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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.

Parish Council Members:

Holy Family Church: Helen Delaney,

Liza Kelly, Jeannine Larose

Sacred Heart Church: Pat Collier,

Melissa Deyneka, Kathy Herr

St. Alphonsus Church: Meg Gremli,

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St. Ann Church: Janet Zane

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 23, 2025
3rd Sunday of Lent
John 4:5-42

My childhood best friend was Xander Price. He was the fastest runner in school, an excellent baseball player and Jewish. Though his family wasn't intensely religious, I felt totally at home with them despite our religious differences. Everything about their Judaism seemed to undergird and strengthen my own experience of being a Catholic. I knew they didn't believe in Jesus like my family did, but I intuited somehow that Jesus was "hiding" in their religion. Like a cat moving under a blanket, ready to emerge at any moment, the Lord was hidden there in a special way.

In the Gospel for this third Sunday of Lent, Jesus says, "**For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, for he wrote of me**" (John 5:46). Stunning words, those. Moses wrote about Jesus. The way therefore that we come to know and believe in Jesus is to discover him lurking in Moses' writings. The Hebrew Scripture is the wonderful womb in which Jesus gestates within a host of images: Adam, Isaac, David, Melchizedek, the Temple, sacrificed lambs, prophets and so on. Right now, in your parish's OCIA program, soon-to-be baptized people are carefully studying where Jesus is in the writings of Moses, so that they may believe in him. This works for all of us, too, who wish to deepen our knowledge and love of Jesus.

Lenten challenge: Take some time to prayerfully study one of the images of Jesus listed above in the Old Testament. Identify which one you find compelling and consider why this is so. If you don't know where to start, begin with the prophet Jeremiah as an image of Jesus.

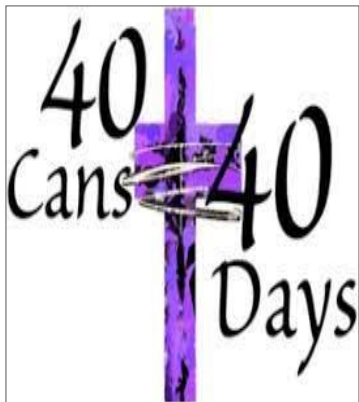
— *Father John Muir*

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*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. ~Pope Francis*

Calendar of Events Week of March 23, 2025

Sunday, March 23, 2025 (SH) 10:00am-11:15am Faith Formation
Monday, March 24, 2025
Tuesday, March 25, 2025 2:30pm-Mass at Boyle Center
Wednesday, March 26, 2025 (SH) 2:00pm-3:00pm Lenten Bible Study
Thursday, March 27, 2025
Friday, March 28, 2025 (SA) 8:00 am-8:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Sacred Heart) 12:00pm & 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 29, 2025
Sunday, March 30, 2025 (SH) 10:00am-11:15am Faith Formation



Date	Cans
03/09/25	631
03/16/25	780
03/23/25	
03/30/25	
04/07/25	
04/14/25	
04/20/25	
TOTAL	1411

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR 03/16/25

Sacred Heart Church
Regular Collection \$3642.00
St. Alphonsus Church
Regular Collection \$3707.00
St. Ann's Church
Regular Collection \$1612.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Memorial Candles Week of March 23, 2025	St. Alphonsus Church Tabernacle Candle <i>Diane Vinciguerra</i> <i>By</i> <i>Ed & Joanne Nash</i>
Sacred Heart Church Tabernacle Candle Walter Dec <i>By</i> The Dec & Derouin Family	

For Those Who Have Recently Died
Josie Nicoella
Joseph Locastro
Santa Catalano

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

The **"Pack the Pantry"** item for the week of
March 22/23—**Boxes or Canisters of Oatmeal**
March 29/30—**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
(SAVANNAH BANK ENTRANCE)
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!

