



ST. ALPHONSUS AND ST. PATRICK PARISH

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St. Alphonsus Catholic Church
605 State St., Lemont

St. Patrick Catholic Church
200 E. Illinois St., Lemont

Mass Schedule
Saturday 4:00 p.m.
St. Alphonsus Church

Sunday 7:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
St. Alphonsus Church
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
St. Patrick Church

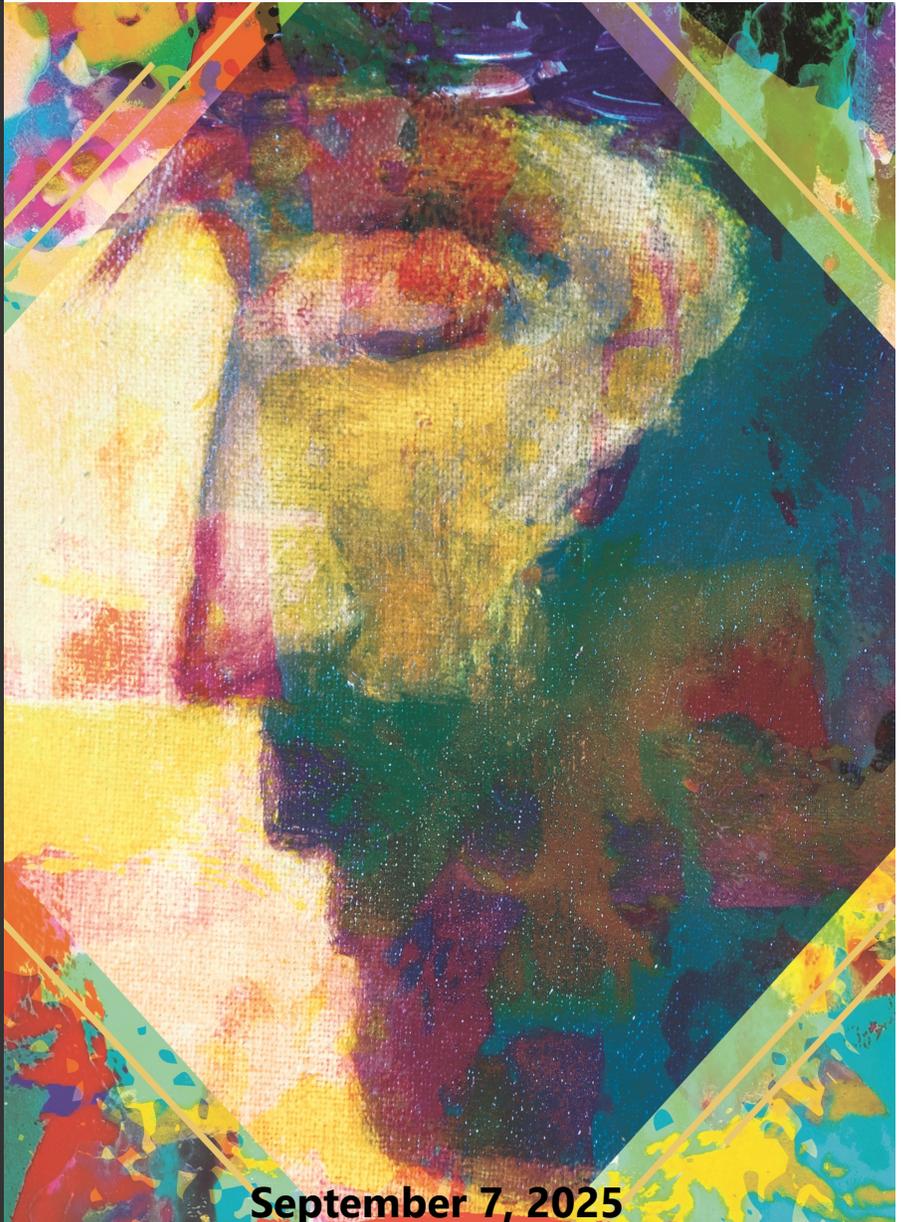
Daily Mass
Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m.,
alternating monthly between worship sites

