

Welcome to . . .

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY *of* WEXFORD

SAINT ALPHONSUS & SAINT ALEXIS

Connecting our Mission, Growing Our Faith



'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours.'

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)

MARCH 31, 2019

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY
OF LENT**

FROM FATHER ZYWAN . . .



WHO DO WE RESEMBLE THE MOST?

Today's Gospel gives us a powerful parable about God's love. It's the parable about the two sons. It's not just about the return of the Prodigal son, because both sons are in need of the Father's love. Which son are you to our heavenly Father? Don't be afraid to learn from this teaching of Jesus and to more fully enter the mystery of God's love.

MAKE US BELIEVERS!



Join us for "Make Us Believers" - the passion play on **Friday, April 5 at 8:00 p.m.** and on **Saturday, April 6, at 7 p.m.** in the **Ryan Center**, which is adjacent to Blessed Francis Seelos Academy. "Make Us Believers" is a musical journey that walks us from Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to his death and

resurrection at Easter.

Many long hours have been dedicated to this production. It is truly worth seeing as part of your Lenten journey. There is no admission fee for this event; though freewill offerings are appreciated in helping to offset expenses. For more information please contact Mary Heagy at MusicDirector@SaintAlphonsusWexford.org or 724.538.5258.

COME HOME - TO JESUS

"The Light is On for You!" is an initiative of the Diocese of Pittsburgh to encourage Catholics *who have been away from the sacraments for a period of time* to avail themselves to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Going to confession is a *wonderful* opportunity to confess our sins and to welcome Jesus into our hearts and lives.



This session will take place on **Wednesday,**

April 10 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. All are welcome, *however* keep in mind that only one Priest will be available at each church to hear confessions that night. Thank you.

OPEN THE GIFT!

Jesus has given us a tremendous gift of reconciliation in the Sacrament of Penance. He's promised his love to us in all the sacraments. In this sacrament of healing, however, we experience a peace that this world cannot come close to! Have you shared in this gift recently? This is the perfect way to experience the fruits of Christ's passion, death and resurrection before we actually celebrate Easter. There is still time and a number of great opportunities for you. Besides the weekly confession schedule which may be found on page 10, the **Communal Penance Services** will be celebrated on **Thursday, April 11 at Saint Alexis** and **Monday, April 15 at Saint Alphonsus** both beginning at **7:00 p.m.** Multiple Confessors will be available both evenings.

Plan now to participate in and experience this gift that the Lord has given us - his Church. Like any gift given, we need to "open it" otherwise it remains just a package. Know the Giver's goodness and come, be renewed!



In Jesus' love,
Fr. Zywan

LOVE

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 soul of: **Janet Brown (85)**, mother of Beth (Phil) McLaughlin; who recently passed through death. May the choirs of angels welcome her and where Lazarus is poor no longer, may she find eternal rest.



LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Wednesday, April 10 at 6:00 p.m.
The Light Is On For You Penance Service at all Churches in the Diocese

Thursday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m.
Saint Alexis Penance Service

Monday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m.
Saint Alphonsus Penance Service

EASTER FLOWERS

Although Easter flower donations will be accepted through Easter, in order to have your intention published in the booklet, the donation must be received in the Parish Office no later than **Friday, April 12.**



JOIN US FOR OUR PARISH MISSION "IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE FISHER OF MEN"

- with Bob Rice



Walk in Saint Peter's footsteps as he came to understand who Jesus was and how he was called to be his disciple.

Bob Rice is an internationally known speaker and professor of Catechetics and the Director of the Masters of Arts in Catechetics and Evangelization at Franciscan University of Steubenville.

Sunday, April 7 "Into the Deep"
Monday, April 8 "Caught in the Storm"
Tuesday, April 9 "Lord, You Know that I Love You"

Presented by the Catholic Community of Wexford at Saint Alexis Church at **7:00 p.m.**

For more information, please contact *Dave VanVickle, Director for Evangelization* at 724.935.4343 ext. 232.

