

St. Alphonsus Parish

Wexford, PA

201 Church Road
Wexford, PA 15090

Parish Founded in 1840
School Established 1889

First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 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
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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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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.

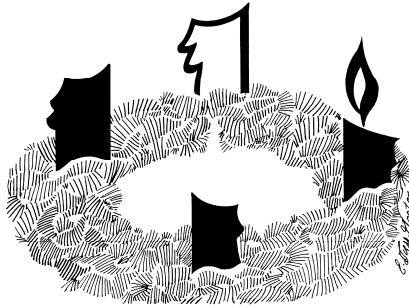
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH
WEXFORD, PA

FIRST SUNDAY
OF
ADVENT

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“Be watchful!
Be alert!”
said Jesus.

—Mark 13:33

The Lord be with you — And with Your Spirit

The First Sunday of Advent — the First Day of the New English Translation of the Roman Missal.

We will all be paying attention to the words of the Mass — both congregation and priest, as we familiarize ourselves with the new translation of the prayers and responses of the Mass. From the start of Mass, we are alerted immediately with the response “And with your Spirit” to the priest’s greeting - “The Lord be with you.” The Missalette or the cards in the pews will be essential to guiding us — especially in the proclaiming the CREED together, “I BELIEVE IN ONE GOD.”

The “Glory to God in the Highest” will not be sung or recited during Advent, except for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, and the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12.



Monday - No School and no CCD

Wednesday - 7pm - All are invited to come to our church and pray the Rosary for our country, our leaders, and all our people—
The Patriotic Rosary



Wednesday - 7:30p.m. - Choir Rehearsal - New Members are needed and welcomed. A good time to join before the Christmas season.

This Thursday, December 1, from 7:00pm to 9:00pm, all adult parishioners and friends are invited to the Wine and Cheese Reception and Shopping at the Ryan Center. Christmas crafts, baked goods, homemade candy, wreaths, ornaments, and religious items. No tickets needed, admission is free. This is the only day that the Bazaar is offering gifts and baked goods to adults.



Friday - School children will attend the Santa Shop Christmas Bazaar to purchase gifts - 9:00am -3:00pm

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2 AT ST. ALEXIS CHURCH

Welcome to our tenth annual **Advent Lessons and Carols** with our neighboring parish St. Alexis.



This year, all are invited to **St. Alexis Church** on **Friday, December 2 at 7:30p.m.** for the combined adult and children’s choirs and bell choirs of **both of our parishes.**

Refreshments will be served afterwards. **All welcome!**

CHRISTMAS GIFT PROJECT CONCLUDES NEXT SUNDAY

St. Vincent Mission in the Appalachian town of David, Kentucky, is counting on our generous help to provide gifts for their Christmas store.

Gift tags are available in the baskets for men, women, and children. There is as much need for **men’s** and **women’s** clothing as there is for the **children**, and it is even recommended to leave the tag on. (you may remove the price.)



It will bring great joy to the families who shop at St. Vincent’s Christmas store to have a variety of items from which to choose. If purchasing toys, we recommend toys that don’t require batteries.

Please bring in your gifts by next weekend.

Youth Activities

Service Opportunity Saturday, December 10th - Emmaus Community - Join us to help the mentally challenged residents prepare their home for the Christmas Holiday. Contact Lisa/Mike to sign up!

Next Sunday, December 4th - More Than Meets the Eye - It's time to look at the deeper meaning of the sacraments we encounter in our faith. We will meet in the Rectory meeting room from 5:30-7:30pm. Join us and bring a friend!

Check www.SOULym.org for event dates, locations and permission forms! Questions or comments about anything, please contact Lisa/Mike at soullifeteen@gmail.com or Lisa's Cell 724-612-4840 or Mike's cell 412-302-0603.

ST. ALPHONSUS DONATES PIES TO FOOD PANTRY

Students, parents and parishioners from St. Alphonsus School and Parish donated 215 assorted pies, valued at \$2,580 to benefit the North Hills Community Outreach Food Pantry.

The pantry, which serves about 450 families a month, included the pies in its Thanksgiving meal package.

Don't forget the donations that we as parishioners may give every week for the North Hills Food Pantry by the boxes in back of church.

UNITED WAY CONTRIBUTIONS TO T.R.Y.

TRY, Inc. is a non-profit organization founded in 1970 at St. Alphonsus Parish to provide social and recreational activities for mentally and or physically handicapped in our three county area. The monies are used to help offset the costs of the many programs TRY offers each year, such as our monthly dances and craft programs, a week-long Day Camp, etc.

Please remember that your gift to the UNITED WAY can be directed to **TRY, Inc.** through the **Contributor Choice Program.** Unless donors specifically indicate TRY,INC., no United Way funds will come to us.

To designate TRY simply locate the section on the pledge form that allows you to name a specific agency to receive your contribution and write in:

TRY, INC., CODE NUMBER 1424

Please make sure to check the box that authorizes the United Way to release your name to us. If you do not check this box, your gift is reported to us as "anonymous"

Website: www.togetherforretardedyouth.org

MASS INTENTIONS

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - November 26/27

5:00p.m. **Saturday** - Theresa & Joseph Michels by *Richard Michels*

6:00a.m. Sandy Erlwein by *M/M Robert Primo*

8:00a.m. Andrew Plesniak by *Plesniak Family*

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

12:15p.m. Pat Mastermonico by *Art & Mary Ann Wentz*

Monday, November 28 – Advent Weekday

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

9:00a.m. *Health & Welfare of Mary Tomczak* by Mary Tomczak

Tuesday, November 29 – Advent Weekday

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

9:00a.m. *Veda Wertz* by *Ron & Carol DeNisi*

Wednesday, November 30 - St. Andrew

7:00a.m. Jim Riddell by *Eppley family*

9:00a.m. John Mazzaresse by *Family*

Thursday, December 1 - Advent Weekday

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

9:00a.m. Arthur M. Tragesser

Friday, December 2 - Advent Weekday

7:00a.m. Howard Sopp by *Wife & Family*

9:00a.m. Dennis Boice by *Loscar Family*

Saturday, December 3 - St. Francis Xavier

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - December 3/4

5:00p.m. **Sat.** - Connor Johnson by *Trudy Beaudry*

6:00a.m. William & Sandy Erlwein by *M/M Lewis Erlwein*

8:00a.m. Raymond Skundrich by *John & Charlene Hartman*

10:00a.m. Carmella Suenkonis by *Tonya & Shawn Rose*

12:15p.m. Marietta Bucci by *Donato Bucci Family*

Duquesne University Financial Award Opportunities

50% Tuition and Fee Scholarships to Fall 1012 Freshmen. As part of the University's commitment to all new freshmen entering our **Leading Teacher preparation program** in Fall 2012, Duquesne University is offering 50 percent tuition and few scholarships. For more information about this scholarship opportunity, please contact the Office of Admissions at 412-306-6222 or visit www.duq.edu/lead

This bulletin was published before last Sunday's Offertory Collection.

The Collection total and the Retirement Fund Collection for the Religious Sisters will be published next week.