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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

Please contact the Rectory

CONFESSIONS

Saturday Morning

9:45 am — 10:30 am

Saturday Afternoon

3:30 pm — 4:30 pm

And by Appointment

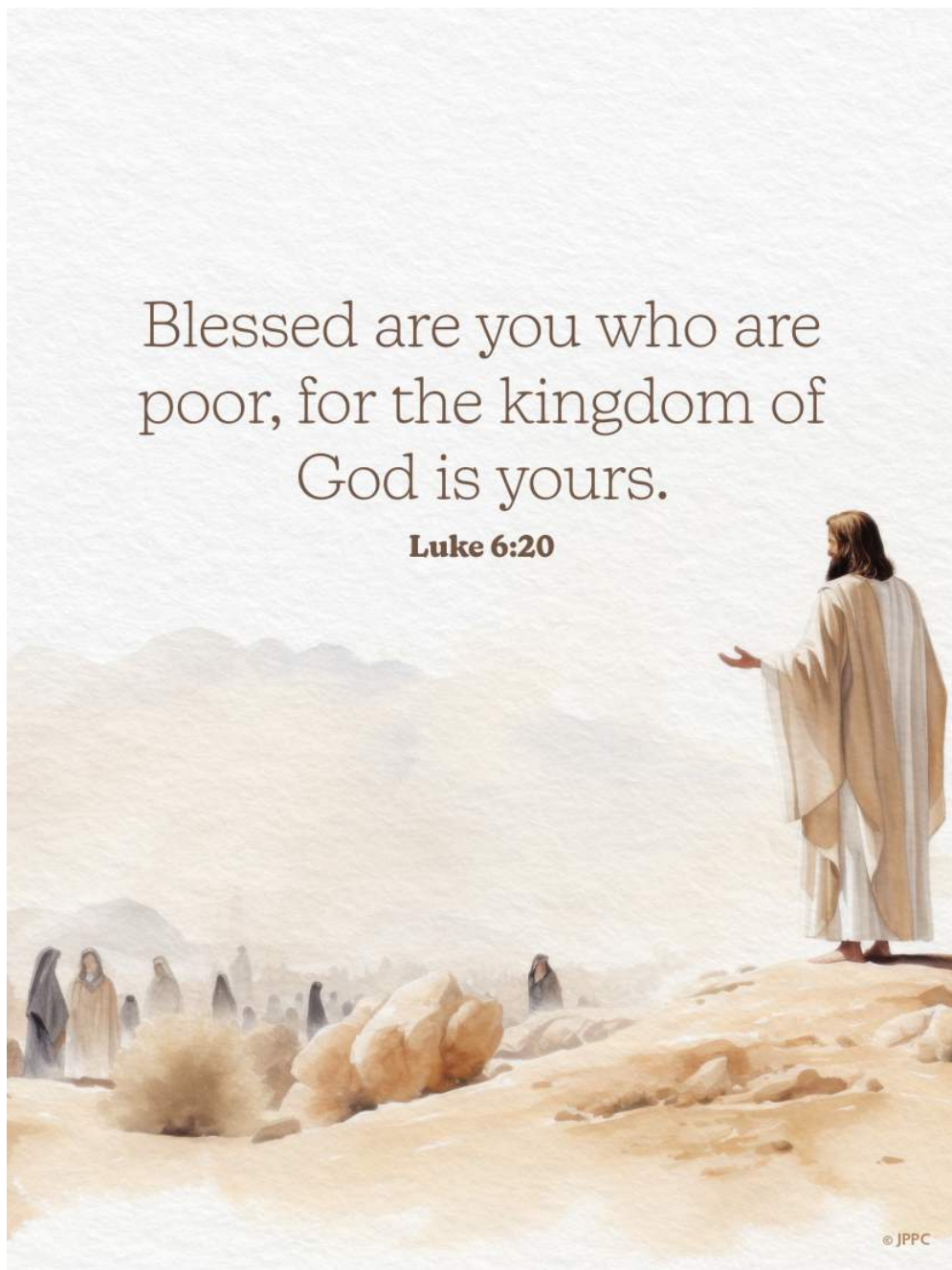
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Luke 6:20



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A Word from Lisa Rodgers, Discipleship Formation Director

Dear Parishioners,

I am thrilled to share that our parish will be hosting one of the Eucharistic Encounter weekends, as part of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's observance of the ongoing Eucharistic Revival in the United States.

From Friday, February 21st to Tuesday, February 25th, we have the honor of featuring Blessed Carlo Acutis' International Exhibition of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World. This remarkable presentation, created by Blessed Carlo himself, will be displayed in our church Narthex and the Narthex meeting room.

Blessed Carlo Acutis was an extraordinary young man who developed a profound love for our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament from an early age. As he grew, his fascination with computer technology led him to develop exceptional skills in the field. Combining his devotion to the Blessed Sacrament with his technological talents, he created a website cataloging all the Extraordinary Eucharistic Miracles that have occurred worldwide. This 'catalog' will be presented in physical form as an exhibit in our church. Additionally, throughout the exhibition, we will have the opportunity to venerate a first-class relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis.

