

Welcome to . . .

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF WEXFORD

SAINT ALPHONSUS & SAINT ALEXIS

“Grow in Jesus, engage in community, and go forth to make disciples.”



*Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived
at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.*

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)

ALL MASSES ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

APRIL 12, 2020

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

FROM FATHER ZYWAN

EASTER 2020 OR, A 20/20 EASTER



Happy Easter! This is certainly a different experience of celebrating Easter than we are accustomed. But **undoubtedly, this IS Easter!** As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, our lives have been changed dramatically. However, not necessarily without benefit and

blessings.

With all the closings of businesses and the social distancing that has been asked of us in order to control the spread of disease, our spiritual lives have flourished! With God, *nothing* is wasted, not even these times of adversity. God can always bring good out of a bad situation. This is what we, as Christians, celebrate in recalling a horrific day over two centuries ago. Jesus, Son of the living God was arrested, charged, convicted, and put to death on a day that we now call “good” because of what God did for us. How can this be? It’s because God triumphed over humankind’s sin and even mortality itself. In these challenging times, the same victories are now ours and all peoples.

This time has been a time of spiritual growth for me and I hope for you as well. I have been praying for the whole Church, that this time with all sorts of limitations may be a time where we all spiritually flourish. This is a real spiritual oasis!

I have heard of all sorts of great things happening in people’s lives. For example, one person shared with me how they always moaned on Palm (Passion) Sunday and Good Friday over the length of the gospel proclamation of the passion. This year, however, they actually had remorse over not being able to participate in her parish! On my weekly visit to a local grocery store, I was bemoaning to a woman who is employed there how much I dislike shopping – especially carrying the bags out to the car, then from the car into the house and putting all the groceries away. She responded to my comments by simply reminding me of how heavy the cross was for Jesus. Her words have since remained with me in countless situations (Thanks D).

Perhaps like me you have thought more about people that you love and far too often take for granted. I almost daily make the time to reach out with a phone call or email to parishioners, relatives and friends like never before. “Distance” certainly makes the heart grow fonder. I know the same is true for you who are not able to attend daily or Sunday Mass or to just stop by the churches and make a short visit with Jesus. Like you, I can’t wait until these days prohibiting large public gatherings are behind us.

Finally, appreciate Jesus, risen from the dead and raised in glory not just dwelling in you, but actually working through you. Thanks to the many who with the heart of servant and the loving hands of Jesus are reaching out to neighbors and parishioners and those in need. When we express our faith in Jesus, risen from the dead who lives forever, it is both healing and contagious. I pray that Easter 2020 will be an Easter in which you have a 20/20 vision of God’s presence, love and working in your life. Alleluia!

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISHES

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, like many other “businesses,” staff members of the Wexford Catholic Community had to be furloughed. This decision is perhaps, one of the most difficult decisions that I have had to make as a pastor and administrator. I felt this decision necessary for a number of reasons. First, Saint Alphonsus and Saint Alexis parishes, like all parishes, are prohibited from the public celebration of the Holy Mass. With this restriction, a significant decline in income has taken place due to parishioners and guests not being able to make their weekly offering in the customary way – the offertory collection. Secondly, with social distancing recommendations and the prohibition of the gathering of groups, there is limited ministry than we have customarily have experienced. The limited staff that remain are continuing to carry out their usual responsibilities in serving you, while extending themselves in new and creative ways.

With this decision, staff who have been furloughed now have access to assistance programs offered by government offices on the state and national level. These provisions should amount to very close to what their wages are after taxes and routine deductions have been made. In addition, as a parish, we will continue to maintain health care and other benefits these employees are accustomed to receiving until the restrictions imposed on us as a result of this pandemic are behind us and employees returned to work.

How you can help: First and always, **PRAY**. Pray first and foremost for those who have contracted the COVID-19 virus. We pray for their wellbeing and recovery and the wellbeing of those who are caring for them – medical professionals and a host of others. We pray for a vaccine to prevent this scourge from reoccurring in the future. Simply put, pray for a cure. It is prayer that connects us with God who enables us all to see the light beyond these times of darkness. Pray too, for those who have been separated from their work and ministry and for those employees who remain who are extending themselves in countless ways.

