

St. Alphonsus Parish

Wexford, PA

201 Church Road
Wexford, PA 15090

Parish Founded in 1840
School Established 1889

Fourth Sunday in Advent
December 18, 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

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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School stals.org
Diocese diopitt.org

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SCHOOL E-MAIL 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.

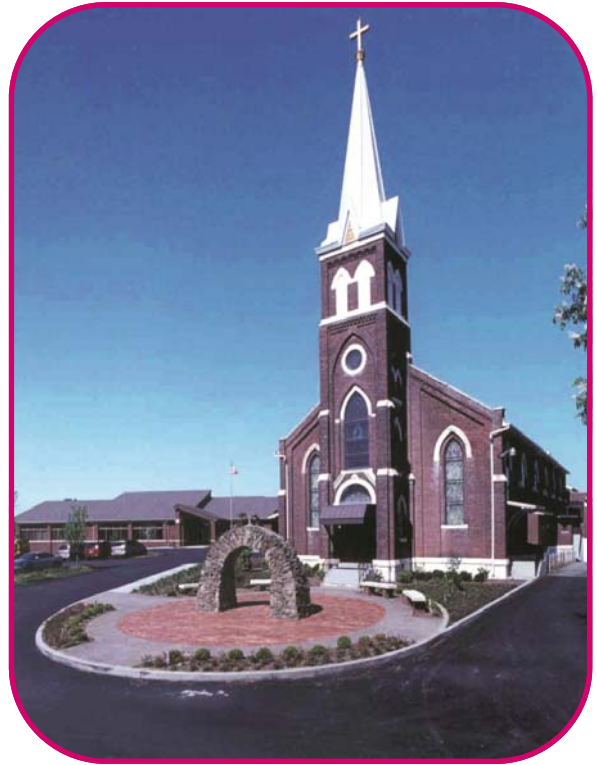


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TIMES OF SUNDAY MASSES

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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The angel Gabriel said to Mary:
“Behold, you will conceive in your womb
and bear a Son,
and you shall name Him Jesus.
He will be great and will be called
Son of the Most High.”

—Luke 1:31-32

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LAST ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES AND CONFESSIONS



* This Monday, December 19 at 7:00p.m.
at St. Alphonsus Church, there will be a
Penance Service with opportunity for
individual confessions heard by the priests of the
area parishes.

* This Tuesday, December 20 at 7:00p.m. at
SS. John & Paul Church likewise with priests of
parishes in our area.

* For afternoon confessions this week, your
parish priests will hear confessions at St. Alphonsus
Church on Thursday, December 21 at 3:00 to 4:00pm.

* **NO CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24.**

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

The **first collection** during the **Christmas Masses**
is for the envelope of the manger scene marked “**My**
Christmas Offering”, which is our special gift to
the parish.

The **second collection** is for the **pink envelope** for
the **Christmas Charities for Children and Youth** in
our diocese.

This **pink envelope** marked **Children/Youth**
Christmas Offering” also is applied to our
PARISH SHARE, which is now over our quota, so
all donations stay with our parish.

All gifts made to the St. Alphonsus Church or
School on or before December 31, are tax deductible
for this year.

The **IRA Rollover Program** ends **December 31,**
2011. If you are age **70 1/2** and older you may once again
make a direct distribution from your Individual
Retirement Account (IRA) to St. Alphonsus Parish or
School up to \$100,000.00 this year. Please instruct your
IRA Custodian (Broker or banker, etc.) to transfer funds
directly to the parish as a gift. There is no taxation on
funds withdrawn from your IRA for this purpose.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



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 6:00a.m. MASS ON SUNDAY MORNING

The Christmas Vigil Mass at 4:00p.m. is preceded
by a Christmas music program by the folk choir
and the young children of our parish at 3:15p.m.

The Christmas Vigil Mass at 7:30p.m. features
music by teens, college students, and their family
members with musical instruments and handbells.

The Christmas Mass at 10:00p.m. on Christmas
Eve is the Liturgy at Midnight Mass with adult
choir, handbell choir, and musical instrumental
strings, brass, and flutes. The Mass is preceded
by “Lessons and Carols” beginning at 9:30p.m.
Please arrive in church by that time.

The Christmas Morning Mass at 8:00am. features
organ, flutes, and handbell music.

The Christmas Morning Mass at 10:00am features
the music of a vocal ensemble and flutes.

The Christmas Midday Mass at 12:15pm features
organ, cantors and instrumentalists.

