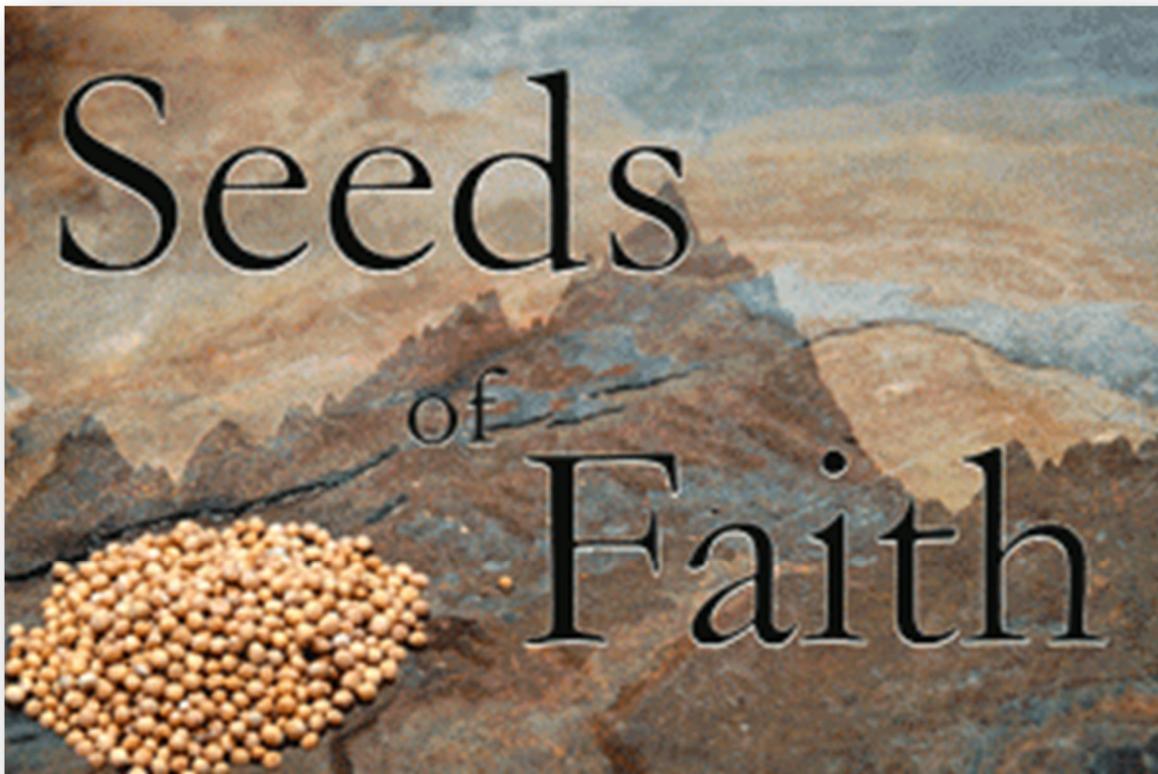


Welcome to . . .

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY *of* WEXFORD

SAINT ALPHONSUS & SAINT ALEXIS

Connecting our Mission, Growing Our Faith



The apostles said to Jesus, "Increase our faith."

Sunday Mass Times

4:00 p.m. Saint Alexis (Saturday Anticipated Mass)
7:30 a.m. Saint Alphonsus
9:30 a.m. Saint Alphonsus
10:00 a.m. Saint Alexis
11:30 a.m. Saint Alphonsus
5:00 p.m. Saint Alexis

Weekday Mass Schedule

8:00 a.m. Saint Alexis (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday and Saturday)
9:00 a.m. Saint Alphonsus (Wednesday)
12:00 p.m. Saint Alphonsus (Monday, Wednesday, Friday)

OCTOBER 6, 2019

**THE TWENTY - SEVENTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

FROM FATHER ZYWAN

ON MISSION:

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE AND GRACE

As the Wexford Catholic Community, we are in need of **Altar Servers** at both Saint Alphonsus and Saint Alexis Parishes. Boys and Girls in fourth grade or over are welcomed to participate in this important ministry of the Church. Parent's permission is necessary because it is you as parents who are responsible for taking your children to Mass. What a tremendous opportunity for prayer, service and deepening one's relationship with Jesus!

