

St. Alphonsus Parish

Wexford, PA

201 Church Road
Wexford, PA 15090

Parish Founded in 1840
School Established 1889

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
January 8, 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*

PHONE NUMBERS (area code 724)

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School stals.org
Diocese diopitt.org

PARISH E-MAIL.....stalphonsus@zoominternet.net

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.



**“WE SAW HIS STAR AT ITS RISING
AND HAVE COME TO DO HIM HOMAGE.”**

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.

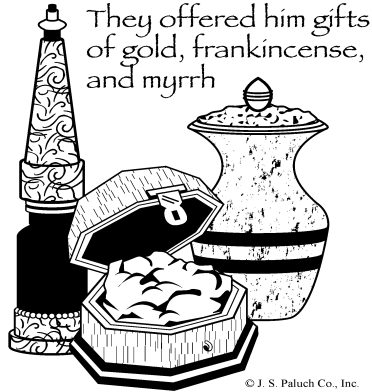
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH
201 Church Road, Wexford, PA

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“The magi, on entering the house,
saw the Child with Mary His Mother.
They prostrated themselves and
did Him homage.

—Matthew 2:11



The Epiphany of the Lord is the celebration of receiving the gift of the Light of Jesus' birth among us. The Prophet Isaiah says today: "You shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow."

The Feast of Epiphany has been celebrated as the feast of Jesus' Incarnation and Manifestation since the third century in the East. However, the Western Empire adapted the date of Jesus' Birth to be celebrated at the Winter Solstice (December 25) after Emperor Constantine was converted to Christianity at the beginning of the fourth century.

As a result, from both of these traditions, East and West, the whole Universal Church benefits from the extension of time in this Christmas-Epiphany Season.



The letter and numbers (shown above) are traditionally written in chalk above the door of the home to proclaim God's blessing for the New Year 2012. The letters refer to the legendary names of the magi, **Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar**.



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

Monday - 7:30p.m. - Baptism Preparation Class in Rectory

Tuesday - 9:00a.m. - Bible Study at K of C Hall

Tuesday - 9:30a.m. - 12noon

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday - 7:00p.m. - Legion of Mary Meeting

Wednesday - 7:30p.m. - CHOIR REHEARSAL - New Members, Men and Women are welcome

Friday - 5:00p.m. - PARISH WOMEN'S RETREAT begins at St. Paul Retreat Center

Next Sunday after 10:00a.m. Mass - DONUT SOCIAL in the cafeteria



Youth Activities

M & M's Fundraiser - After Masses next weekend we will be distributing mini m&m's. Please remember to return your m&m container the following week with change, bills, or checks to help defray costs for the **March for Life** and the upcoming **Summer Mission Trip to Joplin, MO**. Thank you for your support!

Silver Ring Thing - Friday, January 13th at Seton LaSalle is a multi-media production that discusses the moral challenges that our teens face today. Open to grades -12. Contact Lisa/Mike for more info or go to www.silverringthing.com

Next Sunday, January 15 - 5:30pm-Youth Gathering In Rectory - Pro-Life session.

March For Life - Monday, January 23rd - Buses, Food, Rally, March, Mass at the National Shrine, what more could you want???

Youth Bus is full. Any additional youth who registers will be placed in the parish bus. Parish bus has 30 seats left. Anyone wishes to register please see details and forms at www.SOULym.org.

SAVE THE DATE - FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2012 at THE LAMONT RESTAURANT. A Gala Parish and School Event: Silent and Live Auctions, Dinner and Entertainment
CELEBRATE OUR SCHOOL FACILITY DEBT FREE!

PARISH BLOOD DRIVE

St. Alphonsus is sponsoring a blood drive on **Sunday, January 22nd** from 7am to 12noon. If you are at least 17 years old, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, and are in good health, then you are most likely eligible to give blood.

To schedule your life saving appointment, please log on to www.centralbloodbank.org and enter sponsor code G0040043, contact Barb Sippel at 724-561-4092, or sign up next Saturday or Sunday after all Masses except 6am.

PASSION PLAY ALERT

Our annual parish Passion Play will be performed at the Ryan Center on Passion Sunday weekend - Friday, March 30 and Saturday, March 31.

Audition dates are **Thursday, January 26 at 7pm** in church and **Tuesday, January 31 at 7pm** in church.

The second collection next weekend, January 14-15, is the annual diocesan collection for St. Anthony School Programs and DePaul School for Hearing and Speech. This collection counts toward our Parish Share Program assessment.

MASS INTENTIONS

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD—January 7/8

- 5:00p.m. **Saturday-** Louis Sinko Family *by Wayne & Regina Yetter*
- 6:00a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- 8:00a.m. Lydia Haberstroh *by Family*
- 10:00a.m. Vince Cannon *by St. Al's Choir*
- 12:15p.m. Robert Skurla *by Tarasovich Family*

Monday, January 9 - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

- 7:00a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- 9:00a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Tuesday, January 10 - Weekday (1st Week in Ordinary Time)

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

Wednesday, January 11 - Weekday

- 7:00a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- 9:00a.m. Spiritual Intention of Sr. Mariella *by Mrs. Sonson & Lucas Pingree & Family*

Thursday, January 12 - Weekday

- 7:00a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- 9:00a.m. Herb Von Derau *by Family*

Friday, January 13 - St. Hilary, bishop

- 7:00a.m. Tom Burda *by Ann & Carl Surhie*
- 9:00a.m. Judy Zabierowsky *by Catholic Scripture Study*

10:30a.m. Pristine Pines Mass

Saturday, January 14 - Blessed Mother

- 9:00a.m. Vince Cannon *by Mary Ann Enders*

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - January 14/15

- 5:00p.m. **Saturday -** Maria lafolla *by Fran lafolla*
- 6:00a.m. Theresa A. Michels *by Richard Michels*
- 8:00a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- 10:00a.m. Vince Cannon *by Dr. Senita*
- 12:15p.m. Antonio DeChellis *by Feath Family*

Please pray for the Souls of the Faithful Departed especially:



Mrs. Judy Zabierowsky, a member of our parish and a 6th grade CCD teacher. To her husband Creig, son Derek and daughters Beth Ann and Kirstin and families, we extend our sympathy.

Mr. Albert "Bud" Zinkan, of Bethel Park, the uncle of Patty Glasser of our parish, to whom we extend our sympathy.

Last Sunday's Offertory

Regular Sunday Collection	\$18,930.30
Additional Christmas Collection	2,600.00
Maintenance Collection	1,406.17

Thank you