

St. Alphonsus Parish

Wexford, PA

201 Church Road
Wexford, PA 15090

Parish Founded in 1840
School Established 1889

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 14, 2010

PARISH PRIESTS

Father Peter P. Murphy, *Pastor*
Father Andrew C. Fischer, *Parochial Vicar*

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Pre School to Eighth Grade
Sister Mariella Bradley, *RSM, Principal*

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD Kindergarten to Eighth Grade
Youth Ministry - Adult Religious Education
Sacramental Preparation
Louis Bosco, *Program Manager for Religious Education*

YOUTH MINISTRY

Lisa Feraco & Mike Shipe

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) AND CHILDREN (RCIC)

MUSIC MINISTRY

Mary Heagy, *Director of Liturgical Music & Choir*
John and Lynn DeNisi, *Directors of Folk Choir*
Nancy Barnes, *Organist*

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BULLETIN DEADLINE: Tuesday 4:00 p.m.

Our Parish Mission Statement

The faith family of St. Alphonsus enjoys a rich heritage and historic tradition supported by Catholic education. Nourished by the Eucharist and strengthened by the Scriptures, our purpose is to learn and share our faith with each other through each generation. We are committed to prayer, service, and building the Kingdom of God through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We seek to create a vibrant spirit of generosity and evangelization throughout our church and community by inviting and empowering all to use their treasures and talents.

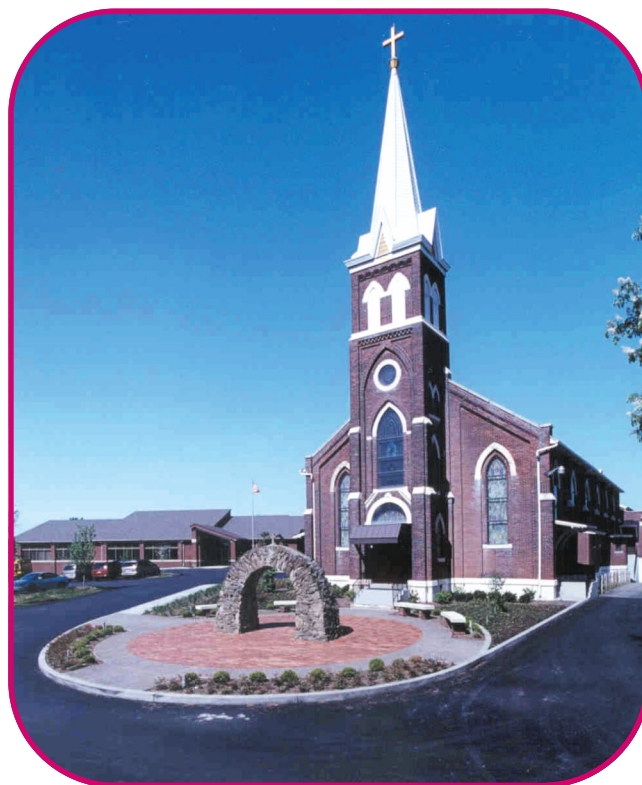


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TIMES OF SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 6:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,
12:15 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday thru Friday 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.
Saturday Morning: 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday afternoon 12:00 Noon to 12:30 p.m.
Saturday evening 6:00 p.m. after Mass

INFANT BAPTISM

Sunday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. by personal appointment. Parents, please make arrangements for Baptism preparation class before the baby is born.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)

All Adults and children who are interested in being received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church should contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Notification of intention to marry must be given six months in advance.

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Blessed are the ones
who delight in the
Law of the Lord
and meditate on His Law
day and night.

—Psalm 1:2

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WORLD MARRIAGE DAY



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On this Sunday coinciding with Valentine's Day, the Church observes this **World Day of Marriage** as a reminder that the sacramental sign of Christ in the marriage of husband and wife is promised in the unity of Christ with the Church:

"A man shall leave father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the Church." (Ephesians 5:31-32)

At our St. Alphonsus Parish we honor all couples joined in sacramental marriage, especially those celebrating anniversaries in multiple of 5 years, and those over 50 years.

LAST WEEKEND'S SNOWFALL



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Despite over 20 inches of snow last Friday and Saturday, and the fact that Bishop David Zubik had dispensed the faithful from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass, there was still about half the normal attendance for each of our Sunday Masses.

We still had **good collection offerings** for last Sunday of **\$9,695.64** regular collection and **\$926.00** for parish grounds maintenance.

We know many parishioners will make up for the "lost weekend"

Last week, we also received donations, including some generous donors, totaling **\$15,337.00**, toward our **Parish Share for last year** which is just concluding.

All parishioners have recently received a letter from Father Murphy about pledging and donating toward our 2010 Parish Share campaign.

Our parish quota this year is \$133,995.00.



**Ash
Wednesday**

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Ash Wednesday is a **day of fast** (one full meal, two lighter meals, no solid foods between meals for ages 18-59) and **abstinence from meat**.