Interested candidates are asked to call the parish offices and ask for Gail Clendaniel, our receptionist/secretary at 724.935.4343 extension 210. A list will be compiled, times will be offered for training sessions at both churches and newly trained servers will be paired with those servers who have experience. These instruction sessions are held annually in the fall when school is back in session and routines in family life more established.

Parents please take time and discuss our role as stewards of God's gifts of time, talent and treasure with your children. Your encouragement is a necessary ingredient in raising your children in the ways of the faith and demonstrating service to God through His people. *Thank you* for your personal response to Jesus as an active disciple in the community!

MAINTENANCE:

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The following is a list of improvement projects that are under review for Saint Alphonsus church building. They include:

- Installation of a **pair of restrooms** in the church
- **Correcting elevations in rear of the church** which are currently a source of accidents for our guests and liability to the parish
- **Adjustments to the sanctuary floor** to allow for the relocation of a few pews in order to maintain seating capacity on the old side of the church.

Once a design for these projects has been proposed and discussed with the membership of Finance, Executive and Pastoral Councils, a presentation with renderings will be shared with the parish at large. This is expected to take place this fall. Some of these improvements are a part of the original case study set forth by Father Murphy and later postponed under the leadership of Father Kevin with the recognition of more critical projects needing attention on the campus at Saint Alphonsus. Now we are ready to look back, reassess, and move forward. Information will be presented as it is made available.

Again, *thank you* to everyone who participated in "**The On Mission for the Church Alive Campaign**" at Saint Alphonsus. Your generosity and commitment will provide the resources needed to complete these projects and then some. God's blessings to all!

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

The Respect Life Program sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops started in 1972 and is repeated each October – the month set aside by the U.S. bishops as

"**Respect Life Month.**" This program calls attention to the numerous human life issues and the way in which each touches on the sanctity and dignity of human life.

We want to be a part of a society which has the affirmation and protection of human rights as its primary objective and boast, right? Yet, far too often, many of those who are weak and vulnerable are pushed to the periphery by society and seen as less significant than the strong and the healthy. From God's perspective, nothing could be further from the truth. All are masterpieces in His eyes.

The Lord is inviting us to respond. We are **called to act** – not with anxiety or doubt – but with confident trust in and dependence on God! We are **called to care for ourselves and others.** In a 2005 study, 73% of women who had an abortion said not being able to afford a baby was a reason for the abortion. How might we support mothers facing unexpected pregnancies? Many women and men alike suffer after the loss of a child to abortion. By seeking healing with others, we can respond with hope in God's mercy. If you, or someone you know has been affected by an abortion, remember that God's greatest desire is to forgive. Encourage them to contact Project Rachel Ministry for help, or visit hopeafterabortion.com.

One matter that we should all take the time to address is the necessity to be prepared for those difficult situations when medical decisions must be made by or for us. ***Are you aware of the variances in advance medical directives documents and the problematic issues that arise from some of them?*** Just because a reputable medical institution provides such directives does mean that they are in accord with Catholic teaching. Do you know what options are in keeping with Catholic tradition, respecting the dignity and sanctity of every human life? Copies of "**Advance Medical Directives: Planning for Your Future**" will soon be available in the back of the church and at the Parish Center. Take a copy home and review it. Discuss it with family members who will likely survive you and plan ahead in accord with the Lord's teaching.

The need to respect the dignity of human life *cannot* be relegated to a day or even a month. It is the life-long responsibility of all who have been baptized in Christ and seekers of the Truth alike. Begin with **prayer** that you might be of one mind and heart with Christ. **Learn.** We cannot ignore the issues that are plaguing society today; seek understanding of what the Church is teaching. And finally, we must **act in ways that support, promote and defend the teachings of the Gospel.** Though the world we live in has grown rather complicated, the Truth remains very simple: ***Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever!***



To *love* is learning to follow Christ with others.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

The Catholic Community of Wexford wishes to extend sympathy to those who mourn the loss of a loved one, especially the souls who recently passed through death: **Florence McCauley (89)**, mother of Joyce Brown and **Sister Marilyn Hoeing, OSF (87)**.



May the choirs of angels welcome them and where Lazarus is poor no longer, may they find eternal rest.

FIREMEN'S MASS



Next **Sunday, October 13 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass at Saint Alexis**, we welcome members of the **Town of McCandless Fire Department** representing the **Ingomar, Highland and Peebles stations** and also the **Wexford Fire Department**. These brave and

generous members of our community are the first responders when we are in danger and our property is threatened by disaster. When you see them, be sure to thank them for their dedication and service. Be sure to remember them often in your prayers. Take the opportunity to support them in their annual fund drive appeal. Where would we be without those who so generously give of themselves and risk their well-being for the sake of our safety? Thanks to one and all!

