

St. Alphonsus Parish

Wexford, PA

201 Church Road
Wexford, PA 15090

Parish Founded in 1840
School Established 1889

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 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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WEB-SITES

St. Alphonsus Parishstals.org
St. Alphonsus Schoolstals.org
Diocese of Pittsburgh diopitt.org

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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.

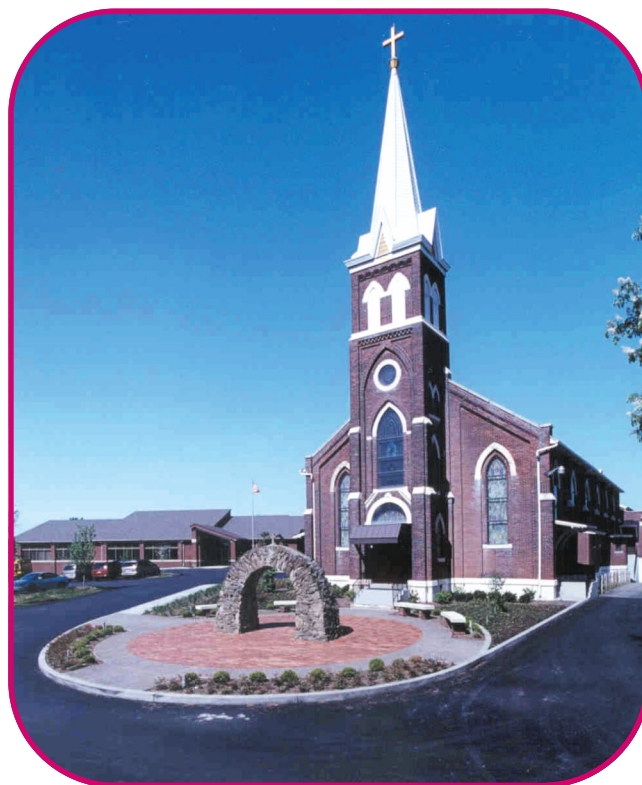


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TIMES OF SUNDAY MASSES

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)

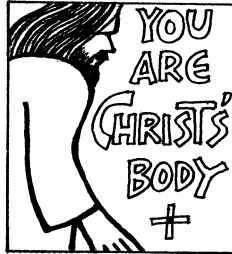
All Adults and children who are interested in being received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church should contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

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“In one Spirit,
we were all
baptized into
one Body.”
—I Corinthians 12:13



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
“Catholic Schools—Dividends for Life
Faith-Knowledge-Morals-Discipline”
January 28—February 3

Our St. Alphonsus School observes Catholic Schools Week beginning this **Thursday, January 28** and **Friday, January 29**, with **Lunch for Parents** of students in **Levels 1-4** on **Thursday**, and **Parents of Students for Levels 5-8** on **Friday**.

Parent—Teacher meetings will be held on the opposite days: **Thursday for Levels 5-8** and **Friday for Levels K-4**. During each of these days, there are no classes for the grade levels conducting parent-teacher meetings.

The Mass celebrating Catholic Schools will be next Sunday, January 31 at 12:15p.m. The theme of the Gospel both today and next Sunday is: **Scripture is fulfilled in our hearing.** The fulfillment for teaching the Word of God has “**Dividends for Life: Faith Knowledge, Morals, and Discipline**” (acting as a **disciple** of Christ).

OPEN HOUSE NEXT SUNDAY AFTERNOON

There is an Open House at 1:15 - 2:30p.m. in the school to which all are welcome next Sunday. Family Banners and an Art Display will be exhibited in the hallways. Grades 7 and 8 will present their science projects in the cafeteria, and there will be exhibits in each classroom.

MONDAY, JANUARY 25 - THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul tomorrow, Monday, reminds us of the year of St. Paul celebrated in 2009, commemorating the 2000th anniversary of his birth.

The beginning of St. Paul's conversion was the spoken Word of Jesus identifying Himself to Paul: **“I am Jesus, Whom you are persecuting.”** St. Paul would come to recognize that **all disciples of Jesus are members of His Body**, as indeed St. Paul teaches us in his First Letter to the Corinthians proclaimed this very Sunday at Mass.



**COLLECTION FOR OUR CHURCH NEW SOUND SYSTEM
RECEIVES A VERY GENEROUS DONATION**

Up until recently we had received \$4,000 from 5 donors toward our appeal for donations for the installation of a new sound system for our church. We had been asking for \$25,000.

We are thankful for the confidential gift given to us this month of \$21,000 from “Friends of St. Alphonsus.”

The cost for the new sound system will probably cost more, so other donations will still be gratefully accepted.

2010 CENSUS-TAKERS BEING HIRED

Call **1-866-861-2010** for a job earning good pay (weekly), flexible hours, paid training, work - and expenses paid.

Help your community have a successful 2010 Census. Workers in our area are needed!

More information including a practice test is available: **www.2101censusjobs.gov.**

Qualifications: US citizen, 18 years old, valid driver's license, background check.



The second collection today is for the earthquake disaster relief for the victims in Haiti, through the ministry of Catholic Relief Services.

Please make checks payable to St. Alphonsus Church.

BLOOD DRIVE THIS SUNDAY MORNING

Our Blood Drive is being held this Sunday morning, from 7a.m to 12noon. Please help replenish community blood supply immediately following the holiday season.



All blood types are needed. Walk-ins are welcomed at the blood drive located in the small gym below our church. Please donate blood; it's safe, it's simple and it saves lives.



- Monday - 6:00p.m. - CCD
- 7:30p.m. - Pastoral Council Meeting
- Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30p.m. in Church: AUDITIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL PARTS FOR OUR PASSION PLAY which will take place on the Friday and Saturday before Palm Sunday (March 28).
- Thursday - 9:15a.m. - Scripture Study in K of C Hall
- Thursday—6:30p.m. - PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN presentation needed for certification of all volunteer parish ministries.
- After Next Sunday's Masses - "Souper Bowl of Caring" collection by our Youth for our North Hills Food Bank.

Youth Activities

- Tonight - January 24th at 5:00p.m. "ORANGE" You Glad We've Met? - Join us - and our guest of honor, Fr. Andrew - for dinner at 5pm and we'll get the chance to get to know him better and find out why everything is turning "ORANGE"! We will run until 8pm so that we can begin preparations for the PASSION PLAY!
- Next weekend - January 20th - 31st - Souper Bowl of Caring - After all Masses we will have teens standing at the doors collecting change for the North Hills Food Bank.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please do not forget to recycle your Christmas cards. Fr. Andrew is still accepting the fronts only. Please bring these to the containers in church.

MASS INTENTIONS

- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - January 23/24**
- 5:00p.m. **Saturday** - Maria Iafolla by Fran Iafolla
- 6:00a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- 8:00a.m. Ken Young by Keith & Mona Young
- 10:00a.m. Enie Mashuda by Molly Cole
- 12:15p.m. Shirley Grosick by Molly Cole
- Monday, January 25 - The Conversion of St. Paul**
- 7:00a.m. Thomas Rylatt by Bob & Connie Morgan
- 9:00a.m. Francis Baier by Bill & Renea Daugherty
- Tuesday, January 26 - SS Timothy & Titus**
- 7:00a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- 9:00a.m. John Cuddy by George & Kate Candreva
- Wednesday, January 27 - St. Angela Merici**
- 7:00a.m. John Bradley by Sr. Mariella
- 9:00a.m. Edward Elsesser by Henry & Ann Smergalski
- Thursday, January 28- St. Thomas Aquinas**
- 7:00a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- 9:00a.m. Arlo Herbert by Molly Cole
- Friday, January 29 - Weekday**
- 7:00a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- 9:00a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- Saturday, January 30 - Blessed Mother**
- 9:00a.m. Edward L. Schmitt by Ray & Julianne Loscar
- FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -Jan. 30/31**
- 5:00p.m. **Saturday**, Charles Harris by Sandy Csikari
- 6:00a.m. Vincent & Ann Pegher by Family
- 8:00a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- 10:00a.m. Jenny Reilly by Glikes Family
- 12:15p.m. Shirley Grosick by Jim & Ginger Fornauf



Please pray for the Souls of the Faithful Departed especially:

- Mrs. Dorothy Twomey**, who had been residing at Vincentian Regional Nursing Home, is the mother of Edward Twomey, III, of our parish. Mrs. Twomey's husband Edward Jr. died in 2003. To the Twomey family, we extend our sympathy.
- Mrs. Arlo Herbert**, 75, of our parish. Her husband James died in 2000. To her sons James, Jr. Douglas, Michael, and Gary, and their families we extend our sympathy.
- Mr. Victor Bordell** of Springdale, the father of Barbara Pulpin and grandfather of Shawn and Tyler Pulpin, all of our parish.

Last Sunday's Offertory

Regular Sunday Collection	\$12,389.49
School Collection	788.00
St. Anthony Collection	2,383.44

Thank you