



St. Alphonsus Church

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm;

MASS SCHEDULES

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:15 am, 12 Noon

Tuesday – Saturday 9:00 am

BAPTISMS

Contact the Rectory

CONFESSIONS

Saturday morning
following 9:00 am Mass

Saturday afternoon 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

OUR LADY OF MERCY REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

29 Conwell Drive
Maple Glen, PA 19002

(215) 646-0150

Mr. John McGrath, Principal

February 14th, 2021 The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**IF YOU WISH,
YOU CAN MAKE ME CLEAN.**

MARK 1:40

A Message from Monsignor Hennessy

Dear Parishioners,

While the pandemic is sadly not behind us yet and a true return to normal still seems elusive, there are signs of a coming springtime for all of us. As steady gains are made in making the vaccine more available to various communities and groups of people, I think that we can begin to imagine and maybe even plan for that day when we can more easily be together with family and friends, including in church. For this we pray!

It is difficult to believe that we were just at the beginning of this whole experience this time last year. I remember so many people commenting that Lent would take on a new meaning, as we prepared to enter into the unknown experience of not being able to gather together in church and as we faced the many unknowns of how the pandemic would affect our family, friends and community. I think it safe to say that none of us thought in those early days that we would still be in this situation a year later. Through it all – and I think this is true for each of us – there have been many blessings and maybe even a greater awareness of what is important in life, as priorities have changed and life has been reimagined.

As we enter the second year of the pandemic and look with hope to its end, I believe that this Lent offers us a wonderful opportunity to focus our energies and to recommit ourselves to Christ and his Church. In Lent, we always have the chance to strip away what is unnecessary and even sinful, what separates us from God and one another. It is a time to clear the path forward so that we can grow in grace and holiness, in health and happiness. It is a time of humility, because we recognize that the way forward is only possible with God's help and through his strength. I pray that this Lent may be for each of us a time to make a great leap forward in living our faith and in living as a parish community. This year has been beyond hard and so many are weary, I know. May we focus our energies, however, and our desire to be together and live life fully by not missing this chance to prepare for our celebration of Holy Week and Easter, so that we may truly come forth from the tomb and celebrate the gift of life, not just the gift of eternal life that awaits us, but the gift of life that we are blessed with now.

Our celebration will begin this Wednesday as we receive the blessed ashes and hear the words, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel!" This year, as is done throughout the world even if uncommon for us Americans, the ashes will not be placed on our foreheads, but sprinkled over our heads. Hopefully this will allow everyone to feel comfortable receiving ashes since it will not be necessary to be touched, and will provide a new experience of this sacred feast when we contemplate our need for conversion and our one hope, Jesus Christ, who alone saves us from sin and is the source of our life and every blessing.

Know of my prayers as we begin this sacred season, and may we remain united in prayer for the end of the pandemic, for the restoration of our community and for the health of one and all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Monsignor Hennessy

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(St. Alphonsus Ligouri)

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment 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.



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Reading I: Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46

The disease specified as leprosy was in ancient days any rash or scab seen as a contagious skin disease. Only the priest could determine whether or not its victim was worthy of temple worship. Once purified, the victim could reenter the community and worship with it.

Reading II: I Corinthians 10: 31-11:1

The community has the task of evangelization and must make conversion attractive, all the time avoiding obstacles to a prospect's decision. We are called to imitate Christ in our mission of outreach to others not Catholic.

The Gospel: Mark 1: 40-45

Jesus shows remarkable tenderness and compassion in curing the leper. He demands that the cured man obey the community law and go show himself to the priest.



*The Bread & Wine is offered in
memory of Laurence P. Finnegan, III
from Tom and Nancy Moore*



*The Sanctuary Light burns in
loving memory of Kevin O'Neill's
11th Anniversary from Ellen & Family*

Deceased Relatives and Friends

George Kirsch, Carlo Ferraguti, Louis Cioci,
Charles Smyth, Kathleen Herron, James Martosella,
Gay Fantozzi, Teresa Toriello, Harry Oswald, Joseph
McGuriman and Robert Sink

Sick Relatives, Friends and the Homebound

Marin Baumer	Fr. Wilfred Maloney
Johanna Brown	Wendy Lewis Martin
Cathy & Angelo Caggiano	Barbara McAleer
Leah Carsello	Julie McCauley
Ellie Chang	Joseph McGuirman
Matt Cirillo	Elisabeth McLaughlin
Colleen Coll	Timothy Morgan
Anne Marie Davine	Edward Morris
Ron DiNicola	Jeffrey Moyer
Donnelley Family	Patrick Murphy
Mary Eidenshink	Elizabeth Anne Noll
Louis Farren	Mary Parkinson
Annette Feola	Michael Rafter
Joe Gisondi	Pat Reigle
Connor Gravelle	Michael Rockwood
Arthur Huie	Joan Schmitt
Margaret Jones	Lisa Shanahan
Mickey Kavanagh	Theresa Sherwin
Edward Lieber	Gerard Taddei
Irma MacKenzie	Nate Williams
Bishop Robert P. Maginnis	
Patrick Maholland	
Donald Mahon	

Prayer List names are on a 6 week rotation. Please contact the rectory with any extension or early removal requests.



PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Austin Schultz, 2nd Lt., Captain Colleen
McIntyre Osborne, Captain Andrew
O'Grady, Sgt. Kyle J. Mullen, 2nd Lt.
Gregory J. Fry, Major Matthew Miller, 1st Lt. Ryan A.
Schieber, Andrew J. Urban, Captain Christopher
Smith, Ensign Justin Price USN, Sgt. Michael Hiltwine,
Captain Sean Milde, Daniel R. Plefka, USAF, Cpl. Mat-
thew S. Leonardo, Lt. Christopher M. Boss, Capt.
Thomas Nell, USMC, Eric Burns, Anthony Szczurek,
Tania Szczurek, Matthew Trimborn, Major Gabriel J.
Zinni, Ryan Greene, Michael McDonald, Col. John Sul-
livan, Lt. Commander Thomas Luft, Lt. James D. Voter,
USN, Commander Frank Walter, Commander J. Milo
Sewards, USN, Captain Andrew O'Grady, USA, Harry
Kilpatrick, IV, USMC, Pvt. Joseph T. Donohue, USA

Together as a parish we pray for their safety.
Contact John Cavanaugh if you would like to add a
name or for more information at jjcav@comcast.net or
215-643-3299.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 13th:

Readings: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

9:00 AM: John McCann—Pacitti Family

5:00 PM: People of the Parish

Sunday, February 14th:

Readings: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45

8:00 AM: Vincent Walters—Dee & Nick Araco

10:15 AM: Mary Meehan—Her Family

12:00 PM: Sally Osborne—Eleanor O'Kane

Monday, February 15th:

Readings: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

9:00 AM: No Mass

Tuesday, February 16th:

Readings: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

9:00 AM: Kathryn Flynn—Pacitti Family

Wednesday, February 17th:

Readings: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

6:30 AM: No Intentions

9:00 AM: No Intentions

12:00 PM: No Intentions

7:00 PM: No Intentions

Thursday, February 18th:

Readings: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

9:00 AM: Salvatore Sandoli—Sandoli Family

Friday, February 19th:

Readings: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

9:00 AM: Kevin O'Neill—Ellen O'Neill & Family

Saturday, February 20th:

Readings: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32

9:00 AM: Debbie Hobbs—Mr. & Mrs. William Dougherty

5:00 PM: Mary Jo McNamara—Murray Family

Sunday, February 21st:

Readings: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-4, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

8:00 AM: People of the Parish

10:15 AM: Neil Fitzpatrick—Fitzpatrick Family

12:00 PM: Jim Stephan—Stephan



February 20th and February 21st

Next Sunday's Celebrants

5:00 PM: Father Keith Chylinski
8:00 AM: Father Keith Chylinski
10:15 AM: Monsignor Brian Hennessy
12:00 PM: Monsignor Brian Hennessy

Celebrants subject to change

Parish Office Hours

Until further notice there will be NO in person business done in the parish office.

Please call the office at 215-646-4600 or email rectory@stalphonsusparish.org with any request for forms, Mass cards and any other business. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Stewardship Report

For the Week Ending:	Jan 23, 2021	Jan 25, 2020
Sunday Collection	\$8,522	\$13,944
Parish Giving (net of fees)	<u>10,600</u>	<u>6,419</u>
Total Weekly Collections*	\$19,122	\$20,353
Fiscal YTD Collections*	\$551,798	\$583,095
Christmas Collection to Date	\$93,535	\$108,242

The generosity and support of our parishioners is greatly appreciated during these challenging times.

Collection Information

A second collection envelope for February 2021 is designated for **Saint Alphonsus Capital Improvements**. Funds collected help to maintain the operation of our systems, such as the roof and the ventilation system. Some of you may have observed the occasional need for a bucket to collect dripping water, or you may have sat through an uncomfortable temperature in the Church. Our maintenance staff works diligently to keep our Church in working order, but we are aging. Your consideration and generosity for this collection are greatly appreciated.

Saint Alphonsus Census

Please remember to mail back your 2020 census form with the provided return envelope. If you have not received a census or have any questions, please contact the rectory.