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS NEEDED

We are in need of daily Mass intentions for the months of October through December. There are no Sunday or Saturday Vigil Masses available. Please stop by the Parish Center and fill out a form to have a Mass intention for your loved ones.



FLOWER MEMORIAL



The flowers enhancing the Blessed Mother Statue this weekend at Saint Alexis are placed there in memory of Norma Jean Rollin, by Jack and Marilyn Schuler and Amy Rollin.

If you would like to provide flowers at either Church for the altar, the Blessed Mother or, as a memorial for a special occasion or an intention, please call the parish offices at 724.935.4343 or 724.935.1151.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 20 is World Mission Sunday. A second collection will be taken at all Masses that day.

World Mission Sunday is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. The theme this year is *"Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World."* Please be as generous as possible.



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

We entrust to the care of Christ the Divine Physician, those members of our parish families of Saint Alphonsus and Saint Alexis Parishes who are in need of healing in body, mind or spirit, especially:

Dick Anderson
JoAnn Baker
Brian Bart
Joe Borza
Jeannie Bukauskas
Aldo Domenicano
Deacon Al Heiles
Francine Konen
Robert Kopinski
Al Korade
Connor Kunic
Ron Mehok
Gay Mullen
John Mullen

George "Murph" Neelan
Ray Obringer
Steven Paul Reid
Bill Redmack
Larry Sampietro
Sarah Sestric
Janice Spowal
Morrie Stack
Jackie Straw
M. A. Taiclet
Bill Vita
Marge Vita
Marci Williams
Prayer Shawl Recipients

If you know of a parishioner or have a loved one who is ill, please contact the Parish Center and let us know. We will place that person's name on the prayer list for **four weeks**. Intentions may return to the list upon monthly requests. Contact the Parish Center at 724.935.4343 or 724.935.1151 to add a loved one onto the list.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The just ones, because of their faith, shall live (Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Bear hardship with the strength that comes from God (2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14).

Gospel — The apostles said to Jesus, "Increase our faith" (Luke 17:5-10).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

SAINT ALPHONSUS INFORMATION

THIS WEEK AT SAINT ALPHONSUS

MASS INTENTIONS

<p>Sunday, October 6 <i>First Sunday Food Collection for North Hills Food Bank</i> 7:30 a.m. Mass 9:30 a.m. Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word 10:30 a.m. Children's Choir practice 11:30 a.m. Mass</p> <p>Monday, October 7 12:00 p.m. Mass 6:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship meeting in cafeteria</p> <p>Tuesday, October 8 7:15 p.m. A Journey Through the Gospel of John presented by Dave VanVickle - old side of church</p> <p>Wednesday, October 9 9:00 a.m. School Mass - All are welcome 12:00 p.m. Mass 12:30 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Devotion 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Reconciliation 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice in rectory basement</p> <p>Thursday, October 10</p> <p>Friday, October 11 8:00 a.m. Sanctuary Committee in church 12:00 p.m. Mass</p> <p>Saturday, October 12 <i>Outreach to Bethlehem Haven Women's Shelter</i></p> <p>Sunday, October 13 <i>Boy Scout Popcorn Sales after all Masses</i> 7:30 a.m. Mass 9:30 a.m. Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word 10:30 a.m. Children's Choir practice 11:30 a.m. Mass</p>
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	<p>Sunday, October 6 7:30 a.m. † Audrey Schrauder by <i>Phyllis and Joe Romanovich</i> 9:30 a.m. † Barbara C. Hotnich by <i>Theresa Scotti</i> 11:30 a.m. Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of Deacon Jeffrey Craig by <i>Glenn and Laurie Craig</i></p>
	<p>Monday, October 7 12:00 p.m. † Angeline Borkowski by <i>Michael and Diane Christel</i></p>
	<p>Tuesday, October 8 - No Masses</p>
	<p>Wednesday, October 9 9:00 a.m. † Tracy Smith by <i>Angi Noel</i> 12:00 p.m. † Karen Barton by <i>Andy Schrauder</i></p>
	<p>Thursday, October 10 - No Masses</p>
	<p>Friday, October 11 12:00 p.m. † Reg Haefner by <i>Carolyn Thompson</i></p>
	<p>Saturday, October 12—No Masses</p>
	<p>Sunday, October 13 7:30 a.m. † Joe Bullick by <i>Jim and Midge Elser</i> 9:30 a.m. Living and Deceased of Saint Alphonsus and Saint Alexis 11:30 a.m. † Constantino Morreale by <i>The Family</i></p>

