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Sacred Heart: Saturday 3:00pm

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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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St. Ann Church: Janet Zane

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

Living Joyfully

Sometimes it is hard to appreciate what we have until we lose it. We may take for granted for example times when we are healthy until we fall sick. Our human inclination propelled by our modern social culture is to seek gratification from material things. In the process, we often find ourselves swallowed up in selfish pursuits and miss the deeper and greater joy that comes from the realization that we are first loved by God, then family and friends.

Realizing that authentic joy can only come from the love that God shares with us, every Christmas becomes for us a time when we celebrate this love of God in Christ Jesus who is Emmanuel, God who dwells among us. The presence of Emmanuel in the world demonstrates to us that God never ceases to love and care for us so that we may be conformed to that original grace with which God created everything in the Garden of Eden and saw that it was good (Gen. 1:31).

Jesus, Emmanuel, God among us chose to embrace the world and to live in it with all its brokenness so that he could restore it to wholeness. He achieved this with every encounter with the people through healing, forgiveness of sins, feeding those who had no food, grieving with those who were mourning, and by giving up his life on the cross. This is the greatest act of love that restored wholeness and joy in the world in the places it had been lost.

It is inevitable that we will as a matter of tradition and culture seek to find our joy again this Christmas from food, drink, new clothing, and material things of all kinds. Amidst all these it is important for us to pause and find true joy where it truly is, in faith in God, source of all good things, in our families and friends who reflect God's love to us. May all the good celebrations of this festive season constantly remind us of God's love, goodness, generosity, and kindness to us.

This realization is the kind that always challenges us to go out of ourselves, to be mindful of others in need and to make ourselves and our resources which we have and that come from a gracious God available to serve the needs especially of the poorest of our villages and cities. This has often been the clarion call of our Holy Father Pope Francis the chief shepherd of God's people.

When we surrender into the selflessness and simplicity displayed by the child of Bethlehem born in a manger, we bear witness to the fact that we have been truly fed by the Eucharist which we share every Sunday, Christ present to us Body, Soul, and Divinity, the bread of life that produces endless joy. Fully fed we then go out into the world singing with Joy to the world for indeed the Lord now dwells within our hearts and among us as his Body the church.

Merry Christmas to you all,

Fr. Stephen

Due to the early submission date for the bulletin, there is no weekly report. The information for December 15th will be in next week's bulletin.

The **"Pack the Pantry"** item for the week of December 21/22—**Boxes of Crackers**
December 28/29—**Cans of Soup**

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!

May the blessing of the Lord be with you and your family as you celebrate the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ.

*Fr. Stephen, Fr. Mike,
the staff and volunteers of
Sacred Heart, St. Alphonsus
and St. Ann*



All Parish Offices will be closed Tuesday, December 24th so we may enjoy the Christmas holiday with our families and will reopen Monday, December 30th.

Ministry Schedule for December 28/29

Saturday
4:00pm(SH) L: K. O'Neill **EM:** D. Mason; S. DeLuca; P. Messina **S:** P. Messina

4:30pm(SA) L: TBD **EM:** K. Mahoney
AS: C. & H. Odrzywolski **S:** C. Mellor

Sunday
8:30am(SH) L: A. Haff **EM:** G. White
AS: **S:** S. Marullo

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

10:30m (SA) L: M. Mendzef **EM:** E. Frost; S. Norton
AS: T. Hamberger **S:** M. Balch

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

5:00pm(SA) L: A. Robson **EM:** A. Robson
S: J. Robson

Calendar of Events Week of December 22, 2024

Sunday, December 22, 2024

Monday, December 23, 2024

Tuesday, December 24, 2024 Office Closed

Wednesday, December 25, 2024 Office Closed

Thursday, December 26, 2024 Office Closed

Friday, December 27, 2024 Office Closed
8:00am-8:00pm (SA) Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, December 28, 2024

Sunday, December 29, 2024

Memorial Candles
Week of
December 22
Sacred Heart Church
Tabernacle Candle
William & Frances Keller
By
Daughter Mary

St. Alphonsus Church
Our Lady of
Perpetual Help Candle
by
The Boedicker &
Van Liew Families
By
Family

St. Alphonsus Church
Tabernacle Candle
Carl & Katherine Festa
By
Kevin & Maryanne Festa
Leonard

St. Alphonsus Church
St. Joseph Candle
Thomas & Jane Marullo
By
Patty



Christmas Services

**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
8:30am-Sacred Heart Church
5:00pm-St. Alphonsus Church**

**Wednesday, January 1, 2025
10:30am-St. Alphonsus Church**



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.

Parish Life Meetings are the first Monday of every month at 5:30pm at Sacred Heart Church. The meetings are open to all. Our next meeting is Monday, January 6, 2025. Hope to see you there.

