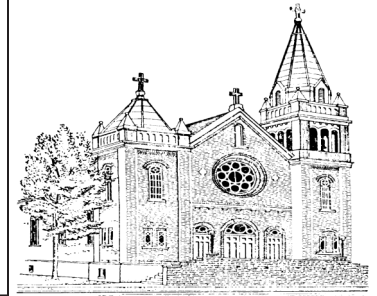


# St. Alphonsus-Holy Name of Jesus Parish



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**Deacon James Ellis**  
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**Jill Bujold**  
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**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	02/24	8:00am	HGC	Cindy Gauget by Jim & Elaine Ellis
Tuesday	02/25	8:00am	HGC	Emmett Ernenwein by M/M Hubert Boudreau
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>				
Ash Wednesday	02/26	12:00pm	SA	People of the Parish
Ash Wednesday		5:30pm	SA	People of the Parish
Thursday	02/27	8:00am	HGC	Walter Lavigne by Dean & Mansy Mareira
Friday	02/28			No Mass
Saturday	02/29	4:00pm	SA	Lee Hovey by family
Sunday	03/01	8:30am	SA	People of the Parish
Sunday	03/01	11:00am	SA	Mary, Robert, Edward, Patrick & George Dukett by family

***Sanctuary Candle in loving memory of Wayne Mayotte by family***

***From the Pastor...***

No religious education this weekend. Conclusion of President's Week Vacation.

The movie I Can Only Imagine, a Christian movie will be offered 01 March at 12 noon at our local movie theater. No charge. It is a family film and so we invite our parish family.

Ladies Group meeting 25 Feb at 10:30 Holy Ghost Center. We will pass out our Lenten reading by Mother Teresa.

Ash Wednesday... Masses at Noon and 5:30. A good way to start Lent.

*Fr. Doug*

## UPDATE ON OUR MISSION AS A DIOCESE

This is a challenging time for the Church and our diocese, as we work to continue our mission to catechize, sanctify and serve the people of God in the North Country while simultaneously trying to bring about reconciliation and healing to those who were so grievously wounded by sexual abuse. We want to update you about how we are continuing our mission while facing lawsuits under the Child Victims Act.

Our diocese has been working to address the sexual abuse scandal for decades in a serious and determined manner. Our goal is to provide healing to victims and prevent abuse from occurring. We have implemented policies and procedures toward those goals. We require all volunteers and employees to undergo background checks and participate in safe environment training. All allegations are reported to the appropriate district attorney or law enforcement agency. All claims are evaluated by our independent Review Board, predominately lay women and men with experience and background in abuse cases, which assesses each case and recommends appropriate actions.

The policies and procedures also call for pastoral outreach to victims who have been harmed by this evil. Assistance is offered to victims through the Victims' Assistance Coordinator. Bishop LaValley is available to meet with all victims.

In 2018, as part of the Year of Mercy, we reached out to victims of abuse through the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program (IRCP) seeking reconciliation with victims and compensating them for what they suffered. We were able to resolve 38 claims through this program. Additionally, our diocesan attorney was able to resolve 14 claims outside the IRCP.

In January 2019, the Child Victims Act (CVA) became law in New York. Among other things, the Act opened a one-year window (from August 14, 2019 to August 13, 2020) for victims to bring a claim of sexual abuse that was previously time barred.

Since the CVA's window opened, 23 lawsuits have been filed against the Diocese of Ogdensburg, all of which involve claims of abuse that occurred decades ago, prior to the institution of our current safe environment policies and procedures. We have not had a report of sexual abuse of a minor occurring after 1999. More lawsuits may be filed, and we are unable at this time to determine the number of lawsuits that may be filed while the CVA window is open.

The Church in the North Country continues to focus on discipleship while addressing these lawsuits. We simply cannot stop doing the work we are called to do as Church. With the help of professionals, we are evaluating our diocesan assets to determine how we can maintain our mission while addressing the needs and claims of victims. Our staff and professional advisors are committed to responding to victims and to CVA lawsuits while continuing our mission of preaching the Gospel and reaching all in need. Chapter 11 reorganization has proved to be a positive way for other Catholic dioceses to address victims' claims in the most fair and equitable manner possible while giving the dioceses the opportunity to continue vital ministries into the future. For these reasons, it is one of the options being considered by our diocese. No decision has yet been made. It is our hope that the process to resolve CVA lawsuits will have minimal impact on parishes and parish life.

We have created a "Responding to current questions" page on our diocesan website that offers answers to frequently asked questions related to the Child Victims Act. It can be found at [rcdony.org/rcq](http://rcdony.org/rcq). That page will be updated as new information becomes available. As we move forward, please pray for and support the victims of abuse. Also, please pray for and support our clergy, religious, laity, our parish families and our diocese.

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### MEN OF THE CHURCH

**Wednesday, March 4, 7:00pm** Holy Ghost Parish Center

### HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

**Tuesday, February 25, 6:00pm**, St. Alphonsus Church

### ROSARY WITH BENEDICTION

**Every Monday, 7:00pm**, Holy Ghost Chapel

### ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION

On Ash Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 20 countries that still struggle to recover from the aftermath of Communist rule. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your generosity helps **restore the Church and build the future** in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection as we begin our Lenten journey. More information is available at [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee).

### MINISTERS NEEDED

The parish is in desperate need of Lectors for all Masses as well as Eucharistic Ministers for both Masses and home visits. Please contact the parish office if interested in any of these ministries.

### FREE MOVIE

Our Parish will be sponsoring another movie event at the State theater. "I can only Imagine" will be playing Sunday March 1st starting promptly at noon. This movie will be free. Please purchase snacks from the concession to support the Movie theater. Hope to see you all there.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like envelopes?  yes  no

Would you like to volunteer for any parish ministry?  
 yes  no