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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

Sacred Heart Church
90 Melrose Rd
St. Alphonsus Church
85 E. Genesee St.
St. Ann Church
4890 Twelve Corners Rd.
Holy Family Church
85 North St.

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**Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13, 2026**

The Seven Sorrows of Mary:

A Devotion Revealed to St. Bridget of Sweden By Our Lady

Each September, the Church turns her gaze toward the sorrowful, pierced Heart of Mary. On September 15, the day after we celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, the Church honors the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows — a feast that takes us to the foot of the Cross beside the Mother of God. To pray along with the Sorrows of Mary and console her heart, read the scripture associated with each sorrow below, meditate on each, and then say one Hail Mary before moving on to the next.

Traditionally, the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows commemorates the seven sorrows in the Heart of Mary as recorded in Scripture:

1. The prophecy of Simeon Luke 2:33–35
2. The flight into Egypt Matthew 2:13–15
3. Loss of the Child Jesus for three days Luke 2:41–50
4. Mary meets Jesus on His way to Calvary Luke 23:27–31; John 19:17
5. Crucifixion and Death of Jesus John 19:25–30
6. The body of Jesus being taken from the Cross Luke 23:50–54; John 19:31–37
7. The burial of Jesus Isaiah 53:8–9; Luke 23:50–56; John 19:38–42; Mark 15:40–47)

What Are The Seven Promises of the Seven Sorrows Devotion?

These are promises and special graces that St. Bridget of Sweden is said to have received from the Blessed Virgin, given to those who meditate on her Seven Sorrows with devotion:

1. I will grant peace to their families.
2. They will be enlightened about the divine Mysteries.
3. I will console them in their pains and I will accompany them in their work.
4. I will give them as much as they ask for as long as it does not oppose the adorable will of My divine Son or the sanctification of their souls.
5. I will defend them in their spiritual battles with the infernal enemy and I will protect them at every instant of their lives.
6. I will visibly help them at the moment of their death — they will see the face of their Mother.
7. I have obtained this grace from My divine Son, that those who propagate this devotion to My tears and sorrows will be taken directly from this earthly life to eternal happiness, since all their sins will be forgiven and My Son will be their eternal consolation and joy.

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Due to the early submission date for the bulletin, there is no weekly report. The information for September 6th will be in next week's bulletin.

Break the Cycle of Poverty: Support the *Catholic Campaign for Human Development* At the Masses on Sept. 19/20, we'll be taking up a collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. CCHD addresses the root causes of poverty in America by supporting grassroots, self-help organizations of low-income people. Here in our Diocese, many life-changing community organizations have been funded with major CCHD national grants. They included a refugee organization, a small enterprise that provided employment to women in addiction recovery, and a land trust of low-income people becoming homeowners in inner city Rochester. By supporting this collection, you are standing with people on the margins and making positive social change. You can give at church or online at our parish web site, under "Second Collections".



Calendar of Events

Week of September 13, 2026

Sunday, September 13, 2026

1:00pm Parish Picnic at Yawger Brook

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

6:00pm (SH) OCIA

Friday, September 18, 2026

6:00pm-8:00pm(SH) Christus Vivit

Saturday, September 19, 2026

7:30am(SH) Blood Drive

1:30pm(SA) Wedding

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Catechetical Sunday

10:00am(SH) Faith Formation K-6th

The **"Pack the Pantry"** item for the week of
September 12/13-Bags/Boxes of Cookies
September 19/20-Boxes of Cereal
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

PLEASE NOTE: Tuna Fish, Soup, Pasta, Coffee & Tea, Juice, Dish Soap, Laundry Soap, Tissues and Hand Soap are always needed and appreciated.

All Correspondence should be addressed to:

St. Alphonsus Food Pantry

90 Melrose Rd.

Auburn, NY 13021

Thank you for your continued generosity.