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:

Jacob Anzelone	Nancy Greer	Theresa Pegher
Brian Bart	Dcn. Al Heiles	Larry Sampietro
Don Bartolomucci	Larry Isom	Sarah Sestric
Joe Borza	David Jenka	Janice Spowal
David Brunner	Doreen Johnson	Jackie Straw
Marylisa Bucci	Sandra Johnson	J. T. Taiclet
Jeannie Bukauskas	Kay Lang	Mary Ann Taiclet
Emma Bullick	Eugene Mancino	Tessa Tarasovich
Kathy Carlin	Loretta Marchase	Lois Titus
Marian Delisi	Jim McCourt	Richard Tomczak
Ana Dzolic	Ron Mehok	Paul Turnley
Karlo Franjko	Linda Miele	Marci Williams
Candie Gagne	John Mullen	Prayer Shawl
Thomas Gagne	Paul Nemeth	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 request. Contact the Parish Center at 724.935.4343 to add a loved one onto the list.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading — The Israelites ate of the yield of the land of Canaan (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) or *1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.*

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34) or *Psalm 23.*

Second Reading — Whoever is in Christ is a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) or *Ephesians 5:8-14.*

Gospel — This man welcomes sinners and eats with them (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) or *John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].*

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14;
Jn 8:1-11

Alternate readings (Year A):

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

SAINT ALPHONSUS INFORMATION

THIS WEEK AT SAINT ALPHONSUS

Sunday, March 31

7:30 a.m. Mass
 9:30 a.m. Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word and Second Scrutiny of RCIA candidates
 10:30 a.m. Children's Choir practice in church
 11:30 a.m. Mass

Monday, April 1

12:00 p.m. Mass
 2 p.m. Mass at Grace Manor
 6:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship in cafeteria
 6:00 p.m. First Communion Parent's meeting in new side of Church
 6:00 p.m. Religious Education classes in school
 7:15 p.m. Metanoia Lenten Retreat in old side of church
 7:30 p.m. RCIA in school room 102

Tuesday, April 2

8:00 a.m. School instrumentalists practice in church
 6:30-8:00 p.m. Passion Play rehearsal in Ryan Center

Wednesday, April 3

9:00 a.m. School Mass
 12:00 p.m. Mass
 12:30-8:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 7-8:00 p.m. Reconciliation
 7:00 p.m. Seelos Academy Athletic Association meeting in art room of school
 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir practice in rectory basement

Thursday, April 4

8:00 a.m. Children's Choir practice in school
 6:30-8:00 p.m. Passion Play rehearsal in Ryan Center

Friday, April 5

Lenten Friday—Day of Abstinence
 8:00 a.m. Sanctuary Committee in church
 12:00 p.m. Mass
 2:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross with school children
 6:00 Wedding Rehearsal in church
 4:30-7:30 p.m. Fish Fry in cafeteria

Saturday, April 6

2:30 p.m. Wedding of Rebecca D'Eramo and Ryan McGinley

Sunday, April 7

First Sunday food collection for North Hills Food Bank
 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 in church
 11:30 a.m. Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 31

7:30 a.m. George Lyons, Jr.
by Mother, Father & Family
 9:30 a.m. Living & Deceased members of Saint Alphonsus & Saint Alexis Parish
 11:30 a.m. Marian Conley
by Michael McDonough & Family

Monday, April 1

12:00 p.m. Irene Pieczynski
by Carl Pieczynski & family

Tuesday, April 2— No Masses

Wednesday, April 3

9:00 a.m. George Lyons, Jr.
by Nicholas Family
 12:00 p.m. Wilbert Voit
by Glenn & Laurie Craig

Thursday, April 4— No Masses

Friday, April 5

12:00 p.m. John Slack
by family

Saturday, April 6—No Masses

Sunday, April 7

7:30 a.m. George Lyons, Jr.
by Dan and Diane Cole
 9:30 a.m. Jean Trant
by The DeNisi Family
 11:30 a.m. The Deceased Members of the Merchok and Augustine Families
by Joe and Carolyn Augustine

OUR ADVERTISERS

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

Saint Alphonsus - Schellhaas Funeral Home

Saint Alexis - Remo's Catering

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!

