

St. Alphonsus Parish

November 1, 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, immediately followed by the Praying of the Rosary. Wednesday Evening Benediction is 7 PM at the closing of Adoration.

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.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—All Saints
November 1, 2009



Saturday, October 31:

5:00 PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, November 1: ALL SAINTS

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

Monday, November 2: ALL SOULS

6:30 AM NO ANNOUNCED MASSES
9:00 AM NO ANNOUNCED MASSES

Tuesday, November 3:

6:30 AM Leo & Mary Connors—Mary & Ed Fitzpatrick
9:00 AM John & Mary Dever—Ginley Family

Wednesday, November 4 :

6:30 AM Judy Valentine—Ann & Ray Hyer
9:00 AM Agnes R. Palikowski—Robins Family

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:30 AM Until 7:00 PM
7:00 PM Evening Prayer and Benediction

Thursday, November 5:

6:30 AM For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
9:00 AM Jeanne Gerngross—Joseph Gerngross

Friday, November 6:

6:30 AM Anne Farren—The Farren Family
9:00 AM Bill Gavin—Robins Family

Saturday, November 7:

9:00 AM Marie Clearkin—Bill & Joanne Hunter & Family
5:00 PM Dr. John McGreevey—Kathy & John McFadden

Sunday, November 8:

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish
10:15 AM Dec'd. Members of the Serratore Family—Dolores Serratore
12:00 PM Erin Cerezo Schafle—Her Family



SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Robert Breen, 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

Barbara Monasky (wife of George Monasky), Marianne Jakubowski, Kathryn Conway, Peggy Tilson, Daniel Guerin, Paul Kubik, Patrick Williams, Stephen Papa, Katherine Corcoran.

November 7/8, 2009

Next Sunday 

5:00 PM

Celebrant: Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Owens
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Henry J. Brady, Rita M. Brady, Anna Marie Crony, Charles E. Hofmann III, Roseanne S. Hofmann
Music: Louise Rafferty, Ed Sarabura
Servers: Ryan Calhoun, Tara DeAngelis, Allison DeAngelis
Lectors: Shawn Quinn, Judy Olshin

8:00 AM

Celebrant: Rev. Joseph B. Smits
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Loretta Citro, Michelle Clark, Claire Tatlow, Raymond Tatlow, Suzanne Teleha, George Tenzinger, Kathleen Tenzinger, Arlene White, David White
Music: Frank Stieber, Tom Lenihan
Servers: Patrick Clark, Christopher Devlin, Colin Devlin
Lectors: Jessica Malone, Kevin Kelly

10:15 AM

Celebrant: Rev. Joseph B. Smits
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Raymond J. Lee, Eileen Lieber, William J. Lipp, Kimberly Scott, Peter Scott
Music: HS Music Group
Servers: Andrew Doberstein, Benjamin Fabiszewski, John Farris
Lectors: Gene Klaiber, Alexandra Farris

12:00 PM

Celebrant: Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Owens
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Lisa Dallas, Suzanne Devlin, Alvira Diekes, James Dierkes, Michelle Gallagher, Terrence Gallagher, Rosemary Kennedy, Joseph Kennedy, Mollie Menapace
Music: Revelation
Servers: Kevin Finnegan, Joseph Kennedy, Claire Kennedy
Lectors: Alise McNutt, Gerry Lowery

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTING ROOM



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The widow of Zarephath had only a handful of flour and a little oil, but made a little cake for Elijah (1 Kings 17:10-16).

Psalms — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Christ will appear a second time to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him (Hebrews 9:24-28).

Gospel — Beware of those who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces and places of honor at banquets (Mark 12:38-44 [41-44]).

Meditations

Jesus knows the full worth of the poor widow who contributes to the temple treasury "all she had, her whole livelihood." Although her alms financially amounted to almost nothing, she remained certain that God would be pleased with her sacrifice. For, more than her money, she sacrificed to God the last shreds of her self-sufficiency. Like the widow of Zarephath, she believed in a bounty beyond her meager means. "The jar of flour shall not go empty," for it has become the Bread of life, Jesus, who provides for those who make their lives a total gift of self to him. In that action we discover our full worth. That is what Christ presents to the Father as he "appears before God on our behalf."

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

TELLERS GROUP # 5 — November 8

Gene Guicheteau Gene Klaiber
Ed Woods Bill O'Kane



St. Alphonsus is starting a program in which highlights from our weekly bulletin can be sent to your email address!