Parish Office
210 E. Logan St., Lemont, IL 60439
Business Hours
Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Parish Office 630-257-2414
Fax 630-257-2476
Website: www.stals-stpatsparish.org
E-mail: stals-lemont@comcast.net

Religious Education
Located at St. Patrick Ministry Building
205 Cass St., Lemont
Phone: 630-754-7277 Fax: 630-754-7278
re@st-als.org

St. Alphonsus - St. Patrick School
20 W 145 Davey Rd., Lemont
630-783-2220
Fax 630-783-2230



September 7, 2025

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” - Lk 14:33

Parish Staff

Pastor

Fr. Brian Ardagh

Associate Pastor

Fr. Kisaka Nyache

Resident

Fr. Bob Rohrich

Weekend Celebrants

Fr. Lawrence Gorski

Fr. Tom Hoffman

Pastor Emeritus

Fr. Richard Shannon

Diaconal Ministry

Deacon Tim Callahan

Deacon Bill Lubben

Deacon Terry McGuire

Deacon Mike O'Neill

Deacon Larry Oskielunas

Deacon Dan Rittenhouse

Deacon Joe Winblad

Director of Faith Formation

Michael Lundberg

Asst. to Dir. of Faith Form.

Colleen Kinnunen

School Principal

Michelle Bessler

Operations Director

Denise Duda

Office Coordinators

Jordan Studzinski

Judy Techman

Accountant

Cathy Morris

Music Director

Joe Martorano

Building & Grounds

Don Betley

Chuck Morris

Evangelization Coordinator

Coleen Mast

Pastoral Associate

OCIA

Eileen Bruno

SPRED

John Felonk

(ages 17-21 group)

Carol Levas

(ages 22+ group)

Parish Council

Eileen Bruno Bill Doherty

Denise Duda Mark Ligda

John McCarthy Cathie Munoz

Mike O'Neill

Welcome!

We sincerely welcome you to *St. Alphonsus* & *St. Patrick* Parish!
St. Alphonsus & *St. Patrick* is a Catholic faith community located in historic Lemont, Illinois. Our parish has been blessed with two beautiful worship sites that have been established for over 180 years.

Our Parish Mission Statement :

As a united family of faith, St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Parish welcomes all to communion with Jesus Christ as we answer His call to love and care for one another. We share the Good News by our words and actions.

**St. Alphonsus Church
605 State St., Lemont, IL**



Sacramental Life:

Reconciliation/Confessions

Saturdays 3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
at St. Alphonsus Church

Baptism

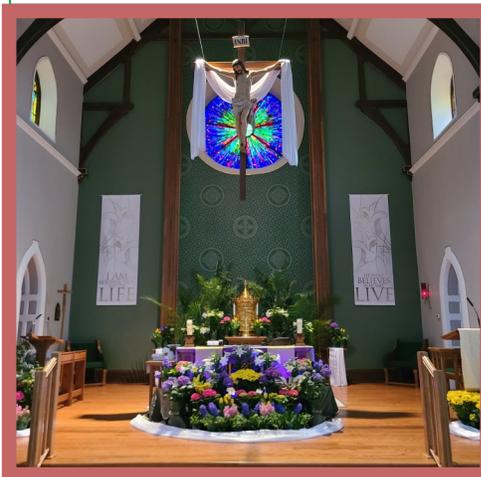
Baptisms are usually celebrated on the second and third Sundays of the month.

Please call the Parish Office to schedule.
(Baptism Preparation Seminar is offered virtually.)

Marriage

Prospective bride and groom must be active registered parishioners for at least 6 months before a wedding date may be scheduled.

**St. Patrick Church
200 E. Illinois St., Lemont, IL**



**Sick and Homebound –
Ministers of Care**

Contact the Parish Office for information.

Parish Registration

Anyone over the age of 18 should register as an adult member of our parish community.

You may register online at www.stals-stpatsparish.org.
or call the Parish Office for more information.

