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MASS SCHEDULES

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:15 am, 12 Noon
Tuesday – Saturday 9:00 am

BAPTISMS

Please contact the Rectory

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Saturday Morning
9:45 am — 10:30 am
Saturday Afternoon
3:30 pm — 4:30 pm
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A Word From Deacon James Toth

Dear Parishioners,

When our youngest son, Michael, was around 10 years old we took him to one of those old time burger joints. The 1950's décor featured pictures of movie stars and musicians from that era hanging all over the walls. As my wife Michelle and I were trying to name all the celebrities, Mikey pointed behind me and said, "Who's that ?" I looked, and said, "Who's that?? That's Elvis! The King! The King of Rock and Roll!" He immediately questioned me, "He's a king?" I said "Yes, he's Elvis! The King!" Mikey then innocently asked, "If he's a king where's his crown?"

A few weeks ago Michelle and I had a chance to catch one of the big summer movies, *Elvis.* It is yet another bio-pic of arguably one of the biggest superstars the world has ever known (except, of course, my son, Mikey). As all Elvis' biographies go, it covered his humble beginnings in Mississippi, to his meteoric rise to fame as a hip-swinging, heartthrob, rock and roll star in the 50's, 60's and 70's. Unfortunately, as they all do, it ended with his tragic, untimely death at the young age of 42, due to his failing health caused by his addiction to prescribed drugs. This movie differs, however, because it's seen through the eye's of his controversial manager Colonel Tom Parker. Parker claims he's not the one who pushed Elvis over the edge (as many debate) but "we," his fans, pushed him to his early death.

Not casting blame on anyone, what this movie goer saw was a super-talented young man who struggled with the demons that came with fame, fortune, and drug abuse. It would have helped if he had a strong support group surrounding him, but he was mostly surrounded by people whose only interest was Elvis the product, the money maker, not Elvis the person. Yet, in his struggles he did have a place of peace: the Gospel music he sang. It brought him back to his Christian roots. It was the music of his heart! His peace was in Jesus Christ!

This October, his step brother, Bill Stanley, is coming out with a book, "The Faith of Elvis." Although a few biographers claim Elvis dabbled in many world religions, Bill, who lived and toured with him, reveals that Elvis was a devout Christian. Bill shares insights of how Elvis would pray before each performance to Jesus for strength and guidance. In addition to many other stories, he describes how, after many of his Las Vegas shows, Elvis and his backup singers would sing gospel music all through the night.

If you're a Jesus fan and an Elvis fan, you may be interested in this book. But for now, here are 3 God quotes from Elvis that not only reveal his faith, but may also help us on our own faith journeys.

"I believe in the Bible. I believe that all good things come from God. I don't believe I'd sing the way I do if God hadn't wanted me to."

"Whatever I will become will be what God has chosen for me."

Well, this one's more of a story than a quote. It was said that at one performance a woman had a banner up saying Elvis is King. Elvis saw the banner and actually stopped the show and asked her, "What does that sign say?" She said, "That you're the king." He said, "Nah, honey, you got that wrong, Jesus Christ is King! I'm just a singer."

That's all for now, friends! Enjoy the rest of your summer! As we take our last dip in the pool, walk along the beach, or maybe even catch one of those must-see movies of the summer, let's remember that all good things DO come from God! Stay humble, stay grateful, stay prayerful, and rest in His blessings!

The writing is finished. Pen is down. Elvis has left the article!

Peace,
Deacon JT

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 THIS WEEK

Reading I: Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10
The prophet suffers for his preaching, to the point where he is tossed into a muddy cistern. An Ethiopian court official named Ebed-Melech saves him from certain death.

Reading II: Hebrews 12: 1-4
We should never abandon the struggle it is to "run the race." Jesus is our model for this perseverance. He endured the cross "for the sake of the joy that lay before Him."

The Gospel: Luke 12: 49-53
John the Baptist had preached about "Someone coming who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire" In this passage "fire" is meant as the power of Jesus' preaching to clear error away. Also, "baptism" here is not meant the sacrament, but some overwhelming catastrophe." Such realities will inevitably bring about division even among families.

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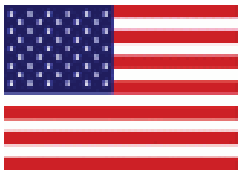

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Together as a parish we pray for their safety.

