

Welcome to . . .

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY *of* WEXFORD

SAINT ALPHONSUS & SAINT ALEXIS

Connecting our Mission, Growing Our Faith



*Jesus prays that the love of the Father
may be in those who believe.*

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)

JUNE 2, 2019

**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

FROM FATHER ZYWAN . . .



THE LORD BLESSES THE WORK OF OUR HANDS

Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's **Spring Clean-up/Day of Caring** on May 28 at Saint Alexis. God provided us with a beautiful day and many

generous hearts provided the labor, allowing for a number of projects to be accomplished.

It was wonderful to see families together, with parents and children working side-by-side. How great is that! Collectively, we can take pride in all that was accomplished.

May the spirit of good stewardship - caring for what has been entrusted to our care, continue to grow in our community. Let us give God praise in all that we do. Blessings...



WEAR THE RED!

GOT RED?



Next Sunday, June 9, is the solemn celebration of the **Feast of Pentecost**. On this day when we recall the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon Our Lady and the Apostles, we ask that you, come to Church that day, and

wear something RED in celebration of our birthday as Church. The "red" represents the gift of the Holy Spirit that has been poured forth upon each of us and it is that same Spirit of Jesus that unites us as one. So remember, to wear something **red** when coming to Mass next weekend, **June 8 and 9**, and **celebrate Pentecost!**

SCHOOL'S OUT!

June 10 is the last day of classes before summer recess begins at Blessed Francis Seelos Academy. With the absence of the school children, there is no need to have a weekday morning Mass at 9:00 a.m. to accommodate their schedule. **Therefore, beginning on Wednesday, June 12, the Wednesday morning Mass time will be adjusted to 8:00 a. m. and celebrated at Saint Alexis.** The 9:00 a.m. will be scheduled when classes resume. Thank you.



CONGRATS SENIORS!

You did it! You made it through high school! The tests, the group projects, the essays on topics you didn't understand, the book reports on books you didn't read... you made it through all of it. You performed in school concerts, represented your school in sports, achieved academic success, and made great friendships. Now you're about to enter a new season of life.

Some of you may be off to work, college, trade school, armed forces, missionary work, or just taking a break. But all of us must continue in our pursuit of holiness and knowing Jesus Christ. Whatever the challenges that come a head, we must let Christ lead the way. Like David says in psalms "I love you Lord, my strength... my rock, my fortress, my deliverer, my God, my rock of refuge, my shield, my saving horn, my stronghold" (Psalm 18:2-3). Every joy and victory is found in Jesus. Keep on pursuing a relationship with Him, in prayer and sacraments, wherever you're off to next.

To celebrate this exciting time of your life, the Catholic Community of Wexford invites you and your family to a graduation mass and luncheon on **Sunday, June 16 at 10:00 a.m. at Saint Alexis Church** with luncheon immediately following in Friendship Hall (old school cafeteria). Please call the Parish Center at 724.935.4343 or 412.935.1151 to RSVP your senior and number of guests by **June 10**.



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 souls who recently passed through death: **Joe Bullick** (87) husband of Emma, father of Stephen (Diana) Bullick, Elizabeth (Bill) Bender, and grandfather of Gayle, Billy, Lori and Scott; **Catherine Lang** (77) mother of Cathy (Walt) Opiela, grandmother of Tyler, Ryan and Luke; **Sloan McKennan** (84) husband of Ruth, father of Sarah Prady, Timothy McKernan and Patricia Nemeth.

