Welcome to . . .

The Catholic Community of Wexford

Saint Alphonsus & Saint Alexis

Connecting our Mission, Growing Our Faith

Sunday Mass Times
4:00 p.m. Saint Alexis (Saturday Anticipated Mass)
7:30 a.m. Saint Alphonsus
9:30 a.m. Saint Alphonsus
10:00 a.m. Saint Alexis
11:30 a.m. Saint Alphonsus
5:00 p.m. Saint Alexis

Weekday Mass Schedule
8:00 a.m. Saint Alexis (Monday through Saturday)
12:00 p.m. Saint Alphonsus (Monday, Wednesday, Friday)

July 28, 2019

The Seventeenth Sunday
In Ordinary Time

Everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds.
HELP IS STILL NEEDED!

The annual Saint Alexis Festival Days takes place this week beginning Wednesday evening, July 31 thru Saturday night, August 3. We are still in need of volunteers to help with staffing this year’s celebration. Any gift of time given for one or all four nights will be most greatly appreciated. Volunteers repeatedly tell us of the fun they had during the festival in sharing their time and talent. Join us and be a part of the success. Time is of the essence! More information regarding the festival may be found on page 8 or on the insert in today’s newsletter (bulletin) or visit us at https://www.stalexisfestival.com.

Again, any gift of time is most appreciated! All proceeds benefit Catholic education through Blessed Francis Seelos Academy, our regional Catholic school. Thank you in advance for your gift of time and your continued support of Catholic education. And remember, God loves a cheerful giver! Blessings… and looking forward to seeing you at the festival!

LOAVES AND FISHES AND RAGS TO RICHES!

This past Saturday, July 20, a small army of hard working parishioners from both Saint Alexis and Saint Alphonsus and a number of school parents who have children enrolled at Blessed Francis Seelos Academy hosted the annual Gigantic Flea Market at Saint Alexis. What a great success! Many provided the “goods” while others sorted and stocked the table displays. Some shared the gift of an hour or two while others gave literally days of their time. Some worked before hand in preparation, some served our guests that day, some helped with the clean-up that followed, and some were present and helped out from beginning to end!

As of today, it looks like the amount made during the six hour shopping fury was $5,214. It’s a story of rags to riches! Sales will continue in Father Rodgers Hall through the evenings of Saint Alexis Festival Days that runs from July 31 to August 3. All proceeds are directed to Blessed Francis Seelos Academy, our regional Catholic elementary school, where we support and grow educational programs for our children.

From the helpful assistance of those who were present at the drop-off days to the kindness and support experienced by shoppers, a real difference was made by those who made this annual event a reality and great success. We offer organized displays of “merchandise” with a “staff” who strive to always put the “customer” first in a welcoming and friendly manner. A big part of the success of that day was the experience guests had of visiting our Wexford Catholic Community.

Thanks to all who contributed to the success of this year’s flea market in whatever way. There are too many volunteers to list by name and not wanting to overlook anyone, I thank one and all! Of course, the commanders in-chief (and C.E.O.s) of this massive undertaking must be identified – Lindsay Ries, Amy Novak and Sara Kennedy. I am personally grateful to these women, for their leadership and enthusiasm. The generosity of all who gave of their time and talent is a witness of stewardship for all.

There are many ways one can define success. Certainly it’s more than dollars and cents; that never captures the whole story. The success of the annual Flea Market is a story of loaves and fishes; rags to riches; the giving of self and providing others with the welcome of Jesus. Thanks to one and all!

OLLIE, OLLIE IN - FREE!

To all of our Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Eucharist, thank you for your ministry to the sick and homebound of the community. Know that you are making a real difference by connecting others to Jesus and the Church which they so love.

However, we are having a problem that you can help to resolve: the parish's pyxes are disappearing! No, I don't mean stolen, just not being returned. Pyxes are sacred vessels because of what they hold - the Holy Eucharist. It is necessary that they be recognized and as such, treated differently than other items that we commonly use.

Pyxes should always be carried inside a burse - a small black leather pouch that normally has a band attached so that it may be worn around one's neck when carrying the Body and Blood of Jesus. A pyx that contains the Eucharist should never be stashed in a pocket or tossed in a purse. Again, it is sacred and should be treated as such.

Secondly, pyxes (and burses) should be returned to church and the pyx purified and returned to proper place in the sacristy as soon as one has distributed the Eucharist.

Please, dear ministers of Holy Eucharist, check your purses and pockets for pyxes and return them to church (where you found them) as soon as possible. Without having pyxes available, you are depriving others of the opportunity to encounter Jesus in this sacramental form. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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The Feast Day of Saint Alphonsus is August 1. The celebration of a feast day may be transferred to a Sunday during the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. With this in mind, next weekend, August 3 and 4, we will honor the memory Saint Alphonsus at all the Masses at Saint Alphonsus so that more people may participate in this tribute to our patron saint.

A little background information about our Saint Alphonsus: Saint Alphonsus Maria Ligouri (September 27, 1696 – August 1, 1787) was an Italian Catholic bishop, spiritual writer, composer, musician, artist, poet, lawyer, philosopher and theologian. Saint Alphonsus was known above all as a practical man who dealt in the concrete rather than the abstract.

In his day, Alphonsus fought for the liberation of moral theology from the rigidity of a heresy in the Church known as Jansenism. His theology and writings concentrated on the concrete and practical problems of pastors and confessors. At the University of Naples, Alphonsus received a doctorate in both canon and civil law at the age of 16. He soon gave up the practice of law for apostolic activity. He was ordained a priest and focused his pastoral efforts on popular parish missions, hearing confessions and forming Christian groups.

He founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorist - CSsR) in 1732. The congregation was formally recognized 17 years later. Alphonsus’ great pastoral reforms were in the pulpit and congregation was formally recognized 17 years later. He was made bishop at age 66 after trying to reject the honor, and at once, instituted a thorough reform of his diocese.

At 71, Alphonsus was afflicted with rheumatic pains which left the incurable bending of his neck. Until it was straightened a little, the pressure of his chin caused a raw wound on his chest. He suffered a final 18 months of the “dark night,” scrupulousness, fears, temptations against every article of faith and every virtue, interspersed with intervals of light and relief.

His life is a practical model for the everyday Christian who has difficulty recognizing the dignity of Christian life amid the elements of problems, pain, misunderstanding and even failure. Alphonsus is a saint because he was able to maintain an intimate sense of the presence of the suffering Christ through it all. He was beatified on September 15, 1816 by Pope Pius VII and canonized on May 26, 1839 by Pope Gregory XVI. Learn more about St. Alphonsus and befriend him by your prayers.

Saint Alphonsus, Patron saint of Confessors, Theologians, and Vocations, pray for us!
**This Week at Saint Alphonsus**

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| Sunday, July 28 | 7:30 a.m. Mass  
9:30 a.m. Mass with Children’s Liturgy of the Word  
11:30 a.m. Mass |
| Monday, July 29 | 12:00 p.m. Mass  
6:00 p.m. Men’s Fellowship in cafeteria |
| Tuesday, July 30 | -                                                                   |
| Wednesday, July 31 | 12:00 p.m. Mass  
12:30-8:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
3:00-3:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Devotion  
7:00-8:00 p.m. Reconciliation |
| Thursday, August 1 | -                                                                   |
| Friday, August 2 | 8:00 a.m. Sanctuary Committee in church  
12:00 p.m. Mass |
| Saturday, August 3 | -                                                                   |
| Sunday, August 4 | First Sunday Food Collection for North Hills Food Bank  
7:30 a.m. Mass  
9:30 a.m. Mass with Children’s Liturgy of the Word  
11:30 a.m. Mass |

**Mass Intentions**

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| Sunday, July 28 | The Living and Deceased of Saint Alphonsus and Saint Alexis Parishes  
† Frank Gazdik by Dick and Patti (Gazdik) Heilman  
† Elisa Bellisario by Donato Bucci and Family |
| Monday, July 29 | Terry Scanlon by Rick Rodgers  
Tuesday, July 30—No Masses  
Wednesday, July 31—No Masses  
Thursday, August 1—No Masses  
Friday, August 2—No Masses  
Saturday, August 3—No Masses |
| Monday, July 29 | Nancy Connor by Lawrence Connor  
Thursday, August 1—No Masses |
| Monday, July 29 | Special Intention by Stephen & Emilie Baker  
Saturday, August 3—No Masses  
Sunday, August 4—No Masses |
| Monday, July 29 | Marietta Cosentino by Horan Family  
George Lyons, Jr. by Rosezella Weaver  
Joe Bullick by Louis and Mary Lou Bosco |

The financial report remains unchanged from the previous week. Please see next weekend for updated information.

