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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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The First Sunday of Lent



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A Word from Monsignor Hennessy

Dear Parishioners,

In the season of Lent, we celebrate the mercy of God which comes to us in the Person of Jesus Christ. This mercy is pure gift and is not in response to anything we have done. As Saint Paul says, Christ saved us while we were yet sinners (cf. *Romans* 5:8). But this grace, to be received, demands a response, and that response is our turning toward God, embracing His life while confessing our sins. It is the call to conversion, which is lifelong and universal. It is the mark of every authentic Christian life.

Truth be told, though, it can be difficult to confess our sins. Often, we do not take the time needed to really reflect on what our sins are, which really makes it difficult to say we are sorry if we do not know what we are sorry for. Sometimes we are afraid to admit what we have done, as if ignoring our sins will make them go away, or maybe it has been so long since our last confession that we do not know where to begin. For some, it may simply be that we find it difficult to make the time.

During Lent, **we will have a communal Penance Service on Tuesday, April 1st from 7:00 pm to 8:00pm.** There will not be a formal prayer service, but through the hour there will be over 10 priests available throughout the church to hear your confession. Please take advantage of this chance when we will have so many priests available to celebrate the Sacrament.

Additionally, I will be available for confession:

- **Every Saturday from 9:45 am to 10:30 am and 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm;**
- **Wednesday, April 16th from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm;**
- **Friday, April 18th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm; and**
- **Saturday, April 19th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm**

I pray that for each of us this season of Lent will be an opportunity to make a good confession and to experience the mercy and peace that God alone can give. If I can assist you in any way to prepare for the Sacrament or if you simply want to talk about confession, please know always of my availability.

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 THIS WEEK

Reading I: Deuteronomy 26: 4-10

Moses makes a confession of Israel's faith in the Lord, who as the great Redeemer from slavery, worked great wonders, and became the Giver of the Promised Land.

Reading II: Romans 10: 8-13

Israel cannot plead ignorance when it comes to the gospel, because the preaching of the Church about Jesus has come to it through the pouring out of the Spirit. This same Spirit comes for Jew and Gentile alike.

The Gospel: Luke 4: 1-13

Satan tries without success to lure Jesus away from the path of suffering to one of power and sensationalism to fulfill the mission entrusted to Him by His Father. Satan leaves Him alone then "for a time."





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Nanette Honingman, Elizabeth Shragher, Frances MacWilliams,
Ann Eidenberg, Lubomyr Pankiv, & Michael Mocharnuk

Sick Relatives, Friends and the Homebound

Gerald Taddei	Robert Flanagan
Mary Francis Glauber	Morgan McDonald
Tyler Dunham	Liz Reusche
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Jimmy Cowman	Jeff Moyer
Erin Gerst	Lucas Towers
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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, March 8th:

9:00 AM: Helen Martosella—
Mary & George Romanzo
5:00 PM: Edith Ledger Everett—
Kathleen Hunter

Sunday, March 9th:

8:00 AM: The People of the Parish
10:15 AM: Edward & Nancy Mazzilli—
Liz Selgrath
12:00 PM: Richard Mooney—
The Egan & Papay Families

Tuesday, March 11th:

9:00 AM: Mickey Priore—
Gina & John Nichols

Wednesday, March 12th:

9:00 AM: Colleen Frances Moore—
Megan & Anthony Rezza

Thursday, March 13th:

9:00 AM: Margaret Osborne—
Megan & Anthony Rezza

Friday, March 14th:

**9:00 AM: Frank & Peggy Ann
Osborne—**
Mr. & Mrs. James Keegan

Saturday, March 15th:

9:00 AM: Joseph Young—
Steve & Peggy Molitor
5:00 PM: John & Marcia Margis—
The Margis Family

Sunday, March 16th:

8:00 AM: Teresa Graham—
Nancy Smith
10:15 AM: The People of the Parish
**12:00 PM: Luke, Bridget, Thomas,
& Kristy O'Malley—**
Mike & Kristy O'Malley



March 15th & March 16th

Next Sunday's Celebrants

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

Celebrants subject to change

Stewardship Report

For the Week Ending:	2/8/2025	2/10/2024
Sunday Collection	\$14,051	\$13,612
ACH & Parish Giving (net of fees)	10,259	9,969
Total Weekly Collections	\$24,310	\$23,581
Fiscal YTD Collections	\$796,799	\$721,691

Disciple Maker Index

Share your perspective to help strengthen Saint Alphonsus Parish and better prepare us for the future by participating in the Disciple Maker Index (DMI). The survey is LIVE and will be open until April 10th. You can participate by scanning the QR code clicking the link on our website, www.stalphonsusparish.org.



This quick 10-15 minute survey will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

If you prefer a paper copy, you may pick it up after daily and Sunday Masses. They will be located in the chapel and narthex. To submit the completed paper survey, please drop it off in the designated boxes.



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SEEDS OF faith

Growing Together in Faith

Welcome to Seeds of Faith, a new feature in our parish bulletin and newsletter! In this column, we aim to provide valuable resources to support and nurture your faith journey, helping you deepen your relationship with God. This week, we're excited to share a selection of Lenten resources designed to enrich your observance of this sacred season. Links to the following resources are also available on our website.