Ministry Schedule for March 29/30

Saturday
4:00 pm (SH) L: K. Sargent **EM:** S. DeLuca;
P. Messina; M. Deyneka **S:** P. Messina

4:30 pm (SA) L: C. Mellor **EM:** C. & S. Mellor
S: S. Mellor

Sunday
8:30 am (SH) L: P. Ringwood **EM:** G. White
AS: N. Sperduti & C. Casler **S:** S. Marullo

9:00 am (ANN) L: G. Lawson **EM:** M. Tyson
AS: F. DeOrio **S:** S. Podolak

10:30 am (SA) L: J. Robson **EM:** A. Robson;
AS: C. & H. Odrzywolski **S:** E. Frost

11:30 am (SH) L: R. White **EM:** J. & S. Clark;
K. Collier **AS:** E. & A. Collier **S:** J. Clark

5:00 pm (SA) L: C. Gioia **EM:** S. Clink
S: R. White

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday 12:00pm & 7:00pm

March 28th
Sacred Heart Church

April 4th
St. Hyacinth's Church

April 11th
6:00 pm at SS Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church
for the Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts



Parish Life Meetings are the first Monday of every month at 6:00pm at Sacred Heart Church. The meetings are open to all. Our next meeting is Monday, April 7, 2025. Hope to see you there.

Save the date to celebrate! Don't just go to Confession. Celebrate the Sacrament! The Diocesan Day of Penance and Mercy is wonderful opportunity to accept and embrace God's grace. Join us on Wednesday, April 2, for the

Day of Penance and Mercy in the City of Auburn

Individual Confession throughout the day:

- 12:00 to 2:00 pm St. Mary's Church
- 3:00 to 5:00 pm St. Alphonsus Church
- 4:00 to 6:00 pm St. Francis Church
- 6:00 to 8:00 pm Sacred Heart Church

For details visit <https://oec.dor.org/sacraments/penance-and-reconciliation/>.

Why give up something for Lent? Why not consider spending time with the Lord instead? Lent is a time of reflection and renewal, when some people fast, pray, or do good deeds. Eucharistic Adoration is a way to honor Jesus during Lent by spending time in prayer and worship before the Blessed Sacrament. Eucharistic Adoration is every Friday at St. Alphonsus Church beginning with the 7:30am Mass and concluding with Eucharistic Benediction at 8:00pm. Consider bringing your child to Adoration and pray as a family. We ask that you please sign the book when you come in, it will be placed on the right side of the church in front of the Baptismal Font. For more information, please call Nancy in the Parish Office at 315-252-7271 or Pat at 315-406-4238.



The 2025 Book for Mass Intentions is open. We have many Mass Times open throughout the year. Please call 315-252-7271 or stop in during regular office hours to schedule Mass. Office hours are Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:30pm and Friday 8:00am-11:00am.

**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!*

03/17/25	Donors	Pledged	Goal	%
ANN	26	\$10,200	\$12,000	85.00%
SH	145	\$35,450	\$42,000	84.40%
SA	123	\$23,442	\$33,000	70.98%

CASE Training Reminder for All Volunteers In accordance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People promulgated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in 2002 and revised in 2018, volunteers within the Diocese of Rochester and its affiliated entities must complete Creating a Safe Environment (CASE) Training, acknowledge a Volunteer Code of Conduct, and complete a Background Check. Volunteers include, Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir Members (only if youth are in the choir). If you are unsure about any of this, PLEASE call Nancy in the Parish Office @ 315-252-7271 or email nancy.kavanagh@dor.org Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF MARCH 23, 2025
Sacred Heart (SH) * St. Alphonsus (SA) * St. Ann (ANN)

Saturday, March 22, 2025	4:00 pm (SH)	+Teresa Foster <i>by Family</i> +Joanne Lawler <i>by Kristin Edwards & Family</i> +Tom Driscoll <i>by Jim & Tina Farrell</i>
	4:30 pm (SA)	+Joseph J. Janusz <i>by Lorraine & Donald Arliss</i>
Sunday, March 23, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+Michael Lewis <i>by Family</i> +Al Salva <i>by Family</i> +Patrick Dunn <i>by Sister</i>
	9:00 am (ANN)	+For Our Faith Community
	10:30 am (SA)	+The Deceased Members of the Conway & Vivenzio Families <i>by Family</i>
	11:30 am (SH)	+Joanne & Donnie Lawler <i>by The Nicpon Family</i> +Tom Burke <i>by Family</i>
	5:00 pm (SA)	+Special Intention
Monday, March 24, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+Terry Flanigan <i>by Family</i>
	12:15pm (SA)	+Ruth Schell <i>by Estate</i>
Tuesday, March 25, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+Walter Dec <i>by The Dec & Derouin Family</i>
	12:15 pm (SA)	+Don Callanan <i>by Charlie & Sharon Mellor</i>
Wednesday, March 26, 2025	12:15 pm (SA)	+Raymond C., Mabel E., & Mildred Casler <i>by Estate</i>
Thursday, March 27, 2025	5:15 pm (SA)	+Carl & Charlotte Porten <i>by Estate</i>
Friday, March 28, 2025	7:30 am (SA)	+For Our Parish Priests
	8:30 am (SH)	+Maria Pilipczak <i>by Steve & Joanne Montgomery</i>
Saturday, March 29, 2025	4:00 pm (SH)	+Joanne Lawler <i>by Lou Walsh & Family</i> +Tom Patterson <i>by Mary Farrell</i> +Amy Pine <i>by Ron & Marti Milliman</i>
	4:30 pm (SA)	+For our St. Alphonsus Parishioners
Sunday, March 30, 2025	8:30 am (SH)	+Tom Sevier <i>by Bereavement Ministry</i>
	9:00 am (ANN)	+For Our Parish Priests
	10:30 am (SA)	+For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
	11:30 am (SH)	+Phyllis VanGiesen <i>by Bereavement Ministry</i>
	5:00 pm (SA)	+John & Margaret Baron Haney, William F. Haney, Paul Earl Haney & John G. Curran <i>by Estate</i>

Jubilee Pilgrimage to Shrines in Auriesville

Saturday May 17th we have committed to an all-day pilgrimage to the Shrines of the North American Martyrs and St. Kateri Tekakwitha. A bus will be available on a first-come basis by payment of \$10 per seat. Once the bus is filled, we will consider adding another bus if we have commitments to fill that bus as well. If we are not able to get you a seat on a bus you will be informed by May 10th and your check will be returned to you.

Payment is by Check ONLY made out to Tyburn Academy with Pilgrimage noted in the memo area. The check is to be mailed to Dcn. Dennis Donahue 299 Clark St. Auburn NY 13021 or dropped off there during regular office hours.

Those wishing to drive themselves are most welcome to join the Pilgrimage but we ask that you inform Dcn. Dennis 315 406 1538 by May 10th, so we can plan accordingly. Any question please email Dcn. Dennis: Dennis.Donahue@dor.org or Mariellen Androsko: mandrosko3@verizon.net

A LENTEN RETREAT is scheduled for Saturday, March 29, 2025, at St. Francis of Assis Church and Nacca Hall. The retreat leader is Fr. Josph Martuscello assisted by deacon-candidate Peter Sikora, Jr. Fr. Martuscello will help us to reflect on "Suffering with Hope." The day will begin at 8:30 am with Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours followed by Mass at 9:00 am. The Retreat Day will include reflections by Fr. Martuscello, time for private prayer, Stations of the Cross, and Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction. Lunch will be provided. The day will conclude around 2:00 pm. Please contact the parish office at 315-252-7395 to register for this event. This Retreat Day is open to the public and all are welcome!

A Bereavement Group will meet on the third Wednesday of the month from 1:30 to 3:00 pm in Schrader Hall. Each month we discuss a specific topic, usually suggested by the group. There is time for sharing and then a video and discussion time. The topic for March 19 is 'Stuck in Grief' – What it is and how to deal with it. Contact Bernie Tomasso at 315-246-3440 or berniet8@gmail.com.



St. Alphonsus Food Pantry Impact Report from January 1st through December 31st in partnership with the Food Bank of Central New York. We distributed 112,726 pounds of food and 3,703 pounds of household and hygiene items. On average we served 961 individuals monthly, which is determined by the monthly service report, 32,757 pounds USDA pounds distributed, 10,321 donated pounds distributed with a value of \$20,332.37 and 73,351 wholesale pounds distributed \$110, 491 estimated Food Bank support 685 food bank deliveries and 34 Food Bank partners to community partners in Cayuga County. We thank them for their continued partnership with the St. Alphonsus Food Pantry.



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 and say hello.



