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Sacred Heart: Saturday 3:00pm

St. Alphonsus: Saturday 3:30pm

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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

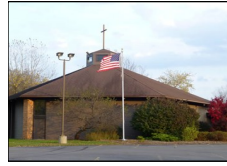
**Sacred Heart Church:** Pat Collier,

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**St. Alphonsus Church:** Meg Gremli, Karen Odrzywolski

**St. Ann Church:** Janet Zane

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### Fourth Sunday of Lent March 30, 2025

At critical times throughout Salvation History, God's people have been invited to consecrate themselves. We are at one of those critical times in history, and consecrating ourselves, our families, our country, and indeed, the whole world to the Eucharist may make all the difference.

With Lent being a time of introspection, beginning with fasting and carrying on through alms giving, why not include fasting from anger, judgmentality, cruelty, selfishness, and fear? Alms can most certainly include (and should) increasing my collection contribution, responding positively to requests from bona fide charities, but can also include helping someone physically, from holding doors open for the next person to allowing someone in line (or allowing them to pass safely.)

What about charity to oneself? Are you making the most of every opportunity to celebrate Reconciliation, to receive the Eucharist, to encourage others (particularly family) to do the same? Do you know someone no longer coming to Mass, encourage them to return, their family misses them! While those reading this article in the bulletin are probably doing these, or at least most of these things, are we encouraging others to do so as well?

Lent is the perfect time to take stock of ourselves and make a prayerful effort to work with Grace to effect changes in our spiritual as well as our physical lives.

Shalom Shalom, my sisters and brothers,  
Deacon John

Accept the invitation during this Jubilee Year! Join the Diocese of Rochester to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Find prayers and information about the Sacrament at <https://oec.dor.org/sacraments/penance-and-reconciliation/>.

### Day of Penance and Mercy in the City of Auburn Wednesday, April 2, 2025

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

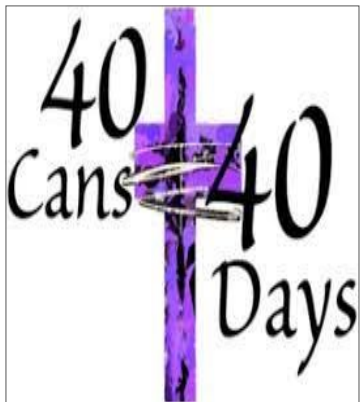
We look forward to celebrating with you.

*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 30, 2025**

<b>Sunday, March 30, 2025</b> (SH) 10:00am-11:15am Faith Formation
<b>Monday, March 31, 2025</b>
<b>Tuesday, April 1, 2025</b>
<b>Wednesday, April 2, 2025</b> Day of Penance and Mercy (Schedule on cover)
<b>Thursday, April 3, 2025</b>
<b>Friday, April 4, 2025</b> (SA) 8:00 am-8:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration (St. Hyacinth's) 12:00pm & 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday, April 5, 2025</b>
<b>Sunday, April 6, 2025</b> (SH) 10:00am-11:15am Faith Formation-Last Class



Date	Cans
03/09/25	631
03/16/25	780
03/23/25	693
03/30/25	
04/07/25	
04/14/25	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2104</b>

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR 03/23/25**

**Sacred Heart Church**  
Regular Collection \$4537.00  
**St. Alphonsus Church**  
Regular Collection \$3182.00  
**St. Ann's Church**  
Regular Collection \$929.00

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

**Memorial Candles  
Week of  
March 30, 2025**

<b>Sacred Heart Church Tabernacle Candle</b> William & Frances Keller by Daughter Mary & Richard Palazzoli by his Wife Mary	<b>St. Alphonsus Church Tabernacle Candle</b> The Borza, Guido, & Moschetti Families By Nancy
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For Those Who Have Recently Died  
**James Reilley**

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

The "Pack the Pantry" item for the week of  
March 29/30—**Cake Mixes**  
April 5/6—**Cans of Frosting**

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 April 5/6**

**Saturday**  
**4:00 pm (SH) L:** Confirmation **EM:** L. Carr;  
S. DeLuca; D. Mason **S:** P. Messina

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

**Sunday**  
**8:30 am (SH) L:** A. Haff **EM:** D. Pinckney  
**AS:** N. Sperduti & C. Casler **S:** S. Marullo

**9:00 am (ANN) L:** G. Lawson **EM:** S. Podolak  
**S:** S. Podolak

**10:30 am (SA) L:** M. Mendzef **EM:** M. & P. Skomsky  
**AS:** C. & H. Odrzywolski **S:** E. Frost

**11:30 am (SH) L:** L. Miller **EM:** J. & S. Clark;  
K. Moran **AS:** N. Sperduti; N. & C. Crawford  
**S:** J. Clark

**5:00 pm (SA) L:** D. Balloni **EM:** K. Mahoney  
**S:** C. Mellor

**Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday 12:00pm & 7:00pm

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

**Communal Penance Service**

Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's

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

**Reminder St. Alphonsus Church has 5:00pm Mass every Sunday and all are invited to join us in prayer and thanksgiving.**

**The 2025 Book for Mass Intentions** is open. 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!*

03/24/25	Donors	Pledged	Goal	%
ANN	26	\$10,200	\$12,000	85.00%
SH	146	\$35,850	\$42,000	85.36%
SA	127	\$23,747	\$33,000	71.96%



**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.

First Fridays will resume on May 2nd with Mass at 11:30am and a light luncheon to follow. If you have not attended a First Friday as of yet, please join us and see what the fun and fellowship is all about!!!

Volunteers will be acknowledged at the Parish Picnic this year as Easter is so late in April! The Picnic will take place in September.

The Garage Sale has been our biggest fundraiser for years providing for the events we hold. St. Alphonsus held Garage Sales in the Parish Center and after we became a Cluster, we continued the tradition. However, with the sale of the school we no longer have a place to hold them.

If anyone knows of or has a location that would be large enough to hold the sale, with the following requirements, please contact either Karen Mahoney at 315-515-3151 or Jeanette Richardson at 315-784-5534.

The space needs to be at least as large as a gymnasium, we would need it for 7-8 weeks in late June to August 2025 and hopefully yearly.

**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 but are not limited to Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir Members (only if youth are in the choir).

**I will be emailing all those who need to be recertified for CASE Training in the next few weeks.**

*As always I thank you for your continued ministry to our faith community.*

<b>MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF MARCH 30, 2025</b> <b>Sacred Heart (SH) * St. Alphonsus (SA) * St. Ann (ANN)</b>		
<b>Saturday, March 29, 2025</b>	4:00 pm (SH)	+Joanne Lawler <i>by Lou Walsh &amp; Family</i> +Tom Patterson <i>by Mary Farrell</i> +Amy Pine <i>by Ron &amp; Marti Milliman</i>
	4:30 pm (SA)	+For our St. Alphonsus Parishioners
<b>Sunday, March 30, 2025</b>	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>
<b>Monday, March 31, 2025</b>	8:30 am (SH)	+James "Robbie" Robinson <i>by Family</i>
	12:15pm (SA)	+Juliet Byrne <i>by Bereavement Ministry</i>
<b>Tuesday, April 1, 2025</b>	8:30 am (SH)	+Josephine Coleman <i>by Pat Keogan</i>
	12:15 pm (SA)	+Pope Francis
<b>Wednesday, April 2, 2025</b>	12:15 pm (SA)	+Rita Morabito <i>by Family</i>
<b>Thursday, April 3, 2025</b>	5:15 pm (SA)	+Judith A. Janusz <i>by Lorraine &amp; Donald Arliss</i>
<b>Friday, April 4, 2025</b>	7:30 am (SA)	+Patty Sincebaugh <i>by Family</i>
	8:30 am (SH)	+Carmella Ruscio <i>by Family</i> +Mary & Bert Clark <i>by Family</i>
<b>Saturday, April 5, 2025</b>	4:00 pm (SH)	+Thomas Patterson <i>by Parish Staff</i>
	4:30 pm (SA)	+Ruth Barry <i>by Estate</i>
<b>Sunday, April 6, 2025</b>	8:30 am (SH)	+Tom Driscoll <i>by Karen Driscoll &amp; John Kennedy</i>
	9:00 am (ANN)	+Special Intention
	10:30 am (SA)	+Alan Wilson <i>by Family</i>
	11:30 am (SH)	+Sam Emmi <i>by Family</i>
	5:00 pm (SA)	+Louise, Joseph & Danny Ciao & Josephine & Anthony Ragusa <i>by Estate</i>

**Intentions of the Holy Father Pope Francis  
For March  
For Families in Crisis**

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



**“Oh, Come Let us Adore Him”**

Eucharistic adoration is a Catholic practice of spending time in prayer and devotion before the Blessed Sacrament (the consecrated Eucharist) to worship God, who is present in the Eucharist. It's a way to deepen one's relationship with Jesus Christ and to receive spiritual strength and nourishment. You can pray in any way you choose, bringing your needs, desires, and gratitude to Jesus.

Eucharistic Adoration is every Friday at St. Alphonsus Church beginning with the 7:30am morning Mass concluding with Eucharistic Benediction at 8:00pm. All are invited to spend quiet time alone with the Blessed Sacrament or would you like to be a Eucharistic Adoration Guardian for one hour a week? For more information, please call Nancy in the Parish Office at 315-252-7271 or Pat at 315-406-4238.



**Pope Francis** has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few. The pandemic had hit Christians in the Holy Land hard. Most of them depend on pilgrims for work. The war made their situation even more dire. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous! Thank you.

**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](mailto:berniet8@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:Dennis.Donahue@dor.org) or Mariellen Androsko: [mandrosko3@verizon.net](mailto:mandrosko3@verizon.net)

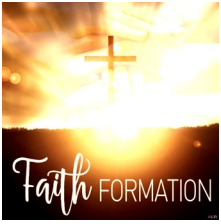
**Jubilee of the Missionaries of Mercy: March 28-30**

**Mercy and Hope: The Heart of the Jubilee** In his reflections to us, the Holy Father highlights that the work of a Missionary of Mercy is fundamentally a work of hope. Each time we extend God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we are proclaiming the victory of grace over sin, healing over wounds, and light over darkness. But hope is not just about consolation; it is also a call to action. The Jubilee Year reminds us that hope must be proclaimed and lived, especially in the face of a world burdened by despair. Pope Francis challenges us saying that for all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. In our mission, we must be missionaries of joy as well as missionaries of mercy. True hope is contagious, it spreads when people encounter the love of God in a tangible, life-changing way. May this Jubilee not only deepen our own faith but also inspire a new wave of mercy in the Church, where every person, no matter their past, knows they have a home in the Father's heart. Let us go forth, as missionaries of mercy and hope, bringing to all the joy of the Gospel and the certainty that, in Christ, hope does not disappoint.

We would like to thank  
Dr. Thomas A. Hogan, D.D.S.  
Dr. Jeffrey J. Graceffo D.M.D.

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March 30, 2025

### Mass, the Ultimate Family Meal

The Mass is a unique and marvelous sacrifice. It is the mystical reality in which Christ's sacrifice on the cross is renewed. The Mass is also a sacred banquet where together as the Church family we fulfill Jesus' command at the Last Supper to "Do this in memory of me." In many ways, the liturgy is similar to (but certainly more than) a family meal. It may help children to think about Mass as a "holy meal."

Before we sit down to eat together as a family, we usually wash up and get ready. That is similar to what we do when we enter the church and bless ourselves with holy water. The holy water is a reminder of our baptism in which we were "washed clean" of sin in order to be able to share the Eucharist.

As families gather around the table, we hear about the important news of the day. We do the same thing at Mass when we listen to the readings, especially the Gospel (the Good News), and say the opening prayers. This helps us prepare our hearts for the rest of the Eucharistic meal.

During the Homily, our priests use the homily to discuss our faith and apply it to our daily lives. Just as we bring the food to table in a family meal, we bring the sacred gifts to the altar.

#### Praying the Lord's

Prayer is a way to connect and serves as "grace." Jesus commanded us to "take and eat." During Communion, we, as an entire Church family, do that when we share the Body of Christ. We all eat the same food, in the same way as families do at home, only this food is nourishment for our souls. We receive the real and true presence of the risen Jesus in the Eucharist, and we look to our eternal life with Christ at the heavenly banquet.

When our family dinner is done, family members leave the table to go onto activities. At Mass, the same thing occurs after the dismissal and final blessing, when we "go forth" to "announce the Gospel of the Lord."

When we look at Mass as sharing a holy meal with our beloved brother Jesus and the rest of our Church family, we can come to understand that it is truly "in the breaking of the bread that we come to know him."

God Bless,  
Barbara Quinn,  
Coordinator of Faith Formation



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on the blue button that says: my  
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rochester:

1. Click on the blue button that says "My parish/school is already registered."
2. Select "Create a New Account"
3. **Find Holy Family/Sacred Heart/St. Ann/St. Alphonsus AUBURN** in the drop-down menu.
4. Fill in required fields
5. Follow directions to start learning!



**Remember our Sick:**

Kathleen, 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 Komanecky, 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](mailto: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.