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June 8, 2025

Pentecost Sunday

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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 Office

CONFESSIONS

Saturday Morning

9:45 am — 10:30 am

Saturday Afternoon

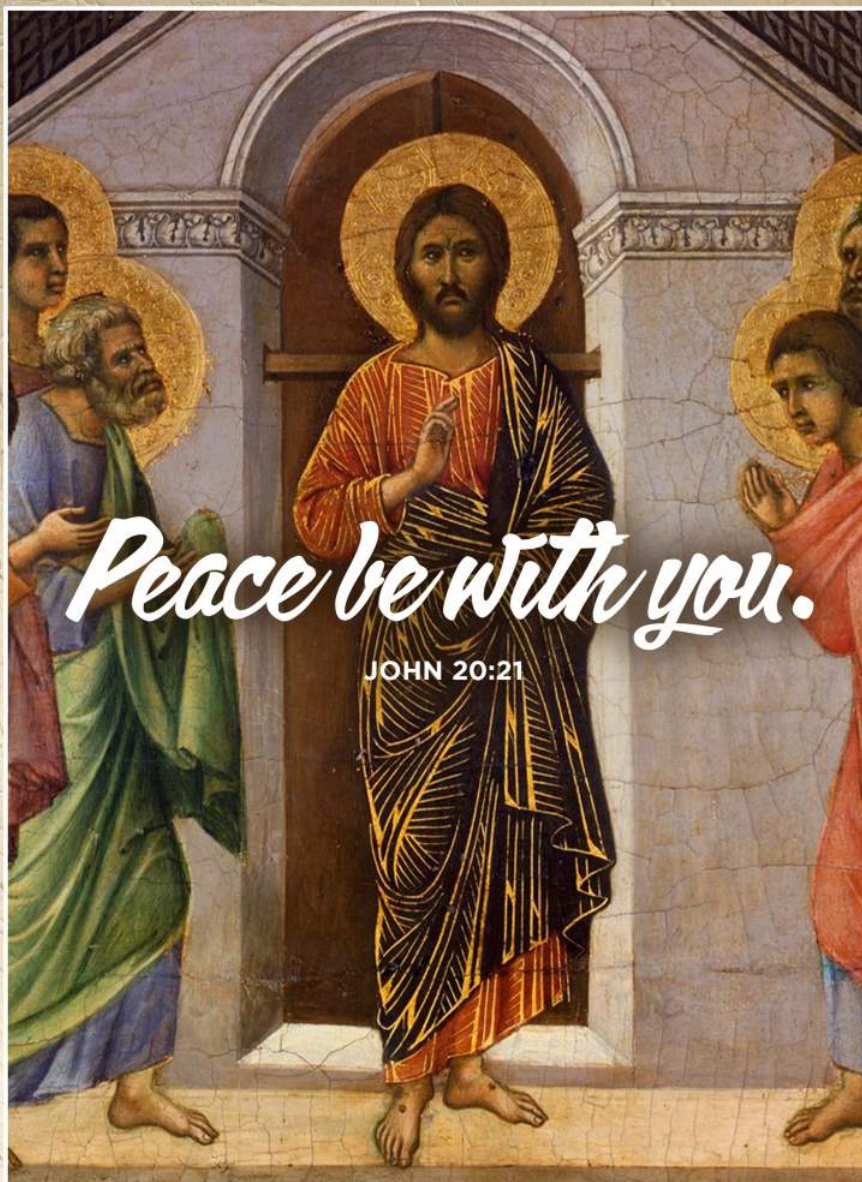
3:30 pm — 4:30 pm

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A Word From Monsignor Hennessy

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we have the great joy of celebrating the ordination anniversaries of Deacon Jt (11 years) and Deacon John (10 years), with a special celebration at the Vigil Mass on Saturday, June 7th. I ask you to join me to offering prayerful congratulations to Deacon JT and Deacon John on their many years of faithful, generous and fruitful ministry. I am deeply grateful for their diaconal service and for their fraternal support. I am proud to call them brother deacons!

Thanks too to Michelle Toth and Sherry Mischler and their families for supporting Deacon JT and Deacon John in their vocation and for sharing them with our parish family of Saint Alphonsus.

In honor of this occasion, I have asked both Deacons to share some reflections. May God continue to bless them and their ministry among us!

Monsignor Hennessy

Dear St A's family,

A customer in a restaurant asks the waiter, "Do you have frogs' legs"? The waiter says, "No, I always walk like this." This is a visual joke, give it a sec, you'll get it... Anyway, this year Kermit the Frog gave the commencement speech at the University of Maryland. That's right, Kermit the Frog! Surprisingly, he did an awesome job! One of the inspiring points he shared with the graduates was this, "Rather than jumping over someone to get what you want, consider reaching out your hand and taking the leap side by side. Because life is better when we leap together."

