



**FORGIVE**

“So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.” Mt. 18:35

# ST. ALPHONSUS

## PARISH

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Parish Office Hours: Monday–Thursday: 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

*As disciples of Jesus Christ, the Catholic community of St. Alphonsus is committed to knowing, loving, and serving God, and His creation.*

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 • TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil ..... 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday ..... 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. (*Spanish Mass*)  
 Tuesday, Thursday, Friday ..... 8:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday Adoration ..... 5:00 p.m.  
 1st Friday Mass & Adoration ..... 8:30 a.m.  
 1st Saturday Rosary ..... 8:30 a.m.

### STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Jim Harvey ..... ext. 102  
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### ORGANIZATIONS

Knights of Columbus ..... John Peaslee  
 Council of Catholic Women (CCW) ..... Patti Macken  
 Hispanic Ministry ..... Maribel Estrada  
 SACS Community Services of Cumberland County...931-484-8074

### BAPTISMS

are celebrated once per month at a regular weekend Mass. Preparation classes are offered at 6:00pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. RSVP with Sara no later than the Thursday prior.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION** are celebrated every year in the spring. In order to participate, a child must be enrolled and active in our religious education program. Contact Sara Carey.

### MARRIAGE

Our Diocese mandates a period of at least six months for marriage preparation. Please call the office to set an appointment to discuss preparation for this sacrament with Fr. Jim. Attendance at an Engaged Encounter weekend is required. Visit [www.dioknox.org](http://www.dioknox.org) and click on marriage preparation for more information.

### RECONCILIATION (PENANCE)

The regularly scheduled time for Reconciliation is from 4:15 p.m. until 4:45 p.m. every Saturday. Special Reconciliation services are held during Lent and Advent every year.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK/COMMUNION

Call the office to inform us of anyone who is hospitalized, in a nursing home, or otherwise unable to attend regularly-scheduled Masses. Privacy laws prevent us from calling to get information about your condition when you are hospitalized.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Parents or guardians are primarily responsible for the catechesis of their children, which leads to participation at Mass. All children are required to follow the normal course of religious education classes. A special class for sacraments will be offered for those who have missed a number of years of religious education. Contact Pauline O’Keeffe.

### COLUMBARIUM

Please email your questions regarding the columbarium to: [columbarium@stalonline.org](mailto:columbarium@stalonline.org).

### PRAYER BLANKETS

If you would like to pick up a blessed prayer blanket, call or stop by the office during office hours.

### TRAVELING

When traveling, visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) or call 410-676-6000 to find mass schedules/times.

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Please see inside for safety precautions set forth by the Bishop to attend mass or enter the church & offices.

**Saturday, September 12**  
Mass at 5pm

**Sunday, September 13**  
Mass at 8:30am & 11am

**Tuesday, September 15**  
Mass at 8:30am

**Thursday, September 17**  
Mass at 8:30am

**Friday, September 18**  
Mass at 8:30am

**Saturday, September 19**  
Mass at 5pm

**Sunday, September 20**  
Mass at 8:30am & 11am  
Spanish Mass– TBD

Won't you please consider St. Alphonsus in your will or estate planning? Thank you!

**Mass Intentions**

Sat., Sep. 12	5:00pm	†Lorraine Matthews
Sun., Sep. 13	8:30am 11:00am	†Dennis Edward Lamneck People of the Parish
Tues., Sep. 15	8:30am	†Harold and †Helen Staab
Thurs., Sep. 17	8:30am	Teachers, parents, and students struggling in this new school year
Fri., Sep. 18	8:30am	Catechists, parents, godparents, and all who share their faith
Sat., Sep. 19	5:00pm	Healing of Judy Howard & Mary June Matz
Sun., Sep. 20	8:30am 11:00am 1:30pm	†Vernon Smith People of the Parish TBD

**Saints for the week**

- Sunday:**  
St. Eulogius, Patriarch of Alexandria;  
Grandparents Day
- Monday:**  
Exaltation of the Holy Cross\*
- Tuesday:**  
St. Catherine of Genoa
- Wednesday:**  
St. Cornelius, Pope, and St. Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
- Thursday:**  
St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
- Friday:**  
St. Joseph of Cupertino
- Saturday:**  
St. Goeric of Metz, Bishop & Abbot
- Next Sunday:**  
St. Agatha Kim

\*indicates saint or blessed highlighted in this bulletin

**Readings for the week of September 13th**

- Sunday:**  
Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
- Monday:**  
Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
- Tuesday:**  
1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 31:2 and 3b, 3cd-4, 5-6, 15-16, 20 [17]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- Wednesday:**  
1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35
- Thursday:**  
1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50
- Friday:**  
1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday:**  
1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15
- Next Sunday:**  
Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

**Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

There are several commemorations in our liturgical year of the cross used for the crucifixion of Jesus. While Good Friday is dedicated to the *Passion* of Christ and his Crucifixion, these other feast days celebrate the cross itself - the instrument of our salvation. The best-known of these is September 14, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, remembered in both the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Churches. In some parts of the Anglican Communion and the Lutheran faith, the feast is known as Holy Cross Day. The celebration is also sometimes called the Triumph of the Cross or Holy Rood Day.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross recalls three events:

1. The finding of the True Cross by Saint Helena;
2. The dedication of churches built by Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary;
3. The restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem in AD 629 by the Byzantine emperor Heraclius after it had fallen into the hands of the Persians during the conquest of Jerusalem in AD 614.

The Diocese has established procedures for entering our building and offices.

**BE SMART. STAY SAFE. BE RESPECTFUL.**

To enter the church office, or to access any part of the building:

If the answer is "YES" to any of the following, **do not enter the facility!**

**1. EXPOSURE**

- ◆ Have you been told to quarantine/ isolate by a health care provider or the health department?
- ◆ Have you had face-to-face contact for 10 or more minutes with someone who has COVID-19?

**2. ILLNESS** - Are you feeling ill and/ or experiencing any of the following?

- ◆ Fever (prior to using a fever-reducing medicine), check daily
- ◆ Cough, shortness of breath
- ◆ New loss of sense of taste/smell
- ◆ Vomiting or diarrhea within the past 24 hours

Looking for a rewarding way to give back to your parish community?

*Faith Formