



St. Alphonsus Church

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 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
9:45 am — 10:30 am
Saturday Afternoon
3:30 pm — 4:30 pm
And By Appointment

OUR LADY OF MERCY REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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October 10th, 2021 The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



ALL THINGS ARE
POSSIBLE FOR
GOD

MARK 10:27

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Dear Parishioners,

Since 1967, the Pope has celebrated World Communications Day to reflect on the modern uses of communication and how the Church can utilize them to better spread the Gospel. As technology advances, the ways in which we communicate are constantly shifting to the point at which we sometimes don't know where to turn! While there are obvious negatives to this feeling of unending connectivity and the ceaseless flow of information, we, as a Catholic parish, can utilize these tools for good. For instance, our Thursday Online Rosary, hosted by parishioner Joan Kilpatrick, is an excellent opportunity for someone to connect with the community through prayer from the comfort of their own home. While we always encourage you to attend Mass in person, if possible, we'll continue to stream our daily Masses if you're away or feeling unwell. Maybe you're even reading this on our new weekly newsletter! It's these advances that help us grow as a community and stay connected in ways we couldn't have even just fifteen years ago!

Last week it was announced that 2022's theme for World Communications Day would be an emphasis on *listening*. It's something so obvious but so easy to forget sometimes. I know, personally, I often catch myself hearing what people are saying but not truly listening to the meaning behind their words. It's hard, especially after a year of isolation like we've had, to not be absorbed in our own thoughts let alone someone else's. But there is so much value in making a concerted effort to change how we listen. It would be naïve of us to think we have nothing to gain from hearing the experiences, opinions, and beliefs of others. After all isn't that why we read and study the Scriptures?

Below is a 2016 quote from Pope Francis on the 50th World Communications Day that perfectly encompasses the church's goal this year.

Sincerely in Christ,
Jeffrey Clements

Some feel that a vision of society rooted in mercy is hopelessly idealistic or excessively indulgent. But consider our first life experience of human relationships in the family. Love is never dependent on the child's meeting certain conditions. The family home is one place where we are always welcome. I would like to encourage everyone to see society not as a competition between strangers but above all as a home or a family, where the door is always open and where everyone feels welcome.

For this to happen, we must first listen. Communicating means sharing, and sharing demands listening and acceptance. Listening is much more than simply hearing. Hearing is about receiving information, while listening is about communication, and calls for closeness. Listening allows us to get things right, and not simply to be passive onlookers, users or consumers. Listening also means being able to share questions and doubts, to journey side by side, to banish all claims to absolute power and to put our abilities and gifts at the service of the common good.

Listening is never easy. Many times it is easier to play deaf. Listening means paying attention, wanting to understand, to value, to respect and to ponder what the other person says. It involves a sort of martyrdom or self-sacrifice, as we try to imitate Moses before the burning bush: we have to remove our sandals when standing on the "holy ground" of our encounter with the one who speaks to me (cf. Ex 3:5). Knowing how to listen is an immense grace, it is a gift which we need to ask for and then make every effort to practice.

Pope Francis

**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: Wisdom 7: 7-11

Solomon's prayer exhibits his preference for holy Wisdom over power, riches, health, comeliness and light. A real challenge is here presented to the modern reader.

Reading II: Hebrews 4: 12-13

Addressed to pagan converts, the author asserts that God is both living and active, and shows Himself in Christ. We must someday render an account for our thoughts of the heart.

The Gospel: Mark 10: 17-30, or 10: 17-27

Three sections of Christ's teachings on wealth and the kingdom are presented here. (1) the story of the rich man; (2) Jesus' interaction with the disciples; (3) the rewards for giving up riches.





