

# St. Alphonsus Parish

October 11, 2009

Year of the Priest



**More than Forty years serving the People of God**

*Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Owens, Pastor*  
*Rev. Stephen A. Moerman, Parochial Vicar*  
*Deacon Peter H. Burghart*  
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## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (IN CHURCH)

Saturday Vigil: 5 PM  
Sunday 8 AM, 10:15 AM and 12:00 Noon

## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE (IN CHAPEL)

Monday through Friday: 6:30 AM and 9:00 AM  
Saturday: 9:00 AM

## PARISH BUSINESS OFFICE

(in the Rectory)

Monday through Friday: 9 AM to 12:30 PM  
and 1 PM to 4 PM  
M-F (Mass Cards only) 4 PM to 8 PM  
Saturday (Mass Cards only) 10 AM to 2 PM  
Sunday (Mass Cards only) 9 AM to Noon

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

(In Chapel Reconciliation Room)

Saturday after 9 AM Mass  
3:45 PM to 4:45 PM

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism celebrated on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month at 1:15PM in the church. Parents are expected to attend a Pre-Jordan class prior to the baptism. Please call the Rectory to arrange the baptism ceremony and/or to register for Pre-Jordan class.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples contemplating marriage must contact one of the priests at least six months in advance to make an appointment to discuss marriage plans and preparation.

## LITURGY OF THE HOURS (In Chapel)

Morning Prayer is celebrated Monday through Saturday at 8:40 AM Wednesday Evenings at 7 PM.

## SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Those hospitalized, seriously ill or anticipating a hospital procedure are welcome to celebrate the Anointing of the Sick after the last daily Mass on any weekday. Please contact the Rectory to indicate your intention to receive the Sacrament.

## NEW FAMILIES

Welcome to St. Alphonsus. Please register at the rectory. We are eager to greet new members of our parish community. Call for an appointment. (Note: Families moving out of the Parish should also notify the rectory).

## YOUR WILL

Please remember our parish in your bequests.

  
**MassSchedule**  
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**Saturday, October 10:**

**5:00 PM** Henry Greenhalgh—Ginley Family

**Sunday, October 11:**

**8:00 AM** For the people of the Parish

**10:15 AM** Philomena Madaline—Kathy & Jim Morris

**12:00 PM** Flavia Pistritti—Joseph Ferla & Yvonne Kushner

**Monday, October 12:**

**6:30 AM** Florence E. Miller—Mulcahy Family

**9:00 AM** Marie Clearkin—Robins Family

**Tuesday, October 13:**

**6:30 AM** Sara T. Howard—Mulcahy Family

**9:00 AM** Norman Malone—Robins Family

**Wednesday, October 14 :**

**6:30 AM** William Egan—The Fedyna Family

**9:00 AM** Jeanne Gerngross—Joseph Gerngross

***Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament***

***9:30 AM Until 7:00 PM***

***7:00 PM Evening Prayer and Benediction***

**Thursday, October 15:**

**6:30 AM** Henry Kazana—Ed & Betty Kane

**9:00 AM** Edward May—Margaret Salvati & Theresa Calfapietra

**Friday, October 16:**

**6:30 AM** Tony Ciccarone—The Hofmann Family

**9:00 AM** Francis E. Dyer, Sr.—Deacon & Marge Burghart

**Saturday, October 17:**

**9:00 AM** Marie Clearkin—Gene & Peg Klaiber

**5:00 PM** Peter T. Bur—Diane & Angelo Christoforetti

**Sunday, October 18:**

**8:00 AM** Marie Clearkin—Meehan Family

**10:15 AM** For the People of the Parish

**12:00 PM** Virginia Serratore—Dolores Serratore



**SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS**

Mary Ellen Palmieri, Greg Ceneviva, Peggy McGann, Mary Ellen Kraft, Carol Stilletto, Bill Landherr, Nora O'Hara, Michael DiMuzio, Barbara Ramsden, Douglas Doody, Kevin Romano, Charles O'Donnell, Ethel Cirotti, Ruth Ann Labold, Ruth Laughlin, David Bryne, Grace Marcozzi, Mary Gilles, Mary Britt, Michelle Gossner, Thomas Fisher, Peggy Tilson, Gerard Taddei, Joanne Birchill, Anne Romberger, Jennifer McDermott.

**DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS**

Patrick Williams, Stephen Papa (brother of Christopher J. Papa), Katherine Corcoran (mother of Bernadette Armstrong), George Hayeck, James Concannon.

**October 17/18, 2009**

**Next Sunday** 

**5:00 PM Under Both Species**

Celebrant: Rev. Stephen A. Moerman

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Peter J.

Anninos, Jr., Suzanne Anninos, Ian Castronuovo, Mary Ann Smith, Karen A. Sullivan, Bernadette Taddei, Suzanne Teleha, George Tenzinger, Kathleen Tenzinger

Music: Louise Rafferty, Ed Sarabura

Servers: Ryan Wolpert, Michael Zajac, Joseph Fabrizio

Lectors: Alexandra Farris, Nancy Voter

**8:00 AM**

Celebrant: Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Owens

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Joan Reynolds, Claire Tatlow, Raymond Tatlow, Arlene White, David White

Music: Frank Stieber, Martin Thornburg

Servers: Kiera Librera, Lauren Melley, Nicole Mischler

Lectors: Larry Opert, Gene Klaiber

**10:15 AM Under Both Species**

Celebrant: Rev. Stephen A. Moerman

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Michelle

Gallagher, Terrence Gallagher, Carol Kohlmeir, James Kohlmier, Carol Ann Opdyke, Denise Paul, James Paul, Liberata Romano, Joseph Romano

Music: Revelation

Servers: Connor Rooney, Sam Hotchkiss, Austin Kelly

Lectors: Gerry Lowery, Mike Bennett

**12:00 PM**

Celebrant: Rev. Joseph B. Smits

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Lisa Dallas, Vincent Di Francesco, Alvira Diekes, James Dierkes, Patricia O'Hara

Music: Choir

Servers: Jessica Anninos, Joanna Anninos, Ryan Calhoun

Lectors: Shawn Quinn, Jerry Smith

**ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTING ROOM**



## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. All good things together came to me in her company (Wisdom 7:7-11).

**Psalm** — Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (Psalm 90).

**Second Reading** — Indeed the word of God is living and effective (Hebrews 4:12-13).

**Gospel** — It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God (Mark 10:17-30 [17-27]).

### Meditations

*"Whoever wishes to be great will be your servant." For great people recognize the fact that true greatness consists in self-sacrifice, in handing ourselves over for the sake of others. In this way, all authentic greatness mirrors the greatness of the Father whose love always takes the form of mercy. Jesus Christ "sympathizes with our weakness," "Gives his life as a ransom for many," takes his place on a cross between two convicted criminals, and dies a supremely great man. The greatness that the disciples beg for from Christ is a gift: let your mercy be upon us so that we will give our life as an offering for sin. That alone is greatness.*

**The Poor Box Collection for October is for:  
St. Vincent DePaul Society**

### TELLERS GROUP # 3 — October 18

Jim Bennis      Donald Linske  
Jim Dierkes      Dave White      Joe Young

### HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

If you are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact Kathy Morris the Rectory at (215) 646-4600.

### MANY THANKS

Thanks to the Boy Scouts under the direction of Tom Schwabenland and Ted Nealis for planting the mums on our church grounds.



## PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### September Giving

2009: \$81,049.07\*      2008: \$82,069.42  
(\* 2009 figure included E-Giving of \$10,026.04)

**Collections continue to decrease:  
The September average is \$1,020.35 below last year.**

**Thank you for your continued support !!!  
Msgr. Owens**

### Poor Box

*September collection for Philadelphia Catholic Guild  
for the Blind was \$363.80*

**Second Collection for Oct. 17/18 will be for  
Mission Sunday**

**Reminder: Please remember to complete and send in  
your Census information.  
Thank you.**

### Music Ministry at St. Alphonsus

During the autumn months our music ministry groups resume full swing. We are fortunate to have an adult choir, a contemporary music group, as well as a High School music group. We also have a group of cantors and accompanists who add to the beauty of our liturgies. At this time we would like to invite and encourage parishioners to join our music ministry. We think you will find it an enjoyable and fulfilling way to give of your time and talent! We are especially in need of cantors to be leaders of song during liturgy. For our contemporary and High School groups we welcome all instruments (Psalm 150 instructs us to praise God with lyre, trumpet and cymbals!) We hope you will consider joining us. For further information please contact Mary Lou Lewcun at (215)654-0129 or e-mail [mary-loul@aol.com](mailto:mary-loul@aol.com).

### SISTER PARISH CELEBRATION

Former parishioners of Holy Child and  
Our Lady of the Holy Souls  
You are invited to the 100th Anniversary  
Celebration

Holy Child November 1, 2009  
5200 North Broad Street  
Mass 2:30 PM

Celebrant: Cardinal Justin Rigali  
Reception following in the Church Hall  
Donation @20.00

Please call (215) 329-8100 to register or for  
information about the Commemorative Book.

## Thoughts of St. John Vianney

"O my God, why have you sent me into the world?"  
"To save your soul." "And why do you wish me to  
save my soul?" "Because I love you."

### Catechism on Salvation

### ST. ALPHONSUS PRESENTS CAREER EXPLORATION WORKSHOP

Thursdays October 15, 2009—October 29, 2009

7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Cost: Free

Location: Narthex Meeting Room

We will be bringing in Local Career Experts to facilitate each session. Each session builds on the previous session. However, you are most welcome to attend individual sessions. The lead facilitator is Marybeth E. Fedyna. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. If interested, or if you have any questions, please e-mail Marybeth at: [mbasscts@aol.com](mailto:mbasscts@aol.com).

### "GET READY CAUSE HERE IT COMES..."

WHAT: St. Alphonsus Auction and Casino Night

WHEN: November 14, 2009

TIME: 6:30 PM

WE WILL BE FEELING GROOVY.  
PLEASE JOIN US IN SPREADING  
THE LOVE. IT'S GOING TO BE A  
GREAT TIME!



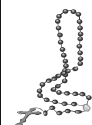
PEACE TO ALL!

### HEED THE CALL!

Are you between the ages of 16 & 24? Have you ever thought about being a priest? Does the thought interest you? HEED THE CALL. Come and join others for a weekend **Oct. 16, 17, 18, 2009** at St. Charles Seminary to explore the call. For more information, please visit our website [www.HEEDTHECALL.org](http://www.HEEDTHECALL.org). or call (610) 667-5778 for more information.



### PRAY THE ROSARY



Join us as we pray the Holy Rosary after the 9 AM Mass each weekday during the month of October. On Saturdays we pray the Perpetual Novena in Honor of our Lady of the Miraculous Medal which is followed by the Holy Rosary.

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Please consider signing up for one hour on Thursday, October 22, 2009 at the Warminster Planned Parenthood Clinic. The clinic is located at 610 Louis Drive in Warminster. A map of the location is available on the table in the Narthex.



Please help stand together in this peaceful vigil with other members of our parish. St. Anthony of Padua Parish will also be standing vigil with us. Any questions, please call Kathy Morris at the Rectory.

### ST. VINCENT DePAUL SOCIETY CLOTHING DRIVE

Saturday, October 17, 2009

St. Maria Goretti

2980 Cowpath Road

Hatfield, PA 19440

9:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.

### Volunteers Needed

The Rectory is in need of volunteers to perform routine office work (answering phones, mail stuffing, etc.) to assist on weekdays and some Saturdays from 10 AM—2 PM. If interested, please contact the Rectory at (215) 646-4600.

