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**Reconciliation**

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, Karen Odrzywolski

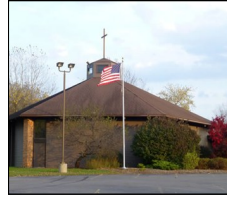
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*First Sunday of Advent*

*December 1, 2024*



**“Oh Come Let us Adore Him”**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is prayerful but sometimes that may even mean praying before the Blessed Sacrament in a wordless way. The Curé of Ars, St. John Vianney, knew a farmer who would spend hours sitting or kneeling before the Blessed Sacrament. The priest asked him, “What do you say to Our Lord in those long visits you pay him every day and many times a day?” to which the farmer replied, “I say nothing to him. I look at him and he looks at me.”

The Catechism\* calls this type of prayer contemplative prayer, and explains how to prepare for it:

*Entering into contemplative prayer is like entering into the eucharistic liturgy: we “gather up” the heart, recollect our whole being under the prompting of the Holy Spirit, abide in the dwelling place of the Lord which we are, awaken our faith in order to enter into the presence of him who awaits us. We let our masks fall and turn our hearts back to the Lord who loves us, so as to hand ourselves over to him as an offering to be purified and transformed (\*2711).*

Peace and Blessings,

Deacon John Tomandl



*See inside bulletin for more details on Adoration*

**Intentions of the Holy Father Pope Francis**

**For December**

**For Pilgrims of Hope**

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith,

helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.



## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR 11/17/24

### Sacred Heart Church

Regular Collection \$5729.00

### St. Alphonsus Church

Regular Collection \$2414.50

### St. Ann's Church

Regular Collection \$1277.00

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

**Due to** the early submission date for the bulletin, there is no weekly report. The information for November 24th will be in next week's bulletin.



### Children's Christmas

#### Pageant

The 2024 Children's Christmas Pageant will take place at St. Alphonsus Church on December 24, during the \*5:00\* PM Mass.

Children ages 4 and

older from our Catholic churches are welcome to participate. The Pageant needs actors and singers for the children's choir. Rehearsal times will be announced shortly. If you have any questions, please contact Karen at: karen.jones1@gmail.com It will be a joyful experience for our Catholic Community!

\*Please note Mass time has changed\*

The "Pack the Pantry" item for the week of November 30/December 1–**Cans of Beans**  
December 7/8–**Cans of Tuna**

PLEASE NOTE: Soup, coffee, tea, juice as well as dish soap, laundry soap, tissues and soap are always needed and appreciated.

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  
9:00am-11:30am  
315-252-0710

All Correspondence should be addressed to:  
St. Alphonsus Food Pantry  
90 Melrose Rd.  
Auburn, NY 13021

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## Ministry Schedule for December 7/8

### Saturday

**4:00pm(SH)** L: D. Cannucciari **EM:** B. Ringwood;  
M. Deyneka; P. Cannucciari **S.** P. Messina  
**4:30pm(SA)** L: D. Balloni **EM:** K. Mahoney; S. Mellor  
**AS:** S. & L. Brabant **S:** C. Mellor

