

St. Alphonsus-Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Tupper Lake  
St. Henry's Parish, Long Lake  
St. Therese' Parish, Newcomb

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**Reconciliation:**

St. Alphonsus Saturday: 3:15-3:30pm & Sunday: 8:00-8:10am \* St. Henry's: 3:00pm Saturday \* St. Therese: 8:30am Sunday

**Baptism or Marriage planning, please call the Parish Office**

**Communion to the homebound please call Parish Office**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We come to our Fourth Sunday of Advent and the final week of this holy season of the year. I trust it has been a time of blessing for you. Christmas is soon to be upon us, and the preparations have opened our minds and hearts to the coming of the Lord. While we still have a full week until the celebration of Jesus' birth, the closeness now to our goal and the readings today prefiguring his birth stir up joy within us, as we enter into rejoicing, even as our waiting and watching endure until next weekend. Advent always helps us to prepare for Christmas, understanding the meaning of God's coming in Christ, to carry out the story of redemption for humanity, discovering the fulfillment of his promise. The season has helped us to share in the waiting and hope experienced by our ancestors in faith, recognizing the Lord's coming in Christ as central to God's plan. It also has stirred in us the conviction of the Lord's return, in bringing to completion his Kingdom, and the fullness of life and salvation. As well, Advent enables us to understand deeper the mystery of God's coming in the present, in our lives, through the gift of faith. We know the pillars of such are shared in word and sacrament, and in the blessing of his constant grace. They open us to the sustaining of that encounter in so many ways we live our faith daily, especially in prayer, relationships, and charity. Here's where we discover Advent as that gift not only leading us to Christmastime, but also further along the pathway of faith. God came, he will come, and he does come. Faith involves our encounter with God, because he dwells with and among his people. He takes the initiative to draw near to us, and in faith we open our minds and hearts in the search to find the One who is near to us. In this sense, Advent themes are ones we do well to hold onto throughout the year, renewing us in the language of how we act as people of faith, touched by God's manifestation of himself, and offering our response, in freedom and love, to share our lives with Him, and one another. May the blessings of these past weeks be ever in our prayers of thanks to God, and indeed counted as those treasures we wish to share together.

May the days of this week be gifted moments of the final preparations for Christmas. The joy continues to increase, as the image takes its form within us, and in sacred spaces around us: the Lord's Nativity in Bethlehem. As we look forward to spending Christmas with family and friends, may they have that special place in our prayers in the last days of the Advent journey. As we hold many intentions this week, let's especially remember those for whom the coming season might be particularly difficult, due to illness or the loss of a loved one. May the Christmas celebration bring hope and strength, and peace to the world that longs for it so much. Be assured of my prayers, as I continue to trust in yours.

Faithfully in the love of God who comes,  
Fr. Jim Teti

**TUPPER LAKE**

Monday	12/19	8:00am	HGC	Eileen Tobin (7th Anniversary) by family
Tuesday	12/20	8:00am	HGC	Lynda Levesque by Jim & Elaine Ellis
Wednesday	12/21	8:00am	HGC	John Dewyea, Sr. by family
Thursday	12/22	8:30am	HGC	Jack & Pauline Dewyea by family
Friday	12/23	8:00am	HGC	COMMUNION SERVICE
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12/24</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12/24</b>	<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12/25</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12/25</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>

Sanctuary candle in loving memory of Pvt. 1st Class Adam J. Vaillancourt by Mom, Christy & family

**LONG LAKE**

**Sunday**      **12/24**      **4:00pm**      **SH**      **People of the Parish by the Catholic Daughters**

**NEWCOMB**

**Sunday**      **12/25**      **9:00am**      **ST**      **Melvin Darrah, Jr. by Nick & Beth Poulin**

**Notes from Long Lake & Newcomb**

Catholic Daughters in Long Lake are again sponsoring a Mitten Tree. Gifts of new hats, mittens, scarves, etc. will benefit St. Joseph's Indian School in Chamberlin, SD.

**Reminder, every Monday night at 7:00pm there is Rosary with Benedictions at the Holy Ghost Chapel, 40 Marion St**

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**

The Diocese of Ogdensburg's Retirement Plan for Priests has long been supported by a percentage of parish contributions from its annual Christmas collection. This Christmas, the diocese requests contribution of 75% of the Christmas collection to support the Plan, with the parish keeping the balance. Currently 40 retired priests, and 11 active priests age 70 and older, are expected to receive pension benefits of one million dollars in 2022-23. Also 100% of the cost of health insurance premiums for retired priests, estimated at \$270,000 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.

**ADVENT CONFESSIONS**

Confession times will be available on Monday, December 19th from 7-8pm, with Rosary at 7:45pm and Benediction at 8pm, in the Holy Ghost Chapel.

**OFFICES CLOSED**

The Parish Office in Tupper Lake will be closed on Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th.

**Christmas Mass Schedule****Children's Mass**

4:00pm, December 24th  
St. Alphonsus Church

**Evening Mass**

4:00pm, December 24th  
St. Henry's Church

8:00pm, December 24th  
St. Alphonsus Church

**Christmas Mass**

8:30am & 11:00am December 25th  
St. Alphonsus Church

9:00am, December 25th  
St. Therese Church

**TITHING REPORT**

St. Alphonsus- Holy Name	St. Henry's	St. Therese
Env: \$3,997.80	Env: \$70.00	Env: \$323.00
Plate: \$722.00	Plate: \$125.00	Plate: \$314.00
Fuel: \$40.00	Fuel: \$0.00	Fuel: \$0.00
Total: \$4,759.80	Total: \$195.00	Total: \$637.00
Last Year: \$4,669.75	Last Year: \$1,826.00	Last Year: \$581.00