

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—Year of the Priest
September 13, 2009

MASSSES

© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Saturday, September 12:

5:00 PM Elizabeth Thomas—Brendan & Michele Clearkin

Sunday, September 13:

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish
10:15 AM Bridget Tarsi—Marques Family
12:00 PM Thomas Furia—Maureen & Jerry Vorobec

Monday, September 14:

6:30 AM Marie Clearkin—The Perry Family
9:00 AM Walter Krupa—Mary Ann & Jerry Smith

Tuesday, September 15:

6:30 AM Elmer Humes—Robert & Agnes Starry
9:00 AM May & Doug Doody—Mary & Doug Doody

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9:30 AM Until 7:00 PM

7:00 PM Evening Prayer and Benediction

Wednesday, September 16 :

6:30 AM Elizabeth (Betsy) Thomas—George & Barbara Monasky
9:00 AM Margaret & Peter Cawley—Post Family

Thursday, September 17:

6:30 AM Elmer K. Humes—Bob & Edith Yarnall, Jr.
9:00 AM Henry Greenhalgh—Dan & Carol Opdyke & Family

Friday, September 18:

6:30 AM Matthew Walsh—John & Dolores Loftus
9:00 AM George A. Smith—Mary Ann & Jerry Smith

Saturday, September 19:

9:00 AM Dec'd. Mem. of the Krupa Family—Mary Ann & Jerry Smith
5:00 PM Mary Bernier—The Bernier Family

Sunday, September 20: Catechetical Sunday

8:00 AM Elizabeth Thomas—The Citro Family
10:15 AM For the People of the Parish
12:00 PM Alfonso Ferullo—Slifkin Family



SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Greg Ceneviva, James Concannon, Peggy McGann, Mary Ellen Kraft, Carol Stilletto, Bill Landherr, Nora O'Hara, Michael DiMuzio, Arlene Dunleavy, Barbara Ramsden, Douglas Doody, Kevin Romano, Allison Samuel, Charles O'Donnell, Ethel Cirotti, Ruth Ann Labold, Ruth Laughlin, George Hayeck, 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

Harry Sykes, Samta Constanzo, Ellen B. Cannon, James Perry, Costantina Perri.

September 19/20, 2009 Next Sunday 

5:00 PM

Celebrant: Rev. Stephen A. Moerman
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Jane Gironde, Carol Kohlmeir, James Kohlmeir, Maureen McKee, Mollie Menapace
Music: Louise Rafferty, Mary Lou Lewcun
Servers: Kevin Tavolaro, Emma Tenzinger, Zach Weglos
Lectors: John Mischler, Kevin Kelly

8:00 AM

Celebrant: Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Owens
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Jennie Green, Lindy Greenhalgh, Michael Greenhalgh, Margaret Havard, Robert Havard
Music: Michelle Toth, J. T. Toth
Servers: Jackson Mikalic, Jessica Anninos, Joanna Anninos
Lectors: Ted Felix, Judy Felix

10:15 AM

Celebrant: Rev. Stephen A. Moerman
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Mary Hicks, John Jennings, Joseph Kennedy, Rosemary Kennedy, William Lipp
Music: Pete Teleha, H S Cantor
Servers: John Barrett, Jason Concannon, Annina D'Andrea
Lectors: Ryan Merlini, Nick Signoretta

12:00 PM

Celebrant: Rev. Joseph B. Smits
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Martin Brennan, James Morris, Katherine Morris, Thomas Murphy, Veronica Murphy
Music: Monica Matthews, Mary DePaul
Servers: Joseph Dallas, Caroline Dennin, Caroline Drummond
Lectors: Joe DiMauro, Alexandra Farris

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTING ROOM



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The wicked say: With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20).

Psalm — The Lord upholds my life (Psalm 54).

Second Reading — The wisdom from above is full of mercy and good fruits (James 3:16 — 4:3).

Gospel — Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me (Mark 9:30-37).

Mass Citations

The urge to be esteemed as “the greatest” goes deep in our fallen psyche. Just as the disciples did not understand the Lord’s prediction of his passion, neither do they understand the quality of true greatness. For Christ’s greatness is manifested in “the revilement and torture” he suffers on the cross from those who hate “the just one.” To comprehend this correspondence between service and personal greatness is a mark of true wisdom. “Wisdom from above is pure, peaceable, gentle, compliant, without insincerity.” That is why Jesus places a pure and gentle child before us and asks us to “receive one child such as this” in his name. For this is the way that the Son of God hands himself over to his Father. In taking on spiritual childhood by handling ourselves over to God, we receive absolute greatness: the One who sent his Son.

**The Poor Box Collection for September is for:
Philadelphia Catholic Guild for the Blind**

TELLERS GROUP # 7 — September 20

Rudy Harrer Joe Gisondi
Joe Kalkbrenner Fred Plefka



Anyone interested in becoming a Lector, please contact Mr. Jerry Smith at (215) 542-8036. Thank you!