Secondly, if you have not recently been adversely affected in your employment situation, and if you are not already participating in an electronic giving program, please, **please, please, do so now**. Use this time of adversity as an opportunity to help our parishes in the long run by signing-up for **e-giving**. In doing so, it becomes more convenient **for you** to faithfully make your weekly or monthly return to the Lord, while being helpful for our parishes to receive a more predictable cash flow which enables us to better forecast the annual operating budget. In addition, e-giving saves the parish the additional expense of the envelopes and postage. If you choose not to take this route, we appreciate the mailing of your weekly gift to the Parish Center. In in this time of social awkwardness and restrictions in our public gatherings, your generosity and practice of stewardship means so much. Thank you for all that you do in the name of the Lord!

Again, be assured of Father Will’s and my prayers with you, your family and loved ones. We pray with and for you daily. Know that you are loved and missed, while being loved most by our God. Blessings...

In Jesus’ love,
Fr. Zywan

LOVE

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

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 who are in need of healing in body, mind or spirit, especially:

Brian Bart	Eugene Mancino
Rachel Borck	Michelle Mehok
Jeannie Bukaukus	Ron Mehok
Emma Bullick	Diane Miller
Rick Collins	G. James Neelan
Connor Cunic	Larry Sampietro
Gloria Dudowski	Irene Schultz
Nancy Greer	Amber VanVickle
Patricia Gross	David Zappa
Stanley Hofstetter	Prayer Shawl Recipients
Betty Howell	
Al Korade	

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.

WORDS FROM OUR POPE

"We, like Peter and the women, cannot discover life by being sad, bereft of hope. Let us not stay imprisoned within ourselves, but let us break open our sealed tombs to the Lord so that he may enter and grant us life. Let us give him the stones of our rancor and the boulders of our past, those heavy burdens of our weaknesses and falls.



Christ wants to come and take us by the hand to bring us out of our anguish. This is the first stone to be moved aside this night: the lack of hope which imprisons us within ourselves. May the Lord free us from this trap, from being Christians without hope, who live as if the Lord were not risen, as if our problems were the center of our lives."



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: **Helen**



Kamenar (92). Sister of Rose Ciganik and Theresa Kolarik and **Jerome Pottmeyer (92)**. Funeral Mass will be at a later date which has not yet been determined.

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: "He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead." (Acts 10:42)

Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118) or Alleluia

Second Reading: When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory. (Col 3:4)

Gospel: Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. (Jn 20:8)

Alternate Second Reading: 1 Cor 5:6b-8

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118: 1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a [22]/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15

MAKING A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Without access to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, it is important to still keep the Lord's Day holy! You can do this by intentionally praying the rosary, singing hymns or praise and worship songs, praying with Scripture, and making a spiritual communion, like the one below.

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



SAINT ALPHONSUS INCOME

March 23 through March 29, 2020

	Regular	Electronic	Total
Offertory	\$ 1,318	\$ 3,964	\$ 5,282
Parish Share	\$ 495	\$ 916	\$ 1,411
School	\$ 40	\$ 77	\$ 117
Major Maintenance	\$ 27	\$ 93	\$ 120
Easter Flowers	\$ 25	\$ 5	\$ 30
Catholic Campaign	\$ 171	\$ 260	\$ 431
Future Diocesan Collection	\$	\$ 25	\$ 25
Holy Days	\$	\$ 100	\$ 100
Votives	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL	\$ 2,076	\$ 5,440	\$ 7,516