**Income: July 8 through July 14, 2019**

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Parish Share Assessment: $99,942 - Collected: $109,948

Upcoming Second Collections: July 21 - School

**Prayer for Volunteers**

Everlasting God,  
strengthen and sustain all those  
who volunteer in our churches;  
that with patience and understanding, they may love and care for your people;  
and grant that together they may follow Jesus Christ, offering to you their gifts and talents;  
through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

**Our Advertisers**

Thanks to our bulletin advertisers for advertising in our parish bulletins this week:

*Saint Alphonsus - Sperling Funeral Home*

*Saint Alexis - Remo’s Catering*

Please patronize our sponsors or at least, be sure to thank them when you have the opportunity to do so. It is through their support that our weekly bulletin is made possible!

*May God bless all our benefactors!*
**MASS INTENTIONS**

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<td>† Michael Moeller - Grandma</td>
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<td>Sunday, July 28 - The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</td>
<td>† Patrick Flaherty - Ethel Flaherty</td>
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<td>10:00 a.m.</td>
<td>Monday, July 29 - St. Martha</td>
<td>† Allan Larsen - The Mihm Family</td>
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<td>Tuesday, July 30 – St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</td>
<td>† Gerry (Geraldine) Oswald - Gene Oswald</td>
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<td>8:00 a.m.</td>
<td>Wednesday, July 31 - St. Ignatius of Loyola</td>
<td>† Viola Tourville - Don and Sue Beck</td>
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<td>Thursday, August 1 - St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</td>
<td>† Jim Hertweck - Barbara Kanary</td>
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<td>8:00 a.m.</td>
<td>Friday, August 2 - St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop and St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest</td>
<td>† Edward Penco, Jr. - Lois and Dave Vichek</td>
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<td>8:00 a.m.</td>
<td>Saturday, August 3 - Blessed Virgin Mary</td>
<td>† In Thanksgiving for a Special Benefactor - Natalie and Shannon Beneviat and Family</td>
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<td>10:00 a.m.</td>
<td>Sunday, August 4 - The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</td>
<td>† Maureen Reuss - Kara Mosbacher and Family</td>
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**OFFERTORY - JULY 21, 2019**

- Envelopes $8,536.00
- Faith Direct $8,247.42
- Loose Money $727.00
- Total $17,510.42
- Weekly Operating Expenses $19,350.00
- Surplus (Shortfall) $(1,839.58)

- 2019 Parish Share: $133,188.25
- Parish Share Donations to date $133,188.25

**LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE: August 3 - 4, 2019**

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<td>G. Lersch</td>
<td>B. Roberts</td>
<td>Stalder, B. Stalder, D. Harrington, F. Miller</td>
<td>M. Schlemmer</td>
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**Upcoming Weddings**

- BANNS III: Rachel Pepmeyer
  - Saint Alexis Parish
  - and
  - John Michael Pauze
  - Saint Catharine Parish, Columbus, Ohio
  - Wedding will be celebrated at Saint Alexis.

- BANNS I: Ann P. Elinan
  - Saint Peter Cathedral, Erie
  - and
  - Benjamin Dallatore
  - Saint Alphonsus Parish
  - Wedding will be celebrated at Saint Alphonsus
Elizabeth of the Trinity—Wisdom for our time
By Dave VanVickle, Director for Evangelization
Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity is a saint that I would like to introduce to our parishes. She has become one of my very favorite saints in just a short period of time. She has been known as the “Prophet of the Presence” or the “Prophet of the Divine Indwelling.” She is a really important saint for our times. Her writings are filled with lessons that are incredibly pertinent to the maladies of modern-day Catholic disciples. Here are six quotes that I think we can draw so much wisdom from. Her quotes are in red. My commentary is in black.

“Of what importance is feeling? Perhaps you are all the closer when I feel you less.”
Unfortunately, emotivism is so prevalent as a rule of faith now. We base so much of our faith on feelings. In my limited experience of the spiritual life, feelings are a terrible gauge for our closeness to God or the health of our soul.

“May my life be a continual prayer, a long act of love.”
Elizabeth practiced a continual recognition on the indwelling Trinity. She constantly reverenced the presence of God within her soul. God gave us this life, and we need to give every second back to him.