**PLEASE SILENCE YOUR
CELL PHONES DURING MASS
THANK YOU**



PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

August Giving

2009: \$84,418.04 * 2008: \$90,238.02
(* 2009 figure included E-Giving of \$10,026.04)

**Collections continue to decrease:
The August average is \$5,820.28.00 below last year.**

**Thank you for your continued support !!!
The Second Collection next weekend will be for
Black & Indian Missions
Msgr. Owens**

Poor Box

August collection “St. Vincent DePaul”: \$442.48

RACHEL’S VINEYARD

“Rachel’s Vineyard is at the Heart of this Church”
Cardinal Justin Rigali—July 2009

Rachel’s Vineyard retreats are for anyone hurting from the spiritual and emotional pain of an abortion. The weekend will help you experience the mercy and compassion of God; grieve your loss; and forgive yourself and others.

Retreat Date: Oct. 9,10,11 at the Spirituality Center in Frazer, PA. Call (215) 906-6337 or (610) 399-0890.

WE ARE HERE TO ASSIST YOU!

Are you in need of a ride to your doctor appointments, or perhaps are homebound and are unable to prepare your meals? Please contact Kathy



Morris at the rectory (215) 646-4600 and we will be more than happy to provide assistance.

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.

Thoughts of St. John Vianney

Nothing is so common among Christians as to say: "Oh my God, I love you!" and nothing more rare, perhaps, than the love of God.

Sermon on the Love of God

ST. ALPHONSUS PRESENTS **CAREER EXPLORATION WORKSHOP**

The world of work is constantly changing and we are each called upon to constantly self-assess and make sure that we are the most marketable that we can be. Whether you are new to the world of work, re-entering the work force or interested in sharpening your career tools, this 6-week career exploration workshop is for you!. The purpose of this series is to provide each attendee new tools, resources, and best practices as one begins or adjusts along one's career path.

Come learn the answers to these and many more questions:

- 1—What are the top 3 websites when searching for a position?
- 2—Should I send an e-mail thank you or a hand written thank you?
- 3—What is the average number of information interviews I should have before the job interview?

Please mark you calendars and join us:

Thursdays September 17, 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: mbasscst@aol.com.

NATIONAL SHRINE OF **OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA**

The National Shrine (654 Ferry Rd, Doylestown, PA) invites you to come and pray for peace in the world! Come on the 13th of every month from now until October at 7:00 PM. There will be Holy Mass followed by a candlelight procession, Holy Rosary recited in different languages and Act of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. You can call the Shrine for more information (215) 345-0600.

Vatican International Exhibition of **Eucharistic Miracles**

A magnificent display depicting dozens of Church approved Eucharistic Miracles throughout the ages.

Presented by Real Presence Eucharistic Education & Adoration Association

Date: Sept. 25, 26, 27, 2009

Time: Fri. 6:30-8:30 PM; Sat. 10 AM-7 PM

Sun. 8 AM-4 PM

Where: Nativity of Our Lord School (1st floor)

Phone: (215) 675-1925

Website: www.nativityofourlord.org

One of the first places this exhibit will be seen in the Philadelphia area.

SISTER PARISH OUTREACH **ANNUAL APPEAL**

The DePaul Catholic School (Green & Logan Sts.) has ten former OLH Catholic students enrolled, while St. Veronica, St. Helena and other parish schools have also enrolled students. Our Scholarship Fund Appeal began on September 6. As in the past, your support of these minority Catholic students is vital to their academic and religious growth. Please feel free to drop your donation in the collection basket or at the Parish Office. Thank you!!!

CHOIR NEWS

Looking for new members - Saint Alphonsus Choir will resume rehearsal on Thursday, September 17, at 7:30 PM in the choir loft. For those considering singing in the choir, now is an excellent time to join us, as we begin a new season and start preparing music for the upcoming year. Membership is open to all men and women high school age and up. For more information, please contact the choir's director, Mr. Frank Steiber at (215) 542-8319.



ST. VINCENT DePAUL SOCIETY **CLOTHING DRIVE**

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish

1325 Upper State Road

North Wales, PA 19454

9:00 AM—2:00 PM

ORGANIZATION NEWS

CYO NEWS

NEW Junior CYO Program Registration
Volunteers and Coaches Needed
Register NOW for Fall Instructional
Soccer Program, Grades 1 through 4
Log on to Wagdogs to register:
<http://www.wagdogs.com>

Once you login (or create a new account), use the link 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: CYOSports@StAlphonsus.com.
CYO General Meeting—Sunday Sept. 20th at 7PM in the school cafeteria. Please plan on attending if you are interested in coaching basketball this upcoming season.

PARISH OUTREACH

On Wednesday, September 23rd at 2:30 PM in the Narthex Meeting Room, there will be a meeting for all new and past tutors planning to tutor at DePaul Catholic School.

WELCOME BACK SENIORS!