UPCOMING WEDDINGS

BANNS I: Alicia Martinez
 Saint Alexis Parish
 and
 Paul J. Pennell
Wedding will be celebrated at Saint Alexis



POOR BOXES



In the month of **September** a total of \$ **1,126** was donated through the poor boxes and special donations to assist the Ladies of Charity of the Catholic Community of Wexford in caring for members of the community facing serious hardship. Please know that through your generosity, **seven** needy families in the area received hope and resources. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Income: September 23 through September 29, 2019

	Regular	Electronic	Total
Offertory	\$ 8,095	\$ 4,444	\$ 12,539
Parish Share	\$ 865	\$ 2,391	\$ 3,256
School	\$ 30	\$ 122	\$ 152
Major Maintenance	\$	\$ 83	\$ 83
Future Diocesan Collection	\$	\$ 50	\$ 50
Holy Days	\$	\$ 40	\$ 40
Votives	\$ 153	\$	\$ 153
TOTAL	\$ 9,143	\$ 7,130	\$ 16,273

Parish Share Assessment: \$ 99,942 - Collected: \$ 147,262

Upcoming Second Collections: **October 20** - School and World Mission Sunday

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Thanks to our bulletin advertisers for advertising in our parish bulletins this week:

Saint Alphonsus - Owl Cleaners
Saint Alexis - Gary Carmassi, DMD

Please patronize our sponsors or at least, be sure to thank them when you have the opportunity to do so. It is through their support that our weekly bulletin is made possible! *May God bless all our benefactors!*

SAINT ALEXIS INFORMATION

THIS WEEK AT SAINT ALEXIS

MASS INTENTIONS

2:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	MONDAY, October 7 Mass at Grace Manor Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Handbell Choir Ladies of Charity Support Group
9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	TUESDAY, October 8 Small Groups Tuesday Hope Children's Choir
6:45 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	WEDNESDAY, October 9 Men's Fellowship Prayer Group CVOL Parent Meeting Religious Education Knights of Columbus Adult Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	THURSDAY, October 10 Small Groups Support Group B
12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	FRIDAY, October 11 Support Group North Hills Rehab Mass Support Group
8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	SATURDAY, October 12 Small Groups Emmaus Women's Group Breakfast Club Support Group Emmaus Women's Group Cub Scouts Popcorn Sale
All Masses 8:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	SUNDAY, October 13 Cub Scouts Popcorn Sale RCIA Over 50 Support Group Edge

	Saturday, October 5 –Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
4:00 p.m.	† Richard Duffy - Linda Duffy
	Sunday, October 6 - The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	† Katie (Pohl) Dopirak - The Dopirak and Pohl Families Living and Deceased Members of St. Alexis and St. Alphonsus
	Monday, October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary
8:00 a.m.	The Coyle Family - Stella Maris
	Tuesday, October 8 – Weekday
8:00 a.m.	† The Deceased Members of the Kondas and Roman Families - Mike and Chi Chi Roman
	Wednesday, October 9 - St. Denis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest
	No Mass
8:00 a.m.	Thursday, October 10 - Weekday
	† William Caye - Mark Boris and Family
	Friday, October 11 - St. John XXIII, Pope
8:00 a.m.	† Anthony P. Mascari - The Donald R. Mascari Family
	Saturday, October 12 – Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	† Phyllis Re - Mary Schuler † George J. Kavinsky - Mary Beth Kavinsky
	Sunday, October 13 - The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Fireman's Mass † Teresa Berthold - Kathy and Pat Connell

THANK YOU!

We are grateful for the following gifts that were recently made to Saint Alexis Parish:

In memory of **Phyllis Re** by:
Judith and Jeffrey Kennedy, Sr.
Jim Jen and Nancy Schreyer
Thank you!



