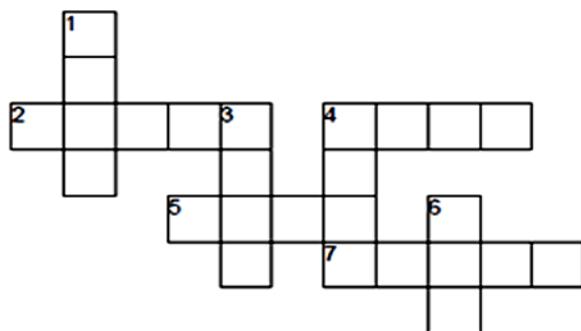
Joy to the World

They will enter Zion with singing;
everlasting joy will crown their heads.
Gladness and joy will overtake them,
and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Isaiah 35:10 (NIV)



Using the Across and Down clues, write the correct words in the numbered grid below.



ACROSS

2. Unable to see
4. The organs for hearing
5. Crippled or disabled, especially in the legs or feet
7. To make a loud noise with your voice

DOWN

1. To travel on foot
3. Unable to hear
4. The organs through which we see
6. Great happiness

WALK	EARS	SHOUT	BLIND
EYES	LAME	JOY	DEAF



Devotions, Explained! Our Lady of Guadalupe

The four apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe took place in December 1531, when Juan Diego, an indigenous convert to the Catholic faith, encountered a woman dressed as an Aztec princess on Tepeyac Hill in present-day Mexico City. The woman, who was pregnant, spoke to him in his native language. She identified herself as the Mother of God.

Over the next four apparitions, Our Lady requested that Juan Diego implore the local bishop to build a church on the hill and performed miracles to prove her identity. Through one of the miracles, she imprinted her image onto Juan Diego's tilma, or cloak; the tilma bearing that image can still be viewed today at the basilica which now stands on the site of the apparition.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is venerated as the Patroness of the Americas, and she is beloved worldwide as a symbol of motherhood, faith and identity. Her feast day is Dec. 12.

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

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.

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.

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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 Komanecy, 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."