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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

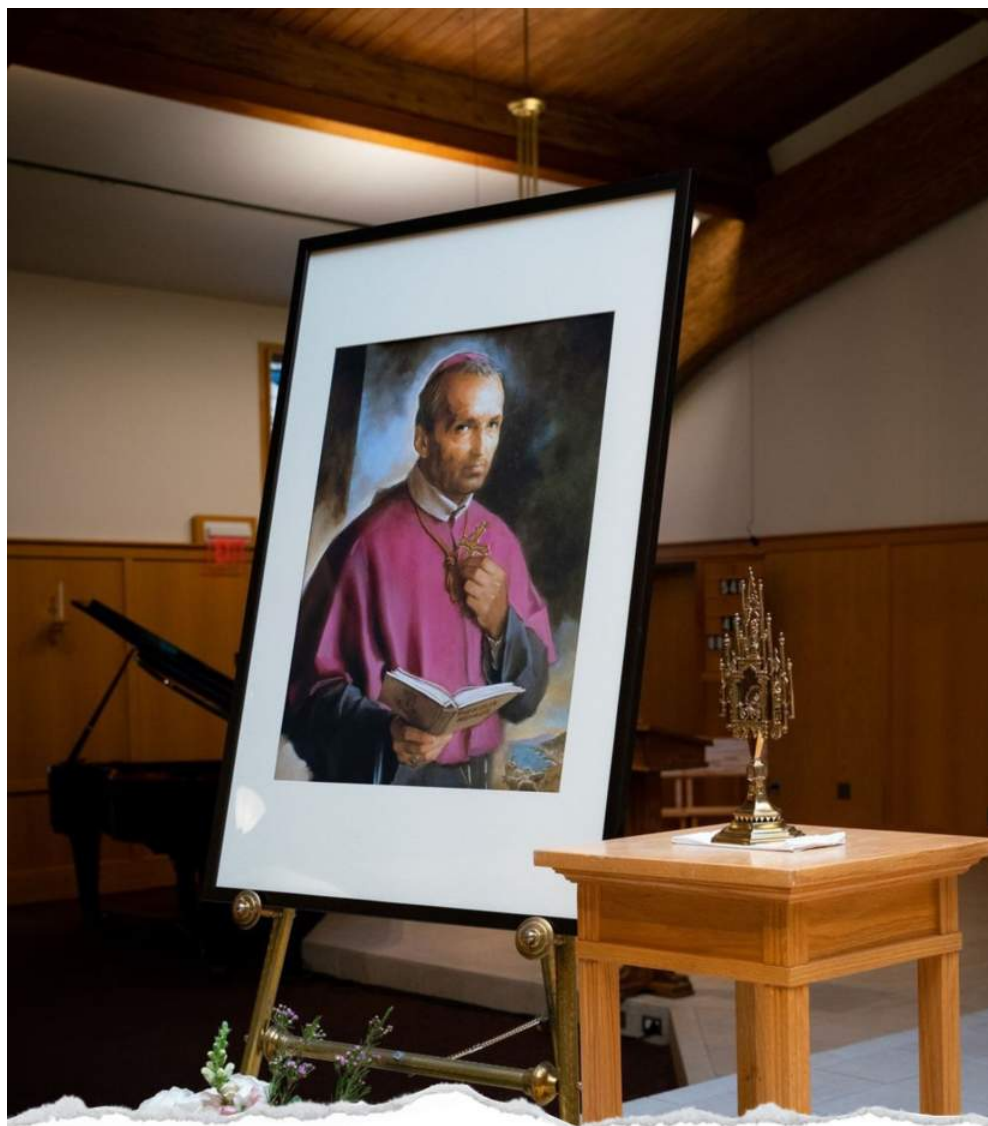
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THE FEAST OF

Saint Alphonsus Liguori

Friday, August 1st

A Word From Monsignor Hennessy

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Feast! On August 1st, we celebrate the feast of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, our patron saint. In addition to Friday's Mass, this weekend at all the Masses we will venerate his relics (reserved year-round in our chapel), as we ask his intercession for our parish community. Please join me in praying for our parish that, through the intercession of Saint Alphonsus, we may be steadfast in professing and living our faith, and that we may offer to our families, friends and the broader community a witness to hope through authentic Christian lives. May we always remember that Saint Alphonsus is praying for us and that we can always ask his help for all we need.

On Thursday, August 21st, 7:00PM, I would like to invite all our college age parishioners again to a gathering at the rectory for some food and conversation, especially about ways we can support one another and stay connected when away at college or home for a visit. If you are able to attend, please email me at pastor@stalphonsusparish.org so we can plan accordingly, or also to let me know of your interest in staying connected if you cannot come that evening. Of course, if at the last moment you can make it and you did not email, you are most welcome to attend regardless. Also, a special invite to our rising college freshmen. Through the generosity of *Word on Fire*, a ministry founded by Bishop Robert Barron, we would like to offer our new college students the gift of a collection of the 4 Gospels, which I would like to give to you that evening.