Tragically, Carlo passed away in October 2006, just eleven days after being diagnosed with acute promyelocytic leukemia. Following his passing, his unique life of holiness inspired many to seek his intercession in prayer, with great hope for his canonization. Pope Francis has announced that Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonized during the Jubilee of Teenagers on April 27, 2025.

I am looking forward to seeing you at this inspiring event!

Peace and Prayers,
Lisa Rodgers

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 17: 5-8

The prophet contrasts the wicked of Judah, who resemble a desert shrub, with the righteous, who are like a thriving fruit tree drawing life from a nearby stream.

Reading II: I Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20

Corinthian skepticism about Christ's resurrection and the future of our bodies led to a decline of morality among the community. Paul teaches the truth of the resurrection and our true destiny of life eternal.

The Gospel: Luke 6: 17, 20-26

Here is "The Sermon on the Plain," much like Matthew's "Sermon on the Mount." (Mt. 5-7) Jesus envisions the negative conditions of this life being overturned in the next. The blessed will experience lasting peace.





*The Sanctuary Light Burns
in Memory of
Mary Gregor
from Mary Frances Lane*

*The Bread & Wine are Offered
in Memory of
Harry Sears
from His Family*



Deceased Relatives & Friends

Donald McGuigan, Sister Mary Dacey, SSJ, Mary Baginski,
Bodhi Hennessy, Joan Gallagher, Karen Thomas, Lorraine Bebey,
Dolores Mullen, Charles Massaro, Joe Randazzo,
& Nicolina Isabella DeVito

Sick Relatives, Friends and the Homebound

Mary Frances Glauber	Robert Flanagan
Tyler Dunham	Morgan McDonald
Robert Perl	Liz Reusche
Jimmy Cowman	Neil McGeehan
Erin Gerst	Jeff Moyer
Patrick Murphy	Lucas Towers
Grace Marcozzi	Gina Hinkle
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Michael Leddy	Kristine Popp
Brian Egan	Michael O'Shea
Regina Donnelly	Mike O'Malley
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Journey Riling	Lily Tomlinson
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Peg Rush	William Sewell
John Diamond	Drew Crawford
Susan Serianni	Wayne Triantos
Kate Tornetta	Patrick Smith

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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 215-317-8310.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 15th:

9:00 AM: Joseph Ferla—
Nora & Sophie Navarro
5:00 PM: Henry Brusca—
Deanna Tuscano

Sunday, February 16th:

**8:00 AM: Larry Conahan &
Rosemary Handley—**
The Conahan Family
10:15 AM: The People of the Parish
**12:00 PM: The Deceased Members of
the McDonald &
Vasey Families—**
Bonnie McDonald

Tuesday, February 18th:

9:00 AM: Salvatore Sandoli—
The Family

Wednesday, February 19th:

9:00 AM: Ted Doberstein—
Tom & Rosemary Doberstein

Thursday, February 20th:

9:00 AM: Jim Stephan—
The Stephan Family

Friday, February 21st:

9:00 AM: James Francis McLaughlin—
The White, Miller,
& McGeehan Families

Saturday, February 22nd:

9:00 AM: Margaret Osborne—
Richard & Maria Colasante
5:00 PM: Bridget A. Kulp—
Joanne Freygovel

Sunday, February 23rd:

8:00 AM: John Bush, Sr.—
Bryan, Jonathon, Courtney,
& Jude Lucco
10:15 AM: Patricia Hennessy—
Monsignor Hennessy
12:00 PM: The People of the Parish



February 22nd & February 23rd

Next Sunday's Celebrants

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

Celebrants subject to change

Lenten Small Groups



Join others in a 6-week experience and grow deeper in your relationship with God alongside other parishioners this Lent! Groups will meet once a week for six weeks at a parishioner's home. Prayer, discussion, and fellowship will last 90 minutes. We will provide the guide, *With Jesus to the Cross: A Lenten Guide on the*

Sunday Mass Readings from The Evangelical Catholic. Sign up for a Small Group by visiting our website or by scanning the QR code. Sign-ups will also be available in the Narthex this weekend.



Archbishop Pérez's Pastoral Letter

Archbishop Pérez published a Pastoral Letter on Sunday, January 5th. This letter outlines his hopes for the Church of Philadelphia over the coming years. He is asking for your help in being a part of the process. The first thing to do is to visit www.trustandhope.org by scanning the provided QR code; watching the video; and then reading the Archbishop's letter to us. After that, please also sign up for one of the Archdiocesan Consultation Sessions and learn even more. We will also have local information sessions here at Saint Alphonsus Parish and we will share those dates as soon as they are scheduled.



