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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, Liza Kelly, Jeannine Larose

**Sacred Heart Church:** Pat Collier, Melissa Deyneka, Kathy Herr

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

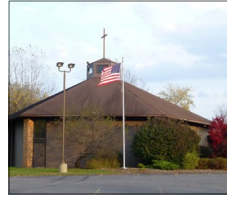
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*Second Sunday of Advent*

*December 8, 2024*



**“Oh Come Let us Adore Him”**

Abstinence is a recommended practice for the observance of Friday but not a legally binding one. However, Friday continues to be a day of penance. The norm noted by the Bishops of the United States clarifies the sense in which this is to be understood by explaining that it is “a time when those who seek perfection will be mindful of their personal sins and the sins of mankind, which they are called upon to help expiate in union with Christ crucified.”

This qualification strongly suggests that, though Friday is a day of penance, it is not one on which all of the faithful are legally bound or bound under pain of sin to do penance; nevertheless, “those who seek perfection” will do penance on the day.

Can Adoration be in any way a Penance? Most definitely it can! Not a Penance of punishment but of one of recognition of the transcendent and perfect nature of God in the perfect obedience of Jesus and the total Love of the gift of the Eucharist to the Church in light of the imperfection of humanity and our weakness of spirit.

“The human heart is heavy and hardened. God must give man a new heart” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1432). God always gives us the strength to recalibrate our lives and begin again. We participate in this process when we have the resolve to accept God’s grace of conversion. What better place to seek a change of heart than before Christ in the Blessed Sacrament? When we ask for God’s forgiveness, we begin the process of a penitent—that is, one who admits his or her sins, who is truly sorry for having sinned, and who wishes to be restored to right relationship with God and the Church, the better preparing ourselves to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the future.

Peace and Blessings,

Deacon John Tomandl

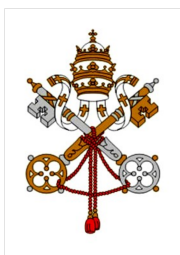
**Intentions of the Holy Father Pope Francis**

**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 11/24/24**

**Sacred Heart Church**  
Regular Collection \$7643.10  
**St. Alphonsus Church**  
Regular Collection \$2871.10  
**St. Ann's Church**  
Regular Collection \$1606.00

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR 12/01/24**

**Sacred Heart Church**  
Regular Collection \$6108.00  
**St. Alphonsus Church**  
Regular Collection \$5132.00  
**St. Ann's Church**  
Regular Collection \$2354.00

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

The **"Pack the Pantry"** item for the week of  
December 7/8—**Cans of Tuna**  
December 14/15—4-Pack Snack Pudding

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** would like to thank  
all who donated their time, talent, and treasure to the  
Pantry for our Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway. We  
served 500 families a full Thanksgiving Dinner. A  
special thank you to those who put the baskets  
together and to all those who donated food and  
money for the turkeys.  
Thank you to my volunteers who come in daily to  
keep the pantry running throughout the year.  
May God Bless All of You!  
The St. Alphonsus Food Pantry Staff

**Ministry Schedule for December 14/15**

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

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

**Sunday**  
**8:30am(SH)** L: T. Gucciardi **EM:** G. White  
**AS:** N.Sperduti **S:** S. Marullo

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

**10:30m (SA)** L: A. Robson **EM:** M. & P. Skomsky  
**AS:** T. Hamberger **S:** M. Balch

**11:30am (SH)** L: 6th Grade FF Students  
**EM:** S. Clark; R. White; K. Moran **AS:** A. & E. Collier  
**S:** J. Clark

**5:00pm(SA)** L: K. O'Neill **EM:** M. Deyneka  
**S:** M. Balch

**Calendar of Events Week of December 8, 2024**

**Sunday, December 8, 2024**  
10:30am(SH) Faith Formation  
5:30-7pm(SH) Youth Group

**Monday, December 9, 2024**

**Tuesday, December 10, 2024**

**Wednesday, December 11, 2024**  
7:00 pm Tyburn Academy Christmas Concert

**Thursday, December 12, 2024**

**Friday, December 13, 2024**  
8:00am(SA) Eucharistic Adoration  
11:30am(SH) First Friday Mass & Luncheon

**Saturday, December 14, 2024**

**Sunday, December 15, 2024**  
10:30am(SH) Faith Formation

**Memorial Candles**  
**Week of**  
**December 8**  
**Sacred Heart Church**  
*Tabernacle Candle*  
*Joyce Lobisco*  
*By*  
*Ed & Joanne Nash*

**The Nativity of Our Lord  
Christmas Eve Masses  
Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

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 25<sup>th</sup>**  
10:30am-St. Alphonsus Church

**The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is December 8th**, but because it falls on a Sunday this year it will be transferred to December 9th. On December 9th, *we will have two Masses that day: 8:30am at Sacred Heart Church and 12:15pm at St. Alphonsus Church. Attendance at the 5 pm mass on Sunday December 8 does not fulfill the Holy Day obligation.*

**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.



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

12/2/24	Donors	Pledged	Goal	%
SA	69	\$11,002	\$33,000	33%
SH	76	\$11,543	\$42,000	27%
ANN	13	\$1,520	\$12,000	13%



**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!

**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\***



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.

**MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF DECEMBER 8, 2024**  
**Sacred Heart (SH) \* St. Alphonsus (SA) \* St. Ann (ANN)**

<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>
<b>Monday, December 9, 2024</b>	8:30am(SH)	+Judy McGinn <i>by Ellen DelloStritto</i>
	12:15pm(SA)	+Elizabeth Sprague <i>by Bereavement Ministry</i>
<b>Tuesday, December 10, 2024</b>	8:30am(SH)	+Jean Flanigan <i>by Bereavement</i>
	12:15pm(SA)	+Dennis O'Donnell <i>by Bereavement Ministry</i>
<b>Wednesday, December 11, 2024</b>	12:15pm(SA)	+Ruth Barry <i>by Estate</i>
<b>Thursday, December 12, 2024</b>	5:15pm(SA)	+Joe Hogan <i>by Family</i>
<b>Friday, December 13, 2024</b>	8:30am(SH)	+Carol Cristantielli <i>by Linda Carr &amp; Tom Paterson</i>
	7:30am(SA)	+Jean LaDue <i>by Mariellen</i>
<b>Saturday, December 14, 2024</b>	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 &amp; Catherine</i>
	4:30pm(SA)	+Donna Passarello <i>by Her Sons &amp; Family</i> +Elizabeth "Betty" Westmiller <i>by Jim &amp; Mary Ann LaMay</i>
<b>Sunday, December 15, 2024</b>	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 Green, Marcienne Lalonde, Beverly Clifford & Brian Farrelly <i>by Family</i> +Claireen Dennis Holmes <i>by the Dorsey &amp; 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>

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**

- \* 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!
- \* If you have any questions, please contact Pat Cleaver at 315-406-4238.

**SOUP KITCHENS IN AUBURN**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday

All take out.

All are welcome 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

St. Peter and John Soup Kitchen

169 Genesee Street, Auburn

(across from Auburn Post Office)

Thursday and Friday

1:00pm-2:00pm

Salvation Army

188 Genesee St, Auburn

*No Soup Kitchen on Sunday*

Prayer for the Second Sunday of Advent

Dear Lord, Open our eyes to the people  
You have specifically placed in our path  
so that we can speak healing  
and comfort to them.

Help us to prepare for the coming  
of Your kingdom, together.

Amen.

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

**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. Vasyl 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.

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## The Second Sunday in Advent Peace and Faith

During the second Sunday in Advent the focus is Peace and our faith. Jesus has been called “the prince of peace” Isaiah 9:6-7. The second Sunday of Advent gives us the opportunity to prepare our hearts in faithful waiting, celebrate the birth of Jesus, and ready ourselves for his second coming.

### Slowing down and savoring the season

This week we pause from our hectic lives and remember what God has done for us. We need to be available for prayer in our daily activities as we prepare for Jesus’ arrival.

### Advent History

Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means coming. In the 4th and 5th century it was a time used to prepare for the baptism of new Christians. Forty days were spent in prayer and fasting as preparation for the sacrament. Over time Advent focused on preparing our hearts and minds to celebrate Christmas. The four weeks of Advent allows us to joyfully anticipate the arrival of Jesus.

### Take the Chance

When things get hectic, it is important to find peace in Jesus. This Sunday is a chance to focus on the gifts that God has given us in sending Jesus.

### Take the time to pray

O holy, patient, and loving God, in this season of grace-filled longing, we await the coming of your Son and our Savior. It is difficult for us to remember that this is a holy time. There are many distractions: commitments seem to pile up, and expectations are high. In the midst of our busy world, our busy lives, we need your help to remind us of what is important and necessary. While many of those things that we do not need will come to us in packages gleaming and bright, the one gift that will last comes from you alone, gracious God, as we grow in our awareness of your love. Bless us, our family and friends, and the food and the company that we share. Increase in us a growing urgency to celebrate the birth of your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen. *The Essential Advent and Christmas Handbook*

God Bless,  
Barbara Quinn,  
Coordinator of Faith Formation

### Upcoming Dates:

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, 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](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.