

St. Alphonsus Parish

October 25, 2009
Year of the Priest



More than Forty years serving the People of God

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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 24:

5:00 PM Nora Shiel—Ginley Family

Sunday, October 25:

8:00 AM Norman J. Malone Jr.—Kevin & Anne Kelly & Family

10:15 AM Hubert & Kathryn Burghart—Deacon & Marge Burghart

12:00 PM For the People of the Parish

Monday, October 26:

6:30 AM Joseph Mooney—Raymond Hyer III

9:00 AM Geraldine McHenry—The Korczakowski Family

Tuesday, October 27:

6:30 AM For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life—Serra Club of Phila.

9:00 AM Carol Garcia—Ray Garcia

Wednesday, October 28 :

6:30 AM Dec'd Mem. Of Fitzpatrick & Flanagan Families

9:00 AM Marie Clearkin—Meg, John, Michael & Jim Klaiber

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9:30 AM Until 7:00 PM

7:00 PM Evening Prayer and Benediction

Thursday, October 29:

6:30 AM For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life—Serra Club of Phila.

9:00 AM Thomas J. Paul—Grace McCollum

Friday, October 30:

6:30 AM James Longo Sr.—Carol & George Longo

9:00 AM Dec'd Mem. of Buccini & Garcia Families—Ray Garcia

Saturday, October 31:

9:00 AM Marie Clearkin—The Farren Family

5:00 PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, November 1:

8:00 AM Edward Kane Sr.—Ed & Betty Kane

10:15 AM Donna Kalkbrenner—Her Family

12:00 PM Raymond J. Pierce—Grace Pierce & Family

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Carol Plover, Anthony Caffarina, Kathryn Conway, 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, David Bryne, Grace Marcozzi, Mary Gilles, Mary Britt, Michelle Gossner, Thomas Fisher, Gerard Taddei, Joanne Birchill, Anne Romberger, Jennifer McDermott.

DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Marianne Jakubowski (mother of Kathy McFadden), Kathryn Conway, Peggy Tilson, Daniel Guerin, Paul Kubik, Patrick Williams, Stephen Papa, Katherine Corcoran.

Oct. 31/Nov. 1, 2009

Next Sunday 

5:00 PM Under Both Species

Celebrant: Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Owens

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Jane A. Gironde, Raymond J. Lee, Eileen Lieber, Jean Magnant, John J. Mischler, James V. Morris, Katherine Morris, Thomas J. Murphy, Veronica Murphy

Music: Louise Rafferty, Martin Thornburg

Servers: Jessica Anninos, Joanna Anninos, John Barrett

Lectors: Skip Urban, Judy Olshin

8:00 AM

Celebrant: Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Owens

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Peter J. Anninos, Jr., Suzanne Anninos, Martin F. Brennan, Jr., Jeanette A. Lindsay

Music: Frank Stieber, ML Lewcun

Servers: Jason Concannon, Annina D'Andrea, Joseph Dallas

Lectors: Signoretta, Tom Murphy

10:15 AM Under Both Species

Celebrant: Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Owens

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Ian Castro-nuovo, Margaret Havard, Robert Havard, John Jennings Anne D. Kelly, Denise Maida, Norman J. Malone III, Maureen McKee, Patricia O'Hara, Carol Ann Opdyke

Music: Choir

Servers: Caroline Dennin, Daniel Groff, Caroline Drummond

Lectors: Joe DiMauro, Susan Tofani

12:00 PM

Celebrant: Rev. Joseph B. Smits

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Denise Paul, James Paul, Joan Reynolds, Karen A. Sullivan, Bernadette Taddei

Music: Peter Teleha, HS Cantors

Servers: Faith Guzzo, Sean Hagerty, Maeve Hagerty

Lectors: Judy Felix, Ted Felix

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTING ROOM



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading — John's vision of a vast throng from every nation and people, whose robes had been made white in the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14).

Psalms — Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — By God's love, we may be called God's children (1 John 3:1-3).

Gospel — The Beatitudes: your reward will be great in heaven (Matthew 5:1-12a).

Meditations

Solemnity of All Saints

"To become saints means to fulfill completely what we already are, raised to the dignity of God's adopted children in Christ Jesus... The saints bring to light in creative fashion quite new human potentialities... The saints are themselves the living spaces into which one can turn... There is no isolation in heaven. It is the open society of the saints and, consequently, also the fulfillment of all human togetherness... One might say that the saints are, so to speak, new Christian constellations, in which the richness of God's goodness is reflected. Their light, coming from God, enables us to know better the interior richness of God's great light... Nothing can bring us into close contact with the beauty of Christ himself other than the world of beauty created by faith and light that shines out from the faces of the saints, through whom his own light becomes visible."