FORMED – Over 73 audio and video resources including talks with Fr. John Burns, Sister Miriam James Heidland, Sister Josephine Garrett, Dr. Brant Pitre, etc. There are meditations, information about Saints, book discussions, and Brother Francis videos for children. Our parish has a subscription to FORMED so all these resources are free for you to use.



St. Paul Center – *The Seven Last Words* - In this free Lenten journey starting Ash Wednesday, you will receive 30-minute video reflections on one of Jesus's final utterances.



Dynamic Catholic – *Best Lent Ever* – 33 Days to Divine Mercy – a consecration journey.



Relevant Radio – *40 Lenten Lessons on the Sacraments* – with Rev. Francis J. Hoffman "Father Rocky." Lessons that you can hear, read, and watch.



Simple Lenten Meal

Share a community meal in our Narthex before Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 21st at 5:00 PM. You can bring any meat-free soup (fish is allowed) or just enjoy the meal provided by our hosts. Please contact the Rectory Office if you are interested in providing a soup.



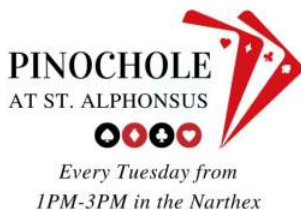


HTN Spring Furniture Collection

Saint Alphonsus HTN (Helping Thy Neighbor) Ministry is now collecting furniture for needy families through May for their Spring session. Furniture especially needed: bedroom dressers, chest, end tables, kitchen and dining room tables and chairs; living room chairs, loveseats and small sofas; end tables and coffee tables. Please contact Helping The Neighbor: phone **215-346-6416** or email to **htnministry@gmail.com** if you have any items you would like to donate. Someone will return your call/email and arrange pick up of your items. Thank you for your support.

Calling All Card Players!

The St. Alphonsus Health and Wellness Ministry will be hosting a "Pinochle Club," starting March 11th and then every Tuesday, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Narthex meeting room. Whether you are a seasoned pro, a novice, or just curious and want to learn, come join us. It'll be a time for community, sharing, conversation, and just plain old fun! A sign-up sheet will be available in the Narthex meeting room. But if you can't decide or don't know your schedule, just stop by. All are welcome!



Every Tuesday from
1PM-3PM in the Narthex

Support *Beauty and the Beast JR.* at Our Lady of Mercy – Become a Sponsor!



Rehearsals are in full swing at OLM, and we couldn't be more excited to bring *Beauty and the Beast JR.* to the stage in May 2025! A huge thank you to everyone for your incredible support so far – especially the parents of our more than 160 student cast members – it truly means the world to us. There are so many ways to help make

this production a success, and we'd love to have you involved in any way you can!

We're currently seeking families and local businesses to help sponsor *Beauty and the Beast JR.* Sponsorship is a wonderful way to support the musical while enjoying great perks in return. If you're interested in learning more, please scan the QR code to view our sponsorship form and explore the different levels and benefits.

We'd be thrilled to have you as a partner in making this show unforgettable!



Eucharistic Miracles of the World

Thank You!

Our parish was blessed to host the Eucharistic Miracles of the World exhibit. We hope you found joy and inspiration in learning about the Eucharistic Miracles and the life of Blessed Carlo Acutis.

We would like to take a moment to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of the volunteers who generously gave their time and energy to support the Blessed Carlo Acutis Exhibit. Your dedication and hard work were essential to its success, and we truly could not have accomplished this without you.



Health & Wellness Speaker Series Montgomery County Office of Aging Services

On Thursday, March 20, 2025, the Health and Wellness Ministry will be hosting a guest speaker from the Montgomery County Office of the Aging. **Speakers will discuss what services are available, how to access those services, how to report elder abuse, and what programs are offered to the community.** It will be held from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Narthex. Scan the QR code or visit our website for more information and how to RSVP.





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OLM Happenings

Camp Mercy Registration Now Open

Camp Date: June 16th through August 15th

Ages: Kindergarten – 8th Grade



Camp Mercy is a fun-filled camp experience. Campers will enjoy a weekly pool trip, visitors and field trips. In addition to games, character building and service. For more information contact Camp Director, Monica Harris, at camp@olmracs.com.



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Kindergarten Celebrates 100 Days of Learning!

Last week Kindergarten has officially hit 100 days of learning, laughing and growing! From counting to 100, stacking 100 cups, making necklaces with 100 fruit-loops, doing 100 jumping jacks, counting 100 goldfish, to wearing 100-day crowns, it was a day filled with celebrating #100! Congratulations Kindergarten students!



Weekly Remembrances

In addition to our Mass Cards, weekly memorials for the Sanctuary Light and Bread and Wine can be offered at Mass. The donation is \$30. Your loved one's name will be mentioned in our weekly bulletin and announced at Mass. A remembrance card will be available. Please visit the rectory office if interested.



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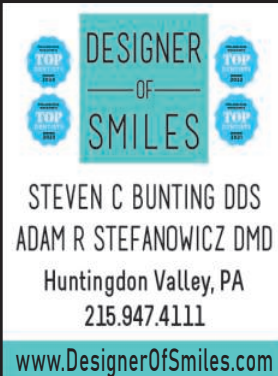


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