

# St. Alphonsus Parish

## Wexford, PA

201 Church Road  
Wexford, PA 15090

Parish Founded in 1840  
School Established 1889

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Rejoice Sunday  
December 11, 2011

### PARISH PRIESTS

Father Peter P. Murphy, *Pastor*  
Father Robert W. Fleckenstein, *Parochial Vicar*

### DEACON

Mr. Albert E. Heiles Jr.

### 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 - [www.soulym.org](http://www.soulym.org)

### 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.



## Our Lady of Guadalupe

PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS  
FEAST DAY, MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

### 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

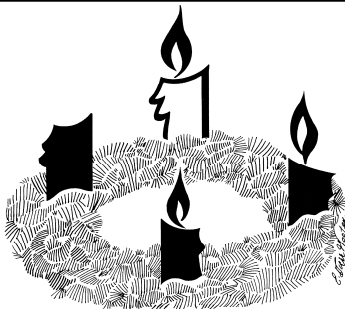
Notification of intention to marry must be given six months in advance.

ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH  
WEXFORD, PA

Third Sunday  
of Advent

December 11, 2011

For this "Rejoice Sunday" of  
Advent, join us for the  
Cafeteria after the  
10:00a.m. Mass



Rejoice always.  
pray without ceasing  
in all circumstances,  
give thanks.

—Thessalonians 5:16-18

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS



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The rose candle lit in the Advent wreath and the rose vestments worn by the priest on this third Sunday of Advent proclaim an encouragement to rejoice with hope.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION  
SERVICES AT  
AREA CHURCHES



Monday, Dec. 12 - St. John Neumann - 7:00p.m.  
Wednesday, Dec. 14 - St. Alexis - 7:00p.m.  
Monday, Dec. 19 - St. Alphonsus - 7:00p.m.  
Tuesday, Dec. 20 - SS John & Paul - 7:00p.m.

### OUR LADY OF GUADELUPE

The annual Our Lady of Guadalupe Spanish Mass is Monday, December 12, 2011 at 7:00p.m. The celebration that will be held at St. Paul Cathedral will include a procession of "Our Lady of Guadalupe."



All are invited to join Bishop David A. Zubik and Latino Catholics from throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh for the Mass and celebration. A festive reception will follow the liturgy in the Cathedral's social hall.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY REMINDER

The Christian Mothers'/Women's Guild will hold their Christmas Party for members **this Thursday, December 15 at 6:00p.m. at the Treedale Community Center.** Please join us for the annual celebration of the Christmas season with fellow CMWG members and their spouses. Dinner and entertainment will be provided. The cost of the party is \$5.00 per person. Please contact Alice Dominijanni at 724-625-3751 or [dominijanni@zoominternet.net](mailto:dominijanni@zoominternet.net) for more information and to RSVP.

### Complete Schedule of Christmas Masses

**Christmas Eve - Evening of Sat. - December 24:**  
4:00p.m.                      7:30p.m.                      10:00p.m.

**Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25:**  
8:00a.m.                      10:00a.m.                      12:15p.m.  
(No 6:00am Mass Christmas Sunday morning)

- The Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00p.m., is preceded by a music program by the folk choir and young children of our parish at 3:15p.m.
- The Mass at 10:00pm Christmas Eve is preceded by Lessons and Carols beginning at 9:30p.m.

*This Week*

- Monday - 6:00pm - CCD Class (along with 6 - 8 graders EDGE session at cafeteria)
- Tuesday - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 9:00a.m. Mass until 12noon on half-way mark of Advent on St. Lucy Day
- Tuesday - 7pm - School Band Concert at Ryan Center

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR THANKS

The Christian Mothers'/Womens' Guild would like to thank everyone who donated their time and talent to this year's Christmas Bazaar. The success of the Bazaar depends on the generosity of so many people, including parishioners, friends, family and the school children who support it with purchases!

**The winners of this year's Raffle items are:** Penguins tickets and jersey-Ann Bishop; Cross-stitched tablecloth, wine and wine caddy—Sue Eppley; Handmade geometric quilt-Josephine Visnansky; Santa and sleigh set - Brendan Wentling; Stained-glass Nativity Set-M.G. Miller.

**The annual Christmas Bazaar is the main fundraiser of the CMWG.** The profits are used to support the needs of the parish and school such as the Father Schroeder Scholarships, Fish Fry, the school library; Music Ministry, and Harvest Home Dinner to name a few. The support we receive at the Wine and Cheese Reception on Thursday and school children shopping on Friday helps us continue our work in the parish.