Stay informed!
Be in the know for St. A's activities!

This is a voluntary program – the communication will not be sent to your email unless you respond to this note.

Send your name and email address to:
stas-parish@comcast.net
(You will receive your email each Sunday evening.)

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

September Giving

2009: \$82,605.00* 2008: \$82,630.00
(* 2009 figure included E-Giving of \$10,192.00)

Poor Box

October collection for St. Vincent DePaul was \$328.03

**November is dedicated to
The St. Charles Seminary Collection.
Thank you.**

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

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEEO SEMINARY APPEAL

*Please Generously Support the Annual
Seminary Appeal!*

The Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary Annual Appeal kicks off during the month of November, 2009. Please consider supporting the Seminary, and, if possible, increasing your gift over what you gave last year.

The Seminary community is grateful to you for your faithful support. Your tax-deductible gift helps to enhance the many resources needed for priestly training and enables the Church to form holy, educated, and dedicated priests.

PLEASE SEND YOUR DONATION TO:

Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary
Office for Development
100 East Wynnewood Road
Wynnewood, PA 19096

OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE YOUR DONATION ONLINE

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www.scs.edu

First Friday Holy Hour

November 6, 2009

**Prayer for Vocations & Religious
Following the 9 am Mass**

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Thoughts of St. John Vianney

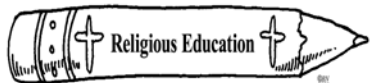
Humility is to the various virtues what the chain is to the Rosary; take away the chain and the beads are scattered, remove Humility and all virtues vanish.

CAREER EXPLORATION WORKSHOP

On October 22nd, we had our 6th and final fall Career Exploration program. Thank you, Joe Dougherty, for a passionate, knowledgeable and expert presentation on Recruiters and the Job Search.

Thank you—to all of our experts—Maureen Yanoshik, Ed Leahy, Shawn Kent Hayashi, and Joe Dougherty - for taking the time as we network and support each other in the world of work..

Watch the Church bulletin for future career support work.



7th and 8th Grade PREP

Please join us Sunday night, November 1st at 7 PM for our 7th & 8th grade PREP. The next class will be November 15th.



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.

**PLEASE SILENCE YOUR
CELL PHONES DURING MASS**



2009 St. Alphonsus Auction and Casino Night
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**Tickets Now
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ORGANIZATION NEWS

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.

ST. ALPHONSUS SENIORS AND TRAVEL

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.

SENIOR TRAVEL

Tues., Dec. 1, 2009: Trop Casino—Show & Buffet
'Miracle on 34th St.' - \$50
Tues. Jan 19, 2010: Philadelphia Park \$23
Tues. Mar 23, 2010: Hunterdon Hills Playhouse
Show & Lunch \$82

**For more info, call Eleanor Deon
(215) 646-4492**

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.

Thanksgiving Interfaith Service. Wednesday, November 25, 2009

6:00 Prayer Service
followed by a light supper

As we have been announcing, St Alphonsus will be hosting the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service with our brothers and sisters from some of our local faith communities. Each year we give thanks together as a community for God's blessings. Thank you to the people that signed up to help but we could still use a few more. 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. We will begin setting up the parish hall after 1pm on Wednesday. The booklets will be done on Monday, November 23 at 11 am at the parish office. Any questions, please feel free to call Kathy Morris 215-646-4600.

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Where We Need Your Help

Folding and stapling prayer service booklets _____

Set up/decorate _____

Bringing donation of canned goods to Ambler Food Cupboard _____

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, November 4, 2009

Intention: Bereavement Committee

Dedication: For All Souls in Purgatory

THIS WEEK AT ST. ALPHONSUS

Sunday, Nov. 1: PREP 8:45 AM; RCIA 9:15 AM; Welcoming Mass & Reception 10:15 AM; Little Church School 10:15 AM; 7th & 8th Grade PREP 7:00 PM



Monday, Nov. 2: Sr. Citizens Mtg. 1:30 PM; Student Lectors 2:35 PM; All Souls Mass 7:30 PM

Tuesday, Nov. 3: ELECTION DAY; Morning Bible Study 6:30 AM; 2nd Grade Brownies 2:30 PM; Share the Word 4:00 PM; Prep 4:15 PM; Liturgy Cmte. 7:30 PM

