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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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GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 27, 2026

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 21:28-32

This Sunday, Jesus tells a short, uncomfortable story. A father asks two sons to go work in the vineyard. One says no but later goes. The other says yes but never shows up. It is a parable so simple, we almost miss how sharp it is. Jesus is clear about who it is for. This is not aimed at pagans or outsiders. It is aimed squarely at religious people, people who know the right words and sound obedient.

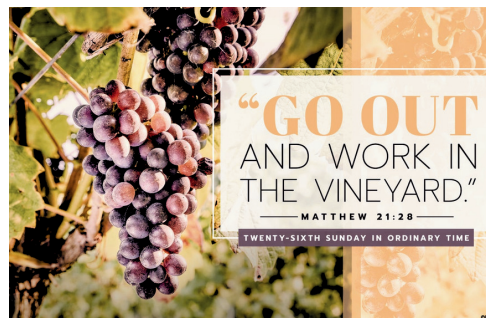
Jesus is not condemning unbelief so much as disobedience. The polite hypocrisy that says the right things while quietly resisting the Father's will. St. John Chrysostom put it bluntly, "Not words, but deeds, are what God requires. Nothing so exasperates Him as insincere obedience, while nothing so delights Him as repentance."

Every disciple must face that mirror. Do I publicly profess faith in Christ while privately resisting what He asks of me? It is easy to say, I believe in God in my heart. But if faith never becomes action, it slowly becomes an illusion.

Jesus does not expose hypocrisy to shame us. He reveals it to heal us. He wants our hearts and our deeds to speak the same word, to let our yes truly mean yes. Like the second son who initially refused but afterwards changed his mind and went, Jesus invites us to step into the Father's will, however late, however imperfectly.

Challenge: Where are your public faith and private obedience divided? Where do you say, I will go, but never enter the vineyard? Go, get to work, even if it is late. The Father's vineyard is still open.

— Father John Muir
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Financial Stewardship for September 20, 2026

Sacred Heart Church

Regular Collection \$5626.00

St. Alphonsus Church

Regular Collection \$3649.00

St. Ann Church

Regular Collection \$2036.00

*Thank you for your continued generosity.
Your gifts help sustain our ministries
and bless our community.*

Respect Life Month:

Diocesan Holy Hour & Rosary for Life

As a Diocesan Family celebrating October as Respect Life Month, Fr. Stephen and Deacon John will lead a “*Holy Hour and Rosary for Life*” on Saturday, October 3rd from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM at Sacred Heart Church on Melrose Rd.

Simultaneously, Bishop Bonnici will lead a “*Holy Hour and Rosary*” at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester. May our united prayers become a powerful witness of hope and a visible sign of our communion as one diocesan Church. All are warmly invited to attend and pray with us.

Welcome to our newly baptized

Jack Matthew Tabone and

Eleanor Louise Schleicher

baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May the grace of this Sacrament bear abundant fruit in their lives, leading them and their families to profess the Catholic faith and participate fully in the life and mission of the Church.

Beginning Friday, September 25, 2026—the day following Bishop Fulton Sheen's Beatification Mass—our parish will transition to a new pFriday schedule. Please note that the regular 7:30 a.m. Mass at St. Alphonsus Church is discontinued and will no longer take place. Instead, every Friday at Sacred Heart Church, a weekly day of devotion will begin with the 8:30 a.m. Mass, followed immediately by Eucharistic Adoration. The Blessed Sacrament will remain exposed throughout the day, featuring Vespers (Evening Prayer) at 4:30 p.m. (with prayer books provided) and concluding with Benediction at approximately 5:00 p.m. We hope these new weekly hours of Adoration and the addition of Vespers bring peace to your spiritual life and draw you closer to Jesus in the Eucharist.

The “**Pack the Pantry**” item for the week of **September 26/27**-Boxes/Canisters of Oatmeal

October 3/4-Cake Mixes

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.



Who ? What ? When ? Where ?

Parents may enjoy 15 minutes of adoration while children have a preparation activity. After which, they will join in the church to visit with God for the amount of time appropriate for them and their family. Guided by Catechist Dana Brabant. Children 3 + up

3rd Friday of the Month

9:30 AM

Sacred Heart Church

Auburn, NY

Text or call Dana

RSVP 315-212-5123



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!

Parish Life will be hosting a Coffee Hour on Sunday, October 4th, right after the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Alphonsus Church. Join us in the narthex for light refreshments, a little conversation, and a chance to connect with one another before heading into the new week.

