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August 24, 2025

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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

And by Appointment

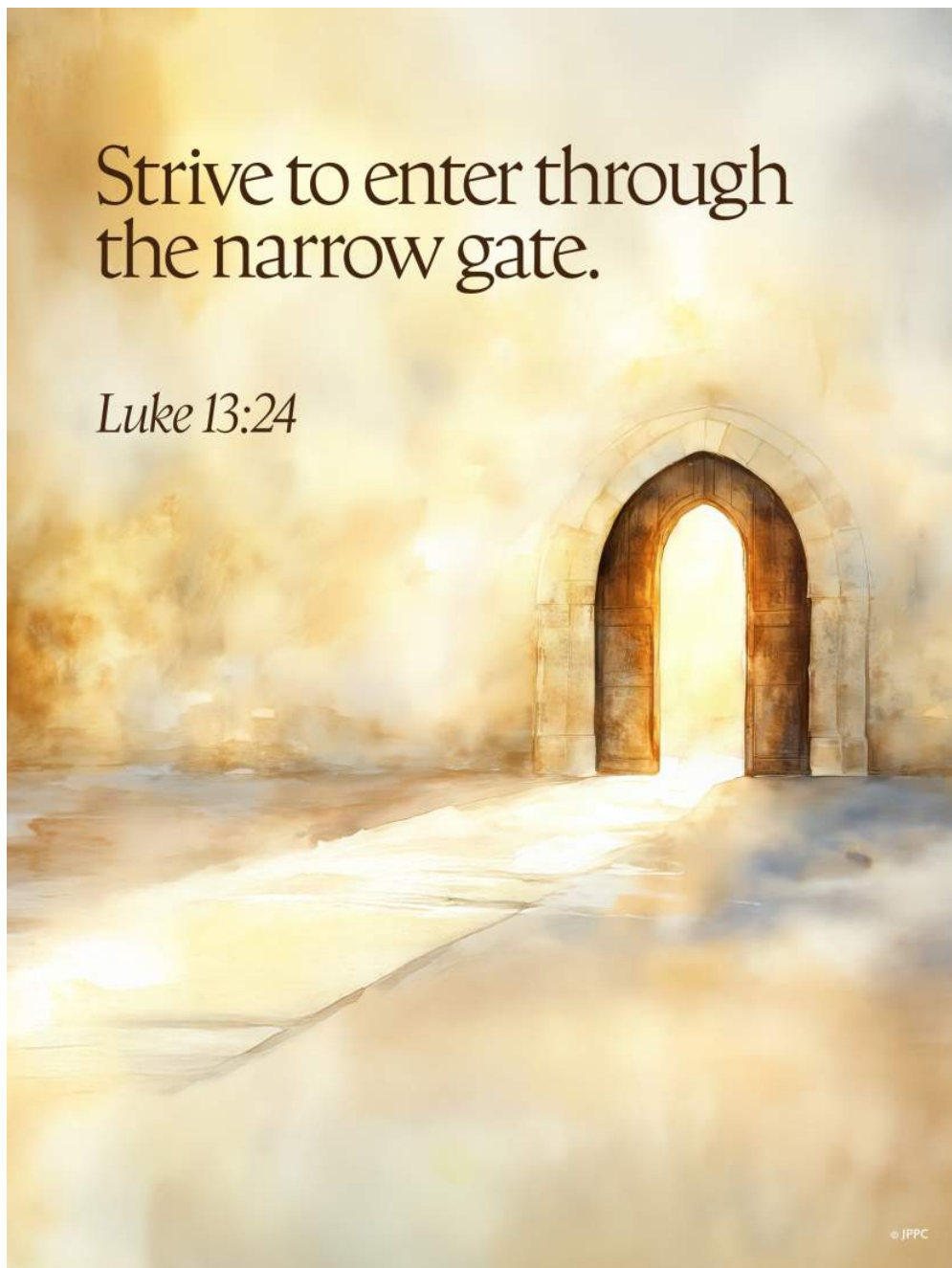
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the narrow gate.