2020 Parish Share Assessment: \$ 133,380
Collected: \$ 13,002

SAINT ALPHONSUS INCOME

March 30 through April 5, 2020

	Regular	Electronic	Total
Offertory	\$ 7,196	\$ 5,909	\$ 13,105
Parish Share	\$ 946	\$ 436	\$ 1,382
School	\$ 58	\$ 710	\$ 768
Major Maintenance	\$ 18	\$ 335	\$ 373
Easter Flowers	\$ 60	\$ 55	\$ 115
Catholic Campaign	\$ 35	\$ 20	\$ 55
Good Friday	\$ 2	\$ 60	\$ 62
Future Diocesan Collection	\$	\$ 165	\$ 165
Easter	\$ 113	\$ 370	\$ 483
Holy Days	\$	\$ 165	\$ 165
Votives	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL	\$ 8,428	\$ 8,245	\$ 16,673

2020 Parish Share Assessment: \$ 133,380
Collected: \$ 14,384

SAINT ALEXIS INCOME

March 23 through March 29, 2020

	Regular	Electronic (11th & 22nd)	Total
Offertory	\$ 3,410	\$	\$ 3,410
Loose Cash	\$	\$	\$
Parish Share	\$ 1,340	\$	\$ 1,340
School	\$ 5	\$	\$ 5
Catholic Campaign	\$ 85	\$	\$ 85
Easter Flowers	\$ 30	\$	\$ 30
Votives	\$ 80	\$	\$ 80
TOTAL	\$ 4,950	\$	\$ 4,950

2020 Parish Share Assessment: \$ 151,696 Collected: \$ 37,611

SAINT ALEXIS INCOME

March 30 through April 5, 2020

	Regular	Electronic (11th & 22nd)	Total
Offertory	\$ 5,978	\$	\$ 5,978
Loose Cash	\$	\$	\$
Parish Share	\$ 1,520	\$	\$ 1,520
School	\$ 50	\$	\$ 50
Catholic Campaign	\$ 130	\$	\$ 130
Holy Thursday	\$ 122	\$	\$ 122
Good Friday	\$ 52	\$	\$ 52
Easter	\$ 185	\$	\$ 185
Easter Flowers	\$ 63	\$	\$ 63
Votives	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL	\$ 8,100	\$	\$ 8,100

2020 Parish Share Assessment: \$ 151,696 Collected: \$ 39,131



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*** * Updates will continue to be posted on our website, as well as our Catholic Community of Wexford Facebook page. Please be assured of our continued prayers and support for you during this time.**



DISCONTINUING THE "PRINTED" BULLETIN

With the restrictions we currently experience, there is not much to place in the parish bulletin, nor can we leave them in the church since it is now locked. Details about important information is already found on the Parish website. This publication is not possible to continue during this current health emergency. Therefore, beginning this weekend, **we will cease printing the bulletin, but you can find an electronic version of it on our website until further notice.**

We apologize for any inconvenience.

ONLINE GIVING

We appreciate and would like to thank all of you who have recently signed up for online giving. However, as with you, we, *The Catholic Community of Wexford* still have utility obligations and payroll responsibilities to meet. With Masses being suspended indefinitely, **if you are not already participating in online giving, we strongly encourage parishioners to do so at this time.** E-giving is of great convenience to you and helpful in cost savings to the parish.

This is how you can register:

1. Visit catholicwexford.com
 2. Click "Events and Resources" and click on "Giving"
 3. Click on your parish name
 4. Create a username and password to register your account
- You can make a one-time donation or sign-up for recurring donations.

If you choose to continue using traditional offertory envelopes, **please mail them to the address below:**

Saint Alphonsus or Saint Alexis
10090 Old Perry Highway
Wexford, PA 15090

*For those parishioners who are now facing financial hardship due to the pandemic,
know that we, as Church, understand your challenges
and are there to offer assistance to you beginning with the commitment of our prayers.*

Please contact the Parish Center with questions or for assistance with creating your online account at 724-935-1151 or 724-935-4343.

Easter Flower Donations

In Memory of:



Mrs. Ralph Altman	Ralph Altman, Joshua Fay
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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.

If you would like to be a part of this important ministry to pray for

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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412.456.3093 (Office)

1.888.808.1235 (Hot Line)

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