### Sunday

**8:30am(SH)** L: A. Haff **EM:** S. Marullo  
**S:** S. Marullo

**9:00am(ANN)** L: J. Zane **EM:** F. DeOrio  
**AS:** F. Deorio **S:** S. Podolak

**10:30m (SA)** L: M. Mendzef **EM:** E. Frost;  
S. Norton **AS:** C. & H. Odrzywolski **S:** M. Balch

**11:30am (SH)** L: K. Collier **EM:** J. & S. Clark  
**S:** J. Clark

**5:00pm(SA)** L: C. Tomandl **EM:** Deacon John  
**S.** Deacon John

## Calendar of Events Week of December 1, 2024

### Sunday, December 1, 2024

NO Faith Formation

### Monday, December 2, 2024

### Tuesday, December 3, 2024

12:00pm-6:00pm(SH) Blood Drive  
6:00pm(SH) Men's Club

### Wednesday, December 4, 2024

### Thursday, December 5, 2024

### Friday, December 6, 2024

8:00am(SA) Eucharistic Adoration  
11:30am(SH) First Friday Mass & Luncheon

### Saturday, December 7, 2024

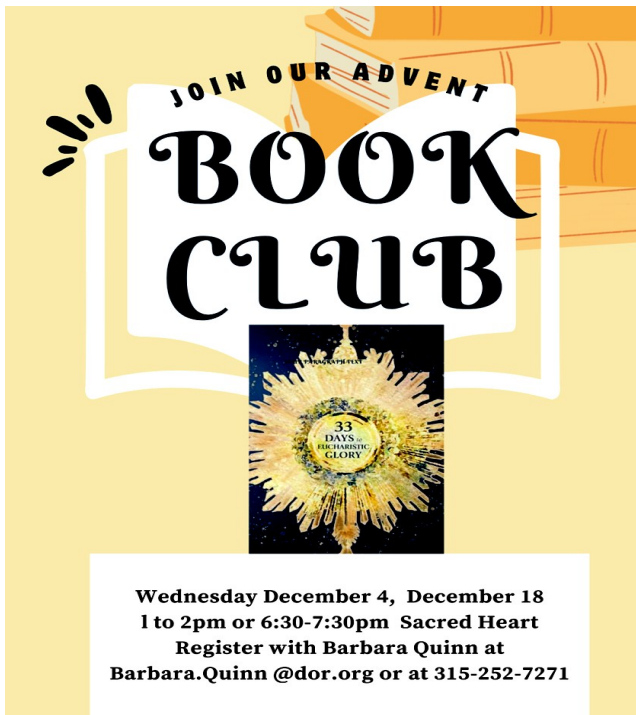
2:00pm(SH) Confirmation Y1 & Y2 Retreat

### Sunday, December 8, 2024


10:30am(SH) Faith Formation  
5:30-7pm(SH) Youth Group

**Memorial Candles**  
**Week of**  
**December 1**  
**Sacred Heart Church**  
*Tabernacle Candle*  
*Nicholas Milillo &*  
*Son Nico*  
*By*  
*Family*

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



JOIN OUR ADVENT  
**BOOK CLUB**



Wednesday December 4, December 18  
1 to 2pm or 6:30-7:30pm Sacred Heart  
Register with Barbara Quinn at  
Barbara.Quinn@dor.org or at 315-252-7271

**“Oh Come Let us Adore Him”  
Adoration**

- \* Effective December 6th, we are changing Friday morning Mass at St. Alphonsus Church from 9:00am to 7:30am and Adoration will begin at 8:00am.
- \* Due to our adoration room being crowded, Adoration will occur in the church with the Monstrance placed on the main altar. For those of you who like the small Adoration room, it will still be open to sit in there.
- \* 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.
- \* The front doors of the church will be locked and the side door on the East side will be open.
- \* If you have any questions, please contact Pat Cleaver at 315-406-4238.

**Catholic Ministries Appeal,  
PO Box 6841  
Ithaca, NY 14851**

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

11/21/24	Donors	Pledged	Goal	%
SA	64	\$10,402	\$33,000	32%
SH	68	\$9423	\$42,000	22%
ANN	13	\$1520	\$12,000	13%



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**

The Harvest Pass a Dish Dinner held on Friday November 15th was a wonderful success!!! Many people attended the event bringing a great number of dishes to sample and desserts to enjoy.....conversation and great company was had by everyone, and it was requested that the event be held again!!!

First Fridays will continue with Mass at 11:30am in the Hall at Sacred Heart and a light lunch on December 6, January 3, 2025, and February 7, 2025, with a break during Lent for March and April.

The Annual Wine Tasting Event is scheduled for Friday January 17, 2025, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Sacred Heart Hall.....bring your favorite bottle of wine to share, an appetizer or dessert for the table and \$5.00 for your wine glass!!! Pourers will be available all night. Look forward to great conversation and mingling with your friends and the opportunity to make new friends.....

Additional Information to follow keep checking your Bulletin for additional information!

**Christmas is Coming...**The tags are all done and on the trees. There is a basket next to the trees with food items on tags as well as for gift cards to Wegmans or Walmart. Gifts can be brought to any church during Masses. All gifts must be returned by December 15<sup>th</sup>. On Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm, we will need many volunteers to help organize and pack the food and gifts. Please call Barbara Quinn at 315-252-7271 for more information.