The group meeting commences Mon. Sept. 21st
We encourage neighboring parishes to attend.
St. Alphonsus Church is the meeting place
And 1:15 is the time to begin.
This coming year will be packed with activities
Full of prizes and games galore!
The 1st meeting will be a celebration of all
birthdays
We promise the year ahead full of fun, friends &
more!

**For additional information or questions,
contact Connie at (215) 646-6473.**

Mark the Date!
Pre-Cana Weekend
October 16 and 17, 2009
Details to follow in next bulletin.

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, September 16, 2009

Intention: For increase in communal
prayer

Dedication: Liturgy Committee

THIS WEEK AT ST. ALPHONSUS

Sunday, Sept. 13: PREP 8:45 AM



Monday, Sept. 14: Have a great week!

Tuesday, Sept. 15: Morning Bible Study 6:30 AM; PREP
4:15 PM; Campaign Mtg. 7:30 PM

Wednesday, Sept. 16: **ADORATION**; Knights of Co-
lumbus 7:00 PM

Thursday, Sept. 17: Career Exploration Workshop 7:00
PM; Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM

Friday, Sept. 18: Archdiocesan DRE Mtg. 9:30AM-3PM

CUB SCOUTS

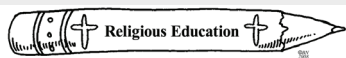
CUB SCOUTS!

Discover the fun! St. Anthony of Padua Parish sponsored Cub Scout Pack 164 invites all 1st through 5th grade boys to check us out, and for returning scouts to see friends and get geared up for another event filled year, at our open house on Sunday Sept 20 at 5pm. For more information, location and directions, www.amblerpack164.com or 215-542-9353.



**Tuesday Morning Bible Study
Starts September 15**

The Fall 09 session of the St. Alphonsus Tuesday Morning Bible Study will open with Mass at 6:30 on Tuesday, September 15. We invite our fellow parishioners to join us as we seek to expand our faith through the study of the scriptures. We meet each Tuesday morning from 6:30 AM to 8:00AM in the Narthex Conference Room. Bring your Bible, we'll provide coffee and donuts and our humble efforts at biblical scholarship. This fall we will follow the Jeff Cavin Great Adventure series. For information contact Dave White, Bill Landherr, Dick Mohrbacher, Peter Anninos, Jim Bennis or Joe Gisondi.



The PREP program will begin on Sunday, September 13 and Tuesday, September 15. We have not received re-registration from many families. If you have not re-registered please do as soon as possible. It will be a big help in setting up classes for September. No registrations will take place on the first day of classes.

**REGISTRATION FORMS ARE IN
THE NARTHEX**

To all Parents who have children in our Parish Religious Education Program: Please re-register as soon as possible, July 1st was the deadline and we would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible.

◇ **Catechists still needed for
Tuesday afternoons for
grades 4 & 6**

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear friends,

The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference of Bishops has recently published "Living Will and Health Care and Power Of Attorney" which includes "Advanced Healthcare Directives". In the pastoral letter that accompanies these materials the Bishops write, "As Catholics, we believe that God is the author of all life. We also recognize the sacredness of human life from the first moment of conception to natural death." On many different occasions the Bishops have provided information to the faithful about medical treatment at the end of life and have encouraged the use of advanced directives for health care. Such a document enables a person to give guidance to another who will make decisions about your medical treatment or care. The materials enclosed in their detailed pamphlet emerge out of what the Bishops call "core principles of Catholic teaching":

They are described in the bullets that follow:

- ◇ We believe that we have a responsibility to preserve our life. Euthanasia, which is an act or omission which of itself or by intention causes death, and/or assisted suicide is morally wrong.
- ◇ We believe there are some limited qualifications to the obligation to attempt to preserve life such as refusal of overzealous treatment, including medical procedures that are burdensome, dangerous, extraordinary, or disproportionate to the expected outcome.
- ◇ Death is not to be feared as the end of our existence, rather it is the doorway to our eternal destiny.
- ◇ A decision to forgo a medical treatment should not be made because a person's life is judged as not meaningful.
- ◇ There should be a presumption in favor of providing nutrition and hydration to all patients, including patients who require medically assisted nutrition and hydration, as long as this is of sufficient benefit to outweigh the burdens involved to the patient."

The booklet goes on to respond to frequently asked questions. Such as, what is an advanced healthcare directive? Why does the church care about advanced directives? Why would a person want to have healthcare directives? What happens if a person does not have such directives? Can the discontinuation of nutrition and hydration ever be legitimate?

The Bishops express their opinion that it is important to select an "agent" to act on your behalf when you are incapacitated this in addition to a written document. The potential benefits are obvious: your departure from this earth will have a consistency with the principles that you have lived by and clear directives ease the burdens being assumed by those charged with your care.

The complete document regarding advanced healthcare directives can be found in the reading rack next to the sacristy. Take one home and give it some thought. We should heed St. Paul's admonition that we should not grieve as those do who have no hope.



Blessings, Msgr. Owens