Make a Lenten Retreat with St. Therese of Lisieux!

"The Science of Weakness: A Lenten Journey with St. Therese of Lisieux" is a 3-day retreat with Susan Brinkmann, OCDS, that will reveal just how wounded and weak was the Little Flower of Lisieux, and how God taught her to turn those weaknesses into the strength she needed to become the "greatest saint of modern time" and to leave a legacy of hope for millions of "little souls." Scheduled for March 12-14 on the beautiful grounds of St. Mary of Providence Center in Elverson, PA, single and double occupancy rooms are available. Visit <https://www.catholiclifeinstitute.org/calendar/special-events/> for more information and to register.

Lent Day by Day: Seeing the Face of God in Others

Catholic Updates from Liguori Publications are concise, readable, four-page articles on topics of interest in the Church today. Please take a copy from the wall rack on the right as you leave the church. Look for new updates each month.

Lenten Small Group Prayer Guides

Members of the Lenten small groups can pick up their guides, *Lenten Longings for Year B*, on the Meeting Room side of the Narthex. Groups will begin meeting on Monday, February 15th.

Please Visit our Lenten Resources Table in the Narthex

You will find there copies of the *Little Black Book* and *Five Minutes with the Word*. Also available are the *Rice Bowls* from Catholic Relief Services, where you can collect your donations for the hungry throughout the Season of Lent.



Simplify another thing in your life and sign up for automated Parish Giving. To sign up, go to our website, www.stalphonsusparish.org, and click on the Parish Giving Icon on the sidebar. Have your bank account or credit card information available when you sign up. The program also includes holy days and second collections. Please feel free to call the rectory if you need any help.

Prep News

Confirmation preparation begins in grade 6. If you have a child in a private school who is in 6th grade, please contact Michele Gordon as soon as possible at mgordon@stalphonsusparish.org in order to receive important Confirmation information.

For families with pre-school aged children, if you would like to receive weekly **Shining Stars** materials to do at home with your children, please contact Michele Gordon at mgordon@stalphonsusparish.org.

HTN's Furniture Collection is Underway

Now through the end of May, our Helping the Needy (HTN) Ministry is collecting furniture for families in need, specifically; bedroom dressers and chests, nightstands, lamps; kitchen and dining room tables and chairs; living room chairs, loveseats, small sofas, end tables and coffee tables. Please contact HTN at 215-346-6416 or email htnministry@gmail.com if you have items you wish to donate.

FORMED—Now Easier Than Ever!

Now Register Easily for FORMED Using a One-step Process: Go to stalphonsusparish.formed.org on any mobile device or computer. No parish code is necessary, and no fee is required. Take advantage of the many rich resources available to nurture your faith!

Come Share the Word with us!

Join us virtually for an opportunity to grow in faith as we share the readings of the upcoming weekend and talk with one another about the meaning and message of those readings in our daily lives. We meet on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:00. To receive a Zoom link, contact Mauri McKee at irelond@msn.com

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Metanoia is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County, PA. The group supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area.

As the current gathering restrictions in our area are frequently changing, please be sure you are subscribed to our newsletter to receive access to our virtual meetings and our latest information by heading to <http://www.metanoiayoungadults.org>. Questions?

Contact metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com for more information, or visit our Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults).

Man Up Philly 2021

We are pleased to announce that **Man Up Philly 2021** will take place **virtually** this year on **Saturday, March 6th**. Despite our hope that the virus would abate and we could have an in-person gathering, the surge in cases since December has made us proceed in deference to the health and well-being of the attendees with a **virtual conference**. The conference will be streamed via Zoom to all registrants. This year's lineup of speakers is tremendous and will be an inspiration to all participants – **Fr. Mike Schmitz**, whose Bible in a Year podcast is #1 in the nation. He appeals to all Catholics, but has a special gift in reaching young adults. **Bishop Joseph Coffey**, originally a priest in the archdiocese, and now auxiliary bishop to the Military will also speak at the conference. We welcome **Col. Tom Manion**, chairman of the Travis Manion Foundation which supports military families in honor of his son, **Travis**, who paid the ultimate sacrifice in Afghanistan. **Deacon Steve Javie**, former NBA ref. will provide our reconciliation talk. **Registration is \$10** online at manupphilly.com

Intentional Disciples at St. Catherine's

St. Catherine's Young Adult Group, Intentional Disciples, welcomes you to join us **3/4/2021** as we continue our discussion of humility and how it ties into the Passion of our Lord. We will be led through a guided discussion of John 15:1-18 (the Vine and the Branches) followed by faith sharing as we journey through Lent. We will have mass at 7pm in the Church followed by social hour, then scripture and reflection in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions or would like to attend, please contact ID at id916horsham@gmail.com. Walk-ins are always welcome. We meet the first Thursday of each month if you cannot attend this month. Please visit our Facebook page "**St Catherine's Intentional Disciples**" for additional information and past presentations. Please wear a mask in accordance with CDC guidelines.