OFFERTORY - SEPTEMBER 29 ,2019

Envelopes	\$ 8,711.00
Faith Direct	\$ 7,928.16
Loose Money	\$ 964.00
Total	\$ 17,503.16
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 19,350.00
Surplus (Shortfall)	\$ (1,846.84)
2019 Parish Share	
PSP Donations to date	\$ 175,622.25

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE: OCTOBER 12 - 13, 2019

Mass Time	Eucharistic Ministers	Reader 1	Reader 2	Altar Servers	Cantors
4:00 p.m.	J. Schuler, M. Schuler, C. Ebken, T. Sampietro, J. Florentine, J. Peirish, D. Bartlett	D. Givens	D. Givens	M. Alessi, M. Alessi, S. Komoroski	B. Maloney
10:00 a.m.	L. Klingman, J. Birsic, F. Stock, M. Wertz, D. Lohmann, M. Schuler D. Lohmann	J. Dagnon	M. Schlemmer	J. Schlemmer, B. Vernon	C. Sutter

SAINT ALPHONSUS AND SAINT ALEXIS NEWS

Evangelization 101

By Dave VanVickle, Director for Evangelization

One of the most common emails I receive is about evangelizing our children who may be away from the Lord. That is a great question! We should all be concerned with evangelizing. Over the next several weeks, I'll share with you the most important principles of evangelization so we can more confidently share the saving message of Jesus Christ with others.

So what is the first principle of evangelization?

It's pretty simple. The first principle is that "The Holy Spirit is the primary agent of evangelization..." Pope Paul VI wrote that, and it is the most important phrase to understand if you want to evangelize. People come to a relationship with Jesus because of the Holy Spirit drawing them. This means the most important thing we can do is ask the Holy Spirit to work. God constantly draws people to himself, but He loves when his children participate. He wants us to ask for conversions. So when we see our loved ones away from Jesus, the first question to ask is, "are we praying for them daily and intensely?" This is the most important thing we can do for others. It's not speaking to them or handing them a book or asking them to come back to Church. The most important thing to do is to pray and invite others to pray.

Each week we will discuss another principle of evangelization so that we can become more confident Disciples out in the world, ready to announce the Kingdom of Heaven. For this week, let's all ask ourselves who God is asking us to reach out to, and let's pray for them daily.



A Journey through the Gospel of John

As we come together each week we will answer all your questions and take a deep look at the way in which the Church interprets the Gospel of John.

Presentations by Dave VanVickle

Our next presentation will be **this Tuesday, October 8 at 7:15 p.m.**
at Saint Alphonsus Church



MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Early next year, approximately **January 30 through February 11**, Dr. Mark Prybyl will be leading a mission team into Northern Thailand.

Anyone that might be interested in joining him and would like to know the details should contact him at markprybyl@gmail.com or 724.766.2608. Healthcare knowledge is helpful but NOT necessary.



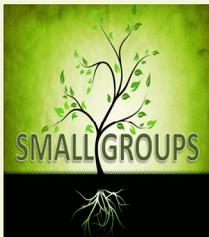
MEN'S RETREAT GROUP SOCIAL

The combined Men's retreat groups of Saint Alexis and Saint Alphonsus are hosting a social on **Sunday, November 3**. Meet new friends as we watch the Steelers come alive against the Colts at **1:00 p.m.**! Let us all cheer or moan but most of all, and get to know each other. Food and beverages will be served.

Please contact Ed Thomas (ewtmlt@yahoo.com) or Mark Prybyl (markprybyl@gmail.com) for details and let us know the number of people coming.

REGISTER NOW FOR SMALL GROUPS!

Socialize with other Catholics, learn more about your faith, and strengthen your prayer life.



What's a Small Group?

Small Groups consist of six to eight couples or 12 to 16 individuals who will get together weekly for about 90 minutes of social time, study and prayer. Discussion materials and support will be offered by Saint Alexis but your group will function independently according to what works best for you.

What if I've never participated in a bible study or small group before?

No problem! This is a great opportunity to grow your faith community and requires no previous experience to participate. All are welcome to join! For more information contact Marianne Greene at 724.316.5809.

THE BEAUTIFUL MONTH OF OCTOBER

In our Catholic tradition, October is cherished as the *Month of the Rosary*. Make the time to embrace the gift of the rosary and pray it privately, with your spouse and family. May we unite ourselves to Our Lady and allow her to lead us ever closer to her Son. Mary, pray for us who have recourse to thee!