An Invitation from Archbishop Pérez

Learn more about a new way forward together for the Catholic Church of Philadelphia



Liturgy of the Hours

Join Monsignor Hennessy for a conversation on the Liturgy of the Hours, the daily prayer of the Church, which allows us to make holy our day and to pray without ceasing. We will learn about the different hours of prayer and how we can pray these collections of the Psalms, Sacred Scriptures and writings of the Church and Saints. Whether by using the official books or an app on your phone or tablet, everyone can join in this prayer and give a new rhythm to their day, even by praying just one of the hours. There will be 3 sessions available: **Thursday, February 20th from 10:00am to 11:00am; Saturday, March 1st from 11:30am to 12:30pm; or Thursday, March 6th from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.**



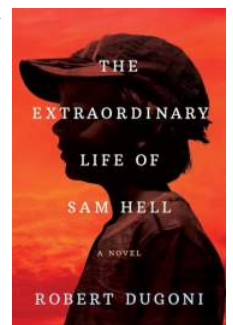
Eucharistic Encounter - Carlo Acutis



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Saint Alphonsus Book Club

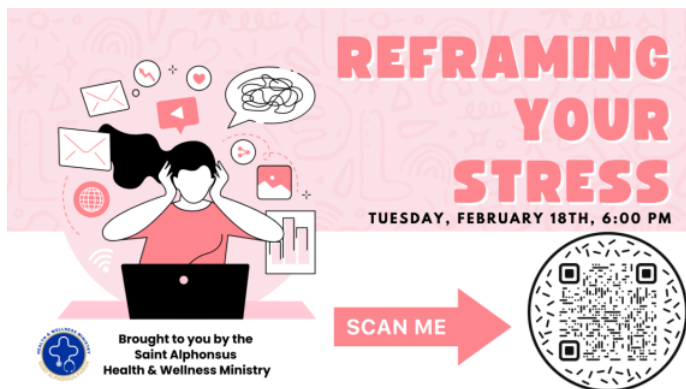
Please join the Saint Alphonsus Book Club on Monday, February 24th as we discuss *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni. Young Sam suffers from Ocular Albinism, a condition which makes his eyes red, thus his nickname, "Sam Hell". While his classmates harass and bully him, he finds lessons in his parents' faith and wisdom and two unusual friends – until an event happens that changes his perspective. Our meeting begins promptly at 7:00pm in the **Parish Hall**, but please feel free to come early for a chat. For more details, contact Joan Wolff at joanvwolff@gmail.com. Until then, happy reading!



Reframing Stress - Mark Your Calendars!

Tuesday, February 18th at 6PM in the Narthex

The Health and Wellness Ministry will be hosting a program called, "Reframing Stress." Our guest speaker will share a new way to think about stress, and specific actions you can take today to start mastering it. No matter your season of life, you will learn simple tools you can use to help calm your mind and body and work toward a new you! Take advantage of this exciting program. Contact the Rectory Office, scan the QR code, or visit www.stalphonsusparish.org to RSVP!



Be Encouraged:

Catholic Support for Mental Health

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has launched a website with resources to support those who are experiencing mental health struggles and those who love them. The website offers links to find Catholic clinicians, local crisis response phone numbers and ministries that can assist with recovery and healing. In addition, there are tools to help parishes, schools and institutions cultivate a deeper awareness of and responsiveness to these realities, suffered by so many. Visit the Be Encouraged website at archphila.org/support.



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Adorer Needed

We are still in need of an adorer from 1:00pm-2:00pm on Wednesdays. Please contact Lisa Rodgers if you would like to share this hour with another person by emailing Lrodgers@stalphonsusparish.org.



17th Annual Man Up Philly Men's Spirituality Conference

Saturday, March 8, 2025

The men of our parish are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the 17th Annual Man Up Philly Men's Conference on March 8th at Cardinal O'Hara HS. Speakers include Ward FitzGerald, CNBC Contributor and Papal Knight, Eddie Morris, creator Team Hope, Msgr. Federico Britto, Pastor of St Cyprian Parish and our keynote speaker, Brian Dawkins, Pro Football HOF safety. Back by popular demand, Mark Forrest, internationally recognized Irish tenor, who will lead our Eucharistic Adoration. For more information and to register go to the website: www.manupphilly.com.



Learn About Luke:

The Story of Salvation Fulfilled

In the next few weeks the Tuesday Morning Bible Study Group will begin the Ascension Press 8-Part series on St. Luke. Presenter Jeff Cavins and Jeffrey Morrow tell us that "Luke: the Story of Salvation Fulfilled" explores the life and teachings of Jesus Christ as told by St. Luke the Evangelist. Luke's narrative shows us how Jesus fulfills the Old Testament prophecies and everything the Scriptures foretold about the coming Messiah. As you journey through Luke's account, you will encounter Jesus in a new way and discover how his teachings fit into your life today. We meet every Tuesday at 7:30 AM in the St. Alphonsus narthex meeting room and on Zoom. For more information contact the parish office at **215-646-4600** or email rectory@stalphonsusparish.org.





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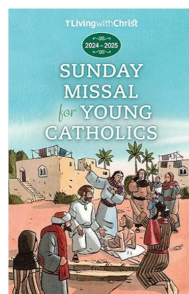
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**Please reach out to Michele Gordon
for more information:**

mgordon@stalphonsusparish.org
215-643-7938



Attention Families: New Resource Available!



We have purchased 10 copies of the *Living with Christ Sunday Missal for Young Catholics* for families to use during Mass. These will be available in the Narthex, in the Kids Corner. If you find this resource helpful and would like to have your own copy to use at home, you can purchase one on Amazon.com.



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