



# HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

## The Mother Church of Auburn

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**August 18, 2019**

### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Parish Office**  
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**Office Hours**  
Monday -Tuesday  
9:00-4:00  
Thursday 9:00-3:00  
Closed on Wednes-  
days & Fridays

**Priests Ext. 10**  
Fr. John Gathenya  
  
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Ext. 13**  
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Chair**  
Richard Nestor

**St. Joseph School**  
253-8327  
**Principal**  
Mary Jo Keba

**Weekend Mass  
Schedule**  
Saturday: 4:00 pm  
Sunday: 9:00 am  
**Reconciliation**  
Saturday: 3:30 pm

**Baptisms**  
By appointment. Call  
to register.

**Marriages**  
By Appointment

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### PICNICS: BUILDING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

As priests of the cluster of St. Alphonsus, Holy Family, Sacred Heart and St. Ann, we are particularly sensitive about building a sense of community. Too often, churches become just vendors of religious services for do-it-yourself Christians. They may offer a vast array of programs and activities, but they lack the one thing that can truly transform the people who walk through their doors - genuine Christian community. People are searching for a place where they're accepted just as they are and encouraged to become all they can be. They want to become part of a community that helps connect them to God and other people through bonds of love. God wants that for His people, too. After all, He is a God of relationship, existing in the Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I want to offer a way that is pragmatic in nature for church members to create a sense of community: Picnic-- At some point you need to break bread with people, to experience life with people, to see where your church is going as a body of Christ. There is a lot in Scripture about "breaking bread" together, because something beautiful happens when people enjoy a meal together. It breaks down differences and unites you in your need to sustain yourself with food.

**Summer season is incomplete without the Parish Annual Picnics at Holy Family, St. Alphonsus and Sacred Heart, without the garage sale at St Alphonsus and the Chicken BBQ bazaar at St. Ann, Owasco. These celebratory events brings our communities together. You are always invited. However, allow me to focus on picnics within our cluster!** Our Picnics are parish-unifying events which promotes Christian fellowship and service. As faith-filled stewards, we offer our time and talent to create an environment of enjoyment, camaraderie and safety throughout the parish picnic. "Fun" and Community building are the main reasons these events has taken place in our parishes for ages! Whether you have lived here for years or have just arrived, our cluster picnics are WONDERFUL WAY FOR YOU TO MEET NEW PEOPLE and to develop personal ties that are so important in your parish life. Working for the success of our picnics and participating in these weekend's activities will give you A GREAT SENSE OF PRIDE AND ENJOYMENT about being a member of your Parish family.

**On July 21 we had the Holy Family annual picnic at the beautiful Auburn Correctional Recreational Facility, with Fr. Michael Brown celebrating the Eucharist at 11.15 a.m. under the shade overlooking a charming and beautiful country scenario.** It's a change of scenery as Mass is always inside the building. It gave an opportunity for the parish to be social and not just see each other sitting in church every week. You can come out and talk and socialize. After Mass, everyone eagerly awaited the time for Fr. Brown to lead in a prayer of blessing; after which we descended upon tables laden with food. After all these efforts I was among the many ready to "dig in," to "break and share" "to enjoy and celebrate." Everyone seemed happy and deeply contented! The queue never seemed to come to an end. Even on my third serving the line was still "lengthy" with many good friends serving more food, goodies cookies, and brownies, and there were more hamburgers and hot dogs roasting on the oven! The creative energies of parishioners trended more towards the sweet end of the food spectrum, and the variety of mouth-watering desserts was a sight to behold crowned by Fr. Brown's 30<sup>th</sup> priestly anniversary cake. Noticeably, there were many new faces among the familiar ones in the crowd of "picnickers," evidence of both the welcoming heart and the expansion that is occurring in the community of Holy Family Church. Never be afraid to come even when you are not able to bring anything at all--the important thing is that you come, and that we can celebrate together as a community. This is the

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**Sunday, August 18**

9:00 am—Allan Gaesser—Fr. John & Staff

**Monday, August 19**

12:15 pm Bill Dolan—Smith Family

**Tuesday, August 20**

**NO MASS**

**Wednesday, August 21**

12:15 pm Mary Franchina—Family

**Thursday, August 22**

**NO MASS**

**Friday, August 23**

12:15 pm David Farrell—Family

**Saturday, August 24**

4:00 pm William Stuart—Linda

Joseph Klonowski—Mary

John Michael Tomandl—Family

Mary & George Miner—Mary

**Sunday, August 25**

9:00 am—Lavinia Baruch—Ida Morabito



**HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION** for Grades Prek-6 will begin on September 15, 2019 Catechist Sunday. Classes will be from 10am to 11am in the School. Families who previously have been enrolled in the program will be mailed registration forms. Additional information can be found on the Holy Family Website: [auburnhollyfamily.org](http://auburnhollyfamily.org), by emailing or calling Barbara Quinn at the Rectory. Email [Barbara.Quinn@dor.org](mailto:Barbara.Quinn@dor.org) or 315.252.9576 ext. 16