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



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:

Charles Begley	Gay L. Mullen
Joe Borza	George "Murph" Neely
Jeannie Bukauskas	Paul Nemeth
Allison Cricks	Eddie Penco
Mike Delisi	Bill Redmack
Elmer Gerst	Karl Rieger
Marge Gerst	Sarah Sestric
Deacon Al Heiles	Morrie Stack
Olivia Kilkeary	Jackie Straw
Jim McCourt	Mary Ann Taiclet
Ron Mehok	Richard Tomczak
Mary Ann Meinert	Paul Turnley
Barbara Mehring	Marci Williams
Linda Miele	Margaret Mary Zoffel
Tom Miele	Prayer Shawl Recipients
Roder Montenegro	

THE CATHOLIC TRUTH ABOUT ANGELS, DEMONS, GHOSTS, EXORCISMS AND HAUNTINGS.

Presented by Dave VanVickle, Director for Evangelization.

Witnessing To The Power and Glory of The Glory of The Catholic Church's Victory Over The Kingdom of Evil

Modern culture's obsession with all things paranormal provides the Catholic Church with a unique evangelistic opportunity. The Catholic Church is the only true authority on this subject, and it is time to share the power and the glory of the Church's victory over the gates of hell. Dave will give a well-balanced, highly evangelistic, and engaging presentation and will answer all of your parishioners' questions about Angels, Demons, Ghosts, Hauntings and Exorcism.

Thursday, June 6 at 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Saint Alexis Church

THE SAINT OF HOPE VISITS SAINT ALPHONSUS AND SAINT ALEXIS

On **Saturday, June 8**, a first-class relic of the Portuguese-born Saint Anthony of Padua will visit our parishes at Saint Alphonsus and Saint Alexis.

Father Alessandro Ratti will bring the holy relic from the saint's Basilica, Saint Anthony of Padua, in Padua, Italy, near the enchanting city of Venice. The relic is contained in an exquisite reliquary which was venerated by Saint Mother Teresa and Saint John Paul II when we were blessed to have them among us on earth. Tom Muscatello, North America Representative, will accompany Friar Alessandro during the 2019 North American Holy Relics Tour. The tour is in honor of the saint's Feast Day on June 13.



Saturday, June 8: Saint Alphonsus
Veneration from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, June 8: Saint Alexis
Veneration begins at 1:00 p.m. followed by the Anticipated Mass at 4:00 p.m.

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 to add a loved one onto the list.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading — Because Stephen professes his faith in the Son of Man, he is stoned to death (Acts 7:55-60).

Psalm — The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth (Psalm 97).

Second Reading — I, the Alpha and the Omega, am coming soon (Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20).

Gospel — Jesus prays that the love of the Father may be in those who believe (John 17:20-26).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21;
Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab;
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;
Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7;
Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

SAINT ALPHONSUS INFORMATION

THIS WEEK AT SAINT ALPHONSUS

MASS INTENTIONS

<p>Sunday, June 2 <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 in church 11:30 a.m. Mass</p> <p>Monday, June 3 12:00 p.m. Mass 2:00 p.m. Mass at Grace Manor 2:15 p.m. Kindergarten Prayer Service Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. St. Alphonsus Men's Fellowship meeting in cafeteria</p> <p>Tuesday, June 4 8:00 a.m. Instrumentalists practice in church 1:00 p.m. Kindergarten Closing Prayer Service 6:00 p.m. 8th Grade Graduation Mass</p> <p>Wednesday, June 5 9:00 a.m. School Mass 12:00 p.m. Mass 12:30—8:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 3—3:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Devotion 7:00—8:00 p.m. Reconciliation 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir practice in the Rectory basement</p> <p>Thursday, June 6</p> <p>Friday, June 7 8:00 a.m. Sanctuary Committee in church 12:00 p.m. Mass</p> <p>Saturday, June 8 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Veneration of Relics <i>Outreach to Bethlehem Haven Women's Shelter</i></p> <p>Pentecost Sunday, June 9 7:30 a.m. Mass 9:30 a.m. Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word</p>
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	Sunday, June 2
7:30 a.m.	No intention requested
9:30 a.m.	† George Lyons, Jr. by <i>Saint Alphonsus Men's Golf League</i>
11:30 a.m.	† Mary Theresa Stripay by <i>Irene Fantin</i>
	Monday, June 3
12:00 p.m.	No intention requested
	Tuesday, June 4 - No Masses
	Wednesday, June 5
9:00 a.m.	† Herb Pegher by <i>Saint Alphonsus Staff</i>
12:00 p.m.	† George Lyons, Jr. by <i>Jim and Mary Yingling</i>
	Thursday, June 6 - No Masses
	Friday, June 7
12:00 p.m.	† Wallace Zielinski by <i>Glenn and Laurie Craig</i>
	Saturday, June 8 - No Masses
	Sunday, June 9
7:30 a.m.	† Louise Meinert by <i>Cam & Ken Miller</i>
9:30 a.m.	† Living and Deceased of Saint Alphonsus and Saint Alexis Parish
11:30 a.m.	† Kathleen Patrick by <i>family</i>