Contact Us- Parish Office 630-257-2414

www.stals-stpatsparish.org E-mail:stals-lemont@comcast.net

Follow *St. Alphonsus* & *St. Patrick* Parish on Social Media
We're on Facebook and YouTube



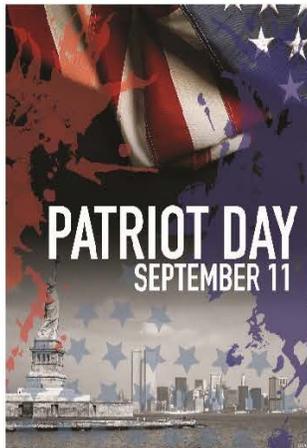
www.facebook.com/St-Alphonsus-St-Patrick-Parish-108123975895913



[St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Lemont](https://www.youtube.com/St-Alphonsus-St-Patrick-Lemont)



9/11 Anniversary



On Thursday, September 11th, our nation commemorates **Patriot Day**, honoring the 24th Anniversary of the tragic events that transpired on September 11th, 2001. During his visit to Ground Zero in 2008, **Pope Benedict XVI** delivered an inspiring prayer that continues to resonate with us today:

O God of love, compassion, and healing look on us -- people of many different faiths and traditions, who gather today at this site, the scene of incredible violence and pain.... God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events. Grant that those whose lives were spared may live so that the lives lost here may not have been lost in vain. Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all.

St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick School News



St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick School has established itself as one of the most esteemed Catholic institutions in our region. To contribute to the success of our school, we invite you to our 2nd Annual Back to School Bash, affectionately known as "SASPALOOZA". SASPALOOZA will be held on **Saturday, September 13th** at *The Forge*, located at 227 Heritage Quarries Drive in Lemont. The event promises to be an enjoyable evening, featuring delicious food, musical performances, and plenty of entertainment. Admission to SASPALOOZA is priced at a mere \$15! For more information regarding ticket availability, please contact the school office.

Mass Intentions



On Wednesday, Sept. 3rd, we began accepting Mass intentions for the **2026 Mass Intention Book**. Offering a Mass in memory of family or friend is a special way to remember them at the liturgy. It provides an opportunity to celebrate a significant event, such as a wedding anniversary or birthday, or to honor an individual who is ill or has passed away. If you would like to offer a Mass, please visit the Parish Office (210 E. Logan, Lemont, IL) to make a reservation.

Ministry Fair



On August 23rd and 24th, our St. Alphonsus and St. Patrick Parish hosted a **Ministry Fair**, featuring representatives from our diverse parish ministries. We are grateful for the numerous individuals who volunteered to assist in our parish ministries, demonstrating their generosity and commitment to our community. We encourage you to consider where you can contribute to our parish. We extend our sincere appreciation to our parish representatives for their time and effort in providing information at all the receptions, as well as the Knights of Columbus for organizing the Donut Sunday portion of the Ministry Fair.

Fr. Brian Ardagh

St. Alphonsus
Patrick School
PRESENTS

SASPALOOZA '25

AT THE FORGE



LEMONT, IL

9/13/25

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS
TICKET ADMISSION:

KIDS ADVENTURE PASS- MINIGOLF - TINSEL & TINT STATION -
FACE PAINTING & GOOD OLE FORGE FUN

MAIN STAGE

SCHOOL OF ROCK
EVAN FOX
COAX & FOLKS
SPONSORS



CASTLE AUTOMOTIVE - PREMIER PAWS
GREAT MORTGAGE / DONALD MCCARTNEY - AQUA POOLS
CATHY LITOBORSKI REALTY EXECS ELITE - CHIARITO AMFAM INSURANCE
AMERIPRISE/KRISTIN NENDZA - BUILDERS ASPHALT- KCC AUTO - PRISM
LEMONT BANK & TRUST - DONEGAL SERVICES - TIM JAY STATE FARM
ONSITE FLEET & REPAIR - RIVER ROAD TOPS
ALLEGRO - BUCK'S CLEANING SERVICES - LEMONT LIBRARY - POLLYANNA - TIPSY TAILS
LEO & SONS CARPET CLEANING - CALLAHAN PLUMBING - LEMONT PAVING CO

4:00 PM - 9:00PM
\$20/TICKET
KIDS UNDER 3 - FREE
RAFFLES & MORE



FOOD & DRINK FROM:
TWO BROTHERS PIZZA | QUARRY GRILL
THE CREAMERY
JOEY'S TACOS
TIPSY TAILS | POLLYANNA BREWERY

Religious Education Update

Don't forget to sign up for Fall R.E. Registration!

