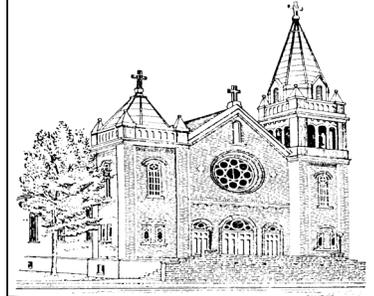


St. Alphonsus-Holy Name of Jesus Parish



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Reverend Douglas Decker
 Deacons:
James Ellis, Gerald Savage
Deacon James Ellis
 Religious Education Office (K-10):
Jill Bujold
 Parish Office:
Lisa Reed



Reconciliation:

Saturday - St. Alphonsus 3:15-3:30pm; Sunday - Holy Name 8:00-8:10am

Baptism Preparation: Call parish office **Wedding Preparation:** Call parish office at least 6 months before desired date

Communion to the Sick: Call parish office

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Masses this week

Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday	12/24	4:00pm	SA	People of the Parish
Sunday	12/24	7:30pm	HN	People of the Parish
Monday	12/25	9:00am	SA	People of the Parish
Tuesday	12/26	8:00am	HGPC	No Mass
Wednesday	12/27	8:00am	HGPC	John Boudreau by family
Thursday	12/28	8:00am	HGPC	Leon LaFave by Butch & Jan
Friday	12/29	8:00am	HGPC	No Mass
Saturday	12/30	4:00pm	SA	Donat Richer by family
Sunday	12/31	11:00am	HN	Deceased members of the George Joseph family
Sunday	12/31	8:30am	SA	Daniel Lefebvre by Dean & Kathleen Lefebvre

From the Pastor...

Because of Love, He came for us, because of grace, He died.
 Because of hope, He gave us life....a living sacrifice.
 Because of Him we live and move; He freed our world from sin.
 Because of Christmas we have hope, all because of Emmanuel...

God is with us

Parish happenings...

HOLY HOUR

Tuesday, December 26, 6:00pm, St. Alphonsus Church

MEN OF THE CHURCH

Monday, January 1, 7:00pm, Holy Ghost Parish Center

Christmas 2017

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

I have asked the youth of our Diocese to provide me with a cover design for this year's Christmas card. I received many fine pieces of art, many of which were captioned with verses from Scripture. One citation that surfaced on a few cards is from St. Luke's Infancy Narrative: **"The angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.'" (Luke 2:10)**

What an appropriate message for each of us to reflect upon this Christmas. We should give careful attention to this angelic proclamation that offers such hope and heavenly happiness to all people. Fear, bad news and division seem to be having their way in our world today. In the midst of such darkness, we remember that there is no reason to be afraid because God brings Good News of great joy for all of God's people through His Son, born of Mary.

"Do not be afraid." I need not provide a list of serious concerns that today cause so many to fear what tomorrow may bring. No matter the heartache, this is a season of hope and joy. Jesus is the One who rescues humanity from sin and delivers us from the condition of alienation from God. With His birth, the Christ Child brings an unfathomable gift that we must unwrap to enjoy. He brings salvation to all humanity. But in order to enjoy the salvation won for us, our personal encounter with Jesus must be tended to through a lifelong journey of love and service.

Just a few weeks ago, I consecrated the Diocese of Ogdensburg to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. We know that Mary submitted humbly and totally to God's will, even without fully understanding it. By saying "yes" to God's mysterious will, she enabled salvation to enter the world through the birth of her Son. We must tug at her sleeve, she who desires so much to lead us, all of us, to Jesus.

We want to follow Jesus. Christ-led and Christ-fed, we can be hope-filled and not weighed down by the menace of evil. As we celebrate the birth of our Savior and greet a New Year, let us unwrap the gift of salvation offered by making Mary's words our own: *"Let it be done to me according to thy word."*

May the Christ Child bring you and your loved ones the Gift of Love, the Blessing of Hope and the Promise of Peace. A blessed Christmas and joy-filled New Year!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg

Our weekly Tithe
Offering Envelopes: \$3,229.00
Children's Envelopes: \$2.00
Plate: \$615.50
Fuel: \$88.00
Total: \$3,934.50
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CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The Diocese of Ogdensburg's Retirement Plan for Priests has long been supported by parish contributions from its annual Christmas Collection. Currently 40 retired priests, and 8 active priests age 70 and older, are expected to receive pension benefits of \$892,000 in 2017-18. Also 100% of the cost of health insurance premiums for retired priests is paid by the Plan. Your generous contribution not only supports current retirees but will also help provide for the retirement needs of priests who will retire in the future. Say *thank you* to your pastor and all priests of the diocese through a generous contribution to our Christmas Collection.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Children's Mass

4:00pm, December 24th

St. Alphonsus

Evening Mass

7:30pm, December 24th

Holy Name

9:00am, December 25th

St. Alphonsus Church

New to the Parish? Please fill this out, clip and drop in the collection so we can add you to the parish registry!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Email: _____

Would you like envelopes?

____yes ____no

Would you like to volunteer for any parish ministry?

____yes ____no