WEEKLY FISH FRY RESULTS

3/6/19 - Ash Wednesday

We served a total of 650
 All were Take-out

3/08/19

We served a total of 1,709 meals
 Take out = 1,151
 Dine-in Adults = 454
 Dine-in Kids = 84

3/15/19

We served a total of 1,968 meals
 Take out = 1,289
 Dine-in Adults = 603
 Dine-in Kids = 76

3/22/19

We served a total of 1,878 meals
 Take out = 1,116
 Dine-in Adults = 670
 Dine-in Kids = 92



INCOME FOR MARCH 18 THROUGH MARCH 25, 2019

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Electronic</u>	<u>Total</u>
Offertory	\$ 6,731	\$ 5,839	\$12,570
Parish Share	\$ 630	\$ 2,141	\$ 2,771
School	\$ 92	\$ 220	\$ 312
Major Maint.	\$ 175	\$ 211	\$ 386
Holy Days		\$ 20	\$ 20
Flowers	\$ 115	\$ 10	\$ 125
Future Dioc. Coll.	\$ 30	\$ 50	\$ 80
Votives	\$ 196		\$ 196
TOTAL	\$ 7,969	\$ 8,491	\$16,460

Parish Share Assessment: \$ 99,942
 Collected: \$ 6,867

Special Collection: **March 31-** Human Development

PRAYER FOR VOLUNTEERS

Everlasting God, strengthen and sustain all those who volunteer in our churches;
 that with patience and understanding they may love and care for your people;
 and grant that together they may follow Jesus Christ, offering to you their gifts and talents;
 through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
 Amen.

SAINT ALEXIS INFORMATION

MASS INTENTIONS

<p>MONDAY, April 1 2:00 p.m. Mass at Grace Manor 6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir 7:00 p.m. Support Group 7:15 p.m. Lenten Series at St. Alphonsus</p>	
<p>TUESDAY, April 2 9:00 a.m. Small Groups 12:00 p.m. Tuesday Hope 4:00 p.m. Children's Choir 6:00 p.m. Religious Education 6:30 p.m. ALPHA</p>	<p>Saturday, March 30 - Lenten Weekday 4:00 p.m. A Special Intention - Jack and Marilyn Schuler</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY, April 3 6:45 a.m. Men's Fellowship Prayer Group 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir</p>	<p>Sunday, March 31 - Fourth Sunday of Lent 10:00 a.m. †Rose Vancheri - The Vancheri Family 5:00 p.m. The Living and Deceased Members of Saint Alexis and Saint Alphonsus Parishes</p>
<p>THURSDAY, April 4 4:45 p.m. Religious Education 7:00 p.m. Small Groups 7:00 p.m. Support Group B</p>	<p>Monday, April 1 - 8:00 a.m. †Norbert Zawadzki - The Dills Family</p>
<p>FRIDAY, April 5 8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration Support Group 2:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross - St. Alphonsus 6:00 p.m. Pre-Cana Class 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross - St. Alexis 7:00 p.m. Support Group</p>	<p>Tuesday, April 2 - Saint Francis of Paola - Hermit 8:00 a.m. †Martha Scott - Betty Koch</p>
<p>SATURDAY, April 6 8:30 a.m. Pre-Cana Class 8:30 a.m. Small Groups 8:30 a.m. Emmaus Men's Group 9:00 a.m. Breakfast Club 10:30 a.m. Support Group 2:00 p.m. Hussak/Jones Wedding</p>	<p>Wednesday, April 3 - Lenten Weekday NO MASS</p>
<p>SUNDAY, April 7 8:00 a.m. RCIA 6:15 p.m. EDGE 6:30 p.m. Support Group 7:00 p.m. Parish Mission</p>	<p>Thursday, April 4 - Saint Isadore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 8:00 a.m. †David L. Hunt - The Kappeler Family</p>
	<p>Friday, April 5 - Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest 8:00 a.m. †John and Evelyn Cognetti - John and Sandy Cognetti</p>
	<p>Saturday, April 6 - Lenten Weekday 8:00 a.m. †Margaret Miller - Rose Theys and Family 4:00 p.m. †Patrick Fairley - Mary Ellen Wolczanski</p>
	<p>Sunday, April 7 - Fifth Sunday of Lent 10:00 a.m. †Zenka Barancyk - Steve and Sandy Barancyk 5:00 p.m. The Living and Deceased Members of Saint Alexis and Saint Alphonsus Parishes</p>

THANK YOU!