Income: May 20 through May 16, 2019

	Regular	Electronic	Total
Offertory	\$ 7,655	\$ 5,039	\$ 12,694
Parish Share	\$ 1,240	\$ 3,731	\$ 4,971
School	\$ 120	\$ 272	\$ 392
Major Maint.	\$ 0	\$ 174	\$ 174
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 280	\$ 40	\$ 320
Future Diocesan Collections	\$ 0	\$ 10	\$ 10
Ascension	\$ 440	\$ 0	\$ 440
Votives	\$ 235	\$ 0	\$ 235
TOTAL	\$ 9,970	\$ 9,266	\$ 19,236

Parish Share Assessment: \$ 99,942 - Collected: \$ 62,751
 Upcoming 2nd Collections: May 30 - Ascension Thursday
 June 2 - Maintenance
 June 16 - School Collection

OUR ADVERTISERS

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

Saint Alphonsus - **Berkshire Hathaway**
Linda Garber-Windisch, Real Estate Agent

Saint Alexis - **Leone Animal Supply Center**

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

MASS INTENTIONS

8:30 a.m. Pro-Life Rosary 9:00 a.m. Pro-Life Meeting 2:00 p.m. Mass at Grace Manor 6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir 7:00 p.m. Support Group	MONDAY, June 3		
9:00 a.m. Small Groups 12:00 p.m. Tuesday Hope	TUESDAY, June 4	4:00 p.m.	† W. Chad Geiger - Mother
6:45 a.m. Men's Fellowship Prayer Group 4:30 p.m. Executive Pastoral Council 6:00 p.m. Young Adult Ministry 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	WEDNESDAY, June 5	10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	† Ralph Altman - Betty Altman and Family Living and Deceased Members of St. Alexis and St. Alphonsus
7:00 p.m. Small Groups 7:00 p.m. Support Group B	THURSDAY, June 6		Monday, June 3 - St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration 12:00 p.m. Support Group 7:00 p.m. Support Group	FRIDAY, June 7	8:30 a.m.	† Rosemary Sweeney - Bethe Rykaczewski
8:00 a.m. Goddard School Graduation (Private) 8:30 a.m. Small Groups 9:00 a.m. Breakfast Club 10:30 a.m. Support Group 1:00 p.m. Veneration of Relics	SATURDAY, June 8		Tuesday, June 4 – Easter Weekday
11:30 a.m. Cangilla Baptism 6:30 p.m. Support Group 6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Alpha	SUNDAY, June 9 - Pentecost Sunday	8:00 a.m.	† John Rabick - Mary Ann Rabick
			Wednesday, June 5 - St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
			No Mass
			Thursday, June 6 - St. Norbert, Bishop
		7:00 p.m.	In Celebration of Bill and Mary Ellen Zabel's 66 th Anniversary
			Friday, June 7—Easter Weekday
		8:00 a.m.	† Stella McLaughlin - Mary Ellen Zabel
			Saturday, June 8 - Easter Weekday
		8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	† Keith James Lowen - Sandy Cogneetti † Alice Schon - Cheryl George
			Sunday, June 9 - Pentecost Sunday
		10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	† Francis Weiherer - Joe and Claudia Reljac † Norbert Zawadzki - The McRanes Family

