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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

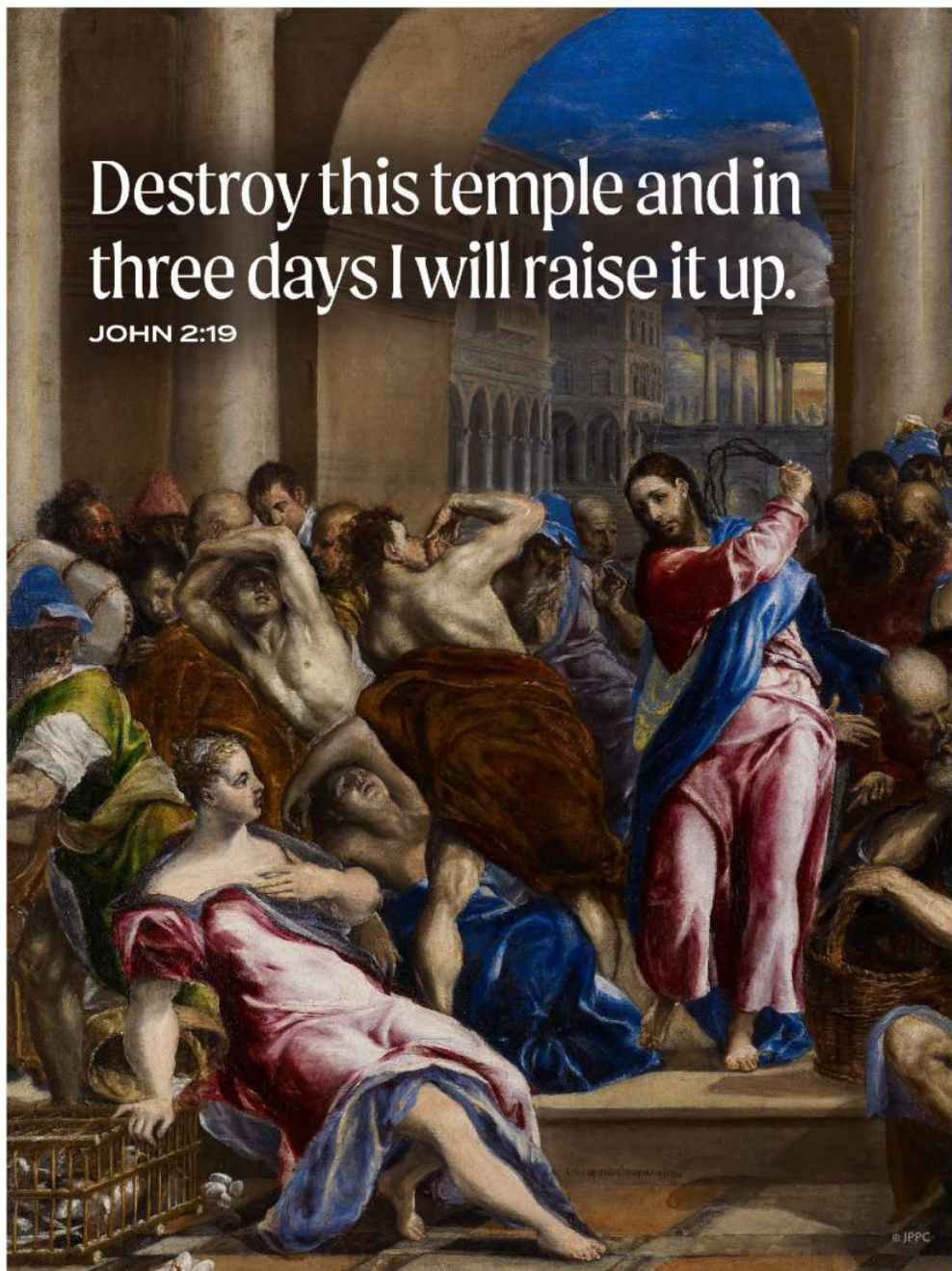
3:30 pm — 4:30 pm

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A Word From Monsignor Hennessy

Dear Parishioners,

Many in our community are experiencing tremendous hardship due to the ongoing government shutdown. In response to this pressing need, I wish to share with you a letter from Catholic Charities of Philadelphia on how we can help meet this immediate and vital need for food. In addition, I encourage you to increase your support for our local food banks. You are most welcome to bring any and all food donations to the narthex and we will be happy to distribute these non-perishable food items to the food banks we support throughout the year. Thank you for your support and generosity!

Sincerely in Christ,
Monsignor Hennessy

Dear Friends in Faith,

As of November 1, Catholic Charities of Philadelphia faces a critical challenge. Due to the ongoing federal government shutdown, **funding for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits was suspended**, leaving thousands of families and seniors in our community without access to essential food assistance.

This means:

No SNAP benefits for low-income households

No federal safety net for families struggling to put food on the table

We are already seeing the impact. Attendance doubled at our recent Boot Up Philly event, a community giveaway that provided cold-weather essentials to Philadelphians experiencing homelessness and impacted by poverty. We expect the same surge at our food pantries over the coming weeks as many have seen over a 50% increase in volume so far.

To meet this urgent need, **we must purchase twice the amount of food** for our pantries to ensure no one is sent away hungry.

We now turn to our community to help us sustain and expand our food pantry operations.

This is a moment that calls for compassion, courage, and community. As Catholics, we are guided by the Gospel to care for the poor, feed the hungry, and protect the dignity of every person.

Will you help us answer this call? Your gift today will directly provide meals to families, children, and seniors who have nowhere else to turn.

Please give now: ccphila.org/donate

With gratitude and hope,

Heather Huot
Secretary and Executive Vice President
Catholic Charities of Philadelphia

Lizanne F. Hagedorn
Executive Director
Nutritional Development Services

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: Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12

The prophet's vision of the New Temple includes "all kinds of trees for food" on the banks of the river that flowed from the building.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 3: 9c-11, 16-17

Paul tells the community that they are "God's temple, and that the Holy Spirit dwells in them."

The Gospel: John 2: 13-22

Our Lord's aggressive action here are against commerce in a holy place and a sign of the Temple's coming destruction. Animal sacrifice will end. Jesus predicts His resurrection.





*The Sanctuary Light Burns
in Memory of
Laurence Finnegan, III
from Joe Kobulsky, Jr.*

*The Bread & Wine are Offered
in Memory of
Laurence Finnegan, III
from Joe Kobulsky*



Deceased Relatives & Friends

Jack McErlean, John Keane, Marivi Vicente,
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Sick Relatives, Friends and the Homebound

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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, November 8th:

9:00 AM: Thomas Touey—

The Touey & Stohler Family

5:00 PM: Erin Schafle—

Ellen Schafle

Sunday, November 9th:

8:00 AM: People of the Parish

10:15 AM: Jim Obenski—

The Obenski Family

12:00 PM: Edward Kustra

(40th Anniversary)—

Denise & Mark Sutton

Tuesday, November 11th:

9:00 AM: Ed Hughes—

The McGettigan Family

Wednesday, November 12th:

9:00 AM: Marge Burghart—

Evelyn Loehle

Thursday, November 13th:

9:00 AM: Anthony & Sean Hughes—

The Rezza Family

Friday, November 14th:

9:00 AM: Ginnie Weitzman—

Joe Weitzman

Saturday, November 15th:

9:00 AM: Ginnie Weitzman—

Joe Weitzman

5:00 PM: Rho Schmalbach—

The Schmalbach Family

Sunday, November 16th:

8:00 AM: Richard McBride—

The McBride Family

10:15 AM: People of the Parish

12:00 PM: Kevin Murphy—

Bonnie Murphy & Family



November 15th & 16th

Next Sunday's Celebrants

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

Celebrants subject to change

Library Donations

If you would like to donate books to our parish library or the Kids' Corner, please contact us by emailing library@stalphonsusparish.org first, as our space is limited and we're only able to accept certain items at this time. All other donations should be dropped off at the rectory. We kindly ask that nothing be left in the church. Thank you for your generosity.



All Souls Photos

Last week, we prayed for and remembered this year's faithful departed during our annual All Souls Remembrance Mass. Thank you to Dolores Urban and the bereavement team, and social Sunday team for planning and setting up the night.

If you currently have a picture of a loved one on the altar steps, you may pick it up any time in November.



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**.



Advent

Save the Dates

Please save the dates for some of our upcoming Advent events.

Giving Tree

tags available on Saturday, 11/15

Boy Scout Wreath Orders

Sunday, 11/16

Advent Wreath-Making

Saturday, 11/29

Advent Ladies' Night Out

Thursday, 12/4

Advent Men's Night Out

Thursday, 12/11

Advent Choral Evensong

Sunday, 12/14

Mom's Group Update

Thank you to all who attended our October Mom's Group meetings. We are especially grateful to our leaders and those who assisted with childcare for their time and dedication. All mothers and grandmothers are warmly invited to join us for future gatherings. Please see the meeting information below for upcoming dates and times.

AM

Meets 1st Monday of each month
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
(childcare provided)

November 3
December 1

St. Alphonsus

Mom's Group

PM

Meets 3rd Monday of each month
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
(childcare available upon request)

November 17*
December 15

*location change: Parish Hall (school cafeteria)

Location: Narthex

Contact

Questions? Want to join our email group?
momsestalphonsusparish.org



Parish Census

If you haven't already, please mail back or drop off your completed census form. Even if you believe nothing has changed, it helps us keep accurate records and is vital to our operations as a parish community. If you have not yet received your census letter in the mail, please contact the Rectory Office as we may have outdated information!



Help Wanted!

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**.

Prepare Your Heart This Advent Join Share the Word

For more than 25 years, our Share the Word group has gathered together to grow in love for our Lord, Jesus Christ, through prayerful reflection on His Holy Word.

Each week, we read and discuss the upcoming Sunday Mass readings—listening, sharing, and discovering how God is speaking to us today.

As Advent approaches, we invite you to join us in this special time of preparation. Come and let Scripture guide your heart closer to Christ as we await His coming with hope and joy.

We meet on **Tuesdays from 3:30 to 5:00PM**. All are welcome to this beautiful time of prayer, reflection, and fellowship.

For more information, contact Lisa Rodgers at **215-646-4600** or Lrodgers@stalphonsusparish.org.



Advent Ladies' Night Out

with guest De Yarrison

Journey through Advent by exploring Christ's coming, deepening our awareness of His presence, and preparing our hearts to receive Him anew.

**More information to come!
Scan the QR Code to RSVP.**



THURSDAY
Dec 4TH

Doors Open at 6:30PM

Speaker:
7:00PM–8:00PM

Fellowship:
8:00PM–9:00PM

THURSDAY
Dec 11TH

Doors Open at 6:30PM

Speaker:
7:00PM–8:00PM

Fellowship:
8:00PM–9:00PM



Advent Men's Night Out

with guest Dan Tarrant

Discover the strength and faith of St. Joseph and what his example of courageous fatherhood means for men today.

**More information to come!
Scan the QR Code to RSVP**





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OLM Happenings

Attention all 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Students

- OLM Middle School Dance
- Place: St. Alphonsus Gym
- Date: Friday, Nov. 14th
- Time: 7 pm to 9:30
- Tickets: Pre-sale, \$15 (scan QR code) \$20 at the door
- Snacks & drinks will be sold at dance

\$\$ Attention All PA Tax Payers \$\$

Did you know the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program allows individuals and businesses to turn their PA state tax dollars into scholarships for students at OLM? Through EITC, you can help make a quality Catholic education accessible to more families—often at no net cost to you! We invite you to learn more about how this simple program can make a big difference in the lives of our students and community.

Join us to discover how you can turn your Pennsylvania tax dollars into scholarships for tuition support for our students—and receive a 90% tax credit!

SAVE THE DATE: EITC INFORMATION SESSION

DATE: Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2025

PLACE: St. Alphonsus Parish Hall (cafeteria)

TIME: 7 to 8PM

Presenter: Mr. Andy Lafond, CPA, Accounting Professor at LaSalle University

RSVP: jbebey@olmracs.com

Confirmation Notice

If you have a 6th grade child in a private school other than OLM, please contact Michele Gordon at mgordon@stalphonsusparish.org so you can be put on the Confirmation preparation email list as we prepare for 7th grade Confirmation.



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!



Kids' Corner Books

We're excited to share that new books have been added to our Kids Corner! All books, including children's mis-salettes, are now marked with "Keep at Church" stickers so families can enjoy them during Mass and visits to church. **Please help us keep the collection growing by leaving the books for everyone to use.** Any future donations will help us add even more wonderful books for our young children. Thank you for your support!



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.



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