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



In memory of
Eleanor Rose Napoli

Vincent Carbone
 James and Maria Koester

OFFERTORY - MARCH 24, 2019

Envelopes	\$ 9,627.00
Faith Direct	\$ 7,665.06
Loose Money	\$ 961.00
Total	\$ 18,253.06
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 19,350.00
Surplus (Shortfall)	\$ (1,096.94)
2019 Parish Share	
Parish Share Donations	\$ 12,856.00

ONLINE GIVING WITH FAITH DIRECT



Why not make a change to the most convenient and secure way for you to make your weekly offering to Saint Alexis. To enroll in automatic

contributions, visit www.faithdirect.net and use Saint Alexis code: PA47. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE: APRIL 6-7, 2019

Mass Time	Extraordinary Ministers	Reader 1	Reader 2	Altar Servers	Cantor
4:00 p.m.	R. Negle, T. Sampietro, K. Zatavekas, J. Florentine, T. Parker, B. Busi, C. Reid, M. Dornburg, M. Bauer	D. Givens	D. Givens	A. Dingle, H. Dingle, A. Polk	M. Veres
10:00 a.m.	F. Stock, J. Gavel, D. Lohmann, J. Heim, D. Lohmann, M. Wertz, V. Iarussi	J. Graper	L. Flores	L. Haught, J. Veres, J. Catanzaro	J. Voegler

SAINT ALPHONSUS AND SAINT ALEXIS NEWS

TRUSTING GOD

By Dave VanVickle, Director of Evangelization

This week I wanted to focus on building trust in God, so I turned to something my wife wrote not long ago and quickly realized it is a powerful practice that I need to share. So I present to you the “Thirty-day Trust challenge” by Amber VanVickle:

Rarely is the spiritual life a continuous road of upward progression. And though we will never “make it” on this side of eternity, it can be quite frustrating to find ourselves in the same old rut, facing the same fears, doubts, questions we had thought previously conquered.

I recently found myself once again in such a rut. Facing the same doubts, questions, bitterness, and distrust that had plagued me before, I stood before the Lord brokenhearted and weary. Perhaps the one difference I noticed, was that I knew the change had to come from me: it wasn’t God who was absent from me, but I who had grown absent from God. I had a suspicion that my weariness and frustration were coming from a place of self-centeredness, that for too long, once again, I was placing before the Lord far too many requests and questions and little else.

Determined to leave that place, I made God a promise: Lord, for thirty days I will ask nothing of you, not the simplest thing. For thirty days I will only surrender my cares into your hands, praise you and thank you. My prayer was to find my way back to the heart of Jesus.

The first week was mostly a battle against habit, and it was striking to find how many times I had to stifle the words, “Please Lord,” from exiting my mouth in a single day. This provided some humble revelations of my prayer life: first, that prayer had ceased to be a conversation with the Lord; and second, that the language of my prayer had diminished the greatness of God in my mind and heart. Petitioning for me had become a form of control to micromanage the ways of God and bespoke of a lack of trust of who he is, how great and good he is, and the providence of his plan.

I began to find it freeing to put away my anxiety-ridden petitions and replace them with a simple, “Lord, I put this in your hands.” It took practice to be sure, and many times I found it stifling to not utter all I had to say, but soon the physical, spiritual and even mental effects of this prayer grew fruit.

The second week was filled with a profound admission that what we say and think matters. Though many times I didn’t feel like saying, “I surrender this,” and “I entrust this to you,” by saying those very words, my soul recognized an outpouring of confidence and an untethering of God and my control. I was actually trusting in his greatness, in his capability to know more than I, that he indeed had a plan of which I was certainly not the author.

The words, though many times half-hearted, became reality, and I found myself musing, “So this is what it feels like, sounds like, to have confidence in God...to relinquish all...to know that he will order all things to the good.”

I began to feel a stillness and lightness where frenetic anxiety had once lodged. As more of my control was handed over to God I became more docile. Even my husband remarked that I seemed more peaceful, confirming all I was beginning to feel.

As week three unfolded, I noticed my language became more spousal and intimate. And instead of the micromanaging, controlling, stifling language of my complaints and petitions, I found myself saying, “I know you will provide...I trust you...You will give us all we need...You will take care of this...You know all...You know what is best...”

God grew and grew, as he was finally untethered and unleashed from the small box to which I had confined him. In my heart and mind, he became who he is: master, creator, king, and I became who I am: creature, beloved. I found myself asking, “Am I finally allowing Him to come to me?” as I realized my distrust had kept him at arm’s length.

Week Four

In the beginning of my experiment, I decided to memorize Psalm 63 to quite frankly fill-up the space that would be lacking from my loquacious petitioning. It would reinforce and teach me again the language of love, trust and worship. By week four, I had the psalm mostly memorized and prayer had become an intimate time of praise, thanksgiving, and entrusting.

