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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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9:30 am to 7:00 pm

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9:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Exposition ends with an Evening
Prayer and reflections provided
by Monsignor McCulken.



A Word From Monsignor Hennessy

Dear Parishioners,

As I shared with you earlier this week, Archbishop Pérez officially announced on Monday the parishes where the pilot missionary hubs will be planted in each county of the Archdiocese. For those who may not have seen my message, I am very happy to share that the Montgomery County missionary hub will be planted here at Saint Alphonsus. This is an exciting moment for our community. But when I say community, I do not simply mean our parish. Because the missionary hub is in service of all who live in this area, as we seek to reach out intentionally and creatively to those who no longer practice their faith, to those who have never experienced the life of the Church and to those who wish to learn more about our Catholic faith. It is called a hub because our efforts are not meant to draw people only into the life of our parish community, but to draw them into the life of the Church wherever they are and to strengthen every parish and Catholic institution in our area.

To help guide and assist me and all of us in this work, we will be welcoming three people into our parish – a missionary hub director and two missionaries. They will work with me and others from throughout the Archdiocese in beginning to imagine and undertake this missionary work. I look forward to introducing them to you soon. The missionary hub director will begin in October and the missionaries hopefully in November.

I know that when we hear the word missionary we think of distant lands and unknown peoples and cultures. As a result, we often do not think of ourselves or our area as being missionary. But missionary simply means being a disciple of Jesus Christ and, in faithfulness to His command, being willing to witness in word and example. Maybe that even seems a little challenging. The missionary hub will help us all understand our own share of this mission and ways, usually very simple, that we can deepen our missionary mindset. Because our mission field is our homes, workplaces and schools; it's our sports fields, golf courses and pickleball courts; it's our family, friends and neighbors.

To help us all imagine a little more practically what this means and what it looks like, I have invited Meghan Cokeley of the Archdiocesan Office for the New Evangelization to offer a presentation entitled "Maintenance versus Mission Mindset". It will take place in the parish hall on Tuesday, October 14th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Our parish staff participated in this dynamic presentation and found it helpful and insightful. No registration is necessary.

As a pilot program, we will all be learning as we go. Thanks for your patience and please keep this missionary moment in your prayers. I look forward to sharing more information in the coming weeks and months.

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: Hebrews 1:2-3, 2:3-4

Old Testament revelation came piecemeal, but in the New Testament, everything is revealed in Christ. He "bears the very stamp of (God's) nature."

Reading II: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Timothy, who was ordained a bishop by Paul, is urged to complete his mission at Ephesus. He is to yield to the Spirit's power and preserve the teaching of Paul that he received.

The Gospel: Luke 17: 5-10

True disciples should not expect congratulations for their service. Their work is important, but not beyond the call of Christian duty. No one can fully repay God for His gifts.





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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, October 4th:

9:00 AM: Katelin Maguire—
Her Family

5:00 PM: Nabil Heness—
Chris O'Neill

Sunday, October 5th:

8:00 AM: Forrest Kerr—
Kathleen Rodgers

10:15 AM: The Campellone Family—
Marie O'Kane

12:00 PM: People of the Parish

Tuesday, October 7th:

9:00 AM: Michele & Lucia Vicedomini—
Gina & John Nicols

Wednesday, October 8th:

9:00 AM: Elizabeth & Brian Abel—
Eileen Yurick

Thursday, October 9th:

9:00 AM: Jack McDonald—
His Family

Friday, October 10th:

9:00 AM: Salvatore Sandoli—
The Family

Saturday, October 11th:

**9:00 AM: The Campbell
& McDonald Families—**
Nancy McDonald

5:00 PM: People of the Parish

Sunday, October 12th:

8:00 AM: The Eastburn Family—
Sue O'Neill

**10:15 AM: The Deceased Members
of the Guerin Family—**
Kathy Guerin

**12:00 PM: Sarah & Alexander
Moynihan—**
Mike & Sallyann O'Malley



October 11th & 12th

Next Sunday's Celebrants

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

Celebrants subject to change

Deacon John Returns!

I am happy to share that Deacon John Mischler will join us for Mass on **Saturday, October 25th at the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass and on Sunday, October 26th at the 10:15 a.m. Mass.** Deacon John will be the homilist at both Masses. It will be wonderful to welcome him back! This will allow many of you who



were unable to wish him well in his new assignment at Saint Martin of Tours, New Hope, to do so and express appreciation for his 10 years of faithful and fruitful ministry at Saint Alphonsus!

