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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,
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Sacred Heart Church: Pat Collier,

Melissa Deyneka, Kathy Herr

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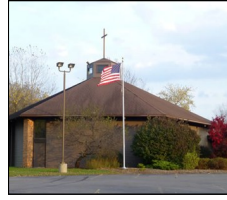
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Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024



“Oh Come Let us Adore Him”

This third year of the Eucharistic Revival is focused on Evangelization. Pope Francis reminds us of an irreplaceable, foundational element that is often overlooked — or even derided — in our discussion of evangelization: the need for prayer and, especially, Eucharistic Adoration. The Pope’s comments came during a homily to Portuguese clergy, religious, and pastoral workers as part of Francis’ World Youth Day visit.

Encouraging those gathered to overcome disappointments in ministry and to faithfully follow Christ’s command to lower their nets into the sea, the Holy Father acknowledged that to do this requires more than words — “a lot of prayer is needed.” Departing from his prepared remarks, the Pope asked a question to those gathered: How do I pray? “Like a parrot, ‘blah, blah, blah,’ or napping in front of the tabernacle because I don’t know how to talk to the Lord?” the Pope asked rhetorically.

The Holy Father continued, “Only in adoration, only before the Lord can the taste and passion for evangelization be recovered.” But curiously, “we have lost the prayer of adoration.” Recovering this practice of being in silence before the Lord — so central in the lives of great saints like Mother Teresa of Calcutta and Thérèse of Lisieux, even in times of spiritual desolation — is a requirement for all Catholics, especially those devoted to sharing the Gospel. In his meeting with the organizers of the National Eucharistic Congress in the United States this past June, the Pope regretted that for too many Catholics today, the Eucharist “is more a symbol than the reality of the Lord’s presence and love.” In response, the Pope said, we must “rediscover the sense of adoration in silence,” precisely because in the Eucharist “we encounter the One who gave everything for us” and, in turn, become capable of sharing that same love with others.

“You go to the celebration of Mass, receive Communion, adore the Lord and then what do you do after?” Francis said. “You go out and evangelize.” This is a good reminder for Catholics in the U.S., where criticism of the National Eucharistic Revival and Congress often resorts to dismissing adoration as a fundamentally “passive” devotion that comes at the expense of action and outward engagement. But this genre of criticism misses the fundamental link between adoration and evangelization articulated by Pope Francis and falls into what Dom Jean-Baptiste Chautard famously described as “the heresy of activism.” Salvation is not gained by man’s willing it - We can only be credible witnesses to the Gospel if we’ve received and are animated by the same love we try to share with others. And we can only receive this joyful love by coming before our Eucharistic Lord in silent prayer and adoration.

Peace and Blessings,
Deacon John Tomandl

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR 12/08/24

Sacred Heart Church

Regular Collection \$10,681.00

St. Alphonsus Church

Regular Collection \$3252.00

St. Ann's Church

Regular Collection \$1385.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

The **"Pack the Pantry"** item for the week of
December 14/15—**4-Pack Snack Pudding**
December 21/22—**Boxes of Cracker**

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**

Thank you for your continued generosity!

**For Those Who Have
Recently Died**

Gen Donofrio Siracusa

Bernadette Restey

Bill Foley, Jr.

Emily Knaus

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

For our Recently Baptized

Sophie Jane Smith

And for her
*For their Parents, Godparents
and Grandparents*

Ministry Schedule for December 21/22

Saturday

4:00pm(SH) L: S. Donnelly **EM:** B. Ringwood;
M. Deyneka; P. Cannucciari **S.** P. Messina

4:30pm(SA) L: D. Balloni **EM:** S. Clink; S. Mellor
AS: M. & B. Gremli **S:** C. Mellor

Sunday

8:30am(SH) L: S. Marullo **EM:** S. Marullo
AS: C. Casler **S:** S. Marullo

9:00am(ANN) L: C. Lohrman **EM:** T. Turner
AS: T. Turner **S:** S. Podolak

10:30m (SA) L: A. Robson **EM:** M. Lawson;
J. Robson **AS:** S. & L. Brabant **S:** M. Balch

11:30am (SH) L: M. Clark **EM:** K. & P. Collier; J. Clark
AS: N. & C. Crawford **S:** J. Clark

5:00pm(SA) L: M. Mendzef **EM:** H. Delaney
S. M. Mendzef

Calendar of Events Week of December 15, 2024

Sunday, December 15, 2024

10:30am(SH) Faith Formation-End Session 1

Monday, December 16, 2024

7:00pm(SA) Penance Service

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

6:00pm(SH) Christmas Giving Tree Sorting

Thursday, December 19, 2024

Friday, December 20, 2024

8:00am(SA) Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, December 21, 2024

Sunday, December 22, 2024

**Memorial Candles
Week of
December 15**

Sacred Heart Church

Tabernacle Candle

Phyllis Ryan

By

Family

St. Alphonsus Church

Carmine & Ann Marie Ciriello

By

The Nash Family

Christmas Services

Penance Service

Monday, December 16th
7:00pm-St. Alphonsus Church

The Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Eve Masses

Tuesday, December 24th
4:00pm-Sacred Heart Church

5:00pm- St. Alphonsus Church
(Family Mass with Children's Pageant)

9:00pm-St. Ann's Church

The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Day Mass

Wednesday, December 25th
10:30am-St. Alphonsus Church

The Solemnity of Mary

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

5:00pm-St. Alphonsus Church

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

10:30am-St. Alphonsus Church

Christmas Giving Tree...On Tuesday, December 17th 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.