**HOLY FAMILY YOUTH GROUP for GRADES 7 AND UP** runs from September through May from 5:30-7pm once a month on Sunday evenings. All are invited to join. Information will be sent to previously enrolled families and forms can be found online or by contacting Barbara Quinn at the Rectory.

**BEHIND THE SCENES AT HOLY FAMILY:** Would you like to be a Lector or Eucharistic Minister? You are needed! Volunteers for these Ministries are needed at the Daily (Monday, Wednesday and Friday Masses 12:15pm) and at Weekend Masses (Saturday 4:00pm. Sunday 9:00am). Clara Walsh, after many years of faithful service at weekday Masses, has retired. Albert and Josie Nicolella also retired from these ministries this past year. "Thanks you" Clara, Albert and Josie for your many, many years of service in these Ministries. You live the message of your faith through your service to God.

If you think you would like to volunteer to be a Lector or Eucharistic Minister, please call Holy Family Rectory at 315-252-9576 and Kathy will be glad to help you. Thank you for all you do!

**PRAYERS FOR THE COLLEGE BOUND:** We hold all students in our thoughts and prayers as they return to school and college in the fall. We pray for God's blessing and guidance for all, especially these young people as they begin this semester in college: Mark Antonik II, Emma Bachman, Grace Bachman, Mark Bachman, Hannah Blowers, Kenedie Bolindari, Alexandra Buhrl, Ellen Buhrl, Jessica Buhrl, Daniel Cuddy, Jeffrey Day Jr. , Seth Gilmore, Addison Gremli, David Hearn, Jared Justian ,Jacob Lupo, Emma Lutkins, Celia Mattie, Olivia Morgan, John Netti, , Maria Staehr, Jada Sterling, David Sterling, James Sterling, Aiden Tardiff,Jonathan Wejko, Zoe Wejko and Hannah Yorkey.

Lord our God,  
in your wisdom and love  
you surround us with the mysteries of the universe.  
Send your Spirit upon these students  
and fill them with your wisdom and blessings.  
Grant that they may  
devote themselves to their studies  
and draw ever closer to you,  
the source of all knowledge.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
R/. Amen.

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**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

8/11/2019

Attendance	357
Regular Collection	\$3551.14
St. Joseph's School	\$80.00
Fuel & Heat	\$85.00
Roof Fund	\$237.00
Assumption	\$45.00
Visiting Missionary	\$22.00
Other	\$5.00

**God Bless you for your generosity. Your support is needed and greatly appreciated.**

**ROOF RENOVATION FUND:** Our Roof Campaign Goal is \$300,000.00. We are proud to announce that at the bulletin printing time we have received \$217,995 (72.67%). Thank you for what you have sacrificed to contribute towards this Campaign!

**OUR THANKS** to Heieck-Pelc Funeral Home for sponsoring our bulletin this week.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK;** Mary Adams, Caroline Blowers, Mark Cole, Sue Daly, Tim Daly, Leo & Dorothy Delaney, Gina DelPiano, Mary Dygert, Ginny Elardo, Ann Fronzek, Michael Fronzek, Robert Gallager, Mary Guido, Carter Hergert, Caleb Jones, Joanne Komanecky, Elizabeth Lane, Frances Lane, Stephen L. Norris, Jim O'Connor, Joan Petrucelli, Siobhan Phillippe, Donna Romano, Roberta Slayton, Leonard Smith, Stacy, Bill Tonzi, **those listed in our Book of Petitions and those serving our country:** LCpl Brian Baxter USMC, Capt. Gregory Baxter USMC, Capt. DJ Benzing USAF, LtCol Joseph E. Brooks USAF, PFC Earl Doyle Jr. USA, Sgt Tom Ellis Sr. USA, SSgt Angel Gonzalez USA, Cpl Eddie Gonzalez USMC, Pvt Zachary Gonzalez USMC, CWO4 Roger Graf USA, 1SGT Zachary Howell USA, Sgt James Johnson USMC, SFC Jason Mero USA, Pvt Justin Miller USA, E3 David Mirales US Navy.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE****Sat. August 24**