ANNUAL BLANKET DRIVE FOR THE HOMELESS

Dr. Ray Vector of the Wexford Chiropractic Centre is
asking for blanket donations to benefit the Homeless
Ministries for distributions on the streets. They will
be accepted until January 1st at 130 Wexford Bayne
Road (next to Post Office Deli). For more
info

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 17/18

We welcome our parish infant children who have been baptized into the New Life of Christ in the last two months:

Erin Lynn Dzialowski, and
John Robert Dzialowski, twin children of Robert and Linda (Valencik) Dzialowski
Sydney Caroline Cugliari, daughter of Domenic and Nicole (Antonio) Cugliari
Josephine Rose Kavanagh, daughter of Ryan and Eve (Beck) Kavanagh
Timothy Ryan McCabe, Jr., son of Timothy R. & Jama (Close) McCabe
Alexander James Morgan, son of Alan and Jaime (Wolf) Morgan
Luke William Neely, son of Eric and Amy (Frank) Neely
Ty William Ryan, son of Tyrone and April (Grundler) Ryan
Mason Andrew Vitina, son of Nicolas and Jennifer (Cairns) Vitina

Youth Activities

This Sunday, December 18th - 5:30pm - Advent/Pre-Christmas Party - Join us in the Rectory meeting space for pizza, snacks and fun! Bring a small (\$5-10) gift for a gift exchange!

NEXT SOUL Night - Saturday Night Life - January 7, 2012 - Bowling after the 5pm Mass! Details and permission form at www.SOULym.org

Teen Leaders Needed - Confirmation Retreat is January 7th - We are looking high school teen leaders to help with this important day. Call Lisa/Mike for more details.

March For Life - Monday, January 23rd - Buses, food, Rally, March, Mass at the National Shrine, what more could you want??? Register by Jan. 3. Details and forms at www.SOULym.org.

The youth bus is very close to being full. There are only 11 more seats available. So that's the "magic number" before we start placing participants on the second bus!

THE ANNUAL MEDALLION BALL

The 48th Annual Medallion Ball was held on the Friday after Thanksgiving at the Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Hotel under the patronage of Bishop David Zubik, who presented St. Joan of Arc Medallions to 118 young women for their many hours of volunteer service.

Our parish was proudly represented by: **Angelina Christine Ciocco**, daughter of Timothy and Mary Beth Ciocco.

MASS INTENTIONS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - December 17/18

5:00p.m. **Sat.** - 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*

Monday, December 19 - Advent Weekday

7:00a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

9:00a.m. Vince Cannon *by Jack & Georgine Batykefer*

Tuesday, December 20 - Advent Weekday

7:00a.m. Mike Carmody *by Dave Brudy*

9:00a.m. Brad Magill *by K of C Friends*

Wednesday, December 21 - St. Peter Canisius

7:00a.m. Brad Magill *by Stephen & Emily Baker*

9:00a.m. Catherine Fredericks *by Pat Pfendler*

Thursday, December 22 - Advent Weekday

7:00a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

9:00a.m. Chuck Cole *by Aileen Waugh*

Friday, December 23 - Advent Weekday

7:00a.m. George & Blanche Boll *by Estate*

9:00a.m. Dennis Omecene *by Veltrie Family*

Saturday, December 24 - Vigil of Christmas

9:00a.m. Special Intention of Parry-Lukats Family

CHRISTMAS - December 24/25

4:00p.m. **Sat. Eve.** Angela, Theresa & John
Mazzarese Family

7:30p.m. **Sat. Eve.** James Baierle *by McCarthy Family*

10:00a.m. **Sat. Eve.** Antonio DeChellis *by Feath Family*

8:00a.m. **Sunday** Ann & Vince Pegher *by Family*

10:00a.m. **Sunday** Olive Senita *by Family*

12:15a.m. **Sunday** Ed Scurci *by Family*



Please pray for the Souls of the Faithful Departed especially:

Mr. Charles Smith, 89, of St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Perrysville, the father of Mary Marra (husband Dean) of our parish.

Mrs. Dorothy Sciuolo, 87, the mother of Kimberly Smith (husband Thomas) of our parish.

Mr. Robert Skurla of Charlotte, N C, the father of Mary Ellen Sullivan (husband Bernie), one of our school families.

Mrs. Carol Wilson, mother of Denise O'Connor (husband Robert) of our parish.

Last Sunday's Offertory	Regular
Sunday Collection	\$17,266.91
Immaculate Conception Collection	\$ 2,738.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 512.00

Thank you