We are in need of volunteers for the Christmas Basket giveaway. Times are as follows:
Saturday December 21, 2024 7:30 am to 12:00pm
Sunday December 22, 2024 9:00am to 12:00pm
Monday December 23, 2024 8:00am to 11:00am
Thank you all for your love and support.

Catholic Ministries Appeal,

PO Box 6841

Ithaca, NY 14851

Please make checks payable to:
Catholic Ministries Appeal (not to your parish).

Extending Christ's Mission
Thank you for your continued
support and generosity!

| 12/9/24 | Donors | Pledged | Goal | % |
|---------|--------|----------|----------|-----|
| SA | 79 | \$12,852 | \$33,000 | 39% |
| SH | 85 | \$14,298 | \$42,000 | 34% |
| ANN | 16 | \$2,698 | \$12,000 | 23% |



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

First Fridays will continue with Mass at 11:30am in the Hall at Sacred Heart and a light lunch on 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!

A Chili Cook-Off Competition will take place February 7, 2025, at Sacred Heart Hall from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Chili will be blind judged by 3 "Official Judges" (TBD) and by the people that come to enjoy the event, inviting your friends IS encouraged.

Contestants are limited to twenty. Adult Chef level entree fee is \$10 - age 17 years and older.

Junior Chef level entree fee is \$5 - age 16 and younger. All entree fees are due by January 31, 2025, and can be dropped in the Collection Basket - attention Chili Competition or mailed to Sacred Heart, 90 Melrose Road, Auburn, NY 13021 - Attn: Chili Competition

Each Contestant can enter multiple times with payment. Your chili/chowder should be fully cooked and hot upon arrival.

January 6th 6:00pm Parish Life Committee Meeting

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. Rehearsals will take place on 12/15 and 12/22 at 12:45 pm at St. Alphonsus. The rehearsal on 12/22 will be a mandatory dress rehearsal. 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

| | | MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF DECEMBER 15, 2024 Sacred Heart (SH) * St. Alphonsus (SA) * St. Ann (ANN) |
|---|-------------|--|
| Saturday, December 14, 2024 | 4:00pm(SH) | +Phyllis Ryan <i>by Family</i> +Jean Flanigan <i>by The Doan Family</i> +Jim Muldoon <i>by His Sisters Mary Anne & Catherine</i> |
| | 4:30pm(SA) | +Donna Passarello <i>by Her Sons & Family</i> +Elizabeth "Betty" Westmiller <i>by Jim & Mary Ann LaMay</i> |
| Sunday, December 15, 2024 | 8:30am(SH) | +For the People of Sacred Heart Church |
| | 9:00am(ANN) | +Nick DeOrio <i>by Family</i> |
| | 10:30am(SA) | +Jill Dougherty, Marjorie Gregory, Marcienne Lalonde, Beverly Clifford & Brian Farrelly <i>by Family</i> +Claireen Holmes Dennis <i>by the Dorsey & Donovan Families</i> |
| | 11:30am(SH) | +Sam Emmi <i>by Family</i> +Richard L. Palazzoli <i>by Wife Mary</i> |
| | 5:00pm(SA) | +Ruth Schell <i>by Estate</i> |
| Monday, December 16, 2024 | 8:30am(SH) | +Carol Cristiantelli <i>by Pat Messina</i> |
| | 12:15pm(SA) | +Adele Keegan <i>by Kathy Zamniak</i> |
| Tuesday, December 17, 2024 | 8:30am(SH) | +James McQuin <i>by Ellen DelloStritto</i> |
| | 12:15pm(SA) | +Sue Carter <i>by Jeannine Larose</i> +Fred & Jane Kruger, Children & Grandchildren <i>by Family</i> |
| Wednesday, December 18, 2024 | 12:15pm(SA) | +Mary Beth Page <i>by Bereavement Ministry</i> |
| Thursday, December 19, 2024 | 5:15pm(SA) | +AnnMarie Ciriello <i>by Ed & Joanne Nash & Family</i> |
| Friday, December 20, 2024 | 8:30am(SH) | +Donald Quinn <i>by Bereavement Ministry</i> |
| | 7:30am(SA) | +Joseph & John Carberry <i>by Family</i> |
| Saturday, December 21, 2024 | 4:00pm(SH) | +Jill & Dean Hey <i>by Sandra</i> +James Solomon <i>by Bereavement Ministry</i> +Louis Daly <i>by Family</i> |
| | 4:30pm(SA) | +Frank & Carmela Nesci and Alfred, Shirley & Maria Napoli <i>by Bill & Cathy Barlow</i> |
| Sunday, December 22, 2024 | 8:30am(SH) | +Jerry Secaur <i>by Family</i> |
| | 9:00am(ANN) | +Donald O'Connell <i>by Sali & Joe Hazard</i> |
| | 10:30am(SA) | +For the People of St. Alphonsus Church |
| | 11:30am(SH) | +Tom Eisenschmidt <i>by The Weslowski Family and Steve Vincent</i> |
| | 5:00pm(SA) | +For Our Faith Community |