The relief I felt of no longer feeling that I had to explain things to God, to tell him what was happening so he could really understand is hard to put into words. The name of Jesus was also always on my lips, not in petitioning as before, but in desire for closeness. There was an intimacy that followed me throughout my day, a lightheartedness in the knowledge that God is who he says he is.

Happily, though I shouldn’t be surprised, I found that surrendering all to God affected my whole life, not just my “prayer life.” The chaos of living in distrust had fed noise, distraction, aggravation and a general frantic feeling.

It may seem silly, but I used to rush around speeding in my car, always, getting where I was going in a mad rush, not late, just always in a hurry, a frenzied haste to just “get there.” I began to slow down. It was quite a surprise as I noticed myself, window down, hand out the window, enjoying the ride, instead of being white-knuckled at the wheel. Yet, I don’t think it is surprising that when we relinquish more and more of ourselves, God infiltrates all those spaces and brings order and peace.

Without intentionally trying, I got almost completely off of social media, and was surprised to see that at the end of the day I had not checked Facebook or any other outlet once. My desire for it was gone.

I only made one change in my life for thirty days: to not ask God for anything. To say I got out of my “rut” is an understatement. To say I felt like a different person is, too.

It’s strange and wonderful to see what the Lord reveals to us when we quiet our chatter and let him in, let him be who he is.



A PASSION PLAY TESTIMONY

From: Charles Lisella

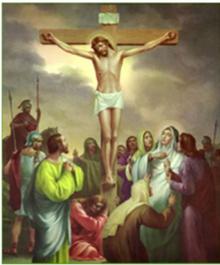
Being in this presentation of the passion of our Lord for the past 7 years is one of the best things I have been a part of. My brother John-Paul was in it first, then I fell in love with the play. First, I started out playing the trumpet in the background, then eventually an Apostle, Judas, John the Beloved and then Jesus. It is a performance, but for me it's becoming a part of Jesus's life for that hour during the play like an on going prayer. When I was Jesus in 2017, I felt the pain in the betrayal of the apostles, the agony of the crucifixion, and the glory of God in his resurrection. All going through my heart and through the emotions that Jesus went through. That is something that I will never forget. Its not just another story in the Bible, it is the word of our Lord and what he did for us to live freely in this world with our free-will.



"But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed." Isaiah 53:5

Charles is a graduate of Seneca Valley SHS '17, Parishoner at St. Gregory's in Zelenople, currently working for Zelenople Borough in the Street Department, and is going back to school soon for Music Education for Band.

SAVE THE DATE FOR SAINT ALPHONSUS' PASSION PLAY

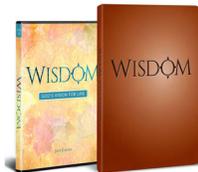


The passion play, "Make Us Believers" is a musical journey from Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to his death and resurrection. The play will be performed on **Friday, April 5, at 8 p.m.** and on **Saturday, April 6, at 7 p.m.** in the Ryan Center, which is adjacent to Blessed Francis Seelos Academy. No admission fee is charged; a freewill offering is appreciated.

For more information contact Saint Alphonsus Music Director Mary Heagy at MusicDirector@SaintAlphonsusWexford.org or 724.538.5258.

BIBLE STUDY - "WISDOM - GOD'S VISION FOR LIFE"

All are invited to join the Catholic Community of Wexford for Bible Study on **Tuesdays - April 9 through May 28** from **7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** at the Saint Alexis Education Center - Room 112. The cost \$25 per person. For information, visit stalexis.org or email reled@stalexis.org or call 724.935.0877.



MASS INTENTION REQUESTS NEEDED



We are in serious need of **weekday** Mass intentions for both Saint Alexis and Saint Alphonsus. Diocesan law only permits us to have one "For the People of the Parish" Mass each weekend within our Grouping.

Because of this, we are in need of a few more **Sunday** Mass Intentions also. Please stop by the Parish Center and fill out a form to have a Mass intention for your loved ones.

HANDICAPPED AREA AT FISH FRY

The Fish Fry will **NO LONGER** have a handicapped area in the school lobby.