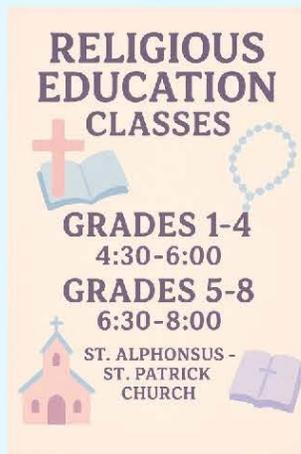
Please visit our parish website, www.stals-stpatsparish.org for REGISTRATION INFORMATION and the SCHEDULE.

Sessions begin on October 1st and end March 18th.

Classes are held on Wednesdays.

Forms and payment can be mailed to, or dropped off at, the parish office located at 210 E. Logan. If you have any questions, call the Religious Education office at 630-754-7277.

Please note the office has limited hours during the summer; however, all messages will be returned within a few days.



RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION
CLASSES

GRADES 1-4
4:30-6:00

GRADES 5-8
6:30-8:00

ST. ALPHONSUS -
ST. PATRICK
CHURCH

The poster features a central orange background with white text. It includes icons of a cross, an open book, a rosary, and a church building.

Morning Daily Mass

Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m.
Daily mass will be celebrated at
St. Patrick Church for the month of
September
Please join us for prayer,
reflection, and the Eucharist.

AVAILABLE NOW!
PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Jeff Hansen from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.



LPi Jeff Hansen
(800) 950-9952 x2683
JHansen@4lpi.com

Weekly Offering

August 30th and August 31st

Sunday Collection	\$ 8,302.00
EFT	\$14,305.00
Give Central	\$ 1,053.00
Total Collections	\$23,660.00

Weekly Attendance Count

August 30th and August 31st

4:00 p.m.	190
7:30 a.m.	167
9:00 a.m.	197
11:00 a.m.	265

If you are unable to attend Mass, you can donate online at www.stals-stpatsparish.org, scan the QR code, drop off or mail your donation to the Parish Office.



You may also sign up for EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer). Please call the Parish Office for more information.

**Let's Fill the Shelves!
Food Pantry Update**



Thank you for your continued support of our local food pantries. Each month we will feature a "product of the month" which is usually a special request from the pantries.

For September, we will collect cleaning supplies. **Example: toilet bowl cleaner, Lysol wipes, dish soap etc.** Other items you are able to give are also greatly appreciated. You may bring your items to church and place them in the collection bins.

Thank you for helping your neighbors in need!

Join us for a
Church Picnic!

The SASP Men's Club will be hosting a picnic September 14th after the 11:00 mass on the St. Alphonsus grounds.

Hamburgers / Hot Dogs / Side Dishes and more will be served. All are welcome!