Martin Saints Classical High School

Admissions Open House: February 18th, 2021 @7pm

7th Grade Visitation: March 30, 2021

Guest Student Visit: Contact our admissions counselor, Ms. Lindmeier,

to schedule a visit during the school day.

Location: On the campus of Holy Martyrs Church, 120 Allison Road, Oreland PA 19075.

www.whymsc.org

Come be "fully alive" with us!

Any questions?

Contact: Ms. Laura Lindmeier to RSVP (lindmeier@martinsaintsclassical.org)

Holy Ghost Prep Honor Roll

Congratulations to Brendan Boutilier for making First Honors at Holy Ghost Prep!





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"OLM Rooted in God.... And growing in Mercy."

'21 - '22 OLM Enrollment



NOW Open!

Enrollment for the 21-22 School Year is NOW Open for grades PreK to 8th. Seats are very limited. Due to COVID19 restrictions, we are unable to conduct personal tours, however, we can put you in touch with a current family to ask questions or you can contact Julie Bebey for more information or to receive an application. Julie can be reached at OLM at jbebey@OLMrCs.com or at school, 215-646-0150 x113.

**Don't Pay Harrisburg
Use Your PA Tax Dollars to
Support OLM**

This program is open for individuals or businesses. It's easier than you think. Contact Julie Bebey at OLM for additional questions.



Join the EITC Program Today!

Learn how to redirect your tax dollars to benefit students throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and receive a 90% Tax Credit!

Informational Webinars:

February 10, 2021 @ 2:00 PM

February 23, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

March 11, 2021 @ 10:00 AM

March 23, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

To sign up contact Joe McGinn
Assistant Director of Development, *Foundation for Catholic Education*
jmcginn@foundationforcatholiceducation.org
610-793-8613

Gwynedd Mercy Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School students who made honor roll!

Ella Koschineg—1st	Anna Williams—2nd
Julia LaBoy—1st	Lynley Koschineg—1st
Samantha Osborne—1st	Siobhan Brogan—1st
Mary Cirelli—1st	Ansley DiNicola—1st
Julie Giannini—1st	Beatrice Lemanowicz—1st
Allyson McGuire—1st	Molly Meehan—1st
Cassidy Palazzo—1st	Payton Sowards—2nd
Cecilia Carrasco—2nd	Bianca Coleman—1st
Alexandra Falconio—1st	Mia Hudak—2nd
Gabriella Lorenzo—2nd	Katelyn McGuire—1st
Caroline Mullen—2nd	Emily Rossmeisl—2nd
Devon Sweeney—1st	Jamisen O'Donnell—2nd

Gwynedd Mercy High School Admissions Events

Personal and Group Tours: 6th and 7th grade students are invited to visit campus along with one parent
Visitation Days: 7th grade students are invited to spend a half day at Gwynedd Mercy learning about our class schedule, meeting our teachers and staff, and participating in a variety of academic and club-related activities

Virtual Tours: 6th and 7th grade families are invited to meet with our Admissions team and student ambassadors while taking a campus tour, from the comfort of home.

Practice Entrance/Scholarship Test: For 6th and 7th Graders on Saturday and Sunday – April 24th and 25th

Open House: Sunday, April 18th
More information and registration can be found at gmahs.org/visitgwynedd.

Mount Saint Joseph Academy Practice Tests

Mount Saint Joseph Academy

Prospective students are invited to join us for events this spring!

7th Grade Practice Test - Saturday, March 27, and Sunday, March 28

6th Grade Practice - Saturday, April 17

Registration is open at www.msjacad.org/practicetest.

Personal tours are scheduled by appointment – call (215) 233-9133 to reserve your tour.

For more information or to learn more about the event, email the Admissions Team at admiss@msjacad.org.

Nazareth Academy High School Practice Tests

Nazareth Academy High School will be hosting its Online 6th & 7th Grade Practice Test on Saturday, March 6, 2021, from 7:45 AM to 12 PM. The Practice Test serves as a beneficial opportunity for students to practice the skills needed to prepare for the 8th Grade Entrance Exam. Students will test virtually from home with Nazareth faculty members proctoring the test. To register your daughter for our Practice Test, please visit NazarethAcademyHS.org/PracticeTest. For additional information, please visit our website at NazarethAcademyHS.org or contact Ms. Derassouyan at Admissions@NazarethAcademyHS.org.