Masses are scheduled for 7:00a.m., 9:00a.m., and 7:00p.m. Distribution of Ashes, which is a sign that we are sinners in need of repentance, will take place during the Masses and the Liturgy of the Word scheduled at 4:30p.m. on Ash Wednesday afternoon.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are days of **fast** and **abstinence**. **The Fridays of Lent** are **days of abstinence in the United States**.
2. The obligation of **abstinence** (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. The law of **fasting** (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 18-59. No one should consider this obligation lightly.
3. Those individuals who have a medical condition in which fasting may be considered harmful are not obliged to fast, but should perform some other act of penance or charity.
4. Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors though not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated to the authentic sense of penance and encouraged to do acts of penance suitable to the age.
5. All members of the Christian Faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during the Lenten season beyond what is prescribed by the law.
6. As a general rule, a request for a **dispensation** from the **obligation of abstinence on Fridays of Lent will not be considered** unless some serious reason is present. The attendance at social events, banquets, wedding rehearsals, receptions, or funeral wakes, **is not considered sufficient reason** to request a dispensation.



This Sunday morning - Donut Social after the 10:00am Mass. Share your stories of how you coped with the snow this past week.

This Sunday afternoon - Youth Love Walk for the Poor - leave here at 1:00pm. See Youth Schedule below.

Monday - Make-up School Day for St. Alphonsus. New registration for next year in the morning.

Tuesday and Thursday - 6:30pm - Passion Play Practice in church.

Wednesday - ASH WEDNESDAY - See Lenten Schedule.

RESCHEDULED FROM LAST WEDNESDAY TO THIS WEEK!
MEXICO MISSION TRIP MEETING -
ASH WEDNESDAY at 8:00pm -
in the music room for anyone interested in going on the mission to Juarez, Mexico this April 17 - 25 (Saturday to Saturday). The only skills necessary are willing hands and an open heart! You may contact Mark Prybyl at markp@prybyldds.com or 724-776-0876 if you can't make the meeting.

Friday - LENTEN DEVOTIONS

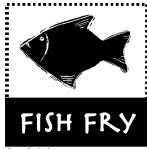
- 9:30am - 12noon - EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT for ADORATION.
- 7:00pm - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

OUR SUCCESSFUL PARISH FRIDAY FISH DINNERS BEGIN THIS WEEK 4:30 to 7:30pm

Thank you for your wonderful support last year and the many supporters and volunteers we have signed up for this year.

There is a great choice of baked or fried fish or shrimp, choice of soups and vegetables, and baked or fried potatoes.

Thanks to our talented cooks, cheerful servers, and dedicated parishioners behind the scenes.



TAKE OUT DINNERS or single food items - you may call the cafeteria number after 3:00pm on Friday - 724-935-9893

Youth Activities

This Sunday - February 14th - Love Walk for the Poor - We will be leaving St. Al's by 1pm for 2pm Mass at Sacred Heart in Shadyside followed by 1 mile walk to EECM/Roselia Center. We will return around 4:30pm.

MASS INTENTIONS

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - February 13/14

- 5:00p.m. **Saturday** - Rudy lafolla *by Fran lafolla*
- 6:00a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- 8:00a.m. Jack Roach *by Family*
- 10:00a.m. Frances Merchock *by Molly Cole*
- 12:15p.m. Julia Serbiski *by Mr. James Talarico*

Monday, February 15 - Weekday

- 7:00a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- 9:00a.m. Roy Pfister *by Family*

Tuesday, February 16 - Weekday

- 7:00a.m. George & Blanche Boll *by Estate*
- 9:00a.m. In Honor of the Holy Face of Jesus

ASH WEDNESDAY - February 17

- 7:00a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- 9:00a.m. John Regan *by Pat & Coleman*
- 7:00p.m. Arlo Herbert *by Dr. Robert Senita*

Thursday, February 18 - Lenten Weekday

- 7:00a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- 9:00a.m. John Zebrowski *by Richard & Mary Tomczak*

Friday, February 19 - Lenten Weekday

- 7:00a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- 9:00a.m. Dolores Twomey *by Don & Mamie Meyer*
- 7:00p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 20 - Lenten Weekday

- 9:00a.m. Olive Senita *by Mimi Enders*

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - February 20/21

- 5:00p.m. **Saturday**, MaryAnn Stack *by M/M Karl Kimmich & Family*
- 6:00a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- 8:00a.m. Dolores Twomey *by Tony & Margaret Chiaro*
- 10:00a.m. Jack Cuddy *by Ribnick Family*
- 12:15p.m. Shirley Grosick *by Senita Family*

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS ARE NEEDED ESPECIALLY FOR 7:00a.m. DAILY MASSES. YOU MAY CALL THE RECTORY TO SCHEDULE.



Please pray for the Souls of the Faithful Departed, especially **Mr. Robert "Jake" Mayer**. To his wife, Eileen (Carmody) Mayer, proprietor of Carmody's Restaurant, we extend our sympathy.

Youth Activities

(cont'd from previous column)

Today, February 14th - We are giving Ice Skating one more chance! Let's meet at North Park from 5-7pm. Permission slips are required. 8th graders are invited. Hopefully third time is a charm.

Next Sunday, February 21st - "Are You Ready?" - As Lent begins and Confirmation nears, join us to find out how to fully experience Lent, our faith, and the sacrament of Confirmation. Dinner at 5 - Fr. Andrew is COOKING!