Parish Life



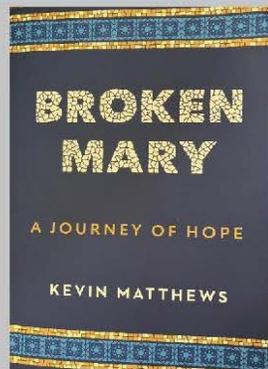
Monday 09/08/25	Tuesday 09/09/2025	Wednesday 09/10/2025	Thursday 09/11/2025	Friday 09/12/2025	Saturday 09/13/2025	Sunday 09/14/2025
7:30am Daily Mass St. Patrick Church	6:55 am Rosary before Daily Mass 7:30 am Daily Mass at St. Patrick 8:00 am Adoration at St. Alphonsus Chapel until 2pm 6:00pm SPRED St. Alphonsus Ministry Bldg.	6:55 am Rosary before Daily Mass 7:30 am Daily Mass at St. Patrick 3:00pm Rosary St. Alphonsus Chapel 7:00 pm Men's Club at St. Patrick Church Hall	6:55 am Rosary before Daily Mass 7:30am Daily Mass at St. Patrick 6:00 pm SPRED meeting at the Parish Center 6:30 pm Bell Choir at St. Alphonsus Church Loft 6:30pm Great Adventure Bible St. Patrick Hall 7:30 pm Choir at St. Alphonsus Ministry Building	6:55 am Rosary before Daily Mass 7:30am Daily Mass at St. Patrick 6:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal at St. Alphonsus	3:00 pm Confession St. Alphonsus 1:00pm Wedding St. Alphonsus 4:00 pm Mass at St. Alphonsus	7:30 am Mass at St. Alphonsus 9:00am Mass at St. Patrick 10:30 am Baptism at St. Patrick 11:00 am Mass at St. Alphonsus Church Picnic following the 11:00 am mass

SEPTEMBER

*Indian summer breezes blow
the geese are taking flight
A softly glowing harvest moon
lights up the starry night.*

*The special warmth and happiness we feel throughout September
will fill our hearts all winter long with beauty to remember.*

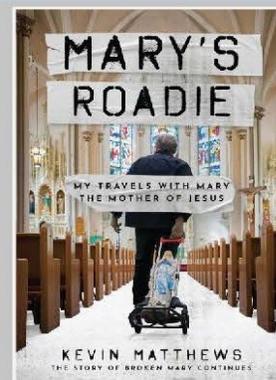
May God Bless you on your birthdays and anniversaries.



JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT PARISH BOOK CLUB MEETING!

**The books selected are
BROKEN MARY and MARY'S ROADIE
by Kevin Matthews**

Kevin was one of the most popular radio personalities in Chicago. He shares his story of faith and how a broken statue of the Virgin Mary has changed his life.



“We are all broken, but we are loved by God”

Discussion and fellowship will be held on
Wednesday, October 1, 2025, from 7:00-8:30pm
in the St. Alphonsus Ministry Building

- ◆ If you need copies of the books, there will be a limited supply available at Parish Office. (Broken Mary is \$4.00 and Mary’s Roadie is \$20.00.)
- ◆ You are welcome to bring along your favorite beverages or treats.
- ◆ To help us prepare for the evening, please RSVP to the Parish Office at 630-257-2414 or email Barb Betley at barbcarolina40@gmail.com.

Optional Service Project– Take a mom to lunch! As we read about Kevin’s devotion to the Virgin Mary, mother of Jesus, let’s remember, spend time with and pray for all of the mothers/mother figures in our lives.

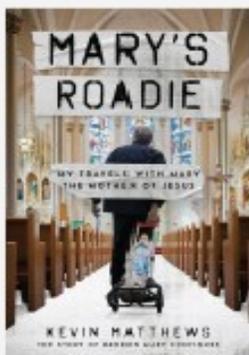
Don’t miss an evening with KEVINMATTHEWS!

Thursday, Oct. 9

St. Alphonsus Church at

7:00p.m.

(Doors open at 6:00p.m.)



Kevin Matthews is a successful speaker and author of *Broken Mary* and *Mary’s Roadie*. (Our book club will be discussing his books.) He was also a Chicago radio personality who had over 10 million radio fans listening weekly while broadcasting from the iconic Loop Radio Studios. His story will be featured in a documentary in theaters on October 7th.

In the fall of 2008, his world came crashing down; while on the air, he became partially paralyzed. God was calling Kevin and he will share how a broken statue of the Virgin Mary led him on an incredible faith journey. He is known for his heartfelt and engaging talks on faith, healing and the journey from brokenness to hope.



A "NOTE" FROM THE DIRECTOR'S PODIUM

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

With the ending of summer at hand, I once again find myself looking forward to another year of serving you as Director of Music Ministry. It is amazing to realize this is the beginning of my 27th year at the Parish. I truly feel blessed.