UPCOMING WEDDING

BANNS II
Marissa A. Previte,
Our Lady of The Angels
and
David E. Spence
Our Lady of The Angels



Wedding is at Saint Alexis Church

OFFERTORY - MAY 26, 2019

Envelopes	\$ 8,119.57
Faith Direct	\$ 8,011.31
Loose Money	\$ 746.00
Total	\$ 16,876.88
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 19,350.00
Surplus (Shortfall)	\$ (2,473.12)
2019 Parish Share	
Parish Share Donations to date	\$ 107,061.01

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE: JUNE 8-9, 2019

Mass Time	Eucharistic Ministers	Reader 1	Reader 2	Altar Servers	Cantors
4:00 p.m.	R. Negle, J. Schuler, M. Schuler, M. Schuler, J. Peirish, A. Kushner, D. Vicheck, L. Vicheck, D. Mascari	L. Doane	M. Takaas	M. Alessi, M. Alessi, S. Komoroski	C. Isacco
10:00 a.m.	F. Stock, J. Gavel, D. Lohmann, D. Lohmann, M. Wertz, D. Lersch, J. Heim	G. Lersch	B. Roberts	B. Vernon, M. Heim, J. Schlemmer	M. Newcomer, B. Maloney

SAINT ALPHONSUS AND SAINT ALEXIS NEWS

ENTERING INTO THE LOVE OF THE CROSS

By Amber VanVickle

I remember distinctly a night that had a great impact on my soul, a night that led to a great searching and seeking. It was late; I was sitting amidst beeping machines around the hospital bed of my newborn daughter. She had just had extensive back surgery for severe spina bifida, only a few days old. She was more tubes and bandages than sweet baby-soft skin. I sat with a broken heart in quiet questioning to our Lord. We had prayed for a miracle that had not come, and the result had been nothing less than torturous, physically for our daughter, in every way for us.

At this same time, a beautiful miracle had occurred for an acquaintance of ours. Like the miracles of old, a life-giving, awe-inspiring, faith-enriching healing. We rejoiced in it with all our hearts. A letter soon circulated that this miracle occurred, first, because of God's great love for the couple. As I read the letter late that night, sitting next to my daughter, my heart broke even deeper. What did it mean for us that the miracle had not come? Did God not love us?

It's easy for us to read the Gospel accounts and see only the thread of one miracle story after another. But there are hidden golden threads that seem too often unnoticed, and it seems like our Lord utters them in quiet desperation: "You seek me... because you ate your fill of the loaves..."; "Unless you see signs and wonders, you will not believe," and "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Perhaps the Lord is telling us that his love is not simply measured in the physical, in the miracles, and the healings, but perhaps even more so, in the absence of those. That his love is shown, even more deeply, in the crosses, the trials, and tempests of our lives, in the seeming absence of his power and love. That God permits sorrow and suffering for the very end of drawing us into himself, for an intimacy and sharing-in that could not be achieved any other way than through a share in his passion: "You seem, Lord, to give severe trials to those who love You, but only that in the excess of their trials, they may learn the greater excess of Your love."

Too often the spiritual life, that continuous road of handing of our lives, hearts and wills to God, is depicted as an effortless adventure, that when we turn to God all will be well. Many times I've heard, "Just sit back and wait and see what the Lord does!" as if a firework show awaits around every corner, but as Teresa of Avila says, "They deceive themselves who believe that union with God consists in ecstasies or raptures, and in the enjoyment of Him. For it consists in nothing except the surrender and subjection of our will – with our thoughts, words and actions – to the will of God."

