

**Descriptions of the Weekend Masses in the Auburn-N. Cayuga Parishes
January 16, 2018**

Holy Family

Saturday at 4:30 PM:

- Mixture of young and old
- Many of the worshipers are not parishioners – Mass of convenience?
- Music consists of a cantor and organist.

Sunday at 9:00 AM:

- Mixture of young families and older parishioners.
- During the school year, the Faith Formation classes and the Liturgy of the Word for children take turns bringing up the gifts. Once a month, one of the Faith Formation classes leads a “class Mass.” They take responsibility for leading the different ministries – greeters, welcome, 1st and 2nd readings, prayers of the faithful, gifts, passing out bulletins.
- Music consists of the choir, organist and cantor. Choir trying to expand its repertoire of music – they mostly sing from the hymnal but do sing in parts when they can. Sometimes have additional instruments such as flute and trumpet.
- During the school year we have Liturgy of the Word for Children.
- Mass takes place just prior to Faith Formation which goes from 10:00 – 11:00 AM.

Sunday at 11:15 AM:

- Consists of mostly older parishioners.
- Music consists of a cantor and organist.

Our Lady of the Snow

Saturday at 5:00 PM – St. John’s, Port Byron

- Organist with congregation singing
- Predominantly senior congregation
- Ushers, lectors; altar server summer only
- Only host, no cup

Sunday at 8:30 AM – St. Patrick’s, Cato

- Folk choir year round
- Mixed congregation
- Eucharistic ministers, ushers, altar servers
- 2 parking lots, one on either side of church

Sunday at 10:30 AM – St. Joseph’s, Weedsport

- Folk choir September – June, organist in summer
- Mixed congregation
- Ushers, altar servers, Eucharistic ministers
- Children’s Liturgy of the Word during the school year
- Large parking lot

Sacred Heart

Saturday at 4:30 pm

- Very few children at the Saturday vigil
- Greatest number of elderly parishioners
- Can be the most popular Mass, especially during the summer months.

Sunday at 7:30 am

- Church demographics rather mixed
- The mix between women and men is slightly favored to women

Sunday at 10:30 am

- The Children's Mass
- Mass with the most families with young children
- Church demographics remain rather mixed

Music

- The music is fairly traditional and simple, with the Music Director serving as pianist/organist, plus one vocalist most of the time
- There are occasions when the Music Director both plays and sings at Masses absent the vocalist
- During the Christmas season, a Youth Choir is often assembled, and accompanies the Music Director at select Masses

St. Ann's -- The only weekly Mass is at 9 am on Sunday

Congregation

- The demographic composition of the St. Ann's Church congregation varies based upon the season. The Mass experience (addressed in greater detail after the congregation description) is consistent with vibrant congregation participation and music.
- We often hear about the core welcoming and inclusive "small church" atmosphere at St. Ann's. This is largely due to the enthusiasm and faith of the core group of longtime and newer St. Ann's parishioners.

Full Year Parishioners

- St. Ann's has a "core" year-round congregation of approximately 80 parishioners (including some registered as Sacred Heart parishioners). This group generally participates in all activities and forms the core for St. Ann's ministries. This group is a mix of families and those who have adult children no longer residing in the area.
- This group will generally be the only Mass attendees from December through March (with the exception of the Christmas Eve Mass).
- This group combines with the next (year round joined by seasonal) to form the core of the St. Ann's community.

Seasonal Parishioners (March through November)

- St. Ann's has an additional 20-30 parishioners who leave the area for the winter months.
- This group is primarily retirees.

Visitors/Vacationers (May through October)

- Beginning around Memorial Day weekend and continuing through Columbus Day weekend, St. Ann's parishioners are joined by summer visitors and vacationers that will often stretch the capacity of St. Ann's beyond 200 attendees. This group is generally different each week yet there are many who spend their summers in the area but are not parishioners.

Post-Mass Ministry and Music

- St. Ann's provides a monthly post-Mass coffee hour, annual post-Mass Super Bowl.
- Readings (including prayers of the faithful), gifts, and other assistance provided by parishioners during the Mass are generally provided by the full year parishioners, although several seasonal parishioners participate during their time in the area.
- The music is steady, consistent, and outstanding. The parish music director provides vocal and keyboards and is joined by a vocalist. The selection of hymns is generally traditional and the quality is one of the highlights of our weekly celebration.

St. Alphonsus

Music: At this time we have organ music and a singer at all Masses. The 10 AM Mass has a choir accompanying the organist/singer. We have a contemporary music group that has sung at various Masses. We are currently gearing this group to sing regularly at 5pm Masses as this Mass is an option for families before the new teen group begins meeting at 6pm on 1/28/17.

Saturday at 4:00 pm

- Normally attended by a majority of older families as well as those with work schedules that demand work on certain Sundays
- Organist/singer for music.

Sunday at 10:00 am

- Attended by traditionalist parishioners as well as most of the families with young children
- This Mass offers Liturgy of the Word for children who have not yet received their first Communion. Two CASE trained adult instructors use the weekly Catholic curriculum from the Pflaum Publishing Company. This is also the Mass that sends out our Eucharistic Ministers to rest homes and residences with a special prayer before the recessional.
- We have a social coffee hour once a month after the service.
- The organist/singer is accompanied by a choir.

Sunday at 5:00 pm

- Well attended by guests from other parishes that were not able to make it to their regularly scheduled Mass, along with a group of regulars from St. Alphonsus and students from the local college that prefer the later Mass schedule.
- We have an organist/singer at this Mass.
- We have begun talks on making this Mass more appealing to young families, teens and college students through contemporary music and whatever reasonable avenues we are allowed to follow. We will be consulting the new Auburn DRE on this as soon as he is settled. Beginning on January 28th, this Mass will be the ideal opportunity for families to attend together. This is because the new "Emmaus" Cayuga County Teen Group will begin meeting after this Mass from 6-7:30 pm. Having a monthly "Teen" Mass, where youth group members do the readings, serve the Mass, and act as greeters, etc. is on the agenda once the group begins meeting.

St. Mary's—full-time professional Director of Music/Organist

Saturday at 5:30 pm

- Last Saturday Mass in Auburn
- Mostly older congregation
- Organ and cantor

Sunday at 7:00 am

- Earliest Sunday morning Mass in Auburn
- Well-attended Mass, not all parishioners
- Mostly older congregation
- Organ music but no singing

Sunday at 9:45 am

- Principal Mass of the parish
- Mixed congregation
- Organ and full adult choir with occasional Schola Gregoriana
- Four altar servers, two lectors, incense, etc.

Sunday at noon

- Last Sunday morning Mass in Auburn
- Mixed congregation, not all parishioners
- Organ and cantor

Ss. Mary and Martha—6-month rotation between St. Francis and St. Hyacinth

Saturday at 4:00 pm

- Best attended of all three Masses
- Mostly older congregation
- Organ and small choir or cantor

Sunday at 8:00 am

- Small congregation of 50 or 60 people
- Organ music but no singing

Sunday at 10:00 am

- Mostly older folks with some families
- Organ and cantor