

St. Alphonsus Parish

Wexford, PA

201 Church Road
Wexford, PA 1509

Parish Founded in 1840
School Established 1889



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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 29, 2012

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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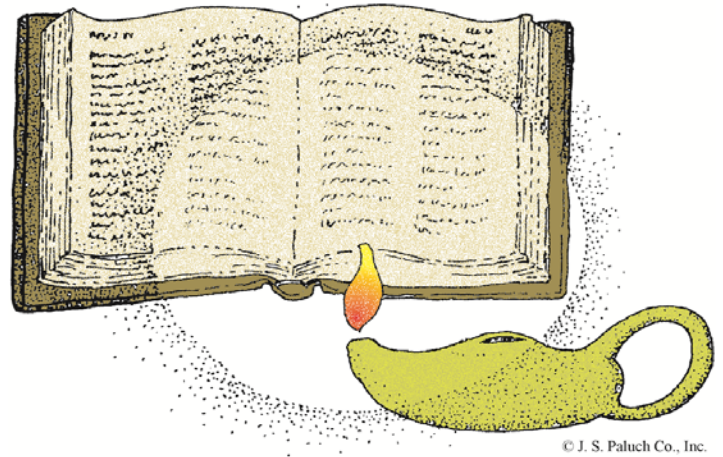
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BULLETIN DEADLINE: Tuesday 4:00 p.m.

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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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Faith - Academics - Service

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

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Jesus taught with authority



On the Sabbath
Jesus entered the synagogue
and taught.
The people were astonished
at His teaching.

—Mark 1:21-22

Faith. Academics. Service. Catholic Schools

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 29 - February 4

We are happy for you to join us at St. Alphonsus as we celebrate this year's Catholic Schools Week theme of Faith, Academics, and Service.

We begin our celebration this Sunday afternoon at the **12:15p.m. Mass**, giving thanks for the gift of our St. Alphonsus School, supported by our school families and parish. We are so thankful likewise for our principal, Sister Mariella, our faculty, and staff.

There is an **Open House** after Mass as an invitation for all to come to see the **Hallway Art** (this year "**Broadway**"), the classroom displays, the family banners, the Honor Wall, and the PJAS science projects. **THIS IS AN OPEN HOUSE FOR ALL PARISHIONERS AND FAMILIES.**

You will be amazed at the projects our students (and families) have completed to commemorate this special week. We have many seventh and eighth grade students compete every year in the **Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science** with excellent results. Our students are always excited to show friends and family their work.

Should you have any questions, volunteers will be available at the school to welcome you and help you or direct you to your desired destination.

WEEKDAY MASS FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Tuesday morning at 9:00a.m., all parishioners, family members, and friends are invited to join with students and faculty for this **weekday Mass for Catholic Schools Week.**

CANDLEMAS DAY The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Thursday, February 2



The 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 Friday, 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 7:00am and 9:00am and blessing services at 2:45pm and 4:30pm.**

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. Alphonsus School will hold its **Registration Day** for new students on **Monday, February 20th from 9:00a.m. until 12:00noon.** St. Alphonsus School will be accepting students for **3-year-old Preschool, 4-year-old-Preschool, Full-day Kindergarten, Half-day Kindergarten, and Grades 1-8** for the 2012-2013 school year.

Parents will be expected to bring 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.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 28/29

NEXT SATURDAY EVENING

6:30p.m.

CHILI FEST — IT'S BACK

Please join us on **Saturday, February 4** after the **5:00p.m. Mass** in the **Cafeteria** for the ever-popular **Chili-Fest - sponsored this year by the Christian Mothers' Women's Guild.**

All adult parishioners are invited to attend - bring a crockpot of **your favorite chili recipe** and be prepared to compete for "Best Chili"! **If you don't have a chili recipe to share, bring an appetizer or dessert to share.** There will be a 50/50 raffle. BYOB for beer and wine, non-alcoholic drinks and bread for dipping will also be provided. All CMWG members are free. Non-members pay just \$5.00. Cook up your favorite chili and join us for this fun evening.

Youth Activities

M & M's Fundraiser - Thank you to all those who have returned the M&M containers and made a donation! If you forgot or weren't here last weekend, we will still accept donations in the bins in the back of the old side of the church or in the rectory.

This Sunday, January 29th at 5:30pm in the rectory- "What are some of the things that create the Culture of Death? How can we promote the Culture of Life?" Bring a friend!

Super Bowl Hoagie Sale next weekend! - 12" Italian or Turkey Hoagies - \$7 each or 3 for \$20. To Help fund our Mission Trip to Joplin, Missouri for Tornado relief.

Saturday Night Life - Ice Skating at BladeRunners in Warrendale next Saturday, February 4th! DJ Night is 7:30-9:30p.m. and is \$10/person. Meet us at the rink!

BLOOD DRIVE SUCCESS

Thank you to all who participated last Sunday in the semi-annual blood drive. There were **27 donors who will supply 81 people with life-saving blood.** Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The next parish blood drive will be Sunday, June 3.

LAST CALL FOR PASSION PLAY AUDITIONS

Tuesday evening, January 31

7:30p.m. in Church

MASS INTENTIONS

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - January 28/29

- 5:00p.m. **Saturday - Baby Brian by Moran Family**
- 6:00a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- 8:00a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- 10:00a.m. Vince Cannon *by St. Al's Golf League*
- 12:15p.m. Bridget McCourt *by Dennis McCourt*

Monday, January 30 - Weekday

- 7:00a.m. Charles Smith *by Joe & Sue Nicholas*
- 9:00a.m. Judy Zabierowsky *by Christian Mothers Women's Guild*

Tuesday, January 31 - St. John Bosco

- 7:00a.m. Frank Jaworowski *by Rich Family*
- 9:00am. Walter Klubert *by Tarasovich Grandchildren*

Wednesday, February 1 - Weekday

- 7:00a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- 9:00a.m. Carol Shaffer *by Molly Cole*

Thursday, Feb. 2 - PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

- 7:00a.m. James Robinson *by Dan & Rita Petrunak & Family*
- 9:00a.m. Special Intention

Friday, February 3 - St. Blaise

- 7:00a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- 9:00a.m. Bernard Wiles *by Wife*

Saturday, February 4 - Blessed Mother

- 9:00a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - February 4/5

- 5:00p.m. **Saturday - Lucy Lombardo by Children**
- 6:00a.m. In Memory of Gary Gebhart *by Patti & Butch Langer*
- 8:00am Margaret & Lester Swinderman *by Daughter*
- 10:00a.m. Betty Lee Fraley *by Rena Cioppa*
- 12:15p.m. Dr. Charles Cole *by Miles & Barbara Wilson*



Please pray for the Souls of the Faithful Departed, especially

Mr. Thomas Zurick, 73, of our parish. To his wife Rosemary we extend our sympathy. The Funeral Mass is Monday at 10:30a.m at St. Paul Cathedral, the parish in which Thomas was brought up.

Mrs. Mary Nicholas, of Cincinnati, Ohio. To her son Joseph Nicholas and wife Sue and family of our parish, we extend our sympathy.

Mrs. Marita Manna of New Boston, New Hampshire. To her son Matthew Manna and wife Karen and family of our parish, we extend our sympathy.

Last Sunday's Offertory

Regular Sunday Collection \$ 14,710.00
Thank you