*The Sanctuary Light Burns in
Memory of
Joseph & Judith Cirelli from
Patrick & Mary Francis Kelly*

*The Bread & Wine is offered
in honor of
Jim & Loretta Citro's
50th Wedding Anniversary*



Deceased Relatives and Friends

Mary Waninger, Mary Burke,
& Gerry Beaudry

Sick Relatives, Friends and the Homebound

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Madison Donnelly | Gerald Taddei |
| Joe Gisondi | John Pasceri |
| Irma MacKenzie | Roseanne Prozillo |
| Bishop Robert P. Maginnis | Angelo Caggiano |
| Fr. Wilfred Maloney | Bob Bogner |
| Michael Rafter | John Monaghan |
| Vera Dierkes | Bill Rueter |
| Veronica Pasceri | |

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. Matthew 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 Sullivan, Lt. Commander Thomas Luft, Lt. James D. Voter, USN, Commander Frank Walter, Commander J. Milo Seward, USN, Captain Andrew O'Grady, USA, Harry Kilpatrick, IV, USMC, Pvt. Joseph T. Donohue, USA, 1st Lt. Jeffrey Mann, 1st Lt. Stephen Geiss

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, October 9th:

9:00 AM: Salvatore Sandoli—
The Sandoli Family
5:00 PM: Antonio Paone—
Angela Roselli

Sunday, October 10th:

8:00 AM: People of the Parish
10:15 AM: Vin Walters—
Pam & Steve Barbera
12:00 PM: Peggy Routzhan—
Ray & Ellen Lee

Tuesday, October 12th:

9:00 AM: Dr. Richard Simmons
Bonnie McDonald

Wednesday, October 13th:

9:00 AM: Eileen Durkan—
Eileen Yurick

Thursday, October 14th:

9:00 AM: Kap Choi—
Prisca Choi

Friday, October 15th:

9:00 AM: Robert Hocker—
Eileen Yurick

Saturday, October 16th:

9:00 AM: Danny Bennis
The Bennis Family
**5:00 PM: In Honor of Pat & Harry
Sear's 63rd Wedding
Anniversary—**
Sears Family

Sunday, October 17th:

8:00 AM: James Butler—
Regina Hisey
10:15 AM: People of the Parish
12:00 PM: Rosemarie Pagano—
Her Family



October 16th and 17th

Next Sunday's Celebrants

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

Celebrants subject to change

Stewardship Report

| | September 25th, 2021 | September 26th, 2020 |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| For the Week Ending: | | |
| Sunday Collection | \$12,198 | \$11,399 |
| Parish Giving (net of fees) | 8,313 | 10,384 |
| Total Weekly Collections | \$20,511 | \$21,783 |
| Fiscal YTD Collections | \$230,211 | \$227,138 |

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

Parish Support for Pro Life Ministries

This collection helps support our Pro-Life ministry and the work they do ensuring that the entire parish community is well informed about the pro-life issues and activities of the day.

Confirmation 2022

If you currently have a 6th grader in private school (not OLM) please contact Michele Gordon in the PREP office (mgordon@stalphonsusparish.org) so you can be put on the Confirmation preparation e-mail list.

Helping the Needy

Helping The Needy (HTN) Ministry is collecting furniture for needy families through October 31st. The collection is specifically for the following furniture: bedroom dressers, chest, end tables, lamps; kitchen and dining room tables and chairs; living room chairs, loveseats and small sofas; end tables and coffee tables. Please contact Helping the Needy: phone 215-346-6416 or email to htnministry@gmail.com if you have any items you would like to donate

Openings for Adoration

Thank you to all those who have signed up for an hour for Adoration on Wednesdays. We still need two volunteers for 11:00 a.m. and one volunteer for 2:00 p.m. Please call Fran La Noce at the Parish Office, 215-646-4600.

Saint Alphonsus Parish's

ONLINE ROSARY

On ZOOM every Thursday at 6:30 PM



Email Jclements@stalphonsusparish.org to be added to the invitation list!



ST. ALPHONSUS CYO

CYO Basketball Registration

Registration for CYO basketball at St. Alphonsus is now open. All registrations will be completed through www.wagdogs.com. Registration will be open until November 1st. There will be no late additions and registration will close November 1st, no exceptions this year. St. Alphonsus offers the following basketball programs: Kindergarten through 12th grade. Any questions please email saintalphonsusgators@gmail.com.

Blessed Carlo Acutis: Saint in Sneakers

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.



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.



Fall Pre-Cana

Getting married? It's not too late to register for our fall Pre-Cana! Please email the rectory office at rectory@stalphonsusparish.org to sign up.