Pope Benedict XVI

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

TELLERS GROUP # 4 — November 1

**Claire Hollister Dan Opdyke
Grace McCollum**



PARISH FORTY HOURS

Our Parish Forty Hours will start on Sunday, November 15th at noon and end on Tuesday, Nov. 17th. Reserve the date for Eucharistic Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction.

Details to follow, with information on our guest homilists.

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*

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

VETERAN'S BREAKFAST

Iraq, Afghanistan and Gulf War Veterans who reside in Montgomery, Bucks counties and the surrounding boroughs are invited to a breakfast in their honor, Saturday, November 7th at 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Williamson's Restaurant, Route 611 and Blair Mill Rd in Horsham.

The breakfast is for veterans only.

They can register by calling the office of Sen. Stewart J. Greenleaf at 1-800-924-3300. You must provide your name, address, phone number, branch of service and military rank. The deadline for registration is Oct. 30th.



SISTER PARISH CELEBRATION

Former parishioners of
Our Lady of the Holy Souls
You are invited to the 100th Anniversary
Celebration
Our Lady of the Holy Souls November 15, 2009
1901 W. Tioga Street
Mass 2:00 PM
Celebrant: Rev. Stephen Thorn
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

Alas! How many neglect or omit their spiritual duties just as easily as they would take a glass of wine. They will not do things unless they are in the mood, or put themselves to any inconvenience.

Catechism—On Sloth

ST. ALPHONSUS PRESENTS CAREER EXPLORATION WORKSHOP

Thursday, October 29, 2009
7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Cost: Free

Location: Narthex Meeting Room

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.

"I HEAR IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE..."

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!



The Relic of St. John Vianney

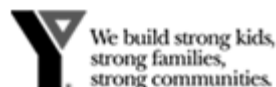
Comes to St. Alphonsus

Pope Benedict XVI encourages devotion to Saint John Vianney, the Curé of Ars, as part of the observance of the *Year of the Priest*. A relic and an image of the saint is going from parish to parish throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia during this year. The relic is here now at St. Alphonsus and will remain until Wednesday, October 29th. Try to plan some time to stop by the church to venerate the relic. Veneration of the relic promotes the prayerful intercession of this saintly priest for the deeper holiness of our priests.

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



NEW MEMBERS

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Please join us in welcoming the following new members to our parish family:

Paul & Maria Farnell (Chase, Tristan & Matthew)
Robert & Christian Tolomeo (Michael & Matthew)
Justin & Yun Shin Segraves (Joshua)
Andrew & Alicia McNiven (Avery)
John & Jamie Abbamondi
Laura Cameron (Alexandra)
Christopher & Elizabeth Selgrath
(Nathan, Emerson, Griffin & Benjamin)
Michael & Christy Carboni (Lauren & Matthew)
Christopher & Christine Bowers (Sean & Maura)
Mark Annand



Please take a prayer card from the display in the narthex to pray for a priest in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Each card has a picture of a priest from our Archdiocese with a prayer. We ask that you pray for this priest all through this Year of the Priest.

Also, if you have a priest that is special to you in some way and you would like us to pray for him, write his name on the 3x5 card on the table in the narthex and place in the basket near the altar. We will remember these priests in our mass intentions.

Sponsored by the St. Alphonsus Liturgy Committee

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.

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.

ST. ALPHONSUS SENIORS

St. Alphonsus Seniors will hold its Memorial Mass on Monday, November 16th at 12:30 PM. The Mass will immediately be followed by a luncheon in the Church Hall.

Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School presents 'Thoroughly Modern Millie'

November 13th, 7:30 p.m.; November 14th, 2:00 Matinee and 7:30 p.m.; November 15th at 2:00 Matinee.

For tickets and further information, contact the GMA library at: 215-646-8815 ext. 320.

We hope you will join us for a "Thoroughly Memorable Evening"!