“During painful times, when you feel a terrible void, think how the capacity of your soul is being enlarged so that it can receive God - becoming as it were, infinite as God is infinite.”
Modern man has a tendency to avoid suffering at all costs and in every way. I have learned in my own life that the greatest moments of grace come after God has tilled the soil of our heart with suffering. I almost desire it now because I know that suffering has become one of the greatest graces of my life. I do not yet suffer well, but I definitely recognize that each inconvenience and suffering has meaning.

“You will never be commonplace if you are vigilant in love.”
The current obsession with being unique is a hopeless pursuit when it is driven by our own efforts. On the other hand, God creates a beautifully unique tapestry out of our souls when we turn our lives over to His love. Have you ever wondered how there can be so many unique saints? Love is always new and always exciting.

“I go to him as a baby goes to his mother so that he can fill me and invade all and take me in his arms.”
I just love the part of this phrase that says, “invade all.” It is a common plea of my heart for God to conquer me. At times I feel this is the only viable option. To invade me like an army and take captive those things out of line with a life of discipleship.

“O consuming Fire, Spirit of Love,” come upon me, and create in my soul a kind of incarnation of the Word: that I may be another humanity for Him in which He can renew His whole mystery.”
So much here. Her great desire is that she would be wholly given over to Christ. That she would be a living mystery of the gospel message renewing the world as Christ did.

“Forget self, give up self, ignore self, look at the Master, look only at Him, accept as coming directly from His love both joy and suffering.”
Accepting joys from God’s love and attributing suffering to his justice to no cause at all is so easy. But to look at both joy and suffering as a gift of love from God is where “the rubber meets the road.” No matter what life has brought you, look at it as a gift coming directly from the love of God.

Gently Used Clothing Sale
Our clothing sale will be held on August 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., in the small gym at Saint Alphonsus. (The small gym is underneath the new side of Saint Alphonsus Church. Take the road between the church and the cemetery. The gym doors are to the left at the back of the church.) This sale benefits the Passion Play. Collection of clothing is being accepted at the doors of the small gym, Wednesday, July 24 through Sunday, August 4. We accept clothing, shoes, jewelry, belts for men, women, teens, and children. Volunteers to help sort clothes and help with the sale itself are welcome. Please contact Mary Heagy at marheagy@aol.com or 724.538.5258 to sign up. Hours/times of volunteer work will be posted on a weekly basis beginning July 24. This will be done by email.

Adoration Offered on Wednesdays and First Fridays
The Catholic Community of Wexford invites you to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays at Saint Alphonsus Parish and first Fridays at Saint Alexis Parish.
Adoration on Wednesdays begins at 12:30 p.m. (immediately after the noon Mass) and closes at 8:00 p.m. Confessions are offered between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Saint Alphonsus is located at 201 Church Road in Wexford. Sign up electronically for a time slot at tinyurl.com/StAlAdore.
Adoration on first Fridays at Saint Alexis begins at 8:30 a.m. (immediately after the 8:00 a.m. Mass) and ends at 6:30 p.m. Saint Alexis is located at 10090 Old Perry Highway in Wexford. To sign up, go to tinyurl.com/StAlexisAdore.
**RCIA OPEN HOUSE**

Do you have questions about Catholicism? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program is designed to help non-Catholics learn more about the faith and be welcomed into the Church. There will be a special RCIA Open House on the evening of **Sunday, August 25 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** in the Saint Alexis Parish Center, for anyone who is interested or has questions about Catholicism and/or the RCIA process. Light refreshments will be served. This event is open to anyone from either Saint Alphonsus or Saint Alexis Parish, or from no parish at all. So be sure to mark your calendar and join us! For more information, you may contact Mr. Louis Bosco, Director of Religious Education, at 724.935.1151, extension 213.

**NEW FAITH FORMATION OPTIONS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES**

Fall registration for Pre-K through 8th grade faith formation classes is now available on our website at saintalponsuswexford.org or stalexis.org. This will be our first time merging the Saint Alphonsus and Saint Alexis programs into one program. This will allow us to offer a variety of new options for families (see below). Be sure to check out the new Family-Based Catechesis option, which is designed to help the whole family grow stronger in the faith together, and for moms and dads to take the lead in handing on the faith to their children. After reading over the class descriptions feel free to contact the Religious Education Office with any questions at 724-935-1151, ext. 213 or 724-935-4343, ext. 225.

All classes will be held at the Education Center on the Saint Alexis campus.