Luke 13:24



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A Word From Monsignor Hennessy

Dear Parishioners,

While every Mass is offered for the good of the whole Church, the custom of having Mass offered for a specific intention is an ancient one. Whether praying for the dead, in thanksgiving for an anniversary or for a living family member or friend, having a Mass said for an intention is a special way to apply the graces of the Sacrifice of the Mass for a specific purpose. Mass intentions can be requested at the parish office to be celebrated in various ways. In each case a Mass card is provided for your use:

- **Saint Alphonsus Parish** – I am pleased to announce that the Mass Book for 2026 will open on Tuesday, September 9th. Mass intentions may be requested by visiting the Parish Office during regular business hours. At present, we will be accepting requests for Masses celebrated from January 1 to June 30, 2026. At a later date, there will be an announcement when the remainder of the Masses in 2026 will be made available for intention requests.

Masses entered in our parish Mass Book are celebrated here at Saint Alphonsus and are announced at the beginning of the Mass on Sundays and during the Prayer of the Faithful on weekdays.

Since we receive more requests for announced Masses than is possible to satisfy during the year, I ask that, as this portion of the Mass Book is opened, that requests be limited to 3 per person so that all parishioners are given equal opportunity.

Unannounced Mass intentions are also available. These Masses will be celebrated by either Monsignor McCulken or myself.

- **Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary** – Intentions may be enrolled in the Masses and prayers of the Seminary community for various durations – 10 years, 25 years or perpetual enrollment.
- **Aid to the Church in Need** – Masses are available to be said individually, or as a Triduum (3 Masses), a Novena (9 Masses) or a Gregorian Series of 30 consecutive Masses. These intentions support priests and Catholic communities in impoverished areas.

The celebration of a Mass for a specific intention is a wonderful way to pray for our living and deceased family and friends and at the same time to support the ministry of our own parish family and of Catholic communities throughout the world.

Thank you as always for your goodness and support, and may God bless your week ahead.

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: Isaiah 66: 18-21

The Lord will gather all the nations to Mount Zion, and He will reveal His glory to them. This glad event is expected to happen in stages.

Reading II: Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13

Without divine wisdom, one might mistake the trials of life for signs of God's anger. But, like an athletic coach, imagined by the author as encouraging his runners, He summons our energies, and we easily head to the finish line.

The Gospel: Luke 13: 22-30

Our salvation depends first and foremost on God's grace. It then comes about by our cooperation and obedience. Christ invites His family from the four corners of the compass, both Jews and Gentiles, to celebrate with Him and the patriarchs of the Faith.





*The Sanctuary Light Burns
in Celebration of
The Marriage of
Moirra & John Brescia*

*The Bread & Wine are Offered
in Memory of
Danny Bennis
from The Bennis Family*



Deceased Relatives & Friends

Dottie Stillitano, Gulzar Sadique,
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& Molly Kelly

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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 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

Tuesday, August 26th:

9:00 AM: Danny Bennis—

The Bennis Family

Wednesday, August 27th:

9:00 AM: James W. O'Malley, Jr.—

Jim O'Malley

Thursday, August 28th:

9:00 AM: Sister Lawrence

Elizabeth, SSJ—

Denise & Mark Sutton

Friday, August 29th:

9:00 AM: Italia Petrone—

Angela Roselli

Saturday, August 30th:

9:00 AM: Maddalena Davoli—

Frank & Vicky Moio

5:00 PM: Mary Catherine Everett—

Kathleen Hunter

Sunday, August 31st:

8:00 AM: David Adams—

Ellen Adams

10:15 AM: The People of the Parish

12:00 PM: The O'Malley, Moynihan,

& Fitzpatrick Families—

Mike & Sallyann O'Malley



August 30th & 31st

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:	7/12/2025	7/13/2024
Sunday Collection	\$12,916	\$12,869
ACH & Parish Giving (net of fees)	<u>13,874</u>	<u>12,185</u>
Total Weekly Collections	\$26,790	\$25,054
Fiscal YTD Collections	\$54,354	\$47,584

Boot Up Philly Donation Drive

St. John's Hospice, a ministry of Catholic Charities of Philadelphia, is holding its annual Boot Up Philly giveaway to support Philadelphians experiencing homelessness.

To support their efforts, St. Alphonsus will be collecting:
New Men's long underwear (thermals) M-XXL
New Men's hoodies M-XXL

Please drop-off items in the boxes located in the narthex!

Your ongoing generosity has always been a blessing to St. John's Hospice, and we are deeply grateful for your continued support.

