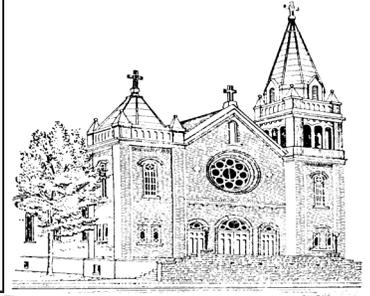


St. Alphonsus-Holy Name of Jesus Parish



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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

Saturday	09/01	4:00pm	SA	Robert Decker by Mark & Sue LaVigne
Sunday	09/02	8:30am	HN	Anna Sparks Moore, J. Edward Moore, Ned Moore by M/M John Sparks Moore
Sunday	09/02	11:00am	SA	Greta Rovito by Lisa, Mark & Kaitlyn
Monday	09/03			No Mass
Tuesday	09/04	8:00am	HGPC	Leroy Carter by Bob & Jane Holder
Wednesday	09/05	8:00am	HGPC	Ethel Baker by the McDonald's Breakfast Group
Thursday	09/06	8:00am	HGPC	Bev LaFrance by Linda & Neil Pickering
Friday	09/07			No Mass
Saturday	09/08	4:00pm	SA	Lee Hovey (1st Anniversary) by Barbara Hovey & family
Sunday	09/09	8:30am	HN	Woody Poirier by family
Sunday	09/09	11:00am	SA	Staff & Benefactors of Mercy General Hospital & Mercy Healthcare Center by the Sisters of Mercy

St. Alphonsus Sanctuary Candle in loving memory of Van & Beulah Staves by Butch & Jan

Starting to think religious education beginning mid September...

Not much response to our request for help with religious education classes. Need help with 4th, and 6th Any retired teachers or Grandparents who could give our students an hour per week most likely only two or three Sundays a month... Blessed are the feet of those who bring Good News

Looking for our Second Graders... we want to round them up for First Reconciliation and First Communion Class. It is a big year for them.

Do you know any 10th graders here in Tupper Lake? We want them to join our Confirmation Class. Confirmation is the third sacrament of initiation. Some people seem to skip Confirmation these days. They are not fully initiated into the Church if they miss it, of course what does that mean to them? When Jesus reviews their resume he may send them to Purgatory for makeup Confirmation training, so they might as well get it done now.

Fr. Doug

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

The Body of Christ is hurting so terribly. I can't begin to imagine the lifelong pain endured by the victims and the families of those who have been sexually abused by the clergy. Just when I thought (and prayed) that new revelations of such crimes were history, news broke of the credible allegation of sexual misconduct against a Cardinal of the Church, Theodore McCarrick and the Grand Jury report from Pennsylvania was released.

Revelations about the past egregious behavior of some clergy (priests and bishops) in our Church have caused us all such great personal shame and profound sorrow for their victims. I struggle with much anger. When a cleric abuses, it is not just sexual abuse, as sickening as that is, it's also spiritual abuse, an individual is robbed of his or her faith and of sacred trust in the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church. The whole Body is wounded grievously by each of these betrayals.

The continuing revelations of the fracturing of this sacred trust is paralyzing the mission of the Church. The hurt inflicted upon us in our experience of the Church can shipwreck our Christian faith. Like the corrosive nature of rust on iron, such scandal can eat away at our faith. Yet, the very fact that the Church in its current state, with her human imperfections, is a cause of dismay to some; that we are angry, disgusted, or shameful are all palpable signs that we care, that the reality of the Church matters to us, that it matters right down to our very core.

Recently, as I was reflecting on the current crisis in the Church and wallowing in a moment of self-pity, I remembered a Christmas card I received years ago that caught my attention. There were neat personal notes on the card written to me by the children of this family. The parents then wrote about my priestly ministry, particularly about the consecration at Mass. Their teenage son told them that he really felt the bread and wine changing into the Body and Blood of Christ when I voiced the Eucharistic Prayer. That snapped me out of my pity party and reminded me what the priesthood is all about.