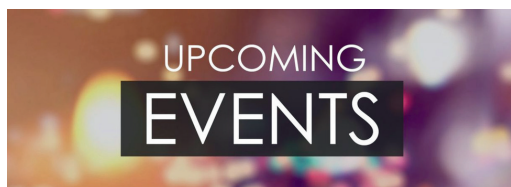


Community Blood Drive

Our next American Red Cross blood drive is Saturday, September 19th at 7:30 AM at Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

Adoration, Benediction & Vespers

Beginning Friday, September 25, 2026, the day after Fulton Sheen's beatification Mass, our Fridays of Adoration will take place at Sacred Heart Church with Eucharistic Adoration beginning after the 8:30 Mass. **Please note that the Friday 7:30 AM Mass at St. Alphonsus Church will be discontinued.*** Adoration will conclude with Benediction at approximately 5:00pm. At 4:30pm we will gather for Vespers (Evening Prayer of the Church) before the Blessed Sacrament. You will be provided with the Liturgy of the Hours for your prayerful participation. We hope and pray the new hours of Adoration and the addition of evening prayer will be enriching for all who gather. May we all strive to deepen our love for Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.



Join the Parish Life Committee!

Do you love bringing people together? The Parish Life Committee is looking for new members to help foster community and friendship within our parish family! We organize casual social events like potlucks and picnics to help everyone feel a true sense of belonging in our faith community. Come see what we are all about! Our next meeting is Monday, September 14th at 6:00 PM in the Conference Room at Sacred Heart Parish Hall (90 Melrose Road). Please note the date change due to the Labor Day holiday. Everyone is welcome—we can't wait to see you there!

Special Needs Dance Come ready to dance and have fun! We are once again hosting a special evening of fun, fellowship, and celebration in Sacred Heart Hall on Friday, September 25th, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Enjoy a night featuring:

- Live DJ & Dancing
- Pizza, Soda & Water
- Special Gifts for all our guests!

Admission is free and everyone is welcome. We can't wait to see you on the dance floor!

Celebrate Mass & Fellowship: First Friday at Sacred Heart Come experience the warmth, faith, and community of our First Friday gatherings! Join us for our next First Friday Mass on Friday, October 2nd, 2026, at 11:30 AM in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. A light luncheon will follow immediately after Mass. If you have never attended before, this is the perfect opportunity to see what the fun, faith, and fellowship are all about. All are welcome—bring a friend!

RADA Catalogs for our Parish Life Fundraising are available in the vestibule of each of our Churches. Instructions for placing online orders are printed right on the front of every catalog. If you have any difficulty ordering or have questions, please reach out to:

- Karen Mahoney: 315-515-3151
- Missy Deyneka: 315-246-8945

Grades K-7 & Confirmation Year 1 and Year 2 A New Year of Growing in Christ!

Faith Formation 2026–2027 Begins September 20!

Whether your family is returning, brand new, or coming back after some time away, our parish cluster is overjoyed to partner with you. Our hope is that this new season draws every child and teen closer to Jesus, deepens prayer, and strengthens our community in love.

- **Registration:** Open now for the upcoming youth ministry and formation year.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** We are actively looking for catechists and helpers to share the faith.
- **Contact:** For class times, questions, or to register, please contact Ana Haff, Director of Faith Formation, at ana.haff@dor.org.



Do you like to sing? Our choir will be starting back up soon and all are invited to join. Practice is on Thursday evenings at Sacred Heart at 5:30pm. Anyone from our parishes are invited to join and all are welcome. For information call Tom Techman at 315-252-7271 Ext. 208

Sunday Obligation It is all too easy to find some reason not to go to Mass. All of us 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 do not ever thank the Lord enough for the gift He has given us in the Eucharist! It is a 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~

We would like to thank
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Our Weekly Bulletin

September 13, 2026
Exploring the Catholic Faith Through OCIA



Exploring the Catholic Faith Through OCIA

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a welcoming process for adults who desire to learn about Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church.

OCIA is more than a class. It is a gradual journey of prayer, reflection, Scripture, community, and spiritual formation. Through this process, participants are invited to grow in faith and discern God's call in their lives.

Those preparing for full initiation ordinarily receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, often at the Easter Vigil. These sacraments unite us more fully with Christ and with the Church.

