Welcome to . . .

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF WEXFORD

Saint Alphonsus & Saint Alexis

“Grow in Jesus, engage in community, and go forth to make disciples.”

Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission with the power to forgive or retain sins through the Holy Spirit.

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ALL Masses are cancelled until further notice.

May 31, 2020 Pentecost Sunday
Slowly Moving to Re-Open our Churches for Public Worship

As previously announced, the diocese has permitted our churches to begin daily Mass with up to 25 people, but ONLY IF each church can comply with all of the other safety protocols required for opening. We, unfortunately, will be unable to assure compliance this week. However, our newly formed COVID Safety Task Force, comprised of medical professionals, staff, and representatives of liturgical ministries, are working diligently to provide a series of recommendations. We are hopeful that this will allow a partial return to public Masses, both daily and Sunday, beginning on or about June 7.

We have been informed that we are allowed to have Mass up to 25% of the building capacity. We must, however, comply with all other safety protocols provided by the diocese. Most of those were summarized in the 4-page article in last Sunday’s bulletin. In addition to strictly adhering to the 25% capacity limit, it is required that all Mass attendees wear a mask. Parishioners are to remain 6 feet apart from all other non-family attendees, show no signs of illness, use hand sanitizer upon both entering and exiting the church building. They need to comply with a single entry and exit directions, do not cross into blocked off designated parts of the building, and use only the one designated restroom if necessary.

We have to maintain a list of attendees with contact information and have a pre-Mass registration to control the number of persons attending each Mass. We must train ushers/greeters and liturgical ministers to facilitate our compliance with all protocols, and design a procedure for distribution of Holy Communion to be given AFTER Mass. This ensures compliance with social distancing and sanitizing requirements. It has not yet been determined how many Masses will be offered, or whether we will be able to open more than one Church building. These decisions are contingent upon what is reasonably practical for our staff with respect to cleaning and sanitizing requirements.

Please keep in mind that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended and that we will continue to live-stream Mass each week as long as necessary.

We remind those over the age of 65, those who have respiratory conditions or a suppressed immune system, anyone who feels even slightly sick, and anyone who is not comfortable being in a group setting, are encouraged to remain home and not attend Mass.

These restrictions are an effort to begin the process of moving back to public worship in our churches, and are intended to be both “interim and temporary.” How temporary? It depends upon whether the COVID virus remains relatively controlled or whether there is a further outbreak in the future. Please pray for your clergy, COVID Safety Task Force, and Parish staff that has the unenviable job of trying to comply with these directives so that we as a worshiping community can be together again as soon as possible.

Our Parish Has a New Name!

About two years ago, the Holy Spirit placed the parishes of Saint Alphonsus and Saint Alexis into one Grouping, forming the Catholic Community of Wexford. Since that time, we have been building bridges and sharing all that is the sacred fiber of these two parishes. As we approach Pentecost Sunday, the Holy Spirit is once again leading us towards becoming one parish, one faith community, as we work together to embrace a new identity.

Since the beginning of March, after much input from our parishioners, names were submitted to Bishop Zubik for consideration. We thank everyone for their feedback and help in choosing these submissions. As just announced by Bishop Zubik, as of July 1, 2020, the parishes of Saint Alphonsus and Saint Alexis will become the parish of:

Saint Aiden Parish

In addition, the clergy assigned to Saint Aiden effective July 1, are:

Father David Bonnar, Pastor
Father William Wuenschel, Senior Parochial Vicar
Deacon Al Heiles
Deacon Jeff Ludwikowski

Father Paul Zywan will become the new pastor of Triumph of the Holy Cross Parish, serving the communities of Clairton, Jefferson Hills, and West Mifflin.
THE SPIRIT MOVES US

Today we celebrate Pentecost, the day when the Holy Spirit was given by Jesus and received by the disciples. The readings from Acts and the Gospel of John offer accounts of that day while First Corinthians offers an analysis of the many gifts that resulted from the infusion of the Holy Spirit. The psalm and the sequence read today are filled with praise for the work of the Spirit. Today represents a culmination of all the difficult days that have gone before, the triumph of Holy Thursday, the death and despair of the Cross, the astonishing Resurrection, and the appearances of a familiar but transformed Jesus to his disciples. It represents the pivotal transition for the disciples from people of uncertainty and fear to people of commitment and action. The Spirit moves the disciples and moves us as well.

SAFETY IN NUMBERS

The apostles and all the believers in Jesus have been through a tumultuous time. They have experienced the heights of Holy Thursday and the depths of Good Friday, the uncertainties of Easter Sunday, and the multiple appearances of Jesus after his death and resurrection. They have not recognized Jesus, and when they have, they have demanded reassurance from him. Throughout most of this time they have stayed together. Acts describes them all in one place, together, when wind fills the house and tongues of fire rest on each of them. They then find themselves able to communicate with and be understood by those who had not understood them. Everyone recognizes this as a mighty act of God. John reminds us and the disciples that receiving the Spirit brings with it peace and the need for action. They receive the Spirit so they can be sent into the world to forgive sins.

ACTION IN THE SPIRIT

When our world has been turned upside down, when we are faced with uncertainties about what is real, when we are unsure about what lies ahead for us, when we don’t know what we should do next, we do not want to be alone. Neither did the apostles and all those who loved Jesus. They wanted to be together when they needed to make sense of what was happening to them and what was going to be asked of them. There is safety in numbers but neither the apostles nor we can remain huddled together. The Spirit requires that we act. All the manifestations of the Spirit are given in order to benefit us and our world. The many different gifts given by the Spirit demand that we do many kinds of work, many forms of service. But we do not work alone. The Spirit is always with us.
To love is to learn to follow Christ with others.