God is a consuming fire, a fire that "breaks, blows, and burns and makes us new," as John Donne writes. God's love is one that enflames but also one that purifies: "For you O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. You brought us into the net; you laid affliction on our backs; you let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us forth to a spacious place." The absence of God's miracles does not signify the absence of his love but the very presence of it, an offering of it and invitation to greater intimacy, a sharing in his life so efficaciously achieved by the stripping and fire of the cross: as St. Teresa Margaret writes, "Since Your life was a hidden life of humiliations, love and sacrifice, such shall henceforth be mine."

Perhaps the sadness and frustration we hear in the voice of Christ is because of his desire for true love, a love that flourishes in the dark valleys as well as the peaks of life, a love that is not dependent on getting "our fill of the loaves," a love that is pursued and sought not because of signs and wonders but because of who He is, a love that is tested and tried and found pure and true. He gives us this opportunity of love through the cross and sufferings, even more so than His miracles. As St. Teresa of the Child Jesus prays, "O Lord, You do not like to make us suffer, but You know it is the only way to prepare us to know You as You know Yourself, to prepare us to become like You... because You wish that my heart be wholly Yours."



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF WEXFORD PRESENTS:

VIRGIN MOST POWERFUL FIVE WEEKS WITH THE MOTHER OF GOD

All parishioners are invited to deepen their relationship with the Mother of God by joining us for this series and preparing for "Total Consecration" on the feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel on July 16. Books explaining the method will be given out at the first talk on **June 13**.

Thursday, June 13, 7:15 p.m. "Queen of Heaven and Mother of the Church" at Saint Alexis Church

Thursday, June 20, 7:15 p.m. "Mary in the Scriptures and Tradition" at Saint Alphonsus Church

Thursday, June 27, 7:15 p.m. "Three Important Marian Apparitions" at Saint Alexis Church

Thursday, July 11, 7:15 p.m. "Authentic Marian Devotion" at Saint Alphonsus Church

Thursday, July 16, 7:15 p.m. "Final Talk and Consecration to Mary" at Saint Alexis Church

SONSURF VACATION CHURCH AND BIBLE CAMP

Hey kids, get ready to hit the surf because The Catholic Community of Wexford is having its annual Vacation Church and Bible Camp! SonSurf VCBC will be held **June 17-21** from **9 a.m.-noon** at the **Saint Alphonsus campus**, 201 Church Road in Wexford. It is open for students PreK thru 5th grade. Registration forms can be found in the back of Saint Alexis and Saint Alphonsus churches. Forms are also available online at stalexis.org or saintalphonsuswexford.org. Registration and payments can be made online on our websites. Teen volunteers forms are available as well.



Kids will enjoy crafts, music, games and other fun activities in a faith-filled environment. For questions, email religoused@saintalphonsuswexford.org or reled@stalexis.org or call Louis Bosco 724.935.1151 ext. 213 or Paula Green at 724.935.4343 ext. 225.

SAINT ALPHONSUS WEEKLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION MARKS SIX MONTH MILESTONE



Wednesday, June 5 marks 6 months since extended weekly Adoration began at Saint Alphonsus Church. We are grateful to Father Zywan, Father Joe, Deacon Jeff and Deacon Al for making this possible.

There are 10 permanent volunteers who have graciously agreed to cover a particular time slot each week. If you would like to join the group of St. Alphonsus' Adoration permanent volunteers, please send an email to Maureen Kelly at mkelly@catholicexchange.com. Time slots are hourly from 12:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and for a half hour from 7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

In addition to the permanent volunteers, 76 persons have signed in on Saint Alphonsus' Adoration Sign-In Book! This includes priests, deacons, and laity (married couples, single persons, etc.). Many of them come frequently to Adoration.

If you would like to receive the weekly invites to sign up online for Adoration, please send an email to Maureen Kelly at mkelly@catholicexchange.com. You can also sign up for time slots at <http://tinyurl.com/StAlAdore>.