I'm proud to be a Roman Catholic priest. I feel humbled and so very privileged to be a priest. There's nothing in this world that I would rather be. The anointed hands of a priest are the hands that consecrate the Eucharist, the hands that absolve sin, the hands that comfort the ill and the dying, the hands that baptize and bless. If a person can feel safe and welcomed any place in this world, it ought to be in the Church under the care of her priest.

The protection of our children is paramount. Our vigilance in providing safe environments for all who come to us has not waned. The members of our diocesan lay review board have been invaluable in their frank and very insightful counsel as we continue to address this horror in our diocese. The faithful have a right to be assured that the Church has an effective zero tolerance policy that deals promptly with allegations of sexual abuse of minors by the clergy—priest and bishop. I will soon share with you a summary of our experience in reaching out to victims through our Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program as this particular program nears its completion here in the Diocese of Ogdensburg in mid-September.

Since the scandal surfaced several years ago, I have been so affirmed by the ongoing support and trust of faith-filled parishioners. The priests have a right to receive from their bishop encouragement and support when the behavior of some causes such distress and shame for the hard working and faithful priest. Thank you for your ongoing prayers for your priests who give God's holy people a shepherd's love and care. The faithful have a right to receive an apology from the Church when sacred trust has been betrayed and that the Church is doing all within its power to prevent that from ever occurring again.

We pray for those who have suffered such heinous sinfulness by clergy as we seek forgiveness for the failure of Church leadership to address this tragedy effectively. Yes, we care and we ache for a Church that today more often puts on display its sinners rather than its saints.

What can we do? In his letter of August 20, the Holy Father asks us to consider doing prayer and penance. He wrote: "I invite the entire holy faithful People of God to a penitential exercise of prayer and fasting...today we are challenged as the People of God to take on the pain of our brothers and sisters wounded in their flesh and in their spirit."

With this in mind, I am asking all our pastors to designate in their parishes a day of Prayer and Penance in September for the victims of clerical abuse. This could be an occasion for parishioners to come together for a special Mass for healing (*Eucharistic Prayer IV for Various Needs* is appropriate) or a Holy Hour in reparation for the sins committed against the innocent.

I invite you to join me in penance and prayer for the renewal of holiness among us. Know that this local Church continues to work hard to be rid of the scourge of clergy sex abuse and be an instrument of reconciliation and peace. God's grace will provide. That's our hope. That's our belief! God's grace will provide.

Faithfully yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg

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100th ANNIVERSARY OF MERCY GENERAL

September 18, 2018 marks the 100th Anniversary of the founding of Mercy General Hospital in Tupper Lake. The wonderful ministry of hope and healing that was carried out by dedicated staff and benefactors for so many years is not forgotten. The Sisters of Mercy continue to pray for all those partners in care who are a part of the history.

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

The Knights of Columbus will be doing their Pennies from Heaven collection to benefit our Seminarians at the end of all Masses the weekend of September 1/2. Please give generously.

LABOR DAY CELEBRATION:

HOLY NAME-AU SABLE FORKS

Monday-September 3, 2018 @ 10:00am

Please join us for our annual Labor Day celebration in Au Sable Forks. Parade begins at 10 am, followed by games of skill, games of chance, BINGO, pull tabs, food & drinks, music, fun and games for all ages including, bounce house, dunking tank, and ending with our \$3,000 big raffle. Admission is free. Famous Sid Ward cutting boards available all day. Watch a chain saw carving demonstration by Ted Holzer and enter for a chance to win one of his beautiful carved benches. 10:00 AM Parade down Main Street, 10:30 AM Show by Santa's Workshop characters, 11:00 AM Concert by Norwood FD Band, 1:00 PM Bingo in the Parish Center, 1:30 PM Live Music by ON3, 3:00 PM \$3K Big Raffle

MEXICO CITY & OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

******Get your deposit in before September 7th to guarantee this price!******

Join Fr. Bob & Fr. Doug Decker on a pilgrimage to Mexico- Our Lady of Guadalupe from December 8-14, 2018. A special highlight of our trip will be visiting the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe to celebrate Mass on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we will also visit the church of Santiago Tlatelocloco where St. Juan Diego was baptized, among others. We will celebrate Mass daily. The cost is **\$1,979.00** per person/double occupancy. Please contact Lisa Reed at 518-332-8414 or