*Saint Alphonse Parish's fall
Pre-Cana*



Friday, October 15th at 7:00 AM
&
Saturday, October 16th at 8:30 AM

Please contact the rectory office to register:
rectory@stalphonsusparish.org
215-646-4600

Legacy of Life Volunteer Recruitment Day

The Legacy of Life Foundation is having a Volunteer Recruitment Day. There will be two information sessions - Thursday, October 14 - 1 pm & 5:30 pm. The Legacy of Life Foundation funds the operations of two women's centers. An average of 900 women walk through our doors every year seeking an abortion because they feel abandoned and hopeless. Please join us to learn how you can help women facing a crisis pregnancy. Please RSVP to Keriann at keriann@legacyoflifefoundation.org or call Keriann at 215-788-4051. The event location will be provided upon registration. Some volunteer needs are Hotline help, parenting program events, administrative duties, baby bottle drives and more!

Fall Session for Small Faith Groups

Welcome back to all group leaders and members! Groups will reunite on their regular days at their regular times for four weeks beginning on Monday, October 18, and ending on Thursday, November 11. If you have not yet been in contact with your leader or wish to participate as a new member, please email Fran La Noce at franlanoce@stalphonsusparish.org or call 215-646-4600. Just a reminder that Mike and Mary Kate Tomasetti are starting a faith sharing group for young adults, single and married, on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30. All are welcome!

Young Adult Small Faith Group Beginning

Parishioners Mike and Mary Kate Tomasetti will host a small faith group for young adults in their home on four consecutive Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 beginning on October 19th. This is an opportunity to pray, read Scripture, and talk about the challenges of living the Gospel message in daily life. The evenings will end with time to enjoy snacks and socialize. To register, call Fran La Noce, Faith Formation Director, at the Parish Office, 215-646-4600.

Prep News

PREP registration is now closed, except for new families joining our parish. Existing families who have not registered need to call the PREP office (215-643-7938). For families new to PREP with children entering grades 1-6, please go to our PREP website,



<https://stalphonsusparish.org/> registration, for new family registration information. Once you submit the new family registration form, you will receive an email from Parish Giving regarding registration.

St. Alphonse is happy to announce the return of Shining Stars and Children's Liturgy of the Word beginning Sunday, October 10th. If you have a pre-schooler interested in our Shining Stars program, please go on to our website to register. This program takes place in OLM during the entire 10:15 Mass. All young children (pre-K through 2nd grade) are welcome to join the Children's Liturgy of the Word when they are called to the altar during the 10:15 Mass.

RCIA Begins on October 19th

For adults wishing to join the Catholic Church or receive First Communion or Confirmation, meetings for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will begin on Tuesday, October 19th, in the Narthex Meeting Room. Please contact Monsignor Hennessy at 215-646-4600.

Widows and Widowers Grief Support

Supported by our faith and prayer, widows and widowers are invited to join others who understand a similar loss and grief journey. We gather on the **SECOND MONDAY of each month at 6:30 PM in the St. Alphonse Church Narthex**. For more information or to RSVP, contact Dolores Urban at (215) 646-5325.





OUR LADY OF MERCY

Regional Catholic School

Our Lady of Mercy Regional Catholic School
29 Conwell Drive, Maple Glen
215-646-0150



OLM Happenings the 1st week of School

OLM students, faculty and staff attend the first school mass of the 21-22 school year. Students in 6th grade participate in the readings and the presentation of the offertory gifts. Our school choir, under the direction of Mrs. Malachowski, led the students in music liturgy.



OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 24, 2021
11am-1pm
www.olmracs.com

Mark Your Calendar. OLM Open House on Oct. 24th, 2021

Registration for the 22-23 School year will open in October, 2021. Learn more about OLM by attending this Open House. For more information or to schedule a personal tour during school hours, please contact Julie Bebey, Advancement Director, at jbebey@olmracs.com.

Visit the OLM Facebook & Instagram page to learn more about OLM!

Deacon JT's Book Club Begins Soon!

Making Sense Out of Suffering by Peter Kreeft: Copies are available in the Narthex for a \$5.00 donation or on Amazon for \$12.99.

Weekends from October 16-17 through November 13-14 with a final discussion on Wednesday evening, November 17, at 6:30 in the Narthex.

"This is a book for anyone who has ever wept and wondered, 'Why?'" Deacon JT's commentary and personal reflection questions will appear weekly in the bulletin and on the website. To register, please email Fran La Noce at franlanoce@stalphonsusparish.org

