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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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August 17, 2025

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I HAVE COME TO SET THE EARTH ON FIRE.

LUKE 12:49



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A Word From Michele Gordon, Director of Religious Education

"I think this is truly the most wonderful experience we can have: to belong to a people walking, journeying through history together with our Lord, who walks among us! We are not alone; we do not walk alone. We are part of the one flock of Christ that walks together." ~ Pope Francis

Dear Parishioners,

As the days of summer fly by and our thoughts turn to fall routines, it signals time to begin our religious education programs for our young families.

Beginning in September we offer wonderful opportunities to walk with our children on their journey towards a deeper and meaningful relationship with Jesus. And, if you are a returning PREP family or new to our program, it's also time to register for classes. All information can be found on our parish website under *Faith Formation*.

Below are the three programs we have for our pre-school aged children. Registration is required for Shining Stars and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at no cost:

Shining Stars—A faith-filled class based on Sunday's Gospel. Children learn to pray and understand how much God loves them! Shining Stars takes place during the entirety of the 10:15AM Mass on Sundays. For kids ranging from 3-6 years old.

Children's Liturgy of the Word—Children are gathered during part of the 10:15AM Mass to hear God's word and understand it based on their age level. For kids ranging from 3-7 years old.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd—This Montessori based program seeks to create and facilitate a sacred, "hands-on" space for children called an atrium, in which both the children and their catechists can hear, ponder, and celebrate the most essential mysteries of the Catholic faith as revealed in the Scriptures and the Liturgy. Takes place in the Parish Hall from 9-10:05AM for children aged 3-6 years old.

For children in grades 1-6 we have our **in-person PREP classes** which take place either Sunday mornings from 9-10:05AM or Tuesday afternoons from 4:35-5:40PM. We also offer our **Whole Family Catechesis** program designed to have parents, our children's primary catechists, teach the faith at home. Parents will meet 5 times this year to discuss the faith and upcoming topics. Lessons are covered at home and children electronically send in their quizzes after each lesson. Families will participate in the in-person faith events throughout the year. Here's what two families recently said about this program:

"The Whole Family Catechist Model (WFC) of PREP has been a blessing for our family. This model has allowed us to complete PREP work and attend to our spiritual needs on our own schedule. With four young children at home, we try to stick to a Sunday routine for our PREP time, but the beauty of this model is that if we need to move our work time to a different day that week then it's totally up to us! The times when WFC parents come in for meetings and when the family comes in for events have been a nice amount of involvement. So, while still fulfilling, this model has best met our needs of flexibility."

"Our family has loved our experience with the WFC program. The program gives us flexibility to teach our children our Catholic beliefs and values throughout the week and allows us as parents to be fully involved in their faith formation. The built-in parent meetings and activities at church for the whole family create opportunities to connect with other families and build a sense of parish community. We are lucky to have access to this program and all that it offers."

Please read more about these opportunities on our parish website! Registration for *Shining Stars* and *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* will be opening soon. We welcome volunteers for our programs as well, so please let me know if you are interested in helping. You can contact me at Mgordon@stalphonsusparish.org or 215-643-7938.

Blessings,
Michele Gordon





*The Sanctuary Light Burns
in Memory of
Richard Smith
from Dave & Jennifer Duffy*

*The Bread & Wine are Offered
in Memory of
Bill Dougherty
from Jeanne Roman*



Deceased Relatives & Friends

Denny Forsyth, Virginia Teitman, Dottie Stillitano,
Lily Tomlinson, George Maston,
April Chmielinski, Gulzar Sadique, & Regina Creedon

Sick Relatives, Friends and the Homebound

Mike O'Malley	Grace Marcozzi
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Gerry Salanik	Journey Riling
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Bill Siddall	John Diamond
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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 16th:

9:00 AM: Jerry Griffin—

Rudy & Marion Harrer

5:00 PM: People of the Parish

Sunday, August 17th:

8:00 AM: Kathleen O'Donnell—

Her Sister, Maris Evoy

10:15 AM: Mary Ann Werner—

Joseph Werner

**12:00 PM: Luke, Bridget, Thomas,
& Kristy O'Malley—**

Mike & Sallyann O'Malley

Tuesday, August 19th:

9:00 AM: Jane Marie O'Malley—

Jim O'Malley

Wednesday, August 20th:

9:00 AM: Joan Schimony—

Eileen & Frank Yurick

Thursday, August 21st:

9:00 AM: Marsella Zeoli—

Peter & Doreen McNutt

Friday, August 22nd:

9:00 AM: Jerry McDonald—

Nancy McDonald & Family

Saturday, August 23rd:

9:00 AM: Brendan Fitzpatrick—

Mary Ann & Ed Fitzpatrick

5:00 PM: Lauren & Jeremy Jones—

The Doberstein Family

Sunday, August 24th:

8:00 AM: People of the Parish—

10:15 AM: Danny Bennis—

The Bennis Family

12:00 PM: Jack Kennedy—

The Kennedy Family



August 23rd & 24th

Next Sunday's Celebrants

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

Celebrants subject to change

Stewardship Report

For the Week Ending:	7/5/2025	7/6/2024
Sunday Collection	\$14,172	\$9,995
ACH & Parish Giving (net of fees)	<u>27,564</u>	<u>12,535</u>
Total Weekly Collections	\$41,736	\$22,530
Fiscal YTD Collections	\$27,564	\$22,530

Red Cross Blood Drive

There is still time to register!

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!



College Social

All college-age parishioners are invited to an evening at the rectory on **Thursday, August 21st, at 7:00 PM.** There'll be food, good conversation, and a chance to discuss how to stay connected and support one another, whether you're away at school or back home for a visit.

If able to come, please email Monsignor Hennessy at **pastor@stalphonsusparish.org** to help with preparations. Even if you can't make it, feel free to reach out and stay in the loop. And if it turns out you can join last-minute, no worries, just come by!

A special invite goes out to incoming college freshmen. Thanks to the generosity of Word on Fire, a ministry founded by Bishop Robert Barron, each freshman will receive a gift collection of the *Four Gospels* that evening. **If you can't attend on August 21st, pick up your copy in the narthex meeting room this weekend and sign the list to confirm you received it.**



Help Us Renew Our Respect Life Ministry!



We're relaunching our parish Respect Life group and invite you to be part of it! Please contact Lisa Rodgers at **Lrodgers@stalphonsusparish.org** or **215.646.4600** to join!



H.O.P.E.

A Division of the
Health & Wellness Ministry

We are currently accepting referrals to provide support to parishioners of St. Alphonsus Parish or anyone living in the geographical boundaries of our church.

Do you know of someone who could benefit from some support such as:

- A visit in the home for company
- An emergency meal
- A ride to an appointment, grocery store or Mass
- Someone to do grocery shopping if homebound

That's where the H.O.P. E. Ministry can help.

To make a referral or if you want to become a volunteer:

- Call the Parish office at **215-646-4600** between 9:00am and 5:00pm.
- Complete the form attached to the H.O.P.E. brochure, which can be found in the Narthex, and drop it off at the Parish office.

For more information on the Health & Wellness Ministry visit www.stalphonsusparish.org/health-wellness

The 2025 Cardinals' Forum

Please join our friends at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary on **Tuesday, August 26 at 7:00 PM** for the 2025 Cardinals' Forum through the John Cardinal Foley Chair of Social Communications! This year's theme, "Unity in the Church," brings together a panel of thoughtful voices for an evening of meaningful dialogue. We will hear from Brendan Towell of the National Catholic Register, Dr. John Haas, the Cardinal Krol Chair of Moral Theology, and Dr. Nathan Knutson, the Lucille M. Francesco Chair of Sacred Music.



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**.



SEEDS OF faith

Growing Together in Faith

Discover Your Next Favorite Catholic Website!



Our parish website now has a brand-new page filled with trusted Catholic links for every interest including faith basics, apologetics, family life, education, and Pro-Life resources. One click could inspire your heart, deepen your faith, and connect you with the wider Church. Visit and explore today!

Arise: Summer Nights at Malvern

On **August 27th at 5:00PM**, Malvern Retreat House is proud to partner with OMY to host a summer evening experience of prayer, praise, adoration, and encounter for youth and families. To RSVP, email kmoutler@malvernretreat.com. Please let us know how many will be attending as well as your school/parish. Visit phillyomy.org for more information.



F.L.A.M.E.

Faith - Liturgy - Apostolate - Ministry - Eucharist
Looking for fellowship, deeper spirituality, formation and participation in works of service? Consider helping to launch F.L.A.M.E., a newly-forming group for Catholics in their 40's & 50's! The goal is to support one another in following Jesus Christ by our words, thoughts and deeds. For information about events or to express your interest in being part of the Core Team, contact Nancy at kindledflame@yahoo.com.





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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 the informational webinar. Webinar Dates are as follow:



-Wed., Sept. 3rd at 1:00 PM

-Tues., Sept 16th at 10:00 AM

-Thurs., Oct. 2nd at 9:00 AM

-Mon., Oct. 20th at 3:00 PM

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

2025-26 PREP
Registration is now open!

For new families, visit our PREP webpage for new family registration instructions.

Current PREP families received an email from Parish Giving with registration instructions.

mgordon@stalphonsusparish.org
stalphonsusparish.org/PREP

SCAN ME

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!



Children's Resources
Updated every week!

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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