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St. Alphonsus and St. Ann
Faith Formation Office,
90 Melrose Rd. Auburn, NY 13021 Barbara Quinn,
Coordinator of Faith Formation
Email: Barbara.Quinn@dor.org
Telephone: 315-252-7271 Ext. 204**



March 23, 2025

Why do we give alms during lent?

The word alms comes from the Latin root meaning mercy. We know that mercy is love towards someone who is suffering. Mercy can be given through forgiveness as God gives us mercy or it can be given by working toward the relief of physical and emotional suffering. It can also be exercised by the sharing of a burden. One can only think of the line from one of Father Flanigan's boys, "He ain't heavy...he's my brother."

Almsgiving, along with prayer and fasting, is one of the three traditions of Lent that enables us to follow Christ. Almsgiving allows us to make a sacrifice during Lent while supporting the needy and the work of the Church. CRS Rice Bowls can be found in all of our churches; they are friendly reminders of our Lenten tradition of giving alms. The Catholic Relief Services supports sustainable food in Indonesia, South America, and Africa. A portion of the funds raised are returned to us for use at the St. Alphonsus Food Pantry.

Giving is part of our faith, in scripture we are reminded, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" Acts 20:35. "Prayer with fasting is good. Almsgiving with righteousness is better than wealth with wickedness. It is better to give alms than to store up gold, for almsgiving saves from death, and purges all sin. Those who give alms will enjoy a full life" Tobit 12:8-9.

Giving alms, sharing what we have with those in need, is not just a good idea, something with spiritual benefits — it is our vocation, our moral obligation. Jesus taught us that we are called to give to the needy, to be merciful, and that whatever we do or do not do to even the least among us, we do to him *Mt 25:31-46*.

St. Basil the Great applied this teaching when he wrote, "The bread you do not use is the bread of the hungry. The garment hanging in your wardrobe is the garment of the person who is naked. The shoes you do not wear are the shoes of the one who is barefoot. The money you keep locked away is the money of the poor. The acts of charity you do not perform are the injustices you commit." *Catholic Courier*

Everything we have is from God. Since everything we have is from God, we are nothing without his grace. Almsgiving is a way of passing on the gifts to those in need. Next time you pass the Rice bowl display, consider picking one up and filling it with spare change. We ask that you return it to the collection by Easter. Let this Lent bring you closer to Jesus and strengthen your faith.

God Bless,
Barbara Quinn,
Coordinator of Faith Formation

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Remember our Sick:

Kathleen, Stephen Gauthier,
Leighanne Boni, Kevin & Maryanne
Festa Leonard, Marilyn Castiglione,
John Salva, Patricia Burtless,
Allyza, Danielle, Lucy Pagano,

Bruce, Olivia, Sue, Cortney Fedyshyn, Briana Dewitt,
Joyce Blowers, John Clark, Cheryl Bellnier, Colleen
Pinckney, Pat Gallagher, Gloria Cuddy, Carol Aldrich,
Thomas Didio, Dave, Don & Joan Zeleznik, Mary
Campbell, Stacy, Jonathan Arrowsmith, Lucas Mallory,
Joe Schubach, Mary Warter, Caroline Blowers, Mark
Cole, Sue Daly, Tim Daly, Gina DelPiano, Caleb
Jones, Michael Fronzek, Carter Hergert, Joan
Komaneky, Elizabeth Lane, Frances Lane, Stephen
L. Norris, Siobhan Phillippe, Donna Romano, David
Festa, and those listed in our Book of Petitions. *Please
pray for all of our parishioners in nursing homes,
assisted living, the hospital or homebound.*



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,
LTJG Richard Nelson IV, USN, E4 Adam H. Brooks,
Airman Sarah Pasternak Clark, USAF, Airman Alex
Gonnella, USAF
*Please pray for all who risk their lives for our safety
including police, fire, corrections and military
personnel.*

Prayer List-REMINDER Please let us know of Parishioner changes or those not included on our list. Please email Nancy at nancy.kavanagh@dor.org or call 315-252-7271 to have names added or removed. Thank you!

Bulletin: If you know someone who can no longer attend Mass but would like to receive a bulletin, please call the parish office to be put on the bulletin mailing list.