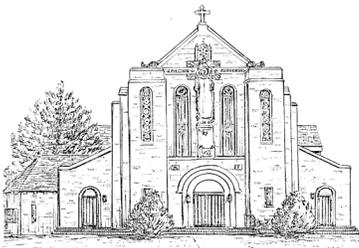
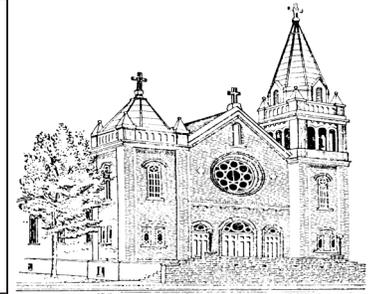


St. Alphonsus-Holy Name of Jesus Parish



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 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	08/24	8:00am	HGC	Deceased members of the Tobin family by Jerry & Maggie Ernenwein
Tuesday	08/25	8:00am	HGC	John Fitzpatrick by Maggie Salamy
Wednesday	08/26	8:00am	HGC	Esther VanVranken by Jim & Elaine Ellis
Thursday	08/27	8:00am	HGC	Walter Lavigne by Anne Whittum
Friday	08/28			No Mass
Saturday	08/29	4:00pm	SA	Lee Hovey by family
Sunday	08/30	8:30am	SA	Neva Santerre by Dan & Cindy Santerre
Sunday	08/30	11:00am	SA	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Decker, Sr. by Theresa

Prayer of Petition to Saint Jude

O holy apostle, Sant Jude, great in grace, rich in miracles, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your patronage in times of need, I come to you, seeking your special aid before the throne of Almighty God.

I turn to you, for you are known to be a mighty helper in overcoming seemingly impossible difficulties. Help me in my present and urgent petition (*here state your requests*)

In gratitude, I promise to make your name known, so that others may invoke your heavenly assistance, to the glory of God and for the good of souls. Amen

Parish happenings...

ROSARY WITH BENEDICTION

Every Monday, 7:00pm, Holy Ghost Chapel

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP:

The Season of Creation begins on September 1 - with the World Day of Prayer for Creation - and continues thru until October 4, St. Francis of Assisi's Feast Day. During this coming year, we as members of the Church are urged to "be united in showing mercy to the earth as our common home and cherishing the world in which we live as a place for sharing and communion." (Pope Francis' Message, World Day of Prayer for Creation, 2016) Let us work and pray.

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

The Knights of Columbus Council 2177 will collect "Pennies from Heaven" to support North Country seminarians during the masses over the Labor Day weekend, September 5th and 6th. They thank you in advance for your support.

To Report Abuse

If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact **Victims Assistance Coordinator, Terri-
anne Yanulavich, Ph.D., LMHC,
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Phone: 518-651-2267 days; 518-
569-0612 evenings; or Father
Christopher Carrara, the Episcopal
Vicar for Clergy;
ccarrara@rcdony.org Phone: 315-
393-2920 ext. 1340. If you have a
complaint of suspected sexual
abuse or related misconduct by the
bishops, contact the **Catholic
Bishop Abuse Reporting Serv-
ice** at 800-276-1562 or
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**Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest (SCAP's)
Part 3 of 3**

If the pastor were not able to offer Holy Mass and no other priest were available to cover for the weekend, what would we do as a parish?

Over the last two weeks we covered the why and the what of SCAP's. We conclude this three-part series on Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest by looking at the who. To help us do so Father Stitt, the Diocesan Director of Worship shared this story: One Sunday when I was in high school back in Crown Point, the Deacon showed up for the 9:30 Mass. "Father isn't available, and he has asked me to lead a prayer service (we'd now say a "Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest")." There was some confusion—"What will this be?" There was some excitement (at least on my part)—"This might be shorter!" But this announcement was also met with some decisive action. I remember the Perry family quietly getting up and excusing themselves. They knew that there was a Mass being offered just 10 miles away, and if they left then, they would make it in time. Years later, Father Stitt asked Bishop LaValley: "Did the Perrys do the right thing by leaving?" The Bishop's response was an unequivocal "Yes."

If it is possible of us to make it to Mass, we should. The Perry family knew that it was both possible and practical for them to make it. For some there in the church in Crown Point so many years ago, it would not have been. So, if it were deemed impossible or impractical, a SCAP would have been a good thing to take part in. That is part of the who—whoever is unable to make it to Mass.

The second half is "Who would lead the prayer." Well just as in Crown Point, an ordained Deacon would be the obvious first choice to lead a SCAP. So, if one of these would ever happen here in Tupper Lake. Deacon Ellis or Deacon Savage would most likely lead it. If he were not available, our second choice would be one of our Eucharistic Ministers. All have been trained as to how to lead a SCAP, and while none of them is looking forward to doing so, they are ready if we need them to. Even though the Holy Mass will always get first dibs and they would not take any offence if people followed the example of the Perry family of Crown Point.

Note: if you missed either of the last week's columns, you'll want to read them online at www.tupperlakecatholics.org to understand that there would only be one of these offered per weekend and why Holy Communion probably wouldn't be able to be distributed during them.