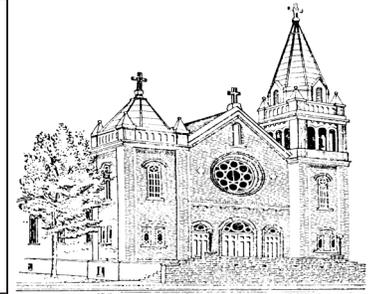


St. Alphonsus-Holy Name of Jesus Parish



Pastor:
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 - St. Alphonsus 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

Monday	12/23	8:00am	HGC	Deceased members of the George Joseph family
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CHRISTMAS

Tuesday	12/24	4:00pm	SA	People of the Parish
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		7:00pm	SA	People of the Parish
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Wednesday	12/25	8:30am	SA	People of the Parish
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Thursday	12/26	8:00am	HGC	No Mass
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Friday	12/27			No Mass
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Saturday	12/28	4:00pm	SA	Walter Lavigne by Herman & Irene Charland
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Sunday	12/29	8:30am	SA	M/M David @. Premo by family
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Sunday	12/30	11:00am	SA	Roy Dupuis by Marlene & Don Sabin
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Sanctuary Candle in loving memory of Wayne Mayotte by Lois & family

From the Pastor...

Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mystical Rose, help all those who invoke you in their necessities. Since you are the ever Virgin Mary and Mother of the true God, obtain for us from your most holy Son the grace of keeping our faith, sweet hope in the midst of bitterness of life, burning charity, and the precious gift of final perseverance. Amen.

Christmas Blessings to all of our people in our parish of St. Alphonsus-Holy Name of Jesus. The Christmas Season runs from 24 December to 12 January this year.

Fr. Doug

Parish happenings...

MEN OF THE CHURCH

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

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Tuesday, January 28, 6:00pm, St. Alphonsus Church

ROSARY WITH BENEDICTION

Every Monday, 7:00pm, Holy Ghost Chapel

ADVENT FAITH SHARING

Thursday, 10:00am, Holy Ghost Parish Chapel

Christmas 2019

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

“Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.” (Luke 2:10-11)

A constant theme that Pope Francis has incorporated into his teaching is that of accompaniment. Of course, the premier example of accompaniment is the Incarnation, that Joyful Mystery of our faith when God, born of the Virgin Mary, chose to accompany us on our earthly journeys. The Christmas story is a divine love story of accompaniment.

In our recent *ad limina* visit to Rome, the Holy Father spoke of the importance of the family and its tragic brokenness today. He urged us to accompany, with tenderness and care, members of broken families and to support struggling and strong families. We each have a role to play in the Christmas story as fellow companions in faith, beginning with those closest to us, our families.

So many persons need someone to lean on, someone to show them Jesus. Our Godparents and Confirmation sponsors will want to recommit themselves to accompanying the baptized and confirmed in their walk of faith. We enter more fully the Christmas story when we take the time to understand and support the fearful migrant, the confused teen, the depressed homeless, the victim of abuse, the mentally ill, the desperate addict, the overwhelmed parent, the forgotten elderly. No one should walk alone.

Christmas is the divine reminder that our God never forgets us. Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life who never leaves us alone. It is no wonder that this is a time of great hope, joy and peace. The Christmas story is our love story! For the faithful one, we know how the story ends. As the New Year approaches, let us turn the page to a new chapter in our story. *Christ-led, Christ-fed and Hope-filled*, we seek to be the companion whose own personal encounter with Jesus becomes the witness for others to want to seek the Prince of Peace.

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

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CHANGE IN STATUS FOR HOLY NAME

Recently Bishop LaValley has granted his permission for a change in status for insurance coverage at Holy Name Church to Modified Property insurance coverage. The purpose of Modified Property Insurance coverage is to permit an insured party to obtain coverage for an owned structure which will not be reconstructed if it is significantly damaged by fire or other insured peril. In case of a partial loss, Modified Property Insurance Coverage will provide coverage for the cost of repair up to the limit of coverage for a building insured under this policy. This will be a significant savings over our current rate.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The Diocese of Ogdensburg's Retirement Plan for Priests has long been supported by parish contributions from its annual Christmas Collection. Currently 33 retired priests, and 12 active priests age 70 and older, are expected to receive pension benefits of \$900,000 in 2019-20. Also 100% of the cost of health insurance premiums for retired priests, estimated at \$220,000 this Fiscal year, 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 Church

Evening Mass

7:00pm, December 24th

St. Alphonsus Church

8:30am, December 25th

St. Alphonsus Church