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

Neighbor News

“Oh Come Let us Adore Him” Adoration

- * 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.
- * Adoration hours are increasing!
- * Would you like to be a Eucharistic Adoration Guardian for one hour a week?
- * What hour is God calling you to?
- * All Catholics in the surrounding area are invited!

For more information call Pat Cleaver at 315-406-4238.

Prayer for the Third Sunday of Advent

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.
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Volunteer Opportunity Tyburn Academy is seeking a volunteer to assist with grant writing. Resources and training are available. If you are interested, please reach out to Principal Conor O'Donnell at codonnell@tyburnacademy.com or call 315-252-2937.

Advent Book Club: December 18 from 1:00pm-2:00pm. Contact Barbara Quinn at Barbara.quinn@dor.org or at 315-252-7271.

Offering Counters are needed for Sacred Heart. The teams count Monday morning at 9:00am at the Regional Finance Office at Sacred Heart Church on Melrose Road. If you have one Monday a month to volunteer, we would love to have you join our team. If you can help, please call Shawn Gillen-Caryl at 315-252-7111.

We would like to remind everyone to please use your Sunday envelopes with your weekly offering. Thank you.

Sharing God's Love with Our Neighbors

The Catholic Community of Sacred Heart, St. Alphonsus and St. Ann's Fourth Annual Coat Drive. New or Gently Used Coats Drop off at Sacred Heart Parish Office 90 Melrose Rd. from December 28th-January 13th. For more information call 315-252-7271.



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4. Fill in required fields
5. Follow directions to start learning!



The 2025 Book for Mass Intentions and Tabernacle Candles is open.

Please call 315-252-7271 or stop in during regular office hours to schedule a Mass.

Office hours are Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:30pm and Friday 8:00am-11:00am.

We would like to thank **J&E Electrical Contractors** 315-252-6430 For Sponsoring an Ad In Our Weekly Bulletin

Catholic Community of Holy Family, Sacred Heart, St. Alphonsus and St. Ann

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Gaudete Sunday the Joy of the World

The third Sunday of Advent reminds us of the Joy of the World that is experienced at the birth of Jesus. We have reached the midpoint of Advent and share this joy with the faithful. Gaudete comes to us from the Latin antiphon, "Rejoice (Gaudete) in the Lord Always. "On Gaudete Sunday we are calling on all to worship and honor the coming of Jesus. The lighting of the third candle which is rose (liturgical color) reminds us of the Joy of the World.

The readings of Isaiah 35:1-6, 10; James 5:7-10 and Matthew 11:2-11 focus on advent. In the Gospel, Jesus tells us to look at what we see and decide in what we believe. The vision of Isaiah shares the hope and healing that Jesus brings. We need to focus on the key concepts of Faith Salvation, Care for the marginalized, the Incarnation of Christ and Patience.

Prayer for Gaudete Sunday

"O Almighty God, gracious provider and giver of life, we anxiously await the celebration of your birth. Like the people of long ago, our ancestors in faith, we, too, need light, in need of direction, in need of your Word, to show us the way. Our busy lives and the consumerism that surrounds us make it difficult to recognize your kingdom and to hear your voice. Help us Lord, to focus on you. Amen." ~ from *The Essential Advent and Christmas Handbook Advent Penance Service*.

Please join us for our Penance Service on December 16th at 7pm at St. Alphonsus.

Our participation in Penance reminds us of Jesus' words, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Mt 4:17). Jesus calls us to conversion, a call which "continues to resound in the lives of Christians," and which is an "uninterrupted task for the whole Church" who "follows constantly the path of penance and renewal" (CCC No. 1427).

Faith Formation

This Sunday Session I of our K-6 Faith Formation Program will conclude with Advent classes from 10 to 11:15am followed by an 11:30am all Class Mass at Sacred Heart. Session II will begin **on January 26**. I would like to thank our Catechists and Aides for donating their time and effort to make our program a success: Jack Kearse, Ana Haff, Sophia Gwinn, Kathy Herr, Liza Kelly, Maria Staehr, and Nubé Staehr. We are blessed to have them sharing their talents with us.

God Bless,
Barbara Quinn,
Coordinator of Faith Formation



Upcoming Dates:

12/15 Faith Formation 10:30-11:15am– End of Session 1



Remember our Sick:

Marilyn Castiglione, John Salva, Patricia Burtless, Allyza, Danielle, Lucy Pagano, Amy Pine, Bruce, Cortney 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 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.