The journey includes several stages:

- Inquiry and welcome: exploring questions about faith and the Church.
- Catechumenate: deeper formation in Catholic teaching and Christian living.
- Purification and Enlightenment: an especially prayerful period of preparation, traditionally during Lent.
- Mystagogy: continuing to reflect on the sacraments and living as a member of the Catholic community after Easter.

You do not need to have all the answers before beginning. Questions, doubts, and curiosity are welcome. Parishioners are also encouraged to accompany participants through prayer, friendship, and faithful example, since Christian initiation takes place within the life of the whole Church community.

Here are seven possible reasons to join OCIA:

1. You're marrying a Catholic. Sharing and practicing your faith together is a great foundation for married life.
2. You're already married to a Catholic and your kids are being raised Catholic. It's natural to want to feel a closer bond by sharing in the sacramental experiences of those you love.
3. Your children are learning about the Catholic faith. You just want to learn more about this Catholic tradition of faith, still not sure you ever want to become Catholic.
4. You've lived in a "Catholic world" all your life so much so that many people assume you already are Catholic. You'd like to find out if you are closer than you think in mind and heart.
5. You don't know much about Catholicism, but you have a friend or neighbor who has inspired you to want to learn more about it. With no strings attached, this is a wonderful way to check things out.
6. You have suffered through personal loss or personal struggles. You are seeking ways to deepen your spiritual life by checking out the Catholic life of faith.
7. You don't know why, but you feel something urging you to the Catholic Church. It's probably the Holy Spirit, so it is a good idea to listen up!

If any of these reasons stirs your heart, do not hesitate to contact us.

For more information about OCIA, contact Ana Haff at ana.haff@dor.org.

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF September 13, 2026

Saturday, September 12, 2026

4:00 pm Sacred Heart

+*Joh Farrell* by Mary
+*Ann Mulvey* by Peter & Barbara Mulvey
+*Nancy Castellano* by Bereavement Ministry

4:30 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Maureen, John & Anne Burns* by Tim & Marsha
+*Ann Caci & Don & Bill McConnell*
by Theresa Powers

Sunday, September 13, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*Leo McGinn* by Family
+*David Welch* by Family

9:00 am St. Ann

+*Bill Stinson* by Richard White
+*Anna Flanigan* by The Flanigan Family

10:30 am St. Alphonsus

+*Matthew Salemi* by Maria & MaryEllen
+*Margery Klock Connell* by Family

11:00 am Sacred Heart

+*Patricia Ault* by Bereavement Ministry
+*Ed Galka* by Jean Marino

5:00 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Mary E. Forshee*
by Kathy Murray & Maureen Dykoschak
+*Daniel Kerstetter* by Family

Monday, September 14, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*John Farrell*
by Ellen, Mary Ellen, Doug & Katie Dello Stritto

9:00 am St. Alphonsus

+*Letizia Magats* by Estate

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*Jama Kessler* by The Jorgensen Family
+*Meg Sullivan-Stroko* by Mom & Dad

12:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Samantha Whitaker* by The Gray Family

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

12:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+*The Deceased Members of the Pelc Family*

Thursday, September 17, 2026

5:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Jim Campbell* by Joe & Gail Sullivan

Friday, September 18, 2026

7:30 am St. Alphonsus

+*For the People of Our Parish*

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*Mary Ann Darrow* by The Nicpon Family
+*Ellen Wiggins* by Bereavement Ministry

Saturday, September 19, 2026

4:00 pm Sacred Heart

+*Jama Kessler* by Barbara Hartnett & Family
+*Paul Castellano* by Family
+*Leonard Kinsella* by Joe & Nancy Kinsella

4:30 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Barbara Latanyshyn* by Mary Klonowski
+*Adele Giacalone* by Josephine Graceffo

Sunday, September 20, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*Barbara Wallace* by Family
+*Robert Brown* by Dan & Nadine Szozda

9:00 am St. Ann

+*For the People of Our Parishes*

10:30 am St. Alphonsus

+*Joseph & John Carberry* by Family

11:00 am Sacred Heart

+*Jim Beer* by Family
+*Patrick Penafeather* by Family

5:00 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Tom & Nick Diego* by Family
+*Samantha Whitaker* by Carolyn Halsey

**The Memorial Candles
The Week of September 13, 2026**

Sacred Heart Church

Tabernacle Candle

Leo McGinn

by Family

St. Alphonsus Church

Tabernacle Candle

Poor Souls in Purgatory

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Margery Klock Connell

For those who Have Recently Died

Joyce Sullivan

Eternal rest grant

unto them. O Lord;

and let perpetual light

shine upon them.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK — In the parable of the unforgiving servant, Jesus teaches Peter the importance of forgiving others from the heart. How do you know your forgiveness of others is sincere?