- **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Pre-K thru 2nd grade).** Mondays (weekly), 5:30-7:00 p.m. Limited availability. Pre-Requisite: 1st & 2nd graders need one prior year of CGS. Each year of this amazing, experiential learning program builds on the previous year and expands in scope. There may be limited registration for this option due to a low number of available CGS catechists.
- **Family-Based Catechesis (1st-6th grades).** Parents attend one session a month, Tuesdays, 7:45-9:15 p.m., then teach the children at home. This option is highly recommended for its powerful impact on the whole family.
- **In-Class Catechesis (1st-6th grades).** Wednesdays (bi-monthly, 2x per month), 5:30-7:30 p.m. This new bi-monthly format will give catechists the freedom to discuss topics at a deeper level, better engage the students’ questions and interests, and have more substantial prayer time during class.
- **EDGE Night (7th-8th grades).** Sundays (bi-monthly, 2x per month), 6:30-8:30 p.m. Youth-ministry-inspired program that will give our junior-high kids the chance to step out of the classroom and experience the faith in a dynamic, engaging way.

**ASCEND Youth and Young Adults**

**Middle School**

- **3-on-3 Basketball Tournament.** Sunday, July 28, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. in the Ryan Center. This is a casual, co-ed, fun tournament for anyone in middle school, regardless of skill level. Come as solo, pair, or team of three. Even if your teen doesn't want to play, they are more than welcome to come hang out and root for their friends! Sign up begin at 12:30 in the Ryan Center. Parents must fill out emergency contact information at sign up.
- **Ultimate Capture the Flag.** Thursday, August 8, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Saint Alexis campus. Meet up at the playground. Wear clothes you can get messy, and bring a towel. Bring your friends!

**High School**

- **Summer Sundays.** ASCEND High School meets every Sunday in Summer, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the youth room at Saint Alexis.
- **Water Wars.** Join us Sunday, August 11, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for a big water gun and water balloon battle at Saint Alexis. Bring a water gun, clothes you can get wet in, and a towel.

**Young Adults**

- **Tacos and Theology.** Join us for Tacos and Theology, August 7, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Outside at the picnic tables with corn hole and can jam. (If weather is bad we'll be inside in the youth room.) FREE Tacos and good community. Patrick Neve (Youth Minister of Holy Spirit Parish in New Castle and Co-Host of The Crunch Podcast) will be speaking. Follow ASCEND Youth and Young Adults on Facebook and Instagram @ascendwexford to stay up to date.

For questions about any of these programs, please contact David at lifeteen@stalexis.org.
Saint Alexis Festival
benefitting Blessed Francis Seelos Academy

July 31, August 1,2,3 2019
6 to 11 pm
10090 Old Perry Highway, Wexford

- Live stage entertainment
- Games
- Rides
- Festival food favorites
- Raffles
- Prizes
- Blackjack and poker
- Flea market

Enjoy the Saint Alexis Beer Garden featuring premium beers and a variety of adult beverages.

INDOOR DINNERS (4:30-7:30 pm)
Adults: $9; Children: $5 (ages 3-10); Children under 3 – FREE

Wednesday – BINGO! (in the cafeteria)
Thursday – Thanksgiving Feast in August
Friday – BINGO! (in the cafeteria)
Saturday – Italian Night

Parking at North Allegheny High School…
continuous FREE shuttle available.
Over 50 Upcoming Event

August 18 at 1:00 p.m. - Summer picnic at Saint Alexis Campus. Contact Rose Scheller for more information at 724.728.2563.

13TH of the Month Rosary and Program

Join the Spirit Refill Team of St. Teresa of Avila Parish in Ross Township on Sunday, August 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church for recitation of the Rosary and presentation by Fr. Michael Maranowski on Jesus’ Gift to Us – The Eucharist. This evening will also include Eucharistic Adoration. All are invited to attend. Note – date changed to Sunday, August 11 because St Teresa Parish Festival begins Monday, August 12.

Magnificat Pittsburgh Prayer Breakfast

All women are invited to the Magnificat Pittsburgh prayer breakfast on August 24, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Double Tree by Hilton, Cranberry Twp. Hear Nicole Abisinio, producer, actor, and film marketing executive, speak about her conversion to Catholicism. Nicole had a life journey of success in Hollywood, working with movie and television stars even appearing in a movie with Bill Murray. But her life felt empty and worthless until she understood her identity in Christ and how much God loves her. She will share how God changed her, the struggles she faced in the film industry after her conversion, how God showed her to use the media for His glory. Tickets cost $23. To register, call Deb, 412.736.7523 or Pam, 412.461.8906 or go to www.magnificatpittsburgh.org. Registration deadline is August 16.

