

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Saturday: 4:00 pm
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Saturday: 3:00 pm

Baptisms
By appointment. Call to register.

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By Appointment

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Celebration of Sacraments in Our Cluster: Infant Baptism—Part One

The baptism of an infant is the source of joy for our cluster Churches. Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are freed from sin, and become sons and daughters of God the Father, and members of the holy Catholic Church. "Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments." (CCC 1213) Infant baptism fulfills the Lord's great mandate to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." In His encounter with Nicodemus ([John 3:1-21](#)), Christ made it clear that baptism was necessary for salvation: "Amen, amen I say to thee unless a man be born again of water and the Holy Ghost, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." For Catholics, the sacrament is not a mere formality; it is the very mark of a Christian because it brings us into a new life in Christ. To this regard, the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1250-1252) declares: *The sheer gratuitousness of the grace of salvation is particularly manifested in infant Baptism. The Church and the parents would deny a child the priceless grace of becoming a child of God were they not to confer Baptism shortly after birth. Christian parents will recognize that this practice also accords with their role as nurturers of the life that God has entrusted to them.*

Infant Baptism as a Sacrament of Initiation welcomes a child into our faith community of Catholic Christian believers. It is the celebration that begins the faith life of the child in and with Christ. Because the child is unable to express faith, the Church invites the parents and godparents into a preparation process prior to the Baptism Celebration. Through prayer, reflection, scripture, and faith sharing, parents and godparents are guided and supported in their responsibilities as faith witnesses for the child. The Church rejoices along with the parents and godparents at the baptism of each child. It is certainly possible to note some obvious "signs of life" by which one can with certainty tell whether a child is being brought up as a practicing Catholic. A practicing Catholic opens herself to the influence of God's love. Our life of faith is not a matter of "doing things" to make ourselves favored by God. That favor has been given to us already. We "do things" in a thankful response to the God who has loved us first. Catholic Christians recognize the celebration of the Lord's Supper (Mass, the Eucharist) as the indispensable source of ongoing spiritual nourishment. As a community, we are fed from the tables of the Word of God and Jesus' Eucharistic sacrifice. It is seriously sinful for a Catholic Christian habitually to stay away from, or in any instance excuse herself lightly from, the Sunday celebration of Mass. This celebration is at the core of who we are. Participation in the Eucharist and participation in a life of prayer in general, allows us truly to be "practicing": to be open to the grace God gives us to live courageously and lovingly.

Sunday, the day of Jesus' resurrection, is the preferred day for celebrating baptism. The celebration of baptism during the Sunday Eucharistic celebration is strongly encouraged. Infant Baptism celebrates this saving faith already transforming the lives of the parents and of the community – a faith that will be shared, by word and example, with the newly baptized infants as they grow into

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Sunday, October 13
 9:00 am—Florence & Joseph Noga—Family

Monday, October 14
 12:15 pm Anniversary of Louise & Joseph Janusz—
 Lorraine & Donald Arliss

Tuesday, October 15
NO MASS

Wednesday, October 16
 10:00 am Mass at North Brook Heights
 12:15 pm Donna Hassan—Family

Thursday, October 17
NO MASS

Friday, October 18
 12:15 pm Tony Comby—Linda & Ken

Saturday, October 19
 4:00 pm John & Joseph Carberry—Family

Sunday, October 20
 9:00 am—John & Irene Flaherty—Family
3:00 pm Communal Mass and Anointing



FAITH FORMATION UPDATES :

October 13: No Sessions for Columbus Day Holiday

October 20: 4th Grade Offertory

10am PreK—6th grade session

5:30—7pm Youth Group & Conf Y1

HANDS OF CHRIST RECOGNITION 2020 NOMINEES

SOUGHT: The *Hands of Christ* is a program to recognize High School Seniors who have been the “Hands of Christ” in their church, home, school and Community and is sponsored by the Diocese Office of Evangelization and Catechesis. The criteria to receive this very special recognition is the senior **consistently** demonstrates a Christian attitude by word and example; has been **actively involved** in the parish as well as their school or community; Members of the Parish are invited to recognize young members who are currently Seniors in High School. Nomination Forms can be found in the vestibule. Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 315-252-9576, Ext. 16 with any questions. All Nominations need to be returned to Barbara Quinn, Coordinator of Faith Formation by **November 4th**.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

	9/29/2019	10/06/2019
Attendance	348	620
Regular Collection	\$3177.03	\$4008.46
St. Joseph's School	\$13	\$358
Fuel & Heat	\$50	\$160
Roof Fund	\$65	\$249
Lunches with Love	\$25	
Other		\$5

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

HOSPITAL INFORMATION:

When you or a loved one is admitted to Auburn Community Hospital, your parish is informed by the facility's administration department. Precise and current church affiliation information is essential to receiving your ministerial needs. Therefore, whenever you or a loved one is admitted to the Auburn Community Hospital, please check that your Religious Affiliation data is up to date and accurate.

If you are admitted to any other hospital or care facility, ask that their Spiritual Care Department is informed that you are a Roman Catholic and would like a visit from a chaplain. The act will ensure your spiritual needs are met during your stay.

If you have any questions about remaining in touch with the Church from care facilities, please call your pastoral minister at your parish office.