**If you know of someone** who needs a "Hug from God" the Prayer Shawl Ministry can help. It could be a parishioner, family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, or anyone in need of a hug. If you know someone who is struggling with an emotional challenge, illness, a job loss, struggling in school or who has been bullied, or suffered the loss of a loved one, please call Nancy in the parish office for more information. "Shawls ... made for centuries universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles..." *Written in 1998 by: Janet Severi Bristow Copyright ©2023.*

**MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF NOVEMBER 24, 2024  
HOLY FAMILY\* SACRED HEART\* ST. ALPHONSUS\* ST. ANN**

**Sacred Heart (SH) \* St. Alphonsus (SA) \* St. Ann (ANN)**

<b>Saturday, November 30, 2024</b>	4:00pm(SH)	+Gina Gabak <i>by Family</i> +Harry & Jean Flanigan <i>by John &amp; Suzanne Klink</i> +Daniel Kerstetter <i>by Bernard &amp; Mary Ann Oliver</i>
	4:30pm(SA)	+Paul Strauss <i>by Deacon John &amp; Carole</i> +Ted Tomandl <i>by Mom &amp; Dad</i>
<b>Sunday, December 1, 2024</b>	8:30am(SH)	+Maria Pilipczak <i>by Shon &amp; Lou Morrissey</i>
	9:00am(ANN)	+Valerie Usowski <i>by Family</i> +Ann Scanlan <i>by Family</i>
	10:30am(SA)	+Gary Casterline <i>by Family</i>
	11:30am(SH)	+Marjorie Penafeather <i>by Family</i> +Daniel Kerstetter <i>by Maxine Alberici</i>
	5:00pm(SA)	+Ted Tomandl <i>by Family</i>
<b>Monday, December 2, 2024</b>	8:30am(SH)	+Terry Flanigan <i>by Family</i>
	12:15pm(SA)	+William Cuddy <i>by Bereavement Ministry</i>
<b>Tuesday, December 3, 2024</b>	8:30am(SH)	+Irene Dec <i>by Estate</i>
	12:15pm(SA)	+Patty Collins Purington <i>by Family</i> +Lucille Cacciotti <i>by The Mott Family</i>
<b>Wednesday, December 4, 2024</b>	12:15pm(SA)	+John Kinney <i>by Bereavement Ministry</i>
<b>Thursday, December 5, 2024</b>	5:15pm(SA)	+Ann Landers <i>by Gloria Alano</i>
<b>Friday, December 6, 2024</b>	8:30am(SH)	+Carmella Ruscio <i>by Family</i> +Elaine Casbarro <i>by Family</i>
	7:30am(SA)	+For Our Faith Community
	11:30am(SH)	+Dennis Renahan <i>by Family</i>
<b>Saturday, December 7, 2024</b>	4:00pm(SH)	+Lena & Audley Steele <i>by Mary</i> +Josephine Kott <i>by Family</i> +Daniel Kerstetter <i>by Dr. &amp; Mrs. Richard Nangle &amp; Family</i>
	4:30pm(SA)	+Deceased Members of the Boedicker & VanLiew Families <i>by Family</i> +Barb Giusti & Deceased & Living Members of St. Alphonsus Choir <i>by St. Alphonsus Choir</i>
<b>Sunday, December 8, 2024</b>	8:30am(SH)	+Michele Blowers <i>by Kevin &amp; Paige Jessie</i>
	9:00am(ANN)	+Michael Usowski <i>by Family</i> +Anthony & Jennie Bellerdine <i>by Sons</i>
	10:30am(SA)	+Lena Barnum <i>by Family</i> +Gina Gabak <i>by Parents</i>
	11:30am(SH)	+Maria Pilipczak <i>by Tom &amp; Debbie Leone</i>
	5:00pm(SA)	+Ted Tomandl <i>by Debbie &amp; Paul Pinckney</i>

### Advent Talks: The Fours Legs of Cathedra Petri

Pope Benedict XVI described this chair as "a symbol of the special mission of Peter and his Successors to tend Christ's flock, keeping it united in faith and in charity." The Chair, which hover over the second altar at St. Peters, is enclosed in a sculpted gilt bronze casing designed by Gian Lorenzo Bernini and appears to be effortlessly supported by four bronze Doctors of the Church: Western doctors Saint Ambrose and Saint Augustine of Hippo and Eastern doctors Saint John Chrysostom and Saint Athanasius.

Fr. Vasyi Colopelnic, Pastor of St. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, will be giving a series of three talks during Advent on the Patristic Church through the eyes of these four Fathers and the thoughts of St. John Paul II. The talks will be held in Nacca Hall at St. Francis Church on Wednesday evenings December 4, 11 and 18 from 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM.