-Monsignor Hennessy

Boot Up Philly Donation Drive

THIS IS YOUR LAST WEEKEND TO DONATE!

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, we 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.



Adoration

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration this Wednesday, October, 8th.

Parish Picnic...Thank you!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came out to our Parish Picnic this past Sunday. We were blessed with beautiful weather, each other's company, and an Eagles win!



Gators Basketball

St. Alphonsus Gators Basketball Registration for the 2025/2026 Season is now OPEN!

Registration closes on **Wednesday, 10/22/24 at noon.**

NO LATE REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED

Please do not hesitate! Register by visiting:

<https://registration.teamsnap.com/form/40085>



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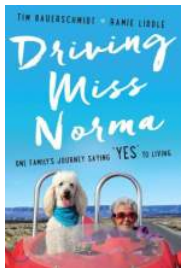
We're gearing up for two exciting parish events and need your help:

- **Ignatius Book Fair (Nov. 14-18)** – Be part of the leadership group bringing faith-filled resources to our parish.
- **MLK Day of Service** – Join the core planning team to help shape this meaningful day of outreach.



Your time and ideas can make a big difference! If you're interested or have questions, please contact Lisa Rodgers at Lrodgers@stalphonsusparish.org or **215-646-4600**.

Saint Alphonsus Book Club



Please join us on **Monday, October 27th**, as we discuss *Driving Miss Norma: One Family's Journey Saying "Yes" to Living* by Tim Bauerschmidt and Ramie Liddle. When 90-year-old Norma is diagnosed with cancer, she decides to forgo chemotherapy and instead accompanies her son, daughter-in-law, and Ringo (their dog) on an unforgettable trip in an RV around the country. Our

meeting begins promptly at **7:00 pm in the Parish Hall**, but please feel free to come early for a chat. For more details, contact Joan Wolff at joanvwolff@gmail.com. Until then, happy reading!

THE NURSE'S CORNER

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Watch Out for Scams!

Have you ever gotten a phone call, text message, or email from an unknown or strange source that looked real? Maybe the caller asked for personal information like your Social Security number or credit card details. Or maybe the message urged you to click a link immediately to resolve a problem—or warned that something terrible would happen if you didn't act fast. Welcome to the age of internet scams! For types of common scams to look out for and for tips to protect yourself, scan the QR code below!

Join us on **Wednesday, October 29th** in the **Narthex** for a special presentation on **Cyber Safety** by Trooper William C. Butler of the **Pennsylvania State Police**. Contact the Rectory Office via email at rectory@stalphonsusparish.org or via phone at 215-646-4600 to save your spot.

For the different types of common scams to look out for, as well as tips to protect yourself, scan the QR code.



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, with the next one being on **November 5th**, 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.

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A Christ-centered cancer support group





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OLM Happenings

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Registration for the 26-27 School year will open in October. Please join us during our Open House Event. If you would like a personal tour of school, please contact Julie Bebey at jbebey@olmracs.com or call the school, **215-646-0150 x113**.

Congratulations, OLM Student Leaders

Congratulations to all our National Junior Honor Society officers, Student Council officers, and Homeroom Representatives who were recently installed during our Mercy Day Prayer service. Like Catherine McAuley, these student leaders will share their time and talents to lead and serve the OLM community. Please join us in praying for their guidance, wisdom, and leadership this school year.



Religious Education for Deaf/Hard of Hearing Children

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia's Deaf Apostolate will assist in providing Religious Education for children who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing and use American Sign Language. For more information, please contact Natalie Morales at deafcatholic@archphila.org or call **215-587-3913**.



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!



New Moms Group at Saint Alphonsus!



Beginning in October, Saint Alphonsus Parish will host a new Moms Group with morning and evening gatherings. Mark your calendars: **Oct. 13 at 9:30 AM** (childcare provided) and **Oct. 20 at 6:30 PM** (childcare available upon request). Moms and grandmoms of all ages and stages are welcome!

Saint Alphonsus Pre-K Registration is Now Open for 2026-27

Registration Schedule is as follows:

September 8 – October 12: Open to members of St. Alphonsus Parish

October 13 – October 25: Open to OLM Families (St. Catherine of Siena and St. Anthony of Padua members must get letter from their pastor)

October 26: Open to everyone (St. Catherine of Siena and St. Anthony of Padua members must get letter from their pastor)

Once accepted to the program, there is a nonrefundable deposit of \$723 to reserve placement.

For more information please visit
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