Fr. Greg Boyle, Jesuit priest and 2024 Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient, is coming to Auburn Public Theater on October 4th to share his inspiring life's mission. As pastor of Dolores Mission Church in Los Angeles from 1986 to 1992—the city's poorest Catholic parish facing intense gang violence—Fr. Boyle answered heartbreak with radical love: treating gang members as human beings. In 1992, he founded Homeboy Industries (and later Homegirl Café), now the largest gang intervention, rehabilitation, and re-entry program in the world, serving around 10,000 men and women every year with job training and an "exit ramp" from violence. The bestselling author of *Tattoos on the Heart* (2010), Fr. Boyle will also discuss themes from his newest work, *Cherished Belonging: The Healing Power of Love in Divided Times* (2024).

Tickets to hear Fr. Greg Boyle at Auburn Public Theater on October 4th can be purchased at this website:

<https://events.seatfun.com/f.e/speaker-father-greg-boyle-at-auburn-public-theater>

Pope Leo's Intention for September For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Pray for Vocations On April 4, 1967, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen wrote a letter to the faithful of the Diocese of Rochester, in which he said: "Vocations are dwindling. We leave to others to seek out the causes of the decline. What is important is not to analyze chemistry of the waters which flood the sinking ship of vocations, but to refloat it. Today a thousand devices are used to instill vocations, such as deluging our youths with letters, pamphlets and appeals. But Our Lord gave only one way- and that way was prayer. It may be a little disappointing to us that the solution to the problem of vocations is so simple, when we thought it was public relations, pictures of novices playing tennis and smiling like Hollywood teenagers. We have been inclined to follow every human resource before we come to what seems to be that "unpractical one of prayer." We are not face to face with a decline in vocations, but rather with a decrease in prayer. This is where we must begin." What Bishop Sheen wrote almost sixty years ago is true today. And so, I humbly beg you, pray for vocations. I ask every person in the Diocese of Rochester to pray one Hail Mary everyday for vocations, and to add Bishop Sheen's prayer from his letter: "Lord, infuse young hearts with vocations." What a great thing if we all unite in this common prayer, and what a great thing to ask Blessed Fulton Sheen, the Sixth Bishop of Rochester to pray for.

~The Most Reverend John S. Bonnici Bishop of Rochester from his letter dated August 20, 2026

Bl. Solanus Casey Doorway Ministry is our local parishioner assistance ministry helping individuals, couples and families deal with spiritual, emotional, and practical concerns impacting their overall wellbeing. The ministry also provides spiritual guidance and resources to those looking to become more intentional in their discipleship. The confidential service is free and provided by Deacon Dennis Donahue, a NYS licensed mental health counselor. To learn more or to schedule an initial phone consult; text or voicemail Dcn. Dennis at 315-406-1538.

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 or email nancy.kavanagh@dor.org or stop in the parish office.

September 13, 2026

Remember our Sick: Deb Cartner, David & Mary Foster, Kelly Pines, Lonnie & Barbie Kiesenger, Sandra Ward, Sara Fitzpatrick, Julie Boyd, Richard Burns, Bobby Boucher, Pat Allen, Heidi, Frank D., Johnny Coop, Kevin Jessie, Kathryn Lane, Eleanor Hudo, Patricia Ricci, Anthony Alberici, Evelyn Gagliano, Carl Jr. & Cheryl Moore Festa, Tim Grazsko, Jamie Mazza, Pat, Jim Podolak, Mary Manuel, Olivia, 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, 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: Ella Callahan 2nd Lt. USMC, Major Mark Doherty US Army, 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."