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, August 13th:
9:00 AM: John Doughall—
The Doughall Family
5:00 PM: Judith Hatten—
Aidan Kelly

Sunday, August 14th:
8:00 AM: People of the Parish
10:15 AM: Camilla Tatasciore—
Libby Romano
12:00 PM: Sam Mele—
The Wiser & Mele Families

Monday, August 15th:
9:00 AM: No Intention

Tuesday, August 16th:
9:00 AM: Gene McDonnell—
Betsy O'Connell

Wednesday, August 17th:
9:00 AM: Frank & Irene Stieber—
The Stieber Family

Thursday, August 18th:
9:00 AM: Ethel Wolhagen—
The Maginnis Family

Friday, August 19th:
9:00 AM: Edith Ruth—
Mary DeMaioribus

Saturday, August 20th:
9:00 AM: Cindy Lee Jordan—
The Will Family
5:00 PM: Jerry McDonald—
Nancy & Family

Sunday, August 21st:
8:00 AM: Mary Ann Werner—
Joseph Werner
10:15 AM: People of the Parish
12:00 PM: Danny Bennis—
The Bennis Family

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August 20th & August 21st

Next Sunday's Celebrants

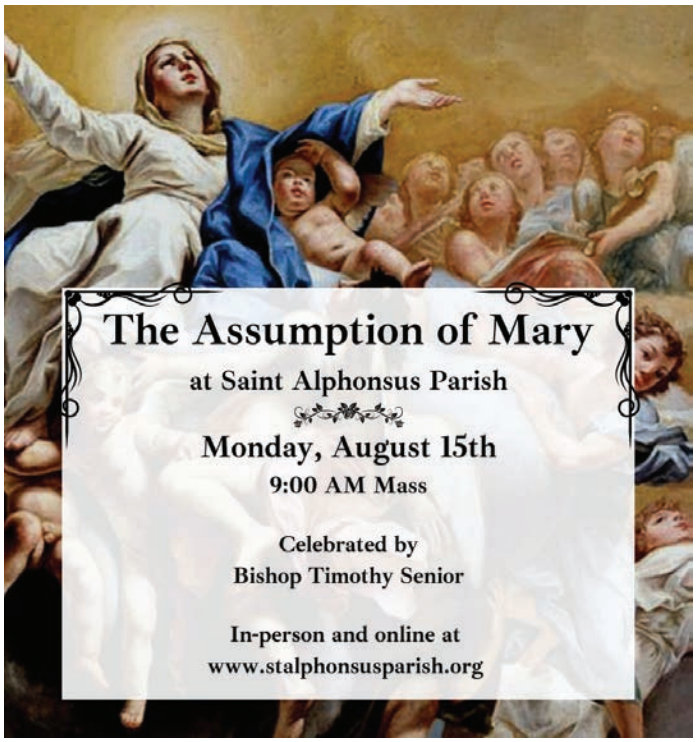
5:00 PM:	Monsignor Brian Hennessy
8:00 AM:	Father Keith Chylinski
10:15 AM:	Monsignor Brian Hennessy
12:00 PM:	Bishop Timothy Senior

Celebrants subject to change

Stewardship Report

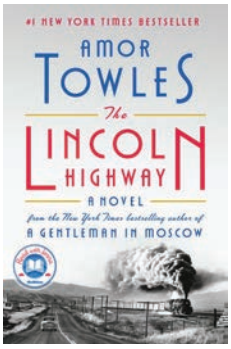
For the Week Ending:	*7/9/2022*	*7/10/2021*
Sunday Collection	$10,482	$9,696
ACH & Parish Giving (net of fees)	9,825	8,589
Total Weekly Collections	$20,307	$18,285
Fiscal YTD Collections	$20,307	$18,285

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



Saint Alphonsus Book Club

Please join us on Monday, August 29th as we discuss The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles. Our meeting starts promptly at 7:00 pm, but all are welcome to arrive at 6:45 for a quick chat before we begin our discussion. Come armed with questions and comments. Need to know more? Contact Joan Wolff at joanvwolff@gmail.com. Until then, happy reading!