Well, this weekend, Deacon John and I will be celebrating our Ordination Anniversaries, for me it will be number 11 and for Deacon John, he arrives at the huge milestone of number 10! I personally look at this weekend as "our 10th anniversary together as deacons" here at St A's! 10 years ago, we took the leap together, side by side, and as Kermit said, "Life is better when we leap together". It's been a true blessing serving and supporting our parish together. I value his friendship, support, and the brotherhood we share. We've certainly had some challenges along the way, but we also shared plenty of laughs.

Thanks to Msgr. Hennessy for his continuing leadership and pastoral guidance, helping us to grow into the deacons Jesus is calling us to be. Also, many thanks to Fr. Leva for helping us take that first leap from formation to ordination, all the rectory staff throughout the years, and to all the people we've served with - we couldn't do our ministry without you. I personally would like to thank all my family for their love and support, especially my wife Michelle, who walks besides me daily, encouraging me, praying with me, and lifting me up in moments of doubt.

Lastly, much gratitude to our St. Alphonsus family. You truly are the heart of our service. Thank you all for being part of our diaconate journey. May we continue to serve, support, pray and leap forward, together, in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Love always,
Deacon Jt

Dear Parishioners,

"A blink of an eye" the last 10 yrs. seem since my Ordination. But when I slow down to reflect, there have been so many fruitful moments to celebrate. Being assigned to St. Alphonsus and the opportunity to follow in the steps of Dcn. JT has simply been the best! I am extremely thankful to our St. A's parishioners, Dcn. JT and to Msgr. Hennessy for all the support and love I have received. I am also extremely thankful for all the rectory staff and volunteers who have been so helpful and supportive, and to my wife Sherry and my kids for putting up with me. If asked to choose one word to describe the first 10 yrs. of my Diaconal ministry, I would say "fruitful". Fruitful for the relationships, the experiences to see the love and mercy of Jesus play out in our lives and fruitful in the opportunities to serve our faith community. Yes, our faith can be challenging to live, but I have been amazed at how joyful, freeing, empowering and energizing our faith can be in our lives and the power that is found in humility and gratitude. Please know you are in my prayers as I ask you to please keep me in yours as we journey together in all the "blinks" to come.

Your servant in Christ,
Deacon John





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in Memory of
Rho Schmalbach
from John Schmalbach*

*The Bread & Wine are Offered
in Memory of
John & Marcia Margis
from The Kapur Family*



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Barbara Henkels, Brian Dempsey, Pat Fee, Carmen Buffone,
Moira Choy, Iyke Ukwu, Richard Hagy, Peter Messina,
Martha Mele, Marge Burghart, Joseph Connelly, Jr.,
Annie Mullen, May Zipley, & Sean Hagerty

Sick Relatives, Friends and the Homebound

Bill Siddall	John Diamond
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Bruce Miller	Kate Tornetta
Jen Coleman	Robert Flanagan
Gerald Taddei	Morgan McDonald
Mary Francis Glauber	Liz Reusche
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Jimmy Cowman	Jeff Moyer
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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, June 7th:

9:00 AM: Albert Ezzo—

Linda Hibbert

5:00 PM: Ronald Shoemaker—

Jack & Tina Magasko

Sunday, June 8th:

8:00 AM: Brendan McCann—

Jeff & Debi Mullen

10:15 AM: The People of the Parish

12:00 PM: John & Marcia Margis—

The Kapur Family

Tuesday, June 10th:

9:00 AM: Michael & Robbie Collins—

Jim Collins

Wednesday, June 11th:

9:00 AM: Fred Unger—

Marion Unger

Thursday, June 12th:

9:00 AM: Bryce Carrasco—

The Mullen & Patro Families

Friday, June 13th:

9:00 AM: RJ Ierardi, Jr.—

The Ierardi Family

Saturday, June 14th:

9:00 AM: Sally Ann Mantione—

Pam Munnelly

5:00 PM: Mary Raby Hunter—

Kathleen Hunter

Sunday, June 15th:

8:00 AM: Justine Plefka—

The Plefka Family

10:15 AM: Edward J. Donovan—

The Donovan Family

12:00 PM: The People of the Parish



June 7th & 8th

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

Stewardship Report

For the Week Ending:	5/3/2025	5/4/2024
Sunday Collection	\$11,912	\$9,385
ACH & Parish Giving (net of fees)	<u>15,107</u>	<u>11,757</u>
Total Weekly Collections	\$27,019	\$21,142
Fiscal YTD Collections	\$1,089,410	\$1,009,576

INSTRUMENTAL GROUP INTEREST SESSION

Tuesday, June 10th at 7:00 PM



Calling all instrumental musicians (and/or their parents)! We are assessing interest in starting an instrumental group that would support our weekend liturgies. Musicians need to be at an equivalent High School or greater skill level. We are holding an interest session in the narthex on **Tuesday, June 10th at 7pm** to discuss the plan and assess interest.