Our Music Ministry is in need of "NEW TALENT!" All choirs and instrument ensembles could use your talents and time. I know there are wonderful voices sitting in the pews because I can hear you! If you enjoy singing as part of your worship, please allow me to find a way for you to share your gift with our parish community. The Instrument Ensemble and Handbell Choir also need new members. I am looking for additional string instruments, flutes, clarinets, and low brass players. If you are at least in the 8th grade with three or more years of training, WE NEED YOU!!! I need your help in order to continue our Music Ministry Tradition.

Fr. Brian, and I have spoken at length regarding this need. This year we will continue to have music ensembles at the Saturday 4:00p.m. and Sunday 9:00a.m. and 11:00a.m. Masses. The music selected for Liturgy will be a mixture of contemporary with traditional. I hope our ensembles will encourage all attending Mass to increase their prayerful participation with us. Rehearsals are as follows:

Parish Choir: Thursdays 7:30- 9:15p.m.

An extra tutorial session as needed on Wednesdays 7:00-8:00p.m.

Handbell Choir: Thursdays 6:30-7:30p.m.

Cantors for non-choir Masses and Instrumentalists will rehearse as available.

Our Children's Choir will rehearse on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 6:30p.m. in the Religious Education Building coinciding with the R.E. Schedule. The Children will sing once, each month, starting in October. The Children will also sing on Christmas Eve at the 2:00pm Mass at St. Patrick Church and Easter Sunday 9:00 Mass at St. Alphonsus Church.

For further information please contact me at jmartorano@archchicago.org or the Parish Office: 630-257-2414

Yours Musically In Christ,

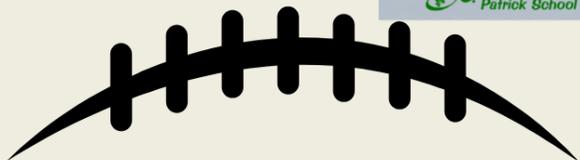
Joseph Martorano

Director of Music Ministry

September 7, 2025

www.stals-stpats.org

SCHOOL NEWS



FootballMania is here!

Support St. Alphonsus / St. Patrick School by purchasing your FootballMania tickets today!

Each ticket gives you a chance to win cash prizes throughout the football season while helping our school grow and thrive.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.charitymania.com/give/AF0D2 or scan the QR code on the flyer.

FootballMania!
a CharityMania!® Fundraiser

WIN \$1,000s!

Support St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick School.
Have a blast playing this exciting sweepstakes based on professional football! Get your game cards and WIN!

- 1 Get one game card, play all 18 weeks of the fundraiser
- 2 You get 3 new teams each week
- 3 If your 3 teams score the most or fewest total points... you win!

Each game card can win prizes in all 18 weeks!
Use your card for these three teams in each 10.

Team	Points scored in week 10
Chicago	42
Green Bay	35
Red Sea	62
Total points	139

If your teams score more total points than any other card that week, you win!

← Scan to buy tickets and donate (\$20 per ticket)
When you enter the FootballMania sweepstakes, you are eligible to win up to \$400 in each of the 18 weeks of the FootballMania season.
Questions? Contact Michelle Bessler at 630-783-2220.

Isaiah 45:9-11

“How terrible it will be for anyone who argues with his Maker! He is like a broken piece of pottery lying on the ground. Does clay say to a potter, ‘What are you making?’ Does a pot say, ‘You don’t have any skill?’ How terrible it will be for anyone who says to his father, ‘Why did you give me life?’ How terrible for anyone who says to his mother, ‘Why have you brought me into the world?’ The Lord is the Holy One of Israel. He made them. He says to them, ‘Are you asking me about what will happen to my children? Are you telling me what I should do with what my hands have made?’”