Fall Pre-Cana

Our next session is scheduled on Friday evening and Saturday, October 28-29. Friday evening is an informal social hour to get to know the married and soon-to-be married couples participating and typically lasts from 7pm - 8:30pm. Saturday's session is from 8am - 2:00pm and includes, discussions, and interactive sessions to help engaged couples with a deeper understanding of marriage and each other. If you are interested in more information or would like to register, please reach out to the rectory office at 215-646-4600 or visit our website for registration!

Pre-K Openings

There are still spots open for the Saint Alphonsus PreK Program at Our Lady of Mercy beginning this fall! Now with After-Cares!

The Saint Alphonsus PreK program at Our Lady Mercy is a full day program that provides a learning environment that stimulates excitement about learning. Students receive instructions in religion, math, language arts & STEM activities and more. Space is limited to 15 students. To learn more and register, visit: www.stalphonsusparish.org/pre-k

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Called to be Saints

A Catholic faith community of young adults and young families, invites you to our upcoming events!

If you have any questions or would like to attend, please contact us at scsyoungadults@gmail.com. Walk-ins are always welcome. Please join our Facebook group "Called to be Saints" for additional information.

Disciples' Holy Hour at St. Alphonsus
Thursday, August 18th

Please come for an evening of Eucharistic Adoration and spiritual reflection. We will finish with a social and refreshments in the church narthex.

- Thursday, August 18th
- St. Alphonsus Church
- 6-8 PM
- On-site childcare will be provided!

Called TO BE Saints
A FAITH COMMUNITY OF YOUNG ADULTS & YOUNG FAMILIES

Thursday Rosary Zoom

Interested in praying the rosary from the comfort of your home with your fellow parishioners? Join the Thursday Zoom Rosary! Every Thursday at 6:30 PM, our rosary group prays together over zoom. Email Jclements@stalphonsusparish.org to join the invitation list in time for it's continuation this fall!

Catholic Women's Conference 2022

Join Catholic women from the greater Philadelphia area for a day of fun, friendship, faith formation and prayer at the Catholic Women's Conference. The 2022 theme is "Be Not Afraid: Finding Your Freedom in Christ," in which together we will discover the healing and freedom of heart that Jesus Christ desires to give each of us. Speakers include: Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, Michelle Benzinger, Regina Boyd, Matt and Jenn Lozano, Katie Weiss and the Sisters of Life. Saturday, October 22, 2022, 9am-4:30pm, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. Tracks available in English, Spanish and American Sign Language. *Early sellout is expected*. Register today at: www.catholicwomensconference.org.

HTN Tutors Needed

Helping the Needy Ministry (HTN) is looking for volunteers (men and women) to tutor children at the Francis Willard Elementary School in the Kensington section of Philadelphia. Your help would be needed usually on a Monday during the school year. Tutors meet at St. Alphonsus at 11 am and carpool together, returning by 3 pm. Please consider giving your time to this rewarding and fulfilling ministry. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Nancy McDonald at nancymcdonald07@comcast.net or 215-628-4936.

Ignite Your Ministry: An Introduction to the New Evangelization

Sat, Aug 20, 2022- 12:30pm – 5:00pm

Join us for an introductory workshop for current and new parish ministry leaders. We will explore the Church's essential mission of evangelization and how it must infuse every aspect of parish life. We'll help you discern how this mission should give shape to your ministry and ways you can be more intentional in bringing others to Christ. An English and Spanish track for this workshop will be offered.

Presenters: Meghan Cokeley (Eng) & Paola Herrera (Spanish)

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OLM Happenings

The fun continues at Camp Mercy. Last week the theme was International Week. The campers learned about food and games from other countries. Camp Mercy also delivered a large food donation to the Maddie Dixon Food Community Cupboard. Hard to believe there is only 2 weeks left of Camp Mercy!

Prep News

Registration for the 2022-2023 PREP year is now open!

Existing families will receive a welcome email from Parish Giving with instructions. New families, please go to the St. Alphonsus website and click on Faith Formation/PREP/ Registration and click on the link for new family registration. After you complete this form, you will receive an email from Parish Giving to complete your registration and payment. Register before July 25th to avoid a $25 late fee. Contact Michele Gordon with any questions at mgordon@stalphonsusparish.org

If you currently have a child who will be in 6th grade next year enrolled a 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.

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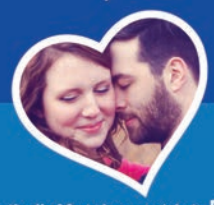
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