4:00 pm **AS** C. Duffy; K. Duffy  
**L** C. Tomandl; S. Marullo  
**EM** C. Tomandl; S. Marullo; Gary Bennett;

**Sun. August 25**

9:00 am **AS** W. Furnia; J. Furnia  
**L** F. Netti; R. Staehr  
**EM** H. Delaney; B. Wilson; K. Spinelli; M. Lavey  
**Nursing Home Minister:** H. Delaney

**OUR PARISH THIS WEEK****Tuesday, August 20**

10-11 am Clothes Closet  
 10-11 am Lunches with Love

**Thursday, August 22**

6-7 pm Clothes Closet

**Saturday, August 24**

3:30 - 4:00 pm Confessions

**FR. SAMUEL WAWERU** who has been with us for two months, helping us in the celebration of the Eucharist and other sacraments, will celebrate his farewell masses with us on the weekend of August 24/25 prior to his return Journey to Nakuru diocese, Kenya on the 29th. He enabled me with his services to have enough and much need time to address the transition issues of clustering. Thank you Fr. Samuel for your service to our parish and cluster at large. While with us he shared his major pastoral concern/ challenge/ difficulty as the head of department of Peace and Justice in the entire diocese of Nakuru. Nonetheless, we cannot take any collection for him as the rule and policy of our diocese require a written permission from the office of the bishop. For those who would like to express gratitude to Fr. Samuel from the generosity of their hearts can personally see him. Thank you for your support of Fr. Samuel, please continue to pray for him and his ministry.

Next Sunday, we will sadly bid farewell to our summer priest!  
 Bon Voyage! Buon Viaggio! Kwaheri! Fr. John



We welcome to our faith community  
 Jack Nicholas Wilson. Congratulations to his family.

**SUMMER 2019 VISITING MISSIONARY:** Sr. Joanne Bierl, MMM (Medical Missionaries of Mary, an international congregation of Women Religious), will be telling you about their work in Africa and Latin America bringing God's love to our wounded world. They bring health care to those who would not otherwise have access to it. Care and treatment is provided to all who come seeking it. They cannot do this without your support and prayers. You can visit them at [www.mmmworldwide.org](http://www.mmmworldwide.org)

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strength of our gathering, and I am so glad to be able to be a part of it. Anyone and everyone in our cluster is always welcomed to get involved in helping out with the picnic, and there is plenty to do, a dish-to-pass, from setting up to taking down and everything in between. And when it all comes together, the picnic is more than worth the effort. I love our parishes held picnics! Dear parishioners & friends of our cluster churches who are still preparing for your picnic, I pray for a special blessing upon you. As I write this bulletin article we await passionately for St. Alphonsus picnic (Sunday, 8/4). It is always a great time of fun, fellowship and enjoyment. It is a time to reconnect with our fellow parish family after a time away from our church programs and school in the summer months. The picnic always reminds me about the **original version of the parish picnic**- the generosity of God shown in the feeding of the five thousand on five loaves of bread and two fish. As faith-filled stewards, we offer our time and talent to create an environment of enjoyment, camaraderie and safety throughout the parish picnic. The parish picnic also offers an important opportunity to evangelize---that is, to give witness to the beliefs and the gospel values we deeply cherish especially that we are **the living body of Christ and each and every one, big or small, poor or rich, young or older, have a special place and role in building and nurturing it so that it may become the sacred space of acceptance, care, welcome, loving, forgiving and above all a place of celebration.** Our annual picnics should become a great way for many families to build lasting friendships among fellow parishioners. In the last several picnics I have met new neighbors, who have actually wandered into the picnic as their first experience of our parish, and decided that this was going to be their parish home.

I found in the last month that all our churches in the cluster have always been welcoming to all, and I hope that this is evidenced in our fidelity towards welcoming mission during the picnics. To those parishioners who make it a point to introduce themselves to strangers and visitors and share your table and your time, I hope you know that you are doing something very important. You are living the faith, celebrating our tradition, and laying the foundation for our parish future. **No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, No matter what your current family or marital situation, No matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc. No matter what your own self-image - You are always invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected in all our churches in the cluster of St. Alphonsus. Holy Family and St. Ann. We are here to welcome and serve you. Every picnic provides the opportunity to get to know so many wonderful people in our parishes otherwise may never get to know. It is a wonderful way to see our Parishes come together as one family for hard work, dedication, faith and a great time! Thank you for coming to share and give thanks to God for his great blessings within our cluster family. A big kudos all who tirelessly sacrificed and offered their services and donations on the scene and behind the scene, planning and coordinating towards the success of our picnics.**

~Fr. John



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