Confessions are offered from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. during Adoration. It is a wonderful opportunity to go to Confession and to pray in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

We are grateful to each person who is spending precious time in Adoration. All are welcome to join us at Adoration on Wednesdays at Saint Alphonsus and on First Fridays at Saint Alexis. You can sign up for Adoration at Saint Alexis at <http://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!



HONOR YOUR FATHER ON FATHER'S DAY

Orders for Father's Day candles for both Saint Alphonsus and Saint Alexis parishioners can be made until **Wednesday, June 5**. Candles will be lit and displayed in front of the altar at Saint Alexis over Father's Day weekend, June 16. Your Father's name will be inscribed on a display board near the altar. Forms can be found in the back of the churches, at the Parish Center, or on our website. Please fill out this form and return by mail, collection basket or drop off at Parish Center with your donation of \$5.00 per name listed. For "Living Fathers," we will mail out a spiritual Mass card directly to him.



ON MISSION

Father, They Are Your Gift To Me

In the creation story we are told that God made human beings "in His image." This doesn't mean that we are exact clones or identical twins of God, but rather that each of us, in light of our unique gifts and characteristics, are created to reflect the vibrant life and loving face of God to others. God's hand in our lives doesn't end in creating us. Throughout our lives God gives us purpose and fills us with the gifts we need to fulfill that purpose. The challenge for us is to know ourselves as God knows us, as his gifts in the world to share his light and life with others. Through prayer and in humility we are invited to see clearly God's will for our lives and all he has provided for us so that his will and our lives may be complete. God hasn't randomly or thoughtlessly placed us in this world to create a reality for ourselves. He has sent us into the world with a specific task in mind that we might love others and build up his kingdom in the Church, making it ever more Alive! Visit onmissionchurchalive.org to learn more and to stay informed.





BLESSED FRANCIS SEELOS ACADEMY

EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION

Congratulations to our eighth grade class! We pray that they continue to grow as Children of God as they being the next chapter of their school career. The last day of school for the eighth graders is May 31. Graduation will be held **June 4, at Saint Alphonsus Church.**



EIGHTH GRADE DANCE



Seventh and eighth grade students are invited to party "Beach Style" to celebrate the graduation of the eighth graders. The dance will be held on **Monday, June 3 from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.**

GIFT CARD SALES

Blessed Francis Seelos Academy gift cards will continue to be sold at the elementary campus on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., with the exception of **Thursday, July 4**. All family orders placed through www.bfsafundraising.com will be ready for pick up the Tuesday or Thursday following the order date. If you are unable to pick up gift cards during those times. please contact giftcards@seelosacademy.org and alternative arrangements can be made.

RYAN CENTER RENOVATIONS

Changes are coming to the Ryan Center! The current bleachers and floor will be replaced beginning in June. The red bleachers will be replaced with navy. The floor will have a new look, but retain the dedication: "Father Murphy Court."

The Saint Alphonsus sports banners will also be auctioned off this spring through electronic bidding. Details on how your family can own a piece of history will be published soon.

SAINT ALEXIS FESTIVAL

Preparations for the 2019 Saint Alexis Festival are under way. This is one of the largest fundraisers for the school; 100% of the profits are to remain with our school. We will need help and participation from our school families to make this event a success and to make it a fun time for all! There are many opportunities to volunteer your time and provide donations. Please visit the festival website at www.stalexisfestival.com.



SEELOS GARDENS

The Seelos Student garden has been planted! Students along with their teachers have cleaned up the garden, planted, and are enjoying watching their seeds sprout up already!

A variety of herbs such as parsley, rosemary, cilantro and basil have all been planted. The children also seeded a great variety of vegetables. Tomatoes, peppers, carrots, a variety of lettuce, red beets, pole beans, radishes were all planted by the children. New this year are potatoes and "rainbow" carrots. If the harvest is fruitful the children will make homemade salsa when they return to school in the fall.

The pond remains untouched as the children anticipate the arrival of frog eggs. They hope to establish a population of toads and try to develop ways to identify them during the next school year.

