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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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GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 29, 2024

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

As a first-time pastor in a parish, I received a phone call one afternoon from a young married couple, “Father, our 2-year-old son drowned in our pool this morning. We are at the hospital. Please help us.” I sped over. The little boy was gone, his body cold, slightly blue, laid out on a bed. His parents were distraught and in shock. For the next few years, I walked with the couple along their difficult and painful road. They openly shared with me how they were often tempted to blame and accuse each other for the loss. And yet, by God’s grace, their love for each grew stronger and deeper as the years went by.

The Holy Family was not without its pain and loss, either. Luke tells us, after losing their twelve-year-old son, Joseph and Mary “**after three days found him in the temple area, sitting among the teachers...**” (Luke 2:46). We don’t know specifically what those three days were like for them except for what Mary says: “**Your father and I have been looking for you anxiously.**” The three days of his absence foreshadow his death and burial. His finding in the temple is a kind of resurrection for his family. They had to learn, again and again, that their family was becoming a place where death and resurrection was not only accepted but welcomed and celebrated. But surely they deeply felt the dangerous agony of their loss — just like every couple who has lost a child.

What losses in your experience of family still cause you anxiety? In what ways has God’s presence seemingly vanished in your family? Will you keep searching for Jesus? Remember, he will rise and be found. Your family may be suffering, but when he is found, it will be stronger than ever before.

— *Father John Muir*

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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 12/15/24

Sacred Heart Church

Regular Collection \$6492.00

St. Alphonsus Church

Regular Collection \$3817.20

St. Ann's Church

Regular Collection \$1026.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Due to the early submission date for the bulletin, there is no weekly report. The information for December 22nd will be in next week's bulletin.

The **"Pack the Pantry"** item for the week of December 28/29—**Cans of Soup**
January 4/5—**Bags of Sugar or Flour**

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!



The St Alphonsus Food Pantry wishes to thank all those who donated time, talent, and treasure to the pantry for the Christmas Giveaway. WE provided 350 baskets to those in need in our community. Many thanks to the foundations and service

organizations that provided us with the funds to purchase the turkeys and items needed to fill all the baskets.

A very special thank you to all my volunteers, who gave much of their time. We could not have done it without you. Your dedication to the pantry is wonderful.

Thank you and Happy New Year. May God bless you all with good health.

Ministry Schedule for January 4/5

Saturday

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

4:30pm(SA) L: TBD **EM:** TBD

AS: TBD **S:** TBD

Sunday

8:30am(SH) L: P. Ringwood **EM:** G. White

AS: S: S. Marullo

9:00am(ANN) L: G. Lawson **EM:** F. DeOrio

AS: F. DeOrio **S:** S. Podolak

10:30m (SA) L: TBD **EM:** TBD **AS:** TBD **S:** TBD

11:30am (SH) L. L. Weiss **EM:** K. Moran; K. Collier

AS: S: J. Clark

5:00pm(SA) L: TBD **EM:** TBD **S:** TBD

Calendar of Events Week of December 29, 2024

Sunday, December 29, 2024

Monday, December 30, 2024

Tuesday, December 31, 2024 All Offices Closed

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 All Offices Closed

Thursday, January 2, 2025

Friday, January 3, 2025

8:00am-8:00pm (SA) Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, January 4, 2025

Sunday, January 5, 2025

Memorial Candles Week of December 29

**Sacred Heart Church
Tabernacle Candle**

John Melnick

*By
Family*

**St. Alphonsus Church
Tabernacle Candle**

Frank Reginelli

*By
Family*

**For Those Who Have
Recently Died**

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



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.



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.



It's time for WINE Tasting
The Annual Wine Tasting Event is scheduled for Friday January 17, 2025, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm 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. Each contestant will be provided one-half of a four-foot (4') table with a chaffing pan to keep your chili heated. 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. Please arrive with four quarts or more of a hot, ready to serve chili/chowder between 6:30 and 6:45pm. Booths can also be decorated and will be part of the people's choice award.

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.

Join Us as a Pilgrim of Hope

January Book Club
beautiful
HOPE
 Finding Hope Every Day in a Broken World

January 15 and 22, 2025

POPE FRANCIS ARCHBISHOP JOSE H. GOMEZ MATTHEW KELLY

1-2pm or 6:30-7:30pm
Sacred Heart
 Register by 1/10/25 with Barbara Quinn at barbara.quinn@dor.org or 315-252-7271

**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!

12/20/24	Donors	Pledged	Goal	%
SA	92	\$14,562	\$33,000	44.13%
SH	109	\$29,513	\$42,000	70.27%
ANN	21	\$8,950	\$12,000	74.58%

		MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF DECEMBER 29, 2024 Sacred Heart (SH) * St. Alphonsus (SA) * St. Ann (ANN)
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)	+For the People of St. Alphonsus Church
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
Monday, December 30, 2024	8:30am(SH)	+Barb Lee <i>by Jim & Tina Farrell</i>
	12:15pm(SA)	+Bud Zanowick <i>by Wife & Daughters</i>
Tuesday, December 31, 2024	8:30am(SH)	+Josephine Coleman <i>by Bereavement Ministry</i>
	5:00pm(SA)	+For Our Parish Priests
Wednesday, January 1, 2025	10:30am(SA)	+Paul Viggiano <i>by Family</i>
Thursday, January 2, 2025	5:15pm(SA)	+Riley Besner <i>by Bereavement Ministry</i>
Friday, January 3, 2025	7:30am(SA)	+For Our Faith Community
	8:30am(SH)	+Carmella Ruscio <i>by Family</i>
	11:30am(SH)	+Dr. Robert Lubanski <i>by Bereavement Ministry</i>
Saturday, January 4, 2025	4:00pm(SH)	+Daniel Kerstetter <i>by Sharon Shown</i> +Charles Conaughty <i>by Mark & Karen Zamniak</i> +Richard L. Palazzoli <i>by Wife Mary</i>
	4:30pm(SA)	+Kathy Walawender <i>by Jim & Mary Ann LaMay</i>
Sunday, January 5, 2025	8:30am(SH)	+Lucille Cacciotti <i>by Greg & Linda Doan</i>
	9:00am(ANN)	+Ann Metzler <i>by Family</i>
	10:30am(SA)	+John Arpino <i>by Mom & Brothers</i>
	11:30am(SH)	+Thomas Eisenschmidt <i>by The St. Alphonsus Class of 1965</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

**“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.

**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

**NOTRE DAME
RETREAT HOUSE**



Mornings at Notre Dame Retreat House

January 8-15-22-29
February 5-10-12

9:30am - 11:30 am

“Boundless Compassion: Creating a Way of Life”

by Sr. Joyce Rupp

This book invites us to experience the prayer of compassion together.

Gather with our Boundless Compassion Facilitators: Mary Ellen Darling, Deacon George and Paula Welch and benefit from insights shared in a common cause.

Cost = \$50.00

Includes Book and Refreshments
Register online or email

www.notredameretreat.org staff@notredameretreat.org



PANCAKE BRUNCH, in support of Tyburn Academy’s Basketball Team, will be served at St. Mary’s parish hall on Sunday, January 12th beginning at 12 noon. All are invited.

Make the Rosary Your Resolution in the Jubilee of Hope!

In Ascension’s Rosary in a Year podcast starting on January 1st, "Fr. Mark-Mary Ames, CFR, guides listeners in a step-by-step journey that will change the way you pray – no matter where you are in your spiritual life. By starting small and adding on over time, listeners will find themselves falling more in love with this powerful Marian devotion, becoming a source of grace for the whole world".

"Much more than just 365 daily Rosary listen-alongs, Rosary in a Year (RIY) will guide listeners through a deep encounter with every element of the Rosary. From the words of the “Hail Mary” to the Scripture passages describing each mystery, listeners will have their relationship with the Rosary permanently transformed, storing spiritual insights to meditate on for the rest of their lives."

Interested in learning more about The Rosary in a Year Podcast contact Deacon Dennis 315-406-1538 for full details or assistance in tuning in to the daily podcast. Ready to sign up now; just grab a rack card at the back of the Church for the QR Code or web address to access daily podcasts.

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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!



We would like to thank
Dr. Thomas A. Hogan, D.D. S.
Dr. Jeffrey J. Graceffo, D.M.D.
315-252-7281

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In Our Weekly Bulletin



The Feast of the Epiphany: A Call to Share the Light

The Feast of the Epiphany marks the closing of the Christmas Season. Twelve days after Christmas, we are called to take the time to look at the Christ Child and see him in new eyes as we share the light.

Epiphany means manifestation, it comes from the Greek words- *phainein* meaning to show or display and *epi* meaning on to. Epiphany celebrates the arrival of the Magi. These wisemen saw Jesus as a gift of God to mankind and a sign of the love of God for humanity. These learned scholars and academics, who gave their lives to learning, recognized that love is the ultimate wisdom.

Epiphany transports us from the family celebrations of the Christmas season and calls us to focus on "all ends of the earth." Like the wisemen we are called to have the courage to follow the star and share our faith and recognize our Lord, in the multitude of ways, he presents himself to us.

The Magi returned to their countries to follow a different way, carrying the light of Christ to all they met. *"For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord shall arise upon you, and his glory shall be seen upon you. And all nations shall come to your light."* Isaiah 60: 2-3. These words can be applied to us as we are tasked with the responsibility to share the light and extend the Kingdom of Christ.

The Magi brought the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to Jesus. These gifts tell us that the Magi knew Jesus as our Savior. Gold honored Christ's kingship, Frankincense his divinity and Myrrh his sacrifice and death on the cross. We are called on this day to give gifts to Jesus and celebrate our faith in the final words of Mass, "Go forth and serve the Gospel of the Lord." Gifts are not just things; we can share actions and words as gifts that show our love for God and other people.

God Bless,
Barbara Quinn
Coordinator of Faith Formation



Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos

in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
The glory and praise for ever. Amen

Franciscus



Remember our Sick:

Maryanne Festa Leonard,
Rich Robinson, Marilyn Castiglione,
John Salva, Patricia Burtless,
Allyza, Danielle, Lucy Pagano,
Amy Pine, Bruce, Olivia, Sue,
Cortney Fedyshyn, Briana Dewitt,

Joyce Blowers, Kevin Leonard, 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,
Rowena Angelina, 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 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.