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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday	9:00 AM
Monday & Tuesday	9:00 AM
Holy Days	9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS – upon request

BAPTISMS - Contact Parish Office well in advance.

WEDDINGS – Contact Parish Office at least six months in advance to make arrangements for marriage.



THE HOLY FAMILY



He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday and Tuesday
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Dee Daly
Administrative Assistant

FINANCE COUNCIL

Third Tue of the month 5:45 PM

PARISH COUNCIL

Third Tue of the month 6:30 PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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**SAINT ALPHONSUS
CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**

Jon Keith (483.6489) work
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ONLINE GIVING <https://osvhub.com/st-alphonsus-liguori-parish/funds>

LITURGICAL CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

25 Sat THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas)

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

9:00 AM Parishioners

26 SUN The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

✠ 9:00 AM Deceased members of the Ryan Family
by Bill & Elaine Ryan

27 Mon St John, Apostle and Evangelist 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

✠ 9:00 ALL SOULS

28 Tue The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18

✠ 9:00 AM The Queen Family by the Estate

29 Wed Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

30 Thu Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

31 Fri Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Saint Sylvester I, Pope 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

1 Sat Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

2 SUN The EPIPHANY of the LORD

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

✠ 9:00 AM The Queen Family by the Estate

Church Offertory

12/19 Offertory will appear in a future bulletin

Weekly Offertory Goal	\$ 1,500.00
12/12 Sunday's Offertory	\$ 1,196.00
Online giving	\$ 50.00
Offertory Total	\$ 1,246.00
Building & Maintenance	\$ 50.00
Fuel	-

Thanks for making up your envelopes.

Saturday January 1st Collection - Solemnity of Mary

Sunday January 2nd Collection— Building & Maintenance

**Otter Valley Roman Catholic
Mass Schedule**

**Holy Family Sunday — December 26th
Sunday**

9:00 am - Pittsford

11:00 am - Brandon

Mary, Mother of God — New Years

Friday

Saturday

4:00pm - Brandon

9:00am - Pittsford

Epiphany — January 2nd

Saturday

Sunday

4:00pm - Brandon

9:00am - Pittsford

11:00am - Brandon

Holy Mary Mother of God—New Years Day, attending Mass is encouraged but not required due to it falling on a Saturday.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP —LPi

A Thought from Tracy Earl Welliver

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

Immanuel means God is with Us. (Matthew 1:23)

The Octave of Christmas, from December 25th through January 1st New Year's Day, calls us to celebrate the different ways we can experience God's presence. There are three major feasts that highlight the manifestations of God in our midst.

The Gospel of Christmas Day with the verse "the Word was made flesh" (John 1:14) celebrates the belief that God is revealed through the proclamation of Sacred Scripture and is manifested in the Sacrament of the Altar. May we recognize the importance of these moments and revere them by our active participation in the liturgies we attend. May we seek to experience God in our lives by reading and meditating on the Scriptures and spending time in private adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

On December 26th we will celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. This feast calls us to recognize the sacredness of our own families. We may not think of our families as holy, but they can be if we acknowledge the possibility. The Scriptures state "When two or three are gathered in my name I am present. (Matthew 18:20) It also states that "God is love" (1 John 4:16). When we gather as family and express our love for one another, God is made present. May we cherish our families and see in them the opportunities to express and experience God's love.

On January 1st, New Year's Day, the Church celebrates the Solemnity, Mary Mother of God. Under this title Mary is identified as the "theotokos", the Greek word for "God Bearer". This feast challenges us to accept the role to be God bearers in all that we say and do. Mary brought Christ into the world giving him birth. More importantly she was a model disciple. May we follow her example of discipleship and be God bearers, bringing Christ into our home, our place of work, and our social venues.

God is always with us, we need only acknowledge the reality. May you have a grace filled Christmas and New Year. Fr. Moe



Last Sunday of the Month, Dec. 26th.

NEXT SUNDAY is Food Shelf Sunday. If each family could contribute one non-perishable item, our parish would have a generous donation for those in need. There is a wooden box in the east entrance for your donations.



NATIVITY SET MEMORIALS

**CHRIST CHILD, IN MEMORY OF ALL LOST CHILDREN
A GIFT OF SAINT ALPHONSUS PARISHIONERS**

**BLESSED MOTHER, REST IN PEACE - QUEEN,
LEAHY, KUNKLE, AND KUSTER FAMILIES.
A GIFT FROM BOBBY QUEEN**

**SAINT JOSEPH, IN MEMORY OF JOHN J. MILLER,
A WONDERFUL DAD
A GIFT FROM KEN MILLER**

**ANGEL, IN MEMORY OF THE MCDEVITT
AND GLADSKI FAMILIES
A GIFT FROM BILL AND MARY GLADSKI**

**SHEPHERD, IN MEMORY OF THE STEENBEEK
AND KOGEL GRANDPARENTS
A GIFT FROM TONI AND SJA AK STEENBEEK**

**DRUMMER BOY, IN MEMORY OF THE
SABOL AND DARCY FAMILIES
A GIFT FROM GEORGE, GERALDINE AND MICHAEL
SABOL**

**KING WITH GOLD, IN MEMORY OF ALPHONSE AND
STELLA POREMSKI
A GIFT FROM BARBARA CHAMPINE,**

**KING WITH FRANKINCENSE, IN MEMORY OF DR
JOSEPH AND MARTHA HOFFMAN,
A GIFT FROM THE GAVIN COTTER FAMILY**

**KING WITH MYRRH, IN MEMORY OF DR JOHN AND
GERTRUDE COTTER,
A GIFT FROM THE GAVIN COTTER FAMILY**

**OX, IN MEMORY OF HARRY MOYER
A GIFT FROM THE GREG POLLI FAMILY**

**DONKEY, FOR THOSE HERE AND IN HEAVEN
A GIFT FROM ANNA MITCHELL**

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