

# St. Alphonsus Parish

## Wexford, PA

201 Church Road  
Wexford, PA 15090

Parish Founded in 1840  
School Established 1889

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 31, 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*

### PHONE NUMBERS (area code 724)

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### WEB-SITES

St. Alphonsus Parish .....stals.org  
St. Alphonsus School .....stals.org  
Diocese of Pittsburgh ..... diopitt.org

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SCHOOL E-MAIL ..... [stals@zoominternet.net](mailto:stals@zoominternet.net)

**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.

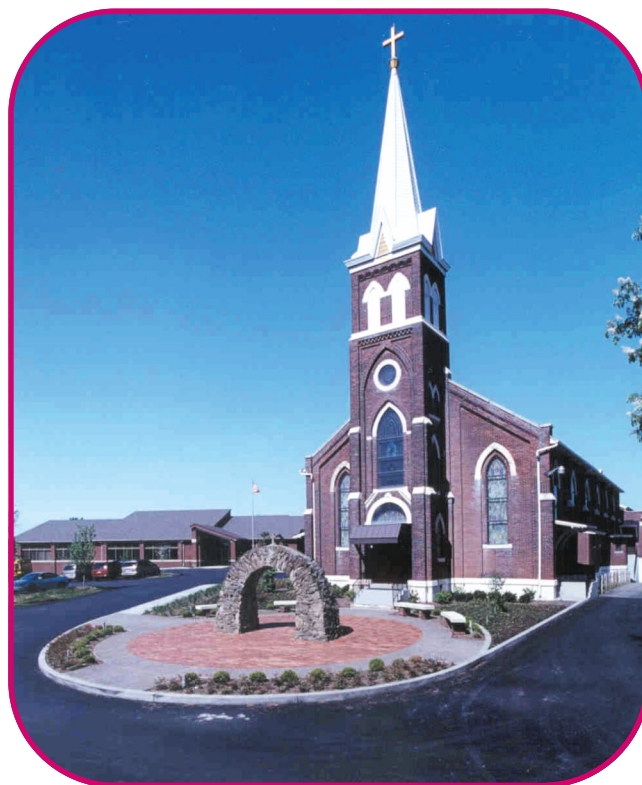


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### TIMES OF SUNDAY MASSES

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.

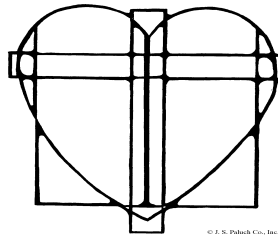
### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

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*Live the Law  
of Love*



If I comprehend all mysteries  
and all knowledge  
but do not have love,  
I am nothing.

—First Letter of St. Paul  
to the Corinthians 13:2

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



This Sunday at 12:15p.m. Mass we gather with our school students and their families to celebrate **Catholic Schools Week**, to recognize the gift of our St. Alphonsus School, supported by our school families and parish, which will bring **"DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE"** for our students, as the motto for this year proclaims. We are so thankful likewise for our principal, Sister Mariella, our faculty, and staff.

**All are invited** to the **Open House** at our school following the 12:15p.m. Mass until 2:30p.m. **Family banners** and an **art display** will be exhibited in the hallways. All classrooms will have exhibits and the science projects for Grades 7 and 8 will be displayed in the cafeteria.

There is also an **All School Mass** on **Tuesday**, the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord** at **9:00a.m.** to which families, parishioners, and friends are invited.

### SCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. Alphonsus School will hold its **Registration Day** for new students on **Monday, February 15th** from 9:00a.m. until 12:00 noon. St. Alphonsus School will be accepting students for 3-year-old Preschool, 4-year-old Preschool, and grades K through 8 for the 2010-2011 school year.

Parents will be expected to bring the **original, plus a copy** of the student's **birth certificate**, baptismal certificate, social security card, immunization records and any custody papers. **No copies will be made on this date.** Registration forms will not be considered complete until all forms are submitted. There is a registration fee.

If you have any questions, please call 724-935-1152, Ext. 501 or email to [pattyanfang@zoominternet.net](mailto:pattyanfang@zoominternet.net).

### PARISH FISH FRY FOR LENT

Personal and business (placemats) sponsors are needed to support our Lenten Friday Fish Fry.

Make check payable to St. Alphonsus Building Fund. (Placemat ads - \$200, Food Sponsors \$50 - \$450.)

### CANDLEMAS DAY

The Feast of the Presentation  
of the Lord - Tuesday, February 2.



This feast day began in Jerusalem in the fourth century as a torchlight procession and a sign of **vigil or expectation for meeting the Lord Who first revealed Himself this day, 40 days after His Birth, as the Light of Revelation to the World.**

**BLESSING OF ST. BLAISE DAY**  
Wednesday, February 3

The annual Blessing of Throats on St. Blaise Day is a tradition to remind us of the strength that God gives us in our spiritual struggle against illness.