Sacred Heart – Bernie Tomasso

Holy Family – Helen Delany

Saint Alphonsus – Aaron Wilson

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 \$219,436 (73.15%). Thank you for what you have sacrificed to contribute towards this Campaign!

RITE TO CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS: Classes are beginning soon for any adult interested in joining the Catholic Church or completing their Sacraments. Contact the parish office for more information. (315-252-9576)

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY, and we are offering Auburn parishes a Powerpoint Presentation on "Our Lady of Fatima - Heaven is For Real". The talk will include beautiful photos and a timely story. Frank Netti will speak about the visions and miracles that surprised the world in 1917. He will use eye witness accounts by Sr. Lucia and others to describe prophetic messages and prayers given to the children, as well as official Vatican photos of the sun. The event will take place at Holy Family Church, Monday, October 28th at 6:30 to 8 PM. For more information call Mr. Netti 315 246 7021.

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 Gallagher, 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. October 19**

4:00 pm **AS** C. Duffy; K. Duffy
L S. Marullo; R. Nestor
EM S. Marullo; A. Seneca; G. Bennett; C. Tomandl

Sun. October 20

9:00 am **AS** A. Stotler
L D. Walsh; M. Liberatore
EM D. Walsh; K. Spinelli; M. Lawson
Nursing Home Minister: H. Delaney

If you are able to serve, lector or be a Eucharistic Minister for the Feast of All Saints on November 1st, please call the parish office. Thank you.

OUR PARISH THIS WEEK**Monday, October 14—Columbus Day**

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, October 15

10-11 am Clothes Closet

10-11 am Lunches with Love

Thursday, October 17

6-7 pm Clothes Closet

7 pm Choir Practice

Saturday, October 19

3:00 pm Confessions

Sunday, October 20**3:00pm Communal Mass & Anointing**

COMMUNAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK: The Catholic Community of Holy Family, St. Alphonsus, Sacred Heart and Saint Ann invites you to a healing Mass centered on the celebration of Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick on Sunday, October 20th, 3.00 PM, the HOUR of Mercy, at the Church of Holy Family! Anointing of the Sick is encouraged for anyone that is in danger of death from sickness or old age, and also immediately before a serious operation. Those suffering from severe mental disorders are also encouraged to seek the peace of Christ in the Anointing. This Sacrament can be repeatedly administered to a person if his/her condition becomes worse, or a new serious condition develops, and is recommended for the elderly as they become more and more frail. We encourage you to bring the sick person to this communal celebration of the sacrament of the sick.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE FINGERLAKES:

Annual Empty Bowls Event
Wednesday, October 23, 2019
Sacred Heart Church Parish Hall
90 Melrose Rd., Auburn NY
5:00 –7:00 pm

Tickets \$20; Children under 10 - \$10

Participants learn about local anti-poverty efforts and walk away with a commemorative Empty Bowl that serves as a reminder that hunger does indeed exist in our community and you were able to help!

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responsible young adulthood. To emphasize the communal aspect and paschal character of Baptism, it should be celebrated on Sunday. The entire community should be invited to witness and celebrate this sacred event. However, for many other pastoral reasons especially in a cluster, baptisms celebrated during a Liturgy of the Word are the most frequent. A Liturgy of the Word is a simple service of the Word during which Mass is *not* celebrated. They may take place in any of our four churches on a Saturday morning or a Sunday afternoon after Mass. Baptisms that take place at one of the Sunday or Vigil Masses are celebrated *during* Mass. Mass usually lasts one hour. Because of the special character of the season of Lent as a time of preparation for the Christian initiation of adults and generally as a time of preparation for the celebration of the central mystery of the Christian faith, the celebration of infant baptism during Lent occurs only in an emergency.

Baptismal process is more than answering questions, recording information, and scheduling dates. For some parents, the decision to baptize a child marks the return to an active faith life. Unsure of their status in the eyes of the Church, they are nervous, even defensive. For others, making the arrangements for infant Baptism is their first contact with the parish since their wedding. Because this is a new territory, they have many questions. Others, who have been through baptismal preparation for their older child, are anxious to get things moving; they may grow impatient with inefficiency or requirement that repeats steps they have already undertaken. For others, one of the parents is of a different faith and is dragged into this preparation by the catholic party (interfaith couple). Our Parish Pastoral leaders are encouraged to make readily available the required infant baptism formation (preparation) for both parents and godparents (if applicable) so families may avail themselves of the formation in a timely manner. This formation should be appropriate for baptismal catechesis, while remembering that "the primary element in determining the appropriate amount of catechesis is the need of the parent(s) not the fulfillment of a set program per se.

Our cluster parishes welcomes and rejoices with you as we prepare to welcome a new member who will grow in faith, serve others and join us in the praise of God. In asking why the Catholic Church baptizes infants, let us revisit the words of Jesus in Mark's Gospel: *Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these.* Fr. John

OUR THANKS to White Chapel Funeral Home for sponsoring our bulletin this week.

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS FOR OCTOBER: Baby Care items

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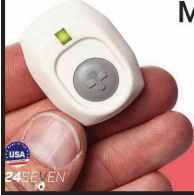
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