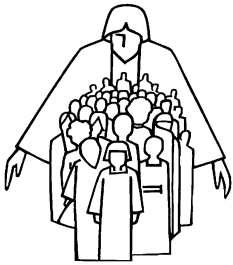
Wednesday, Nov. 4: ADORATION; Knights of Columbus 7:00; Evening Bible Study 7:30 PM

Thursday, Nov. 5: Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM

Friday, Nov. 6: FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR following 9:00 AM Mass

Saturday, Nov. 7: Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church; Seminar Mass 5:00 PM





**St. Alphonsus Parish
A MASS OF
REMEMBRANCE**

Monday, November 2, 2009 is All Souls Day. At 7:30pm, a special Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated. To personalize this celebration, we would like to focus on those family members of our parishioners who have died, including those who have been lost through miscarriage or abortion.

We will have a reception in the Narthex following Mass and would encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to meet others who have also experienced the death of a family member.

If you would like, you can bring a framed picture of your loved one to be put in a special place of remembrance in the Church. We would like to keep the picture until Thanksgiving.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Kathy Morris at the parish office.

We are looking forward to seeing you on November 2nd!

A WORD FROM OUR CANDIDATE FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

Dear friends,

When recently asked to share my faith journey on the road to the diaconate, I somehow found myself reflecting on the lyrics to the classic hymn *Amazing Grace*, in particular, the line "I once was lost but now I'm found". It is here that I realized where my journey began... Being lost!

What does being lost really mean? I guess if we were talking about traveling, lost is simply not knowing where we are. We all find ourselves lost from time to time but how did we get there? How did we get lost in the first place? That's the question I had to ask myself. How did I arrive at being spiritually lost? Well, I narrowed it down to three reasons.

First, *Not Following Directions* (taking a wrong turn). I was raised in a Catholic family and received a Catholic education from elementary all the way through high school. I was no different than all the other kids in my school. I became an altar server, received my sacraments, and played CYO sports. Theology class was the norm all through school but something happened when I graduated from high school. I wanted to live life on my own terms: I wanted to do it my way. (Any Sinatra fans out there?). So, I took a wrong turn and stopped going to Sunday mass.

Second, *Bad Directions*: Taking a wrong turn led me to places that were not exactly in my best interest. I was trying to make it as a professional musician and met some -- well, how can I say this ... interesting people. As my faith life slowly weakened, alcohol became one of the many influences in my life at that time; that, as well as the New Age scene. Not good!

Third, *No Direction*: when we live life without directions we are in the state of being lost. I was lost and the scary thing is that I did not even know it. But an amazing thing happened to me in this state of being lost. I became empty, lonely, and unhappy inside. There was no true peace in my heart. By this time I was married, had two children, a good job and a nice house but still there was an overwhelming feeling of emptiness. I knew I was lost and wanted direction, purpose and meaning to my life. St. Augustine tells us "our hearts will not rest until they rest in you". I finally understood that personally.

After this new awakening my desire was to seek God and find the truth. I purchased a Bible and started attending Sunday mass regularly but proceeded with caution and doubt. My best friend knew I was struggling with my faith and suggested I meet with his parents who in his own words were "religious". After meeting with these two beautiful people my life changed forever. Thanks be to God they took the time to pray with me and share the Scriptures. That night by the power of the Holy Spirit our Lord was revealed to me in a very personal way. I now felt that I could join our brothers on the road to Emmaus saying "were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:32)

How about you? Maybe there's someone you know that is lost or struggling with their faith: a coworker, a friend? I know I do not have to look much farther *than* my own backyard to see family members straying from the church and moving in the opposite direction. What can we do? What can we say? I found it all starts with prayer. I hope you will join me in praying for our families, neighbors and friends. To pray not only for *their* conversion of heart but also for *our own* conversion; to grow stronger so we can be closer to our Lord and be the salt and light he asks us to be. Remember, just like the song in the popular *High School Musical*, "We're All in This Together". We are all the body of Christ.

If you are lost and struggling with your faith, keep on praying, persevere. Be at peace knowing Jesus desires each one of us to come home to him. Any doubts? Just read the parables of the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin and the Lost Son found in Luke, chapter 15. One day you may even meet "a wretch like me who once was lost" and now has found himself on the road to a permanent diaconate.



Peace and God bless,
Jim Toth ("J. T.")