Again, Happy Feast Day and let us pray for one another. Thank you as always for your goodness to and support of the parish. Saint Alphonsus, pray for us!

Sincerely in Christ,
Monsignor Hennessy

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (St. Alphonsus Liguori)



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: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

"Vanity of vanities" means "the utmost vanity." It applies to all the things that make up our life and labor in this world. We only fool ourselves if we rate them higher than they deserve.

Reading II: Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11

St. Paul acknowledges the faith of the community. He also prays that they live "worthy of the Lord." That means setting one's heart on what lasts forever.

The Gospel: Luke 12: 13-21

How is one to grow "rich" in God's sight is the question we must answer. Just when you decide on the answer, then to "eat, drink, and be merry" God might call you home. Then what?





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in Memory of
Dan Hennessey
from The Hennessey Family*

*The Bread & Wine are Offered
in Memory of
Mary Jo McNamara
from Ray & Ellen Lee*



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Virginia Teitman, & Dorothy Stillitano

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Donna Iacona	Regina Donnelly
Arthur Huie	Aneyamma Job
Gerry Salanik	Journey Riling
Patrick Smith	Susan Collins
Jonathon Deck	Peg Rush
Bill Siddall	John Diamond
David Kistner	Susan Serianni
Bruce Miller	Kate Tornetta
Jen Coleman	Robert Flanagan
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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, August 2nd:

9:00 AM: Giovanni Corrado
Frank & Vicky Moio
5:00 PM: Irma MacKenzie—
Linda Tonelli

Sunday, August 3rd:

8:00 AM: James Gunn—
Kathleen Rodgers
10:15 AM: People of the Parish
12:00 PM: Dan Hennessey—
The Hennessey Family

Tuesday, August 5th:

9:00 AM: Henry Gibbons—
Kathy Gibbons

Wednesday, August 6th:

9:00 AM: Lawrence Hennessy—
Pat Hennessy

Thursday, August 7th:

9:00 AM: Sr. Lawrence
Elizabeth SSJ—
Loretta Leader

Friday, August 8th:

9:00 AM: Russell Albright—
Elissa & Sean Smith

Saturday, August 9th:

9:00 AM: Sr. Lawrence
Elizabeth SSJ—
Rudy & Marion Harrer
5:00 PM: Robert F. Smith—
The Smith Family

Sunday, August 10th:

8:00 AM: Robert Stengel—
The Della Vecchia Family
10:15 AM: Lawrence Hennessy—
Pat Hennessy
12:00 PM: People of the Parish



August 9th & 10th

Next Sunday's Celebrants

5:00 PM: Monsignor Michael T. McCulken
8:00 AM: Monsignor Michael T. McCulken
10:15 AM: Monsignor Brian Hennessy
12:00 PM: Monsignor Brian Hennessy

Celebrants subject to change

Stewardship Report

For the Week Ending:	6/21/2025	6/22/2024
Sunday Collection	\$11,561	\$8,983
ACH & Parish Giving (net of fees)	11,578	9,435
Total Weekly Collections	\$23,139	\$18,418
Fiscal YTD Collections	\$1,240,655	\$1,158,728

THE SAINT ALPHONSUS INSTRUMENTAL GROUP



Calling all instrumental musicians (adults and students)! We are starting to form an instrumental group that will support our weekend liturgies. Musicians need to be at an equivalent High School or greater skill level. Please scan the QR code to sign up and learn more about this initiative.



Our first rehearsal is Sunday afternoon on August 3rd. The next rehearsal meeting will be Sunday, August 17th.

Please contact Jennifer Nemeth-Seay (jfnemeth1@netscape.net, 610-334-0159) with any questions and for more details regarding location and times for upcoming rehearsal sessions.

Thank you,
Francis J (Frank) Stieber,
Director of Music Ministry

Saint Alphonsus Book Club



Please join us on **Monday, August 25th**, as we discuss *A Slow Fire Burning* by Paula Hawkins. After a young man is killed on a London houseboat, three women (Laura, Carla, and Miriam) with separate connections and different motives are suspect. Our meeting begins promptly at **7:00 pm**, but please feel free to come early for a chat. For more details, contact Joan Wolff at joanvwolff@gmail.com.

Until then, happy reading!