### JOIN THE AMBLER AREA YMCA

Join the Ambler Area YMCA for our  
2010 Strong Kids

Campaign Kickoff Event

Sunday, October 25, 2009 at 6:00 P.M.

Ambler Theater

108 East Butler Avenue, Ambler

Be a part of a fun evening highlighting YMCA & community programs while enjoying music, food and drink from local establishments

Tickets can be purchased for \$10 at the YMCA or by contacting Debbie Adams at [dadams@philaymca.org](mailto:dadams@philaymca.org)



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strong families,  
strong communities.

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## ORGANIZATION NEWS

### SISTER PARISH OUTREACH

Our Appeal for contributions to enable the children of Our Lady of Hope (OLH) Parish to attend nearby Catholic grade schools is in full swing. Please drop your "St. Alphonsus Scholarship Fund" envelope (available in the Narthex or Rectory) in the regular collection over the next few weeks. To date, contributions are far below previous years; but by spending our reserve we expect to help about 30 OLH minority children get a strong academic Catholic education.

### CYO NEWS

**Jr. CYO (K thru 4th) Grade School (5th thru 8th),  
High School (9th-12th)**

**Basketball Registration is now open.** Log on to Wag-dogs to register: <http://www.wagdogs.com>.

Once you login (or create a new account), use the links on the left hand side.

Click: [Register for a league](#) to begin the process. Be sure to select St Alphonsus, Maple Glen. Questions -- Please send us an e-mail at [CYOSport@AStalphonsus.com](mailto:CYOSport@AStalphonsus.com).

### SISTER PARISH OUTREACH

St. Alphonsus Parish is still collecting food for Our Lady of Hope Parishioners. They are also collecting **only children's clothes up to size 6 & 7**. Please continue to drop off the much needed food & clothing to the Narthex.

### Fall Pre-Cana Weekend

October 16 & 17, 2009

**(Time is running out. Register soon!)**

Msgr. Owens, Fr. Moerman and the entire St. Alphonsus Parish Marriage Preparation Team extend an invitation to engaged couples planning to be married in late 2009 and early 2010. Our Fall 2009 Pre-Cana Weekend is just around the corner.

St. Alphonsus is proud to have several gifted, enthusiastic married couples who will help make this weekend a rich, spiritually rewarding experience for all the engaged couples to attend.

Registration fliers are located in the Narthex and if you have further questions, please call Fr. Moerman at the rectory.

### Adoration Corner

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament is held every Wednesday from 9:30-7:00 PM.

*"Could you not watch one hour with Me?"*

*Mt. 26:40*



Please contact Barbara Breuer at 215-542-7232 if you are interested in being on our permanent adoration schedule in the fall.

**For Wednesday, October 14, 2009**

**Intention:** For All Those with Breast Cancer

**Dedication:** Tellers

### THIS WEEK AT ST. ALPHONSUS



Sunday, Oct. 11: PREP 8:45 AM; 7th & 8th Grade Prep 7:00 PM

Monday, Oct. 12: Enjoy you week!

Tuesday, Oct. 13: Morning Bible Study 6:30 AM; Share the Word 4:00 PM; Prep 4:15 PM; Pastoral Council Mtg. 7:00 PM

Wednesday, Oct. 14: **ADORATION**; Confirmation Parent Service Mtg. 9:30 AM

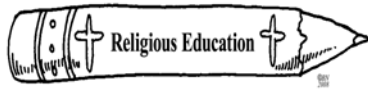
Thursday, Oct. 15: Career Exploration Workshop 7:00 PM; Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM



**Saint Helena Parish  
Shopping Spectacular  
Sunday,  
November 1, 2009  
12:00 Noon – 4:00 PM  
Recreation & Social  
Center**

**Join us for an afternoon of shopping and fun!  
Over 25 vendors featuring jewelry,  
accessories, clothing, cash for gold, home  
goods and much more!**