PREGNANT NEED HELP?
CALL WATERLEAF@630-701-6270
PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER, JOLIET (815)744-7755



LEMONT PRO LIFE
MINISTRY

**“TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON
AND A TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE UNDER HEAVEN.”**

“A Time to be Born through Baptism”

“A Time to Love in Holy Matrimony”
Congratulations Hayden Murphy and Christopher Buck

“A Time to Die” -

**To all the military and innocent civilians who have died in war.
Please keep all these listed, and their families, in your prayers.**

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 6

4:00pm Mary & Bernard Kucharski-Family
Ron Dominick-Wife
Leo Piekosz-Piekosz Family
Parishioners of St Alphonsus & St. Patrick Parish

Sunday, September 7

7:30am Linda Laurino-Family
Fran Berst-Paul Malak
Judy Hannon-Family
Greg Zolecki-Keenan Family

9:00am Kenneth Swiec-Swiec Family
Frank Pecoraro-Fr. Brian Ardagh
Dolly Evans-Donna & Larry Stolinski
Kathleen Heffernan Lennon-Donna Bylina

11:00am Jerry Noga-Nancy
Lois Kwak-John Kwak
Dennis Lucheon-Barbara Salbego
Ron Salbego-Mom

Monday, September 8

7:30am Rosaline Reed & Lynn Eldred-Family

Tuesday, September 9

7:30am Josephine & Norbert Malinowski-Niece
Bev Malak-Polly Trent

Wednesday, September 10

7:30am Sam & Helen Caruso-Nicholas & Katie Duda
Dom & Joan Filicichia-Gisela & Dan Rittenhouse

Thursday, September 11

7:30am Dion DeLude-The O'Hara Family
Rimas Kamantas-The Annarino Family

Friday, September 12

7:30am Gerry Murphy-Vokurka-Family
Francis P. O'Brien, Sr.-St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Parish

Saturday, September 13

4:00pm Mary & Frank Kearns-Kucharski Family
Elaine & Bernard Przybocki-Cathy Jasso & Family
Mary Catherine Heaty-The Twomey Family
Molly & Nicholas Kinsella-The Twomey Family

Sunday, September 14

7:30am Keith Michalek-Family
Parishioners of St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Parish
James Connellan-Family
Malak Family-Keenan Family
Joe Ricken-The Annarino Family

9:00am Christopher Mather-Father
Dale Hennebry-Family
Helen Perini-St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Parish
Patrick Joyce-Cathy & Byron Notter
Joe Ricken-Vita Annarino

11:00am John Techman-Loving Family
Regina C. Boland-Ministers of Care
Young John-Loving Family
Nancy Grandys- Gisela & Dan Rittenhouse

“Let us Pray for Healing” — Names will remain on the prayer list for two months. Please contact the office if you need to change, add, or extend a prayer request.

Brayden Edward	Rita Kaufman	Pete Malewski	Diann Rinke
Jack Counter	Dan Malak	Zepplyn Kilmer	Adriana Caldwell
Carol Zagorski	Brynn Plachy	Kay Quinn	Susan Scafide
Paula Byrnes	Dee Sullivan	Zach Ochromowicz	Beverly Parzych
Ed Schafer	Pat Bracken	Stanislaw Kopera	Susan Domino
Greg Hoger	Dcn. Joe Winblad	Mark Malewski	Ron Domino
Lee Villagomez	Fr. Lou Zake	Marek Biernacka	Naomi Zupan
Fr. Blasco Fonseca	The Singer Family	Nancy Mica	Alexa Caldwell
Bob Kaufman	Randy Merzdorf	Ron Esposito, Jr.	Jason Ullrich

“Let us Pray for all who Serve our Country”

Scott Bosco, USA, Kuwait	Zachary F. Eriksen	Dominick Filipek,
Joshua Plucinski, US Air Force, Germany	PFC Nick Kelliher	US Air Force
Eric Tucker, USA, Afghanistan	Warren Miller	
ATAR Bradley Komes	Chad Peters	
Capt. Daniel J Falvey	Ryan Rudman	
SSgt. John Kenney	Col. Tim Jaeger, Ft. Hood, Texas	
Capt. Brittany Neubeck	Benjamin Pawlak, United States Air Force	
Nicolas McCormick, US Navy, Rota, Spain	Andrew J. Bosko, Jr., Great Lakes Naval	
Christopher Durkovic, USA, Korea	Base, IL	
Jacob Christine, US Navy, UAE	Maj. Leslie Rafferty	
Mark Williams, II	Patrick Schubert	