Red Cross Blood Drive

Parishioners at Saint Alphonsus Parish are invited to take part in our Blood Drive on **August 21st** and donate blood for hospital patients in our neighborhoods and across the nation! The need for blood is constant, but only 3 percent of the U.S. population donates. By rolling up a sleeve, donors can play a critical role in the treatment of accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer, or sickle cell disease. If you're interested in donating to this crucial cause, scan the QR code of visit our website to schedule a donation time!



Fall CYO Gators Registration



Saint Alphonsus Fall 2025 CYO sports registration is now open! Help us prepare for a great season—please register early so we can plan for team sizes, coaching, and scheduling needs. **The registration deadline is August 15th.**

Visit gatorscyo.teamsnapsites.com or scan the QR code for full program details, updates, and registration. We always welcome enthusiastic volunteers! If you're interested in coaching or have any questions email stalphonsusgators@gmail.com.



ST. ALPHONSUS CYO

The Saint Alphonsus Walking Club



WALKING CLUB

Join the Saint Alphonsus Walking Club for a stroll around Saint Alphonsus! We will meet outside the front of the church each **Monday at 6PM** weather permitting. Regardless of your age and whether you are a seasoned walker, just getting started, or new to walking, come join us for a 30-minute walk. It will be a time for community, conversation, fresh air, exercise, and fun. We hope you can join us!

2025 Catholic Women's Conference

Women on Mission
The Feminine Genius
in the New Apostolic Age



Saturday, October 18
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Czestochowa Shrine
Doylestown

Keynotes:

Mary Ann Wiesinger-Puig
Sister Faustina Maria, S.V.

Full details & registration:
catholicwomensconference.org



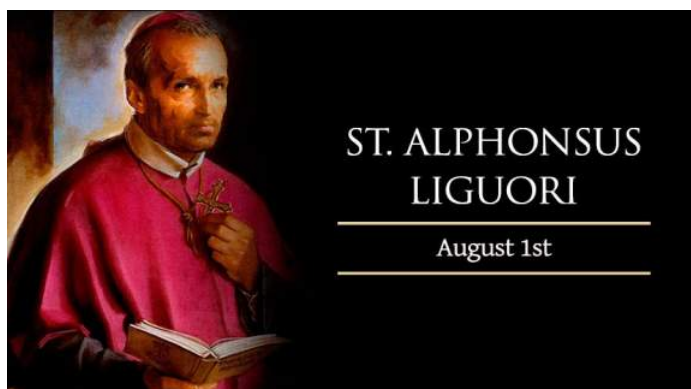
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Growing Together in Faith

Who was Saint Alphonsus Liguori?

Saint Alphonsus was a brilliant lawyer who gave up worldly success to follow God's call—becoming a priest, spiritual writer, founder of the Redemptorists, and eventually a Doctor of the Church. As the patron of our parish, his life offers us a powerful example of humility, deep prayer, and love for those most in need.

In honor of his feast day on August 1, we've put together a web page with a brief overview of his life, some of his most beautiful prayers, prayers to him, inspiring videos, and simple ways we can follow his example today.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

JOIN OUR PREP TEAM OF MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

Please consider helping our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) by serving as a catechist or assistant. We need help on **Sunday mornings 9-10:05am** and **Tuesday afternoons 4:35-5:40pm**.

CONTACT MICHELE GORDON FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Pray on it and see if God is calling you to this wonderful ministry! Teens through Grandparents are most welcome!





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OLM Happenings

Save the DATE: OLM Golf Classic

It's Time to Tee it Up for the Kids!

Date: Monday, September 29, 2025

Place: Blue Bell Country Club

Time: 12:30PM Shotgun start

How can you get involved? Golf with us as a single or a foursome, consider a sponsorship, donate a raffle item or volunteer the day of the event. To register visit:

tinyurl.com/olmgolf2025 or scan the QR code. Contact

Julie Bebey at jbebey@olmracs.com for more information.



Did You Know You Can Redirect Your PA Taxes to OLM?

Learn more about EITC program and how your PA Tax Dollars can be redirected to OLM students to provide need-based tuition assistance to OLM.



Scan to sign up for informational webinar Webinar Dates

-Thurs., 8/14 At 10am

DON'T PAY HARRISBURG... SUPPORT OLM INSTEAD!



If you owe more than \$1,000 in yearly PA personal income tax, the process of supporting OLM Students is easier than you may think through EITC and OSTC programs.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CONTACT Julie Bebey at jbebey@olmracs.com**



Weekly 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!



Empowering Gen Now Conference

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are overjoyed to host *Empowering the Gen Now: A Regional Conference on Engaging Young People Today* on **October 24-25** at Cardinal O'Hara High School! This conference is open to all ministry leaders who work with or would like to learn how to engage youth and young adults. Our call to equip young people is urgent! Learn more and register by scanning the QR code!



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