On nice warm days a few teachers also use the garden space for a quiet space to teach religion or just go to recite a decade of the rosary.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

NHCO'S ANNUAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL COLLECTION IS ON!

North Hills Community Outreach NHCO is collecting new backpacks and school supplies for students in kindergarten through 12. Items needed include backpacks, notebooks, binders, paper, folders, pencils, pens and calculators. Good quality teen backpacks with sturdy zippers are especially needed. Gently used Texas Instrument graphic/scientific calculators are also needed for high school students. NHCO provides more than 1,200 backpacks full of school supplies for students each year.



Donations can be dropped off **Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. through August 3** at any NHCO office including NHCO Allison Park, 1975 Ferguson Road, Hampton. Donations are also accepted 9:00 a.m. to noon the first Saturday of each month in the food pantry behind the main office in Allison Park, or alternative arrangements can be made by calling 412.487.6316 option 1.

FLAG COLLECTION & RETIREMENT

The Knights of Columbus are collecting unserviceable and discarded flags from now through July 4th weekend. Look for an appropriately marked (red, white, & blue) Drop Box (for flags only) near the main parish entrance. Please dispose of your flag staff or pole separately. Your participation in this project is a way for all of us to respectfully dispose of our withered flags. Eight councils in our two districts are participating in this Flag Retirement project. The Flag Retirement ceremony will take place **6:00 p.m. Wednesday July 24** in front of Wexford Volunteer Fire Company, (228 North Chapel Drive). The Knights of Columbus is collaborating with our local American Legion, the Boy Scouts, and the Wexford Fire Dept. to handle the proper disposal. The K-of-C Color Corps and Boy Scout Honor Guard will participate in the Flag Retirement Ceremony.



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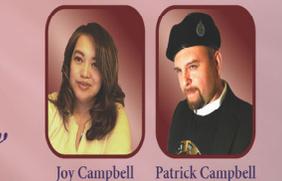
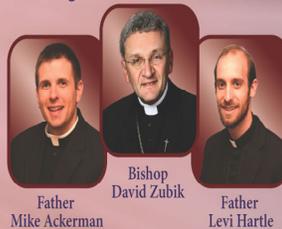
Pentecost Vigil

Saint Paul Cathedral - June 8, 2019



"I am with you always."

- Pentecost Vigil Mass – 6:00 pm
- Festival of Praise – 7:30 pm
(Holy Apostles Parish Praise Band)
- Healing Ministry – 9:30 pm
- Benediction – midnight
- Prayer Ministry – until 1:00 am



"Be not afraid."

Come And Go As You Please

For more details: diopitt.org/events/pentecost-vigil, or contact Jim Zern 412-818-3226, jim.zern@yahoo.com

FESTIVAL OF PRAISE FOR VOCATIONS

Come to praise God for the four men to be ordained to the priesthood on **June 23 at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Paul Seminary! Bishop Zubik and Father Michael Ackerman will preside over a holy hour and time of adoration. Mirella Brun del Re will lead praise. There will also be opportunity for confession and a light reception.

DIACONATE ORDINATION

Celebrate with the entire Church of Pittsburgh as two men are ordained deacons on **Saturday, June 8, at 10:00 a.m.** in Mary, Mother of Hope Church, New Castle. Please pray for Michael Faix and Matthew Hawkins as they prepare for this joyous day and take this important step on the road to the priesthood. More information is available at www.diopitt.org/events.

PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION

Celebrate with the entire Church of Pittsburgh as four men are ordained priests on **Saturday, June 29, at 10:00 a.m.** in Saint Paul Cathedral, Pittsburgh. Please pray for Brendan Dawson, Timothy Deely, David Egan and Mingwei Li as they prepare for this joyous day on which they will become priests in service of our Church. More information is available at www.diopitt.org/events.

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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.

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

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.

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.



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