In addition, St. John's is facing a shortage of frozen casseroles for those they serve each day. Aluminum pans and lids are available at each church entrance, with recipe handouts if needed. Every casserole makes a difference. Casseroles may be placed in the St. John's Hospice freezer located in the kitchen off the narthex (back room). Thank you!

Boot Up Philly

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Becoming Catholic...

Have you or someone you know ever considered pursuing this path?

Perhaps you...

... have been attending Mass and want to learn more about the Catholic faith.

... have never been baptized but now feel drawn to explore it.

... have been baptized in another Christian Tradition, but now you want to continue your faith journey in the Catholic Church.

... have been baptized in the Catholic Church, but never received the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

If any of these describe you, we would love to hear from you! We want to listen to your story of faith, answer questions, and share with you about the Catholic faith.

To learn more about the Faith and the process of discernment for becoming a Catholic, please contact Monsignor Hennessy or Lisa Rodgers at 215-646-4600 or Lrodgers@stalphonsusparish.org.



2026 Mass Book Opening

The 2026 Mass Book will open for dates between January 1st and June 30th, on **Tuesday, September 9th**. All dates must be submitted in person at the rectory office. There will be a limit of 3 dates per person. Visit our website to see the kinds of Mass intentions we have to offer.



St. Peregrine's Corner

Named in honor of St. Peregrine, patron saint of those affected by cancer, St. Peregrine's Corner is a Christ-centered support group for anyone touched by cancer. Whether you are receiving treatment, living as a survivor, or supporting a loved one...you are welcome here. Monthly Gatherings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month, starting on **September 3rd**, from **6:30PM to 8:00PM** in the Narthex Meeting Room. Please contact Deacon James Toth at jtoth@stalphonsusparish.org if you are interested in attending or have any questions.



Spend an Hour With Jesus

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on **Wednesday, September 3rd**, following the **9AM Mass**, with Evening Prayer and Benediction at **6PM**.



We are looking for parishioners to become committed adorers—those who can spend one hour each week with Our Lord. Our goal is to have at least two adorers for every hour. We are in need of adorers at the **11AM-Noon** and **2PM-3PM** time slots. If you cannot commit weekly, please consider signing up as a substitute to fill in when needed.

Sign up by scanning the QR code or by contacting Lisa Rodgers at lrodgers@stalphonsuschurch.org or **215-646-4600**.



Walking With Purpose

Wednesdays, September 24 – December 3
7:00–8:30 PM | Parish Hall (School Cafeteria)



Join us this fall as we read **Keeping in Balance**, Chapters 12–22, completing the second half of this inspiring book. You don't need to have participated in the spring session or read the first 11 chapters—everyone is welcome! If interested, please purchase the book at walkingwithpurpose.com. If you have any questions or would like to

join us for the first time, please call the rectory at **215-646-4600**. We look forward to seeing you!



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Growing Together in Faith

Looking for Faith-Filled Media?



Want to fill your day with uplifting music, inspiring talks, and programs that strengthen your Catholic faith? We've put together a helpful list of Catholic radio stations, Christian music, and TV networks you can access anytime. Whether you're at home, in the car, or on the go, these resources can help you nourish your faith throughout the week. Visit our parish website to explore the full list and discover your next favorite station!

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!

Learn About Luke:

The Story of Salvation Fulfilled

On **Tuesday, September 9th** the Tuesday Morning Bible Study Group will resume the Ascension Press 8-Part series on St. Luke. Presenters 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 7:30AM** 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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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**

CHECK OUT OUR UPCOMING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS!

For more information and registration on these programs, visit

[STALPHONSUSPARISH.ORG/FAITH](https://stalphonsusparish.org/faith)

ST. ALPHONSUS PREP

For children in grades 1-6, we have our in-person PREP classes, which take place either Sunday mornings from 9-10:05 AM or Tuesday afternoons from 4:35-5:40 PM. Home based programs available.



SHINING STARS

**OPEN HOUSE 9/7 AT 11:15AM
IN THE OLM PRE-K ROOM**

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 10:15 AM Mass on Sundays. For kids ranging from 3-6 years old.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children are gathered during part of the 10:15 AM 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

**OPEN HOUSE 9/7 AT 11:15AM
IN THE PARISH HALL**

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 9-10:05 AM for children aged 3-6 years old.



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