Guests who cannot navigate stairs are invited to have dinner in the music room, which is just off of the main dining area in the cafeteria. Parking will be along the cafeteria window area, and handicapped guests may enter in the back door near the kitchen area (there are no steps this direction). Once in the building, they can order and pay from the handicapped area.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO DELIVER FISH FRY MEALS TO HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

The St. Alphonsus Men's Fellowship group is organized to deliver Fish Fry meals to homebound Saint Alexis and Saint Alphonsus parishioners on the evenings of **April 12 and April 19**. The meals are a gift from the Parish. Would you like to deliver a meal and visit with a parishioner? You do not need to be a member of the Men's Fellowship group to volunteer. Women, men, couples and families are invited to deliver a meal. Signups are available online www.tinyurl.com/homebound2019. Contact Dick Heilman at 724.443.5606 or men@SaintAlphonsusWexford.org with any questions.

Do you know a registered parishioner who is homebound? Please call Gail at the parish office at 724.935.1151 ext. 210 or email secretary@saintalphonsuswexford.org with the name, address and phone number of the person, so that they may be included in this outreach.

WE NEED CANDY FOR OUR EASTER EGG HUNT!

If you'd like to donate, please drop off your donation of wrapped candy to St. Alphonsus Church or to St Alexis Church. There will be a bin in the back of the old side and also on the new side of St. Alphonsus Church. There will also be a bin in the Narthex of St. Alexis Church. We're looking for candy that is small enough to fit inside a plastic egg.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be at St. Alphonsus on Holy **Saturday, April 20, at 12:30 p.m.** in the playground area. In case of rain, we will gather in the school cafeteria.

The Catholic Community of Wexford: St. Alphonsus and St. Alexis

Easter Egg Hunt

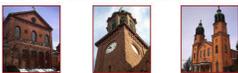
Easter Egg Hunt at Saint Alphonsus
April 20, 2019
at 12:30 p.m.

Come and meet the **Easter Bunny**.
Bring a bag or basket.
If it rains we will move inside.

SEVEN CHURCH TOUR



ONE NIGHT
AND
SEVEN CHURCHES



Our Holy Thursday seven church tour this year will immediately follow the **7:00 p.m. Mass on Thursday, April 18**. Our bus will leave from the parking lot at Saint Alexis after Mass and return by midnight. The churches that we will be going to include **Saint Teresa of Avila, Saint John Neumann, Saint Ferdinand, Saint Kilian, Saints John and Paul, Saint Alphonsus** and the tour will conclude at **Saint Alexis**.

We are asking for a \$10 donation to help with the cost of the bus. Please remember to call the Parish Center at **724.935.1151** or **724.935.4343** to register for the Seven Church Tour.

SAINT ALPHONSUS MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

The Men's Golf League is looking for golfers of all skill levels for the 2019 season. League play is on Mondays starting April 1. The league is open to new and returning golfers ages 18 and over. New golfers may contact Jack Gross at 724.935.0396 or David Barton at 724.935.5262, or just go to Rittswood course in Valencia on **Monday, April 1** for out first 9 holes (front nine). Tee times are between **4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.**



LADIES OF CHARITY



Saint Alexis Ladies of Charity are having their annual Easter food drive for the poor. There are many families that benefit from this and they are always appreciative. The drive ends on **Sunday, April 7**. There will be containers in the back of Saint Alexis church for collection of the food. **Thank you!**

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



Make a commitment to be with our Lord on the first Friday of every month. You choose the time. Saint Alexis needs assistance in helping the parish cover the some of the hours. We need volunteers during these times: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (If you can't make it for a particular month, we cover your time.) Please email: klandaul@gmail.com.

ON MISSION

We Are Ambassadors for Christ

When reflecting on faith we often consider the importance of trust. This reflection is typically focused on our need to trust in God and not to worry or be anxious about anything. However, we cannot forget all that God has entrusted to us as his beloved children. He has given us life and gifts and talents and trusts that we will use them for the good of others in fulfillment of his will.

In light of this, we should take to heart Saint Paul's words in today's second reading: "so we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us." Aware of all that God has entrusted to us we become his representatives in the world, reflecting his light and love through our words and deeds. On Mission for The Church Alive! becomes our opportunities to be Christ's representatives in our parishes, our communities and beyond as he entrusts all of us with the task of building up the Church. As we work to have our hearts transformed and strengthened this Lent may the result be our ever-faithful witness to God's life at work in us. Visit onmissionchurchalive.org to learn more and to stay informed.



BLESSED FRANCIS SEELOS ACADEMY



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNING STUDENTS!