**May They Rest In Peace**

The Catholic Community of Wexford wishes to extend sympathy to those who mourn the loss of a loved one, especially the souls who recently passed through death: *Angela Amrhein (95).* Final arrangements were held privately. *James Steiner (80)*, husband of Mary. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at a later date which has not yet been determined.

May the choirs of angels welcome them and where Lazarus is poor no longer, may they find eternal rest.

**We Pray For The Sick**

We entrust to the care of Christ the Divine Physician, those members of our parish families of Saint Alphonsus and Saint Alexis who are in need of healing in body, mind or spirit, especially:

- Brian Bart
- Rachel Borck
- Jeannie Bukaukus
- Emma Bullick
- Rick Collins
- Connor Cunic
- Gloria Dudowski
- Nancy Greer
- Patricia Gross
- Stanley Hofstetter
- Betty Howell
- David Hoza
- John Hunsinger
- Al Korade
- Eugene Mancino
- Gerard McArdle
- Liz McArdle
- Michelle Mehok
- Ron Mehok
- Diane Miller
- G. James Neelan
- Larry Sampietro
- Irene Schultz
- Janice Spowal
- Amber VanVickle
- David Zappa

If you know of a parishioner or have a loved one who is ill, please contact the Parish Center and let us know. We will place that person’s name on the prayer list for four weeks. Intentions may return to the list upon monthly requests. Contact the Parish Center at 724.935.4343 or 724.935.1151 to add a loved one onto the list.

**Scripture Readings**

**Today's Readings**

**First Reading** — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

**Psalm** — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

**Second Reading** — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body and given to drink of one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13).

**Gospel** — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission with the power to forgive or retain sins through the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23).


**Readings For The Week**

**Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34

**Tuesday:** 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16; Mk 12:13-17

**Wednesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2; Mk 12:18-27

**Thursday:** 2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Mk 12:28-34

**Friday:** 2 Tm 3:10-17; Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168; 1-6; Mk 12:35-37

**Saturday:** 2 Tm 4:1-8; Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22; Mk 12:38-44

**Sunday:** Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52-55; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18
MASS INTENTIONS

Due to the quarantine, Father Zywan and Father Will are still celebrating daily Masses privately. Unfortunately, due to current circumstances, we are unable to invite you to join us at the actual celebration of the Mass. We will include all previously scheduled Mass Intentions at their private Mass.
† Michael Tallarico - Michele Tallarico
† Nick Midea - Jo Certo
† Margaret Constantine - Judy and Lou Schrecker
  In Celebration of Mary Ellen and Bill Zabel’s 67th Anniversary
† Timothy Grzywacz - Nicole Contic
† Ralph Altman - Betty and Family
† Helena and Scott Pingree’s 20th Anniversary - Helen Sonson, Ava and Lucas
† Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of Kevin Collins - John and Marianne DiDonato

MAKING A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Without access to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, it is important to still keep the Lord’s Day holy! You can do this by intentionally praying the rosary, singing hymns or praise and worship songs, praying with Scripture, and making a spiritual communion, like the one below.

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now

SAINT ALPHONSOUS INCOME

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2020 Parish Share Assessment: $133,380
Collected: $27,612

SAINT ALEXIS INCOME

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2020 Parish Share Assessment: $151,696
Collected: $69,918

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GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEDER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

You can feel so small standing by the seashore. The vastness of all that is before you expands much farther than your eye can see. What is happening on the other side? As tides continue to ebb and flow, what occurs as they come and go remains largely a mystery and the effects of their presence unknown in your sight. Yet, things are moving and changing as you gaze upon the water, as the thumbprint of their presence is left behind. The greater the wind and wave, the greater the effect. But even a gentle breeze leaves its humble mark upon the seashore on which you stand. The smallest pebble still makes a ripple in the great blue expanse of ocean waters. It doesn’t need to be big.

You never know the full impact of your smallest gesture or simplest of words. A yes or no, agree or disagree, here or there, this or that can influence time and history in ways you may never know. The Holy Spirit is like that; fierce and torrential, and then almost still and silent, creating and recreating nonetheless. Coming as a gentle breeze or a gusty wind, God’s Holy Spirit continues to move over, around, and into the waters of our lives. The Spirit brings fruit and unknown possibilities to what we humbly bring with us and that same Spirit eventually brings all to fulfillment in Christ.

The first disciples didn’t have much. They possessed simple faith and a willingness to go into unchartered territory with a love of their friend-God, humble offerings, and a knowledge that they were not alone. This allowed them to do amazing things with very little. Do you believe that you are being led and that you have a purposeful life? We often do not realize our value because we do not think that the little we have is good enough. How wrong we are! A little flour mixed with water and embraced by a prayer of blessing transforms simple offerings into the magnificent Eucharistic presence of God. If the Holy Spirit can do such amazing things with these humble gifts of the earth, even more can happen with you. Don’t underestimate the value of the smile you gave a stranger, the door held open for an elderly widow, the listening ear offered to one who was lonely, the tolerance given to the wounded soul who is angry, and the loving shoulder you offered as a cradle under the head of someone in pain. Modest gifts offered with love can be transformed by the Spirit into wondrous blessings you may never know. It’s Pentecost. Trust. You are not alone.

Jesus stood up and exclaimed, “Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink. As Scripture says:

Rivers of living water will flow from within him who believes in me.”

He said this in reference to the Spirit that those who came to believe in him were to receive. - Jn 7:37b-39a
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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, 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.
If you would like to be a part of this important ministry to pray for

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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