The blessing of individuals will be given during the **morning Masses at 7:00a.m. and 9:00a.m. and blessing services at 4:30p.m. and 7:00p.m.**



**Monday - 6:00p.m. - CCD**

**Tuesday and Thursday - PASSION PLAY REHEARSALS FOR ALL - begin at 6:30p.m. in church**

**Thursday - 9:15a.m. - Scripture Study at K of C Hall**

**Thursday - 7:00p.m. - RCIA**

**Next Weekend - Hoagie Sales by our Youth Group supporting World Youth Day pilgrimage to Spain in August 2011.**

### WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

We would like to hear from married couples of the parish who are celebrating **wedding anniversaries** this year of 2010 in a **multiple of five years - 5th, 10th, 15th, etc.** so that we may recognize you in a special way on **World Marriage Day, Sunday, February 14.**

**Please submit your name on the flyer with the bulletin today so that we receive it by Monday, February 8. All who have anniversaries over 50, the 51st, 52nd, etc. should also submit your names.**

## Youth Activities

### THE MARCH FOR LIFE

On Friday, January 22, **37 individuals**, (fifteen 8th graders, one 7th grader, ten high school students, eight adult chaperones, Fr. Andrew, and Lisa and Mike) made the pilgrimage to Washington, DC, for the **March for Life**. While the devil tried his best to stop us with our bus breaking down 40 miles outside of the Capitol, he did not succeed! The weather did not look promising during the drive, but the sun was shining by the time we were at the Rally. Our day concluded with Fr. Andrew celebrating Mass at the National Shrine and providing a wonderful tour of the Chapels of the Basilica. All the youth that attended seemed to enjoy themselves while realizing the importance of their presence! **A special thanks to all the adult chaperones** that joined us! **Thanks to the Knights of Columbus** and the **Women's Guild** for their generous donations to help reduce the cost of the trip. **Thanks also to the parish for the donations** a few weeks ago after Masses. We collected \$775! We have already begun thinking ahead to next year's March and how to involve our parish youth.

**This Weekend, January 30th & 31st - Souper Bowl of Caring** - After all Masses there are teens standing at the doors collecting change for North Hills Community Food Bank.

**This Sunday, January 31st - 5p.m.** - "Rich Man, Poor Man" - Join us for dinner and a closer look at poverty within our own city and country. Come prepared to experience the disparity that exists! **8th graders are invited to join us!**

**Next Sunday, February 6th & 7th - Hoagie Sales** SUPPORTING World Youth Day after all Masses! Get your hoagies for your Super Bowl Dinner/Party!! Pre-orders due Monday, February 1st.

**Next Sunday, February 7th - Brief World Youth Day Meeting after the 10am Mass** (and Hoagie sale) It is not too late to sign up for the trip for August of 2012. Please join us to learn more details.

**Next Sunday, February 7th - 5p.m. - Super Bowl Party** - 8th graders are invited again!

Contact Lisa/Mike at [stalsym@zoominternet.net](mailto:stalsym@zoominternet.net) or Lisa's cell 724-612-4840 or Mike's cell 412-302-0603.

### PARISH SHARE

The quota for our parish for 2009 to support the expenses of the Diocese of Pittsburgh is \$163,288, due in mid-February. We are still short by \$25,000. Please use Parish Share envelopes in your packet.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - January 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 Grosich *by Jim & Ginger Fornauf*

#### Monday, February 1 - Weekday

7:00a.m. Robert Fitzsimmons *by Schwoebel Family*  
9:00a.m. Marty Johnston *by Norma Hahn*

#### Tuesday, February 2 - PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

7:00a.m. Lena Fagerstig *by Schwoebel Family*  
9:00a.m. Vincent Sonson *by wife Helen*

#### Wednesday, February 3 - St. Blaise

7:00a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
9:00a.m. Carl Dorsch *by Christian Mothers Womens Guild*

#### Thursday, February 4 - Weekday

7:00a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
9:00a.m. Charles Cole *by Brian Cole*

#### Friday, February 5 - St. Agatha

7:00a.m. Justin Horan *by Helen Horan*  
9:00a.m. Julia Serbiski *by M/M Walter Rusin*

#### Saturday, February 6 - St. Paul Miki & companions

9:00a.m. Dr. Charles Cole

#### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - February 6/7

5:00p.m. **Saturday**, Mary Grace & Paul Nemeth *by Linda Windisch*  
6:00a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
8:00a.m. Donna Elser *by Jack & Virginia Henry & Family*  
10:00a.m. Frances Merchok *by Dan & Diane Cole*  
12:15p.m. Margaret Vaina *by M/M Karl Kimmich*

#### Last Sunday's Offertory

Regular Sunday Collection \$ 13,830.12  
Collection for Haiti Relief Fund 13,879.50

Thank you

### HAITI DONATIONS

Thank you to parishioners for the wonderful response to the appeal for the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund.

You can still respond to this appeal by using the envelopes at the doors of the church.

### BLOOD DRIVE SUCCESS

Thanks to all who participated in last weeks' blood drive. **Thirty People** donated to provide blood products for ninety patients in need of life saving blood. We look forward to your continued support in June.

### MEN'S RETREAT SUCCESS

There were **30 of the men of our parish** who participated in the men's weekend Retreat last week at St. Paul Retreat Center