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 28, 2009

Intention: For Charitable Giving to Our Friends in Need

Dedication: Sister Parish Outreach

THIS WEEK AT ST. ALPHONSUS

Sunday, Oct. 25: PREP 8:45 AM; RCIA 9:15 AM; Little Church School 10:15 AM



Monday, Oct. 26: Student Lectors 2:35 PM

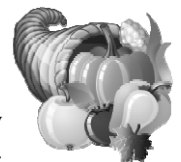
Tuesday, Oct. 27: Morning Bible Study 6:30 AM; Share the Word 4:00 PM; Prep 4:15 PM; Finance Council 7:00 PM

Wednesday, Oct. 28: **ADORATION**; Visions of Hope Mtg. 7:30 PM

Thursday, Oct. 29: Career Exploration Workshop 7:00 PM; Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM

Friday, Oct. 30: Have a Great Weekend!!!

Mark your Calendars Thanksgiving Interfaith Service. Wednesday, November 25th 6:00



This year St Alphonsus will be hosting the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. As you may already know, we gather together each year with our brothers and sisters from some of our local faith communities to give thanks for God's blessings. We will have evening prayer service followed by a light supper. Since we are the hosts, we will need many hands to help put the service together. If you are interested in helping, please complete the information below. We can use your help even if you can not attend the service that night. Any questions, please feel free to call Kathy Morris at the Parish Office.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Help set up/decorate _____

Help with food arrangements _____

Help preparing the prayer service booklets _____

Help with donation of canned goods. _____

ALL SOULS

We in the Catholic Church believe that we can pray for the dead and actually help them gain entrance into heaven by the help of our prayers, sacrifices, and having Masses offered for them.

The month of November, in a special way, is set apart as a time to remember our beloved deceased because of All Souls Day falling on Nov. 2.

Also, the Season of Fall reminds us of dying but we have the hope of Spring as we have the hope of the resurrection.

We all have a unique opportunity to remember our deceased loved ones through the Masses said here at St. Alphonsus on Nov.2 but also each day during the month of November. The names are gathered from the All Souls envelopes on which we write down the names of those we want remembered.

These envelopes will be on the Altar throughout November as those listed will be share in the benefits of the Masses said each day.

Please drop off your All Souls envelope in the basket at Offertory time
or
at the rectory before
Nov. 1.

A WORD FROM OUR PAROCHIAL VICAR

Feast of the Holy Rosary

The feast of the Holy Rosary was established by Saint Pius V on the anniversary of the naval victory won by the Christian fleet at Lepanto, October 7, 1571. The victory was attributed to the help of the holy Mother of God whose aid was invoked through praying the Rosary.

The celebration of this day invites all to meditate upon the mysteries of Christ, following the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary who was so singularly associated with the incarnation, passion and glorious resurrection of the Son of God. *From the Christian Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours).*

Peace

The Rosary is by nature a prayer for peace, since it consists in the contemplation of Christ, the Prince of Peace, the one who is “our peace” (Eph 2:14). Anyone who assimilates the mystery of Christ, and this is clearly the goal of the Rosary, learns the secret of peace and makes it his life’s project. Moreover, by virtue of its meditative character, with the tranquil succession of *Hail Marys*, The Rosary has a peaceful effect on those who pray it, disposing them to receive and experience in their innermost depths, and to spread around them, that true peace that is the special gift of the Risen Lord (cf. *Jn 14:27;20.21*).

The Rosary is also a prayer for service because of the fruits of charity that it produces. When prayed well in a truly meditative way, the Rosary leads to an encounter with Christ in His mysteries and so cannot fail to draw attention to the face of Christ in others, especially in the most afflicted. How could one possibly contemplate the mystery of the Child of Bethlehem, in the joyful mysteries, without experiencing the desire to welcome, defend and promote life, and to shoulder the burdens of suffering children all over the world? How could one possibly follow in the footsteps of Christ the Revealer, in the mysteries of light, without resolving to bear witness to His “Beatitudes” in daily life? And how could one contemplate Christ carrying the cross and Christ Crucified, without feeling the need to act as a “Simon of Cyrene” for our brothers and sisters weighed down by grief or crushed by despair? Finally, how could one possibly gaze upon the glory of the Risen Christ or of Mary Queen of Heaven, without yearning to make this world more beautiful, more just, more closely conformed to God’s plan?

In a word, by focusing our eyes on Christ, the Rosary also make us peacemakers in the world. By its nature as an insistent choral petition in harmony with Christ’s invitation to “pray ceaselessly” (*Lk 18:1*), the Rosary allows us to hope that, even today, the difficult “battle” for peace can be won. Far from offering an escape from the problems of the world, the Rosary obliges us to see them with responsible and generous eyes, and obtains for us the strength to face them with the certainty of God’s help and the firm intention of bearing witness in every situation to “love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony” (*Col 3:14*).

From: Rosarium Virginis Mariae