CVOL PARENT MEETING

There will be an informative meeting for parents / guardians of 5th-8th graders, in parish Faith Formation or enrolled at the Blessed Francis Seelos Academy, on the Catholic Vision of Love (CVOL) program. The meeting will be held at Fr. Rodgers Hall (the old Church building) on **Wednesday, October 9 at 5:30 p.m.** Catholic Vision of Love conveys the Church's teachings on the dignity of the human person, love and marriage. CVOL has been mandated to be taught in all Catholic schools and faith formation programs throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh since 1994.

Starting in November, our parish will be presenting CVOL to 5th - 8th graders in a retreat-style format. The material will be presented by a team of certified teachers, led by Louis Bosco, our Director of Religious Education. Given the current state of our culture, and the tidal wave of misinformation both children and adults are inundated with on a daily basis from TV, movies, music, and peers, this may well be the most important meeting you will ever attend. See below the list of dates for the CVOL presentations. Please feel free to contact Louis for more information at 724.935.1151, ext. 213 or religiously@saintalphonsuswexford.org.

DATES FOR CATHOLIC VISION OF LOVE PRESENTATIONS

- CVOL Parent Meeting - **Wednesday, October 9, 5:30-6:30 p.m.**, Father Rogers Hall (old Church) on the Saint Alexis Campus.
- CVOL 8th Grade Retreat - **Friday, November 15, 8:30 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.**, small gym on the Saint Alphonsus Campus.
- CVOL 7th Grade Retreat - **Friday, December 13, 8:30 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.**, small gym on the Saint Alphonsus Campus.
- CVOL 6th Grade Retreat - **Friday, February 7, 8:30 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.**, small gym on the Saint Alphonsus Campus.
- CVOL 5th Grade Retreat - **Friday, March 13, 8:30 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.**, small gym on the Saint Alphonsus Campus.

ASCEND HAPPENINGS

HIGH SCHOOL FALL RETREAT

The weekend retreat for high school students is **November 15 through 17** at Camp Allegheny. The Fall Retreat is a weekend geared toward teens in high school, grades 9-12. The videos, music, speakers, topics, scenery, and schedule are all designed to meet teenagers where they are and help them take the next step in their faith. Cost is \$138 (not including transportation). Email David Piccirilli at Lifeteen@stalexis.org to sign up. More info at thefallretreat.org



- **TONIGHT! October 6 - EDGE Middle School kids, 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. in Father Rodgers Hall (old Church) on Saint Alexis Campus.**

ADORATION OFFERED ON WEDNESDAYS AND FIRST FRIDAYS

The Catholic Community of Wexford invites you to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays at Saint Alphonsus Parish and first Fridays at Saint Alexis Parish.

Adoration on **Wednesdays begins at 12:30 p.m.** (immediately after the noon Mass) and closes at 8:00 p.m. Confessions are offered between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Saint Alphonsus is located at 201 Church Road in Wexford.

Sign up electronically for a time slot at <http://tinyurl.com/StAlAdore>.

Adoration on **first Fridays** at Saint Alexis begins at **8:30 a.m.** (immediately after the 8:00 a.m. Mass) and ends at 6:30 p.m. Saint Alexis is located at 10090 Old Perry Highway in Wexford. To sign up, go to tinyurl.com/StAlexisAdore.



DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION WEDNESDAYS 3:00 P.M. TO 3:30 P.M. AT SAINT ALPHONSUS



Please join us for the Divine Mercy devotion on Wednesdays at Saint Alphonsus during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Booklets are provided. Each week we pray the Divine Mercy Novena, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and a few additional prayers. All are welcome!

"I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy." (Diary, 687).



BLESSED FRANCIS SEELOS ACADEMY

COOKIES NEEDED FOR DESIGNER BAG BINGO

THANK YOU to all who signed up for Designer Bag Bingo on October 11!! Thanks to you, this year will be an even BIGGER event with more bags and prizes than last year! However to REALLY make this an unforgettable event we would LOVE to have a HUGE (think biggest ever) Pittsburgh Cookie Table! The PTG Baking Committee has already been hard at work gearing up for this... but ANYONE who wishes to bake, or buy some cookies to contribute to this herculean effort is WELCOME to do so! If this sounds at all appealing to you . . . here is a Sign Up Genius to help you get started: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0449abaf2ba0f85-help>
-The Designer Bag Bingo Committee

THE BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION PROGRAM IS CHANGING THE WAY WE CAN EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL!

Download the ALL-NEW Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then simply scan your store receipts to find participating products. The app will automatically credit our school's Box Top earnings online.