**Questions – [judy.flaherty@hotmail.com](mailto:judy.flaherty@hotmail.com)  
All proceeds benefit St. Helena's Serving our  
Community**



7th & 8th Grade Youth Group is still in need more young people. Please come join us! The next meeting will be **October 18th at 7:00 PM.**

**GWYNEDD MERCY  
OPEN HOUSE  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH,  
1-3 PM**

**Scholarship/Entrance exam  
Sat. Oct. 31st  
9:45 A.M.—12:45 P.M.**  
1345 Sumneytown Pike Rd,  
Gwynedd Valley, PA  
For additional information,  
call (215) 646-8815 Ext 306

**SAINT BASIL ACADEMY  
OPEN HOUSE  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH,  
2-5 PM**

711 Fox Chase Rd,  
Jenkintown, PA  
Entrance /Scholarship exam date is  
Sat. Nov. 7, 2009 at 8:30 A.M.  
Please call the Admissions Office  
at (215) 885-6952 for further  
information.

**DEVON PREP  
ENTRANCE/SCHOLARSHIP  
EXAMS**

Offered on both Sat. & Sun.  
Oct. 17 & 18  
8:30 A.M.—12 Noon  
For more information, please contact Patrick Parsons, Director of Admissions at (610) 688-7337 or pparsons@devonprep.com

**LANSDALE CATHOLIC  
8th GRADE SCHOLARSHIP  
EXAM**

October 17 at 8:15 AM  
You must be registered as a member of the Class of 2014 to take this exam. Contact the Admissions Office at (215) 362-6160 ext 194 for an application.

**A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR**

Dear friends,

Given the concern that the most recent strain of the flu MAY be extremely virulent and that countermeasures have not yet been evaluated for their effectiveness, Cardinal Rigali has informed the priests of the archdiocese (in a memorandum dated October 6, 2009) of a directive issued by the Bishops Of Pennsylvania. There are two directives: one, that the distribution of the Precious Blood for the faithful be generally suspended; and two, that the exchange of the side of peace should be offered without any physical contact.

The Cardinal points out that the norms for celebrating the Sacred Liturgy allow for such directives at the discretion of the Bishop without in any way detracting from the nature and purpose of the rites. It is the faith of the Church that Christ, whole and entire, is received even under only one species. Making available to the laity the option of receiving the Precious Blood engages our senses more fully (the taste of wine now consecrated the blood of Christ) but does not diminish the constant teaching of the Church that the whole of Christ is received even under only one species. Extending to the laity the privilege of receiving Christ under both species was an initiative inspired by the directives that emerged from the reflection on the sacraments by the Holy Father and the Bishops of the second Vatican Council. The inspiration was a desire to return to the original sources as the foundation for how we pray, liturgically. Our rites are ancient and at various times saw additions that may have been helpful in one era but were no longer so in another. Hence, the importance of returning to the original sources.

*Offerte vobis pacem (my computer keeps rejecting this spelling- to my delight)!* This invitation -- ancient in origin -- was restored to the Liturgy time after the second Vatican Council. The "pax", then, was a response to the offer; "Peace be with you" (*Pax tecum*), "And with your spirit" (*et cum spiritu tuo*). The gesture beautifully follows the consecration of the Mass that is Christ the very reconciliation of God in the form of bread and wine. The risen Christ, victorious over sin, is God's peace beyond all our understanding into which we are invited to share through the reception of Holy Communion. The handshake is a modern expression of fraternity, mutual respect. Most often in the Liturgy it replaces the respectful embrace, the right cheek, then left cheek, more common previously. The temporary directive requires there be no handshake (an easy medium for passing on a potentially virulent flu). We will attempt this in a manner that will distract us only minimally. The full blast of winter should allow us to come out of our fox-holes. The sum total of these efforts (including an opportunity to de-sanitize your hands as you enter church) is aimed at allowing us an "easy" participation in the Sacred Liturgy.

Blessings, Msgr. Owens