Please scan the QR code to show interest in learning more about this initiative, especially if you are not able to attend our information meeting. Contact Jennifer Nemeth-Seay (jfnemeth1@netscape.net. 610-334-0159) with any questions.

Calling All Moms!

No matter what your age or stage in life—whether you're a brand-new mom, a seasoned parent, a grandmother, or somewhere in between—you are invited to be part of our new Parish Moms Group.



This will be a space for connection, encouragement, prayer, and shared wisdom. Whether you're in the thick of diaper duty, navigating teen years, or offering a listening ear from years of experience, there's a place for you here.

Moms with grown children or grandchildren — we would especially love your presence and mentorship. Your journey can be a source of guidance and support for those just beginning theirs.

We're currently gauging interest as we begin planning and would truly appreciate you taking a moment to complete this **short survey found by scanning the QR code of visiting our web-site**. Your input will help us shape a group that best serves and supports our community of moms.



Caring for Friends Frozen Meals

Caring for Friends needs your help! These frozen meals are enjoyed by our elderly and homebound year-round. Please consider providing both meat and meat-free meals to our CFF Freezer in the Narthex kitchen closet. Trays are available in the Narthex. For any questions contact Dolores at 215-646-5325.



Corpus Christi Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers willing and able to help carry our procession canopy during the Corpus Christi 5:00 PM Vigil Mass on June 21st. Please consider before volunteering that the canopy is not light! If interested, please email rectory@stalphonsusparish.org.



Fall Pre-Cana Registration is now open!

Our Fall session is scheduled for Friday (October 24th) evening and Sunday (25th). Friday evening is an informal hour to get to know the married and soon-to-be married couples participating and typically lasts from 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM.. Saturday's session is from 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM and includes discussions and interactive sessions to help engaged couples with a deeper understanding of marriage and each other. Visit www.stalphonsusparish.org/pre-cana or use the QR code to register!




*Saint Alphonsus Parish's Fall
Pre-Cana*

Friday, October 24th at 6:30 PM
& Saturday, October 25th at 8:30 AM
Please visit www.stalphonsusparish.org/pre-cana
for more information and registration.



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The Health & Wellness Ministry Presents... Learn CPR in the Comfort of Your Home

Have you ever wanted to learn CPR but didn't have the time to take a full class? Do you feel a bit unsure about taking a class with others in a group? Do you want to learn basic CPR but don't need to be certified. Well, the Health and Wellness Ministry may have the answer for you.



The Saint Alphonsus Health & Wellness Ministry currently has two CPR Anytime Kits, which are available in the Parish office. These kits have everything you (and any of your family members) need to learn CPR for an adult and child, as well as how to help a person who is choking and be better aware of the benefits of AEDs. You'll learn by practicing on a mannequin while watching a video that shows you how to do the skill. You can learn at your own speed, when and where you want.

Do you have 20 to 30 minutes to spare to learn a very important lifesaving skill and you wouldn't have to leave your home to do it?

If you answered "YES," here's what to do:

- Call the Parish office to schedule a pick-up.
- Pick up the kit and keep it for up to a week, but feel free to return it sooner.
- When you're done, clean the mannequin with the enclosed wipes and return the kit to the Parish office for the next person to use.

It's that simple!

We hope you'll take advantage of this incredible opportunity.





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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@olmrccs.com.



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Scan the QR code for more information.

Save the DATE: OLM Golf Classic

Date: Monday, September 29, 2025

Place: Blue Bell Country Club

More information to follow.



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.

Blessed Carlo Acutis

Watch the Full Documentary at Home!



Did you have the opportunity to attend the Eucharistic Miracles of the World exhibit? Perhaps you caught part of the documentary about Blessed Carlo Acutis and wished you could have seen more. We've purchased the DVD, *I Am With You: A Documentary on Carlo Acutis*, and you can now borrow it for a week to enjoy at home. To sign up, please visit our

Sign-Up Genius page and select your preferred week or call Lisa at the parish office (215-646-4600) to schedule.



2025-2026 PREP REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

+Current returning PREP families will receive email from Parish Giving with instructions on April 23rd.

New families, please go to www.stalphonsusparish.org/registration and complete the new family registration form. Contact Michele Gordon, DRE with any questions. mgordon@stalphonsusparish.org/215-643-7938



Weely Youth Resources

The **Weekly Youth Resources** link, available in the newsletter and on our website, offers a variety of helpful materials for children and families. These resources are designed to support faith formation, strengthen family connections, and encourage meaningful engagement throughout the week. Take a moment to explore what's available!



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