### Date Night with the Deacon Returns!

On Thursday December 5th, Deacon Dennis and his bride Cindy will once again host an evening gathering for Catholic married couples at a pub setting in Auburn starting at 6:30 PM. As in the past, couples will share food, fun and conversation to bring them back to Cana and God's support for their marriage. The theme for this gathering is "God has Given You to Me" a meditation by St. Pope John Paul II. The cost is \$10 per couple, all-inclusive, with reservations and payment required by December 2nd to attend. Note: the gathering is limited to 15 couples, so securing your reservations early is strongly advised. To make your reservation or for more information contact Dcn. Dennis directly by text or VM at 315-406-1538.

### Start Advent with a Wreath Blessing

*Dear Jesus, as we light the candle(s) on this Advent wreath, may the light of your presence bring joy to our hearts. Bless our family and our friends, and be with all those who are in need this holiday season. Amen.*

The First Week of Advent: December 1, 2024

*\*light the first purple candle*

Scripture Reflection: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined."

Isaiah 9:2

*\*pause for reflection*

Advent Wreath Prayer: *Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.*

*~From Dynamic Catholic*

**O Lord God**, we pray for peace & love in all the nations, among all the people that all wars and hatred will end. We pray for those who suffer from war, injustice & intolerance, for the children, young people, the poor & neglected ones. We pray for peace in our life, lands, nations, families & in our hearts. Lord give us world peace. We ask your mercy in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

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### Advent Season is Joyous

Advent begins the Liturgical year of the church with the preparation for Christmas. We are preparing our hearts and homes for the birth of Christ. It is a time to open our hearts.

Advent Season is a special time of year that sometimes gets lost in the bright lights of Christmas. The first day of Advent is the first day of a new Liturgical (or church) calendar and begins a four- week period of preparation in anticipation of the nativity of Jesus at Christmas.

The Advent Season is all about reflecting on how we can prepare our hearts and homes for Christ's birth in the world as it is today. It is a time for faith communities and families to remember, through prayer, reflections, special music, and good deeds what the true meaning of Jesus' birth is. There are many different traditions associated with the four weeks of Advent.

Ways to celebrate Advent

**Celebrate through prayer.** Through prayer we can ask God to help prepare our hearts for the Christmas season and the celebration of the birth of Christ. Celebrate through Adoration. Join us at St. Alphonsus every Friday from 8:00am-8:00pm

**Celebrate through Reconciliation.** Advent is a time to cleanse our souls and open our hearts. Join us at St. Alphonsus on Monday, December 16th at 7:00pm for the Catholic Community Penance Service. Reconciliation is also offered on Saturdays at Sacred Heart and St. Alphonsus.

**Celebrate by giving.** Advent activities in our Catholic Community include the Christmas Giving Tree where families can contribute to needy community programs and our St. Alphonsus Food Pantry.

**Celebrate by going to Mass.** Receiving the Eucharist and participation in Mass is an important part of our lives. With four wonderful churches in our community and several other area churches, there is always a Mass time that will work for your family.

**Hopeful longing, Joyful expectation, Prayerful penance, and Spiritual preparation** are the ways we as Catholics can celebrate Advent and prepare for the coming of Jesus. Each week we celebrate hope, joy, peace, and love and connect to the heart and mission of Jesus.

God Bless,  
Barbara Quinn,  
Coordinator of Faith Formation

#### Upcoming Dates:

12/1 No Faith Formation Thanksgiving Weekend

12/7 Confirmation Year 1 and 2 Retreat 2pm-5pm

12/8 Faith Formation 10:30-11:15am, Youth Group 5:30-7:00pm

12/15 Faith Formation 10:30-11:15am



**Remember our Sick:**

Marilyn Castiglione, John Salva, Patricia Burtless, Allyza, Danielle, Lucy Pagano, Amy Pine, Bruce, Courtney Fedyshyn, Briana Dewitt, Joyce Blowers, Kevin Leonard, John Clark, Cheryl Bellnier,

Colleen Pinckney, Pat Gallagher, Gloria Cuddy, Carol Aldrich, Thomas Didio, Olivia, Dave, Don & Joan Zeleznik, Mary Campbell, Stacy, Jonathan Arrowsmith, Lucas Mallory, Joe Schubach, Rowena Angelina, Mary Warter, Caroline Blowers, Mark Cole, Sue Daly, Tim Daly, Gina DelPiano, Ann Fronzek, Sue, 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.