## Youth Activities

This Sunday evening, December 11th - **Wipeout!**  
Got questions? Confused about the Liturgy or Sacraments? Join us Sunday night 5:30 - 7:30 in the Rectory to get answers!

Monday, December 12th - **EDGE for ALL Parish and School youth grades 6 - 8!** Youth ministry for Middle School is 6 - 7:15p.m. in the small gym. Join us and bring a friend!

Next Saturday, December 18th - **Advent/Pre-Christmas Party** - Join us in the Rectory meeting space for food and fun at 6:00p.m. after Saturday evening Mass. Bring a small (\$5 - 10) gift for a gift exchange!

### GIRL SCOUT TROOP MEMBERS RECEIVE THE HIGHEST AWARD IN SCOUTING

Congratulations to the members of Ambassador Girl Scout Troop 51027, which originally was formed at St. Alphonsus School.



Each of these young ladies recently earned the highest honor in Girl Scouting, the Gold Award:

**Laura Cottington**, daughter of Rob and LuAnn Cottington, a senior at North Catholic High School; **Rose Dixon**, daughter of Marty and Cindy Dixon, a junior at Vincentian Academy; **Sydney Owens**, daughter of Mark and Karen Owens, a senior at North Allegheny High School; and **Jacquelyn Palguta**, daughter of Alan and Marchell Palguta, a senior at North Allegheny High School.

Their service award took over one year and many hours to complete and consisted of working at St. Barnabas Nursing Home to refurbish an outdoor pavilion and surrounding grounds to create an inviting gathering place for the residents and their guests. This community project included repairing, replacing and painting railings and outdoor furniture; planting trees, flower beds, vegetables and herbs; building a raised garden, wishing well and gaming tables which are wheelchair accessible. The girls also organized craft nights with the residents and younger girl Scouts as well as coordinating fundraising. Their project was finalized at a ribbon cutting ceremony with Fr. Murphy giving the blessing to dedicate the renovated grounds.

These young ladies and their families would like to extend once again their heartfelt thanks to the St. Alphonsus parish community for their generous donations to the St. Barnabas residents and their families and friends so that they will continue to enjoy these blessings for many years.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - December 10/11

5:00p.m. **Sat.** - Eileen Nemeth *by Linda Windisch*  
6:00a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
8:00a.m. Ray Skundrich *by Davis Family*  
10:00a.m. Loraine Kirstein *by Family*  
12:15p.m. Bernadette Quinn *by Elvira Cannon*

**Monday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
7:00a.m. Kevin Schultz *by Dave Brudy*  
9:00a.m. 30th Anniversary of Harry & Barbara Griffith

**Tuesday, December 13 - St. Lucy**  
7:00a.m. Brad Magill *by St. Alphonsus Christian Women's Guild*  
9:00a.m. Caroline Kuhlman *by Barbara & Ron Kimmich, Jr.*

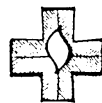
**Wednesday, December 14 - St. John of the Cross**  
7:00a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
9:00a.m. Vince Cannon *by Monday Morning Crew*

**Thursday, December 15 - Advent Weekday**  
7:00a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Cross  
9:00a.m. Henry Borkowski *by Michael & Diane Christel*

2:30p.m. North Hills Rehab Mass  
**Friday, December 16 - Advent Weekday**  
7:00a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Cross  
9:00a.m. Vince Cannon *by Members of T.R. Y.*

**Saturday, December 17 - Advent Weekday**  
9:00a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - December 17/18**

**5:00p.m. Saturday** - Special Intention of Dave Claasen *by M/M Ron DeNisi*  
6:00a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
8:00a.m. Vince Cannon *by Molly Cole*  
10:00a.m. William Swartout *by Monica Young & Cathy Smallwood*  
12:15p.m. Elizabeth Flowers Rodger *by Molly Cole*



Please pray for the Souls of the Faithful Departed especially

**Mrs. Ann Maloney**, 101, and healthy until just past her 100th birthday. A great-great grandmother of 5, Mrs. Maloney had recently resided at Windsor Place in Gibsonia.

Also, please pray for **Mrs. Betty Lee Fraley**, 64, of Ben Avon, the mother of our 4th grade CCD teacher, Mrs. Kendall Early.

To the families of our dearly departed ones, we extend our sympathy.

Last Sunday's Offertory	
Regular Sunday Collection	\$ 15,727.37
Maintenance Collection	1,481.73
Christmas Flowers	1,183.00

Thank you