Three Casino Tour

October 17 through October 18. This is the itinerary:

Meadows Casino - 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. $20 free play and $5 for food.

Wheeling Island Hotel and Casino (from arrival to departure the next morning at 10:00 a.m. with breakfast buffet) $25 free slot play each day.

Mountaineer Racetrack and Casino - 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. $20 free slot play.

Cost is $154 per person double occupancy and $204 for single occupancy.

For more information, call Dave at 412.366.3789 or 412.719.3712.

St. Ferdinand Family Festival

St. Ferdinand Parish in Cranberry Twp. is hosting its Family Festival on Friday, August 9, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Saturday, August 10, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., and Sunday, August 11, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Come join us for nightly dinners, Bingo, Kiddieland, face painting, bake sale, country kitchen, boutique, basket raffles, games, train rides, $12,000 grand prize raffle, White Elephant, theme basket raffles, games of chance, dinners, food booths, entertainment, and more.

The White Elephant is open on Friday, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Sunday 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The last day for all White Elephant donations is July 28. For additional information visit stferd.org or call 724.776.2888.

Faith Afloat

Faith Afloat returns! High schoolers, cruise along the three rivers celebrating your Catholic faith while taking in gorgeous views of the Pittsburgh Skyline aboard the Gateway Clipper Empress! The cruise takes place on October 13 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Don’t miss dinner, a dance party, and a chance to deepen your faith! This year's theme is Romans 12: "Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer." Sr. Miriam O'Callaghan, TOR, will share how the Lord radically called her from her homeland in Ireland to religious life. Noah Pepmeyer will lead praise and worship and Vocations Director Father Mike Ackerman will emcee. Tickets cost $21 and are available at PGHPriest.com until October 1.

Discernment Retreat Day

The Passionist Nuns of Pittsburgh will host a Vocation Discernment Retreat Day on Saturday, August 10, at Our Lady of Sorrows Monastery, 2715 Churchview Avenue, 15227. Women 18 to 40 years old who are considering religious life are encouraged to attend. For more information and reservation, please call Sr. Grace, CP at 412.881.1155.

Sarah Swafford to Speak

Men and women today are faced with a constant assault on their emotions. Whether from the media or the environment around them, relationships are especially under attack. In her talk, “Relationships: It's Complicated,” national Catholic speaker and author Sarah Swafford targets this battle within. She sets forth a vision for virtue in the twenty-first century, one that focuses on beginning with the end in mind, building what will last, and staying off the “Emoticoaster.” The talk will be held on September 17 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Ss. John and Paul Church. No cost. Courtesy registration on https://stsjohnandpaul.org/swafford.
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JOIN Us!
To become a registered member of the parish family, please visit our website at www.stalexis.org or at www.SaintAlphonsusWexford.org. Introduce yourself to us at Mass!

RECONCILIATION
Saint Alexis: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Saturday - 7:30 a.m.-7:55 a.m. Saturday - 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Saint Alphonsus: Wednesday 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PRAYER
Eucharistic Adoration
Saint Alphonsus: Wednesday 12:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saint Alexis: First Friday of every month from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Devotion: Wednesday 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
at Saint Alphonsus

Prayer Ministry - To initiate a request for urgent prayers contact the following people:
Saint Alexis - Barb Busi at 412.366.4829
Saint Alphonsus - Norma Heyl at 724.935.1094 or Jo Labrise at 724.935.3826.

MARRIAGE
Arrangements must be made with a priest at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date.

HOLY ORDERS
For information about the priesthood or the vowed religious life, please contact Fr. Zywan or the Vocation Office of the diocese at 412.456.3131 or visit pghpriest.com.

BAPTISM
Celebrated on Sundays at 11:15 a.m. at Saint Alexis or at 12:45 p.m. at Saint Alphonsus by appointment. Arrangements should be made through the Parish Center several months in advance. Parents need to be registered parishioners and complete a pre-baptism class before scheduling a baptism.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Communal anointing is celebrated periodically. Anyone who is anticipating surgery is encouraged to request this sacrament prior to being admitted to the hospital. Individuals who are unable to attend Sunday Mass and want to receive the sacraments are asked to please call the Parish Center.

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