OR

Drop your receipt in the Box Top bin located at the back of your church and we'll scan the receipt for you!!!!

***If you still have traditional Box Tops clips at home, make sure to send them in too. We will still earn cash for all clipped Box Tops until they expire.*

Please check expiration dates before sending them in.

Thanks for helping Blessed Francis Seelos Academy get what it needs!



Eco Explorers



ECO EXPLORERS IS RETURNING TO BLESSED SEELOS THIS FALL!

This year, we'll explore brand new topics during each after-school workshop and we invite curious and creative young minds to join our clever crew of scientific explorers!

We'll put our heads together to design, create and engineer solutions to new challenges, solve new mysteries, create more crazy chemical concoctions, build new inventions and more!

Whether we are creating cool color-changing potions, devising an anti-venin for a mock snakebite, building a skyscraper which must withstand a major earthquake or making super slimes, oozes and goos, expect an adventure in each class so fun, you'll rejoice for weekly after-school scientific explorations!

Grades K - 2: Thursdays 10/17, 10/24, 10/31 & **11/14** 3:05pm - 4:05pm
Grades 3 - 8: Tuesdays 10/15, 10/22, 10/29 & **11/5** 3:05pm - 4:05pm
\$54/student \$44/sibling

Changed date!

To register, scan the QR code to your right with your smartphone or visit: ecoexplorersclub.wordpress.com



TELL YOUR FRIENDS - BFSA FALL OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

Did you know that most of our new students come from current family referrals? The Marketing Committee needs your help to spread the word to prospective families about the Fall Open House.

K-8 Open House Tuesday, October 15, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St. Alphonsus Campus

If you know anyone interested in BFSA and can't make the Open House, have them call 724.935.1152 to schedule a tour at their convenience.

Your help is needed to make the Open House a success. Here's how:

- Tell all of your friends to come and see what a great place BFSA is!
- Place a yard sign in your yard to help us advertise- Stop by the main office and get a yard sign.
- Distribute the flyers that can be obtained at the School Office to friends and local businesses and anywhere else you can think of!

Thanks for helping make our Fall Open House a success! ~The Marketing Committee

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

LIFE CHAIN

Join us for a prayerful, peaceful witness against abortion called *Life Chain* **TODAY, Sunday, October 6, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at Route 910 and Church Road (near Saint Alphonsus Church). Families and all ages are welcome! nationallifechain.org



OVER 50 UPCOMING EVENT

October 13 at 1:00 p.m. at the Saint Alexis Campus. Entertainment by Gene Testa with fun and music. Contact Rose Scheller for more information at 724.728.2563.

CRAFT AND VENDOR SHOW IN ETNA

The annual Fall Craft and Vendor Show sponsored by the All Saints Church Christian Mothers & Guild is scheduled for **Saturday, October 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** in the Activities Building on Dewey Street in Etna. Free admission! Over 50 tables of crafters and vendors! Tables for crafters and vendors available at \$20. Refreshments and raffles will be available. For details call Cathy at 412.781.4788.

BRITTANY BURGE FOUNDATION

Hi, my name is Midge O'Neil, and I, along with my husband and kids, are parishioners at St. Alphonsus. Less than two years ago, my sister-in-law, Brittany, lost her life and her battle with bipolar disorder and addiction at the young age of 27. Regardless of her outward and inward beauty, she never felt good enough because of her struggles. It is imperative that we change the current narrative of this epidemic.

As a response to this tragedy, our family has established the Brittany Burge Foundation. Britt loved her dog, George, so very much and often times delayed treatment until she was able to find boarding or care for her pup. The Brittany Burge Foundation is raising funds to alleviate the burdens facing pet owners suffering from addiction, and allowing them to focus on their own health.

I would like to invite you, my fellow parishioners, to take part in the first annual Brittany Burge Walk For Hope, on **October 26 - 11:00 a.m.** at the North Park Harmar Pavilion. (Yes, it's the same location as the Harvest Home 5K!) Sign up through the link at brittanyburgefoundation.com

Please consider joining us for this family-friendly walk. Pets on leashes are encouraged to come! There will even be a pet costume contest. Thank you for any and all support. Blessings, Midge O'Neil and Family.