On Saturday, March 16, seven of our Forensics Team Members participated in the Diocesan Forensics League All Stars competition. Eighth grader Caroline Marschke received first place for Drama and seventh grader Mary Narvett was named one of four finalists in the Poetry category. The other All-Stars included Alexandra Aiello, Hailey Baranowski, Brendan Donnelly, Megan McLaughlin, and Sydney Rovnan. Mrs. Mary Smolter and Mrs. Anne Olon are the team coaches.



the direction of Mrs. Janet Dineff, had the largest representation of the Northern Area Schools. Congratulations to Anastasia Davis, Rowan Carrico, Nico Johns, Julia Martin, Mary Narvett, Connor Peoples, Carli Rivetti, Sydney Ronan, Alexandra Sepcic, Amelia Perri, Marco Perri, Valeria Vasquez, Maya Wanamaker, TJ Wanamaker, Nathan Warecki, Katarina Walko, Bella White, Jack White, Gregory Zagrocki, and Mary Zagrocki. Additionally, TJ, Katarina, Bella, Maya, Sydney, and Nico were selected for the All-Star Band that will perform in April.



Congratulations to fifth grader CJ Proch! CJ made 10 of his 12 foul shots during a boys basketball tournament at St. Mary's Lyceum in Lawrenceville. His 83% shooting percentage earned him a first place trophy.



Also on Saturday, twenty of our band students were selected to perform with the North District Honor's Band. After two days of practice, the combined band of over 90 instrumentalists performed a concert at Noth Catholic High School. Blessed Francis Seelos Academy, under

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

OVER 50 UPCOMING EVENT

April 14 at 1:00 p.m. - Contact Rose Scheller for more information at 724.728.2563.

FAMILY BINGO



At Resurrection Church on **Sunday March 31** at 1100 Creedmoor Avenue 15226 enter Quinn Hall through the court yard under Resurrection Church (children 6 years of age and older are welcome, State law requires that children must be accompanied by one parent or adult). Doors open at **12:30 p.m. and games begin at 1:15 p.m.** Cost is \$5 per person gets 4 cards of 15 regular games paying \$25, specials are \$.50 with winner taking half of the take and the Coverall Jackpot is \$100! Refreshments & Chinese Auction for the children. Tickets sold at the door and all proceeds benefit the

Resurrection Women's Guild Scholarship Fund. Contact President Roberta Mitzi Allen art 412.287.4781 with questions.

BADEN EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

The Sisters of St. Joseph will host Baden Earth Day **Saturday, April 13**, from **noon to 3 p.m.** on their grounds located at 1020 State Street in Baden. The Sisters invite you and your family to explore the pathways and nature trails on their 80-acre campus while enjoying live music by Justin Wade and Bobby Thompson of the Justin Wade Band and food truck fare from Papa Duke's Gyros. This free community event will feature interactive exhibits by Fern Hollow Nature Center and the Western PA Beekeepers, a free seed and plant exchange hosted by the Baden Garden Club, a nature craft coordinated by Boy



Scout Troop 403 and more! Walk through the Sisters' community gardens, meet their therapy dogs, visit the chickens and learn how honeybees contribute to the ecosystem on their grounds and beyond. Baden Earth Day is hosted by the Sisters of St. Joseph in conjunction with Baden Borough and Baden Garden Club.

"Gift Card BINGO & Food Trucks

They're coming to Vincentian Academy on **Saturday, April 13** from **1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Bring a friend (ages 16+) and play 20 games for \$30. The event includes Specials, Gift Baskets, 50/50 Raffles and more! A variety of Food Trucks will be parked on site from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Pre-Register for BINGO at vincentianacademy.org. Join us for an afternoon of fun!"



DIOCESAN NEWS

The Chimbote Foundation's
15th Annual Golf Outing
Monsignor Roos Memorial

Monday, June 3, 2019
South Hills Country Club

MEMORIAL MASS — 10:00 A.M.
REGISTRATION — 10:30 A.M.
LUNCH — 11:00 A.M.
SHOTGUN START — 12:30 P.M.
COCKTAILS — 5:30 P.M.
DINNER — 6:30 P.M.

SAVE THE DATE
Prizes, 50/50 Raffle, and Mulligans
Awards immediately following dinner

Online Registration Opens April 1st

All Proceeds Benefit
The Chimbote Foundation
www.chimbotefoundation.org
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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.

Prayer Ministry- To initiate a request on the email prayer chain 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.

If you would like to be a part of this important ministry to pray for others, please contact them.

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.org.

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.



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