We are in need of volunteers for the Christmas Basket giveaway. Times are as follows:
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!

12/12/24	Donors	Pledged	Goal	%
SA	82	\$12,962	\$33,000	40%
SH	92	\$16,653	\$42,000	40%
ANN	16	\$2,695	\$12,000	23%

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-January13th. For more information call 315-252-7271.



Mass Intentions		Fourth Week of Advent
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
Monday, December 23, 2024	8:30am(SH)	+Tom Eisenschmidt <i>by Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Hogan</i>
	12:15pm(SA)	+Mary Ann Kolo <i>by Family</i>

Mass Intentions		Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	4:00pm(SH)	+Richard L. Palazzoli <i>by Wife Mary</i> +Leo & Judy McGinn <i>by Family</i>
	5:00pm(SA)	+Norton, Laird, Balch & Cupelo Families <i>by Family</i> +Pat Cinotti <i>by Family</i>
	9:00pm(ANN)	+For the People of St. Ann Church
Wednesday, December 25, 2024	10:30am(SA)	+Al, Jeanne & Jim Salva <i>by Family</i> +Rob Kiernan <i>by Family</i>

Mass Intentions		Week of December 22, 2024
Thursday, December 26, 2024		No Mass
Friday, December 27, 2024	7:30am(SA)	+For Our Faith Community
Saturday, December 28, 2024	4:00pm(SH)	+James Solomon <i>by Ken & Denise Solomon</i> +Don Quinn <i>by John & Sue Butera</i> +Elizabeth & Lucien Signore <i>by Mary</i>
	4:30pm(SA)	+Elizabeth "Betty" Westmiller <i>by Bereavement Ministry</i>
Sunday, December 29, 2024	8:30am(SH)	+Josephine Coleman <i>by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Giancola</i>
	9:00am(ANN)	+Gracia Koziol <i>by Bereavement Ministry</i>
	10:30am(SA)	+John Arpino <i>by Brothers Joe & Stephen</i>
	11:30am(SH)	+Reverend Thomas J. O'Keefe <i>by Sacred Heart/St. Ann Parishioners</i>
	5:00pm(SA)	+For Our Faith Community

**“Oh Come Let us Adore Him”
Adoration (8:00am-8:00pm)**

- * 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.



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.

Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dear Jesus,
The news of your coming was met with boundless joy-fill us anew with the wonder of your presence. You are Emmanuel, God with us.
Amen.
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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 also like to remind everyone to please use your Sunday envelopes with your weekly offering. Thank you.

Just Drop the Blanket: The Moment You Never Noticed in A Charlie Brown Christmas

How many times have you watched Charlie Brown Christmas? Have you ever noticed the precise moment Linus drops his blanket in his famous “What is Christmas All About” speech? He drops his security blanket when he says the words “fear not.” It is very telling why Charles Schultz chose that moment. The birth of Jesus separates us from our fears and frees us from habits we are unable or unwilling to break. The birth of Jesus allows us to simply drop the false security we have been holding onto so tightly and learn to trust and cling to Him instead. To read the full article about Linus and Charlie Brown go to Crosswalk.com-Jason Soroski, *Original Publication date:* December 14, 2015. This article gives a whole new meaning to this beloved Christmas tale.

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

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Christmas: The gift of Love

The Christmas season is celebrated in many ways. In this world of commercialism, we need to focus on the message and true meaning: God shared his Son and love with us. He sent his only son to earth to live among us and give us salvation. Jesus' parables stand the test of time as they emphasize the treatment and care for others.

The message is Love.

When the wrapping paper and presents are opened, a family takes the time to reflect on our greatest present and the true meaning of this Holiday. Toys will be outgrown or broken but God's and Jesus' love will always be with us.

The Eucharist is Christmas every Mass.

The gift of Faith is shown by our strong confidence in God and following Jesus. Our Faith comes from God in the form of a gift. Use your gift throughout the year and not just during this joyous season. Make Mass and the celebration of the Eucharist a priority. The Eucharist is Christmas celebrated in every Mass. When Jesus shared the sacrament at the Last Supper, he shared his love for us. In Mass, we participate in his real presence. In believing Christ's real presence, we share love. Let the message of God's greatest gift resonate in our actions and prayers. Extend the celebration throughout the year.

Christmas Eucharist Prayer

Our hearts are on fire today with the love of You, O Lord. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we pray for the strength and courage to share the love that we feel, today, tomorrow and each day, with those who need it most, helping to build your kingdom here on earth. Amen. *St. Andrew's Novena*
Love is born on Christmas, "Christmas is not a day or a season: it is a lifetime of growth in holiness by generous giving of oneself..." *Bishop Salvatore Cordileone*

Give the gift you have been given and celebrate it throughout the year.

Merry Christmas to you and your families,
Barbara Quinn
Coordinator of Faith Formation





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 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.