DIOCESAN NEWS

BOLDLY CATHOLIC SPEAKER SERIES

On **December 5 at 7:00 p.m.** Saints John & Paul Church welcomes Abby Johnson as part of its Boldly Catholic Speaker Series. Johnson is the author of the nationally best-selling book, *Unplanned*, which chronicles both her experiences within Planned Parenthood and her dramatic exit. Tickets cost \$20 and are available at: greatgrouping.org/johnson.

PIEROGI SALES

St. John the Baptist Church (377 Linmore Avenue, Baden PA 15005) started selling pierogis this past weekend. Pierogis cost \$8 per dozen. Eat in or carry out in your container or ours. Varieties include: potato, sauerkraut, cottage cheese and prune. To order, call the pierogi hotline after 6:00 a.m. on Fridays at: 724.869.9758. **Pierogi sales are every Friday until December 13**; no pierogi sales during Thanksgiving week. Volunteers are also needed! If you would like to become a new volunteer, please call the parish office at 724.869.2280.

2019 RED MASS AND DINNER

All are invited to attend the 2019 Red Mass, offered annually to invoke God's blessing upon all judges, lawyers, legislators and government officials. The Mass will commence at **5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 17**, at the Duquesne University Chapel. Dinner will follow immediately at the Duquesne University, Duquesne Union Africa Room. Bishop David A. Zubik will serve as the

principal celebrant and homilist. The 2019 St. Thomas More Award will be presented to Sister Rita C. Murillo, CSJ, JD. The Red Mass and Dinner is sponsored by the Saint Thomas More Society of Pittsburgh, an association of Catholic lawyers. Dinner is by reservation only at \$80 per person or \$600 per table of 8, through Timothy J. Giltinan, Esq. at 412.391.7445 or Tim@giltinanlaw.com.

PATRICIA SANDOVAL PRESENTATION

Patricia Sandoval, author of the book, *Transfigured*, will tell her story of abortion, drug addiction and homelessness and how Jesus turned her life around through Rachel's Vineyard. Sandoval will speak on Monday, **October 28 at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Paul of the Cross Parish (St. Anne's Campus, 400 Hoodridge Drive, Castle Shannon.) Come to hear her courageous witness and her story of hope, mercy and love. No cost to attend, but goodwill donations are gratefully accepted. Please email Kathy at moozie51@gmail.com with any questions.

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH CELEBRATE 150TH ANNIVERSARY

Join the Sisters of St. Joseph of Baden for a special concert by renowned liturgical composer Dan Schutte on **Sunday, November 10 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Motherhouse Chapel to celebrate the Congregation's 150 years of serving God and neighbor. Tickets are \$25. Register online: <http://dan-schutte.eventbrite.com> or call 724.869.6574. A reception of light refreshments will follow the concert.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

JOIN US!

To become a registered member of the parish family, please visit our website at www.stalexis.org or at www.SaintAlphonsusWexford.org. Introduce yourself to us at Mass!

RECONCILIATION

Saint Alexis: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday,

Saturday - 7:30 a.m.-7:55 a.m. Saturday - 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Saint Alphonsus: Wednesday 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PRAYER

Eucharistic Adoration

Saint Alphonsus: Wednesday 12:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saint Alexis: First Friday of every month from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Devotion: Wednesday 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Saint Alphonsus

Prayer Ministry- To initiate a request for urgent prayers contact the following people:

Saint Alexis - Barb Busi at 412.366.4829

Saint Alphonsus - Norma Heyl at 724.935.1094 or Jo Labrise at 724.935.3826.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made with a priest at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date.

HOLY ORDERS

For information about the priesthood or the vowed religious life, please contact Fr. Zywan or the Vocation Office of the diocese at 412.456.3131 or visit pghpriest.com.

BAPTISM

Celebrated on Sundays at 11:15 a.m. at Saint Alexis or at 12:45 p.m. at Saint Alphonsus by appointment. Arrangements should be made through the Parish Center several months in advance. Parents need to be registered parishioners and complete a pre-baptism class before scheduling a baptism.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Communal anointing is celebrated periodically. Anyone who is anticipating surgery is encouraged to request this sacrament prior to being admitted to the hospital. Individuals who are unable to attend Sunday Mass and want to receive the sacraments are asked to please call the Parish Center.

DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

412-456-3093 (Office)

1-888- 808-1235 (Hot Line)

PA Child Line - 1-800-932-0313

Call 911 immediately if a child is in danger.



WE WELCOME YOU HOME!

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Please deliver to Parish Center. The Parish Center is the first building on the left as you pull into the parking lot. Thank you