Join us for our next meeting on November 2nd at 6:00pm. We'd love to meet you and share how you can get involved. The Parish Life Committee plans and hosts social events such as potlucks, picnics, and other activities that bring parishioners together.

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

Celebrating Priesthood Sunday

This weekend, our parish family joins communities across the country to observe Priesthood Sunday. This special day honors the central role of the priesthood in the life of the Church and allows us to express our deepest gratitude to the men who bring us the sacraments.

"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus," wrote St. John Vianney. We invite you to keep all our parish priests in your prayers in a special way this week. Let us sustain our shepherds with our love, our prayers, and our gratitude!

Calendar of Events

Week of September 27, 2026

Sunday, September 27, 2026

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

11:00am(SH) Y1 Confirmation

1:00pm(SH) Y2 Confirmation

Monday, September 28, 2026

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

11:40(SA) Rosary

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

6:00pm (SH) OCIA

Thursday, October 1, 2026

4:40pm(SA) Rosary

Friday, October 2, 2026

11:30am(SH) First Friday Mass & Luncheon

6:00pm(SH) Christus Vivit

Saturday, October 3, 2026

3:40pm(SA) Rosary

Sunday, October 4, 2026

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

11:00am(SH) Y1 Confirmation

1:00pm(SH) Y2 Confirmation

Blessed Fulton Sheen Relic Tour coming to our Region! We are blessed to welcome the Blessed Fulton Sheen Relic Tour to the Diocese of Rochester this October, presided over by Bishop Bonnici. Each tour stop will host an Evening Prayer service beginning at 7:00 p.m. Parishioners are particularly encouraged to attend the closest regional stop on Thursday, October 1, 2026, at St. Stephen Church in Geneva. If you are unable to make that date, the tour will also visit these locations throughout the month:

- Wednesday, October 7, 2026: St. John the Evangelist Parish, Spencerport
- Tuesday, October 13, 2026: St. Mary, Geneseo
- Wednesday, October 28, 2026: St. Joseph, Penfield

Come and experience this beautiful opportunity for prayer, reflection, and veneration right here in our community!

We would like to thank
Farrell's Funeral Service
315-252-7544

For Sponsoring an Ad In
Our Weekly Bulletin

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 27, 2026



SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

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Visit CatholicMom.com for more resources for you and your family
"The Family That Prays Together, Stays Together." - Venerable Patrick Peyton

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Saturday, September 26, 2026

4:00 pm Sacred Heart

+*June & Lynn Bevier* by Family
+*Patricia Bialaszewski* by Deacon John & Carole
+*Harland Wood* by Ann Maher & Family

4:30 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Pat Cinotti* by Family
+*Larry Thomas* by Fr. Peter Clifford

Sunday, September 27, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*Father Jim Enright* by Bereavement Ministry
+*Marlene White* by Richard White

9:00 am St. Ann

+*Stanley Dec* by Family

10:30 am St. Alphonsus

+*For the People of Our Parishes*

11:00 am Sacred Heart

+*Nancy McMahon* by Family
+*Angelina "Angie" Giancola*
by Adele, Patty & Elaine Giacalone
+*Robert Brown* by Louise Kirwin

5:00 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Becky Wisniewski*
by Richard, Maria, John & Joey White
+*James Campbell* by Tom & Sherry Cuff

Monday, September 28, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*John Mckeen* by Family
+*Ted Fennessy* by Carol

12:15pm St. Alphonsus

+*Alan Wilson* by Family

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*Albert & Frances Bayus* by Karen

12:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Healing of Anthony Lanni*
by Dr. Phillip & Cath Gioia
+*Samantha Whitaker*
by Sandy & Glenn Jorgensen

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

12:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+*SanDee Simmons* by Deacon John & Carole

Thursday, October 1, 2026

5:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Don Lukins* by Family

Friday, October 2, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*Carmella Ruscio* by Family

11:30am Sacred Heart

+*David Festa* by Joyce & Anthony Barbara

Saturday, October 3, 2026

4:00 pm Sacred Heart

+*Gino Alberici* by Family
+*Joseph Augustine, Jr.* by Thomas
+*Becky & Ray Wisniewski* by Virginia Fitzpatrick

4:30 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Jim Campbell* by Gloria Alano
+*Rick McLleeven* by Joe & Susan Rusinko

Sunday, October 4, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*Joseph Saville* by Bereavement Ministry
+*Nancy Westover* by The Breakfast Club
+*Bill Rabuano* by Dad, Mom, Brian & Julie

9:00 am St. Ann

+*Anna Flanigan* by Mary Szozda

10:30 am St. Alphonsus

+*James Campbell* by Sherrie Spurgeon
+*The 35th Wedding Anniversary*
of Ed & Kelly Pines

11:00 am Sacred Heart

+*Jerry Oliver* by Family
+*Gregory Redmond* by Family
+*Stevens & Redmond Families* by Family

5:00 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Michael & Marion Regets* by Family

**The Memorial Candles
The Week of September 27, 2026**

Sacred Heart Church

Tabernacle Candle

Gino Alberici
by Family

St. Alphonsus Church

Tabernacle Candle

Raymond LaDue
by Mariellen

St. Joseph Candle

Don Lukins
by Family

For those who Have Recently Died

Carolyn Steigerwald

Thomas Dannan

Alice Downing

Marilyn Holzhauer

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

Public Rosary Rally “Jesus wishes to establish devotion to my Immaculate Heart in the World.” Join us as we gather together to honor Mother Mary and pray the rosary in commemoration of the 109th Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun (October 15th, 1917) on Saturday, October 10th at 12:00pm at St. Francis Church (outside shrine). (Rain or Shine)
“Finally My Immaculate Heart Will Triumph”
~Our Lady of Fatima

The Order of Martha at St. Alphonsus is looking for volunteers to assist in caring for our church’s sacred spaces. If you have a heart for service and can spare just one hour a week, we would love your help on Saturday mornings from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM in caring for the altar, candles, flowers, and holy water, along with light housekeeping. We are also looking for volunteers to assist with washing and ironing altar linens. This is done on a rotating schedule just four times a year (for one month at a time) by a dedicated team of four volunteers. This is a beautiful, quiet way to offer stewardship and support the liturgical life of our parish. For more information, please contact Judy Boedicker at 315-252-7966.

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! The money raised supports those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it’s not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click “How to Give” under “Resources.”

**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.

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 27, 2026

Pray for Vocations In a 1967 letter to our diocese, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen reminded us that the ultimate solution to declining vocations is prayer, writing, "We are not face to face with a decline in vocations, but rather with a decrease in prayer." All faithful in the Diocese of Rochester are humbly asked to unite daily in praying one Hail Mary for vocations, adding Bishop Sheen’s powerful words: "Lord, infuse young hearts with vocations." Please join us in asking for his intercession to inspire our next generation of priests, deacons, and religious.

C.I.A.O. (Cultural Italian American Organization) will hold its annual Christopher Columbus Recognition Dinner on Sunday, October 11, 2026, at Springside Inn in Auburn. This year’s honoree is Dr. Paul Fallon, D.D.S., a longtime supporter of C.I.A.O. and Catholic education. The evening will also include special recognition for CIAO member Bruno Ruscio, a World War II veteran who served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in the South Pacific and will soon celebrate his 100th birthday. Cocktails begin at 5:00 p.m., followed by a family-style dinner. Tickets are \$55 per person, with reservations required by October 4. Checks payable to CIAO may be mailed to P.O. Box 1005, Auburn, NY. To reserve, call Jo Anne Charles at 315-253-2981 or email lynda@cayugacountyciao.org.

Have you ever felt called to walk in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi? The Secular Franciscan 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, September 27. For more information, contact Bernie Tomasso at 315-246-3440 or olasfoauburn@gmail.com.

Remember our Sick: Kelly Pines, David & Mary Foster, Lonnie & Barbie Kiesenger, Sandra Ward, Sara Fitzpatrick, Julie Boyd, Heidi, Richard Burns, Bobby Boucher, Pat Allen, Frank D., Johnny Coop, Kevin Jessie, Kathryn Lane, Pat, Eleanor Hudo, Anthony Alberici, Evelyn Gagliano, Carl Jr. & Cheryl Moore Festa, Tim Grazsko, Olivia, Jamie Mazza, Jim Podolak, Mary Manuel, Kathleen, Bruce, Marilyn Castiglione, Allyza, John Salva, Stacy, Danielle, Lucy Pagano, Kevin & Maryanne Festa Leonard, Cortney Fedyshyn, Briana Dewitt, Dave, Joyce Blowers, John Clark, Cheryl Bellnier, Colleen Pinckney, Gloria Cuddy, Tim Daly, Sue Daly, Thomas Didio, 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, 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."