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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

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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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 25, 2026

Purgatory ...

There is a sentence in the New Testament that most Catholics have never noticed — and it explains the one thing our Protestant brethren are certain we invented.

It is written by Saint Paul. Not a pope. Not a medieval council. Paul.

"He will be saved — but only as through fire."

Fourteen words. And nearly every Catholic practice people call "unbiblical" is standing on them.

Paul is writing to the church at Corinth, a young, chaotic, showing-off kind of church, and he uses an image any of them would understand: building on a foundation. The foundation, he says, is Jesus Christ; no one can lay another. But people build on that foundation with different materials. Some build with gold, silver, precious stones. Others build with wood, hay, straw. Then Paul says the Day will test what each person built, and the testing is by fire.

Read his actual words — this is First Corinthians, chapter three:

"If anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw — each one's work will become manifest... because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. If the work survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss — but he himself will be saved, but only as through fire."

Paul is describing a person who is saved — he says it plainly, he himself will be saved. This is not someone going to hell. And yet this saved person passes through a fire that burns away the junk he built with, and he "suffers loss," and comes through it as one escaping through flames.

If he were already perfect, there'd be nothing to burn. And if he were damned, he wouldn't be saved at all. What exactly is this in-between — saved, but not yet clean, passing through a purifying fire on the way in? The Church has a plain name for exactly that state. Being made clean — purified — before you stand in the presence of God.

That's all purgatory has ever meant. Not a second hell. Not a place you might get stuck forever. A purification, for the saved, on the threshold of heaven — because Scripture also says, flatly, that "nothing unclean shall enter" God's presence. Two truths that must both be kept: nothing unclean enters, and yet the saved who are not yet perfectly clean are still saved. Paul's fire is where those two truths meet.

Now put a second passage next to it — and this is the one that got the whole idea labeled an invention.

In the second book of Maccabees, there's a battle. Some Jewish soldiers fall, and afterward it's discovered they'd been carrying forbidden tokens.

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Financial Stewardship for October 18, 2026

Sacred Heart Church
Regular Collection \$5267.00
 St. Alphonsus Church
Regular Collection \$3031.00
 St. Ann Church
Regular Collection \$2464.00

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

Catholic Ministries Appeal

PO Box 6841

Ithaca, NY 14851

Please make checks payable to:
 Catholic Ministries Appeal (*not your parish*)
 Thank you for your continued
 Generosity and Support!

**Catholic Ministries Appeal
 10/19/2026**

	<i>Sacred Heart</i>	<i>St. Alphonsus</i>	<i>St. Ann</i>
Goal	\$50,000	\$36,000	\$11,000
Pledge	\$3620.00	\$3365.00	\$1025.00
Donors	20	18	5

The Catholic Ministries Appeal is at the heart of everything we do. It fuels our ministries and empowers us to share our faith with the world.

THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY is fast approaching, and we are looking for **VOLUNTEERS** to help us fill the baskets and distribute them. How can you help?

- Take a bag home and fill it. It can be dropped off after any Mass or at the food pantry during the week 🧺
- Help prepare Thanksgiving baskets on Saturday, November 21st from 7:30am-10:00am or 10:00am -12:00pm
- We are looking for help to prepare the baskets at 9:00am, followed by delivery at 10:30am
- Help prepare baskets on Monday, November 23rd at 9:00am 🧺

**PLEASE DROP TURKEYS OFF AT THE
 FOOD PANTRY AT
 THE FINGERLAKES MALL**

**ALL THANKSGIVING BAGS SHOULD BE
 RETURNED BY
 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026**

The “**Pack the Pantry**” item for the week of
October 24/25-Cans of Fruit/Fruit Cocktail
October 31/November 1-Cans of Vegetables
 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.

Calendar of Events**Week of October 25, 2026****Sunday, October 25, 2026**

10:00am(SH) Faith Formation

11:00am(SH) Confirmation Y1

1:00pm(SH) Confirmation Y2

Monday, October 26, 2026**Tuesday, October 27, 2026**

10:00am Mass at FLCL

11:40(SA) Rosary

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

5:00pm(SH) Choir Rehearsal

6:00pm (SH) OCIA

Thursday, October 29, 2026

4:40pm(SA) Rosary

5:00pm(SH) Catholic Charities Empty Bowls

Friday, October 30, 2026

9:00am-4:30pm(SH) Adoration

4:30pm(SH) Vespers

5:00pm(SH) Benediction

Saturday, October 31, 2026

3:40pm(SA) Rosary

Sunday, November 1, 2026**All Saint's Day**

10:00am(SH) Faith Formation

11:00am(SH) Confirmation Y1

1:00pm(SH) Confirmation Y2

October 25, 2026



Parish Life will be hosting a Coffee Hour on Sunday, November 1st right after the 8:30 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart. Join us 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 Parish Life 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.

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, November 6, 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

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Their commander, Judas Maccabeus, does something remarkable: he takes up a collection and sends it to the Temple, so that offerings will be made for the men who died. And the text explains why, in a line that has been sitting in the Bible for over two thousand years:

It is a holy and pious thought to pray for the dead, that they might be freed from their sin. Freed from their sin — after death. Prayer, for the dead, so that they may be purified.

There is the root of every Mass you've ever had offered for someone. Every name in the parish book in November. Every "eternal rest grant unto them." It's not a medieval habit that wandered in. A Jewish commander did it two centuries before Christ, and Scripture calls it holy.

This November, when you recall your beloved dead, you'll know you're doing something a commander did on a battlefield twenty-one centuries ago, something Scripture calls holy and pious.

Paul wrote the fire. Maccabees wrote the receipt.

Shalom shalom my sisters and brothers.
Deacon John

PARKING NOTICE AT ST. ANN CHURCH

For the safety of everyone, please ensure all church driveways remain completely clear. High traffic on Route 38A makes visibility difficult, and blocked driveways create a serious hazard. Please utilize the designated parking lots. Thank you! 🚗

Catholic Charities Annual Empty Bowls is Thursday, Oct. 29 at Sacred Heart Church from 5:00pm–7:00pm. \$25 adults/\$10 children under 10. Tickets & Info: Contact Rhonda Zettlemoyer at 315-789-2235, ext. 104 or email

rhonda.zettlemoyer@dor.org, or visit catholiccharitiesfl.org.

Help raise awareness and funds to fight local hunger and food insecurity! Admission includes soup, bread, beverage, dessert, and a commemorative, handmade ceramic bowl crafted by local artists. All proceeds benefit Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes. Please help us help others!

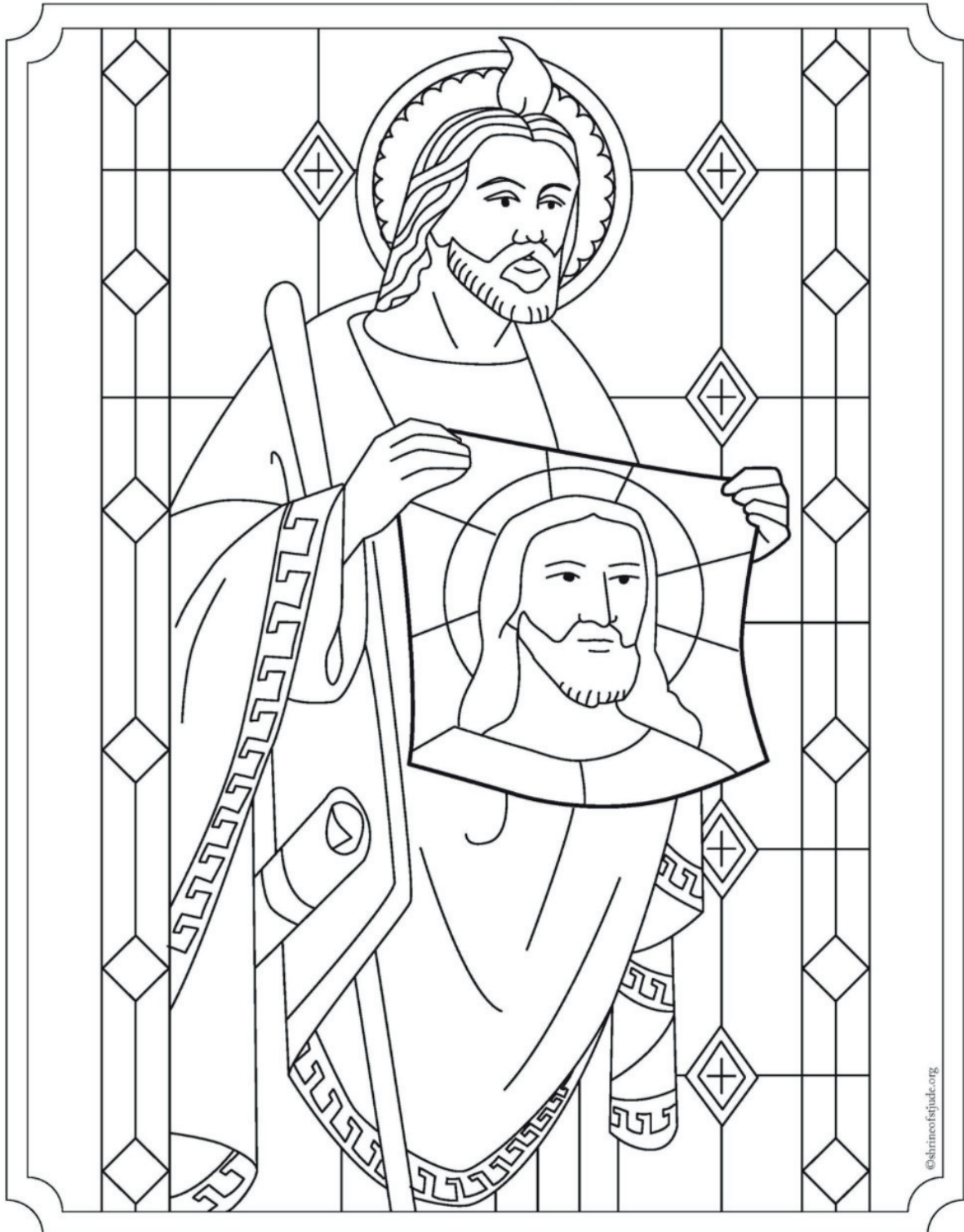
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October 25, 2026

Sunday, October 25, 2026
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25, 2026

Saturday, October 24, 2026

4:00 pm Sacred Heart

+*Madeline & Sandy O'Brien* by Family
+*Jim Beer* by Family
+*Richard & Clara Walsh* by Family

4:30 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Jack Diego* by MaryAnn & Jim LaMay
+*Sue Kavanagh* by Joe & Susan Rusinko
+*Frank Reginelli* by Family

Sunday, October 25, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*Maria Pilipczak* by Ron & Sara Podolak
+*Father Jim Enright* by Louise Kirwin

9:00 am St. Ann

+*Dorothy DeOrio* by Family
+*Susan Kavanagh* by Ron & Sara Podolak

10:30 am St. Alphonsus

+*John & Patricia Gill* by Catherine Andrus
+*Richard Burns* by Sonny, Susan, & Kaylee Chayka

11:00 am Sacred Heart

+*Ann M. Mulvey* by Peter & Barbara Mulvey
+*George & Louise Spinelli &
Deceased Family Members* by Family
+*David Mizro Sr.* by Wife & Family

5:00 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Kathleen Curry* by Patricia Langtry
+*Samantha Whitaker* by Her Sister Liza
+*Joseph Ruscitto* by Kathy & Tom

Monday, October 26, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*Mike Ford* by Family
+*Santa Trinca* by Karen Zamniak

12:15pm St. Alphonsus

+*Adele Giacalone* by Bereavement Ministry

Tuesday, October 27, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*Irene Dec* by The Dec & Derouin Family
+*Joan Brezgel* by The Braubitz Family

12:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Deceased Members of the Rosetti Family*
by Dr. Phillip & Cath Gioia

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

12:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Deceased Members of the Bertolino Family*

Thursday, October 29, 2026

5:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Martin & MaryAnn Riester* by Nancy

Friday, October 30, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*Julia Kalet* by Family
+*John Howland* by Cheri

Saturday, October 31, 2026

4:00 pm Sacred Heart

+*William & Helen Foster* by Family
+*Jean Augustine* by Thomas
+*Ann Mulvey* by Peter & Barbara Mulvey

4:30 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Joseh & Edna McConnell* by Theresa Powers
+*Samantha Whitaker* by Her sisters Liza & Sarah

Sunday, November 1, 2026 All Saint's Day

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*For the People of Our Parishes*

9:00 am St. Ann

+*For the People of Our Parishes*

10:30 am St. Alphonsus

+*For the People of Our Parishes*

11:00 am Sacred Heart

+*For the People of Our Parishes*

5:00 pm St. Alphonsus

+*For the People of Our Parishes*

**The Memorial Candles
The Week of October 25, 2026**

Sacred Heart Church

Tabernacle Candle

Robert Brown

by Ed & Joanne Nash

St. Alphonsus Church

Tabernacle Candle

Denise Kudla Chamberlain

By Ed & Joanne Nash

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle

Deceased Members

of the Fromel Family

by Betty Fromel Festa

For those who Have Recently Died

Mary Gunn

Jean Jetty

Douglas Pike

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



Election Day Ziti Dinner sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will take place on Tuesday, November 3rd, from 4:00pm-7:00pm at St. Joseph Church in Weedsport. Dinners are \$12.00 and include pasta, meatballs, salad, bread and dessert. Children from 6-12 are \$5.00 and 5 and under are free. You may dine-in or take-out. There will also be a 50/50 raffle. Donations of desserts are gladly accepted. Please drop off dessert donations from 1:00pm on of.

Pope Leo's Prayer
 Intentions for October
 Mental Health Ministry
 Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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.

October 25, 2026

Pray for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons.

Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call.

May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Surviving the Holidays, a 90-minute seminar for people facing the holidays after a loved one's death, will be offered Wednesday, November 4th in St. Mary's Church Hall in Auburn at 1:30 pm. The seminar features a video with practical, encouraging advice from counselors, pastors, and widowed men and women, followed by a small-group sharing time. Everyone who attends receives a booklet with tips to assist you in being prepared for surprising emotions that may hit over the holidays, what to do about traditions and other coming changes, how to handle holiday parties and invitations, and how to survive potentially awkward moments with other people. The cost is \$7.00 for the book. To register, contact Bernie Tomasso at 315-246-3440 or berniet8@gmail.com.



Remember our Sick: Marie Coultas, Christine M., Kelly Pines, David & Mary Foster, Lonnie & Barbie Kiesenger, Sandra Ward, Sara Fitzpatrick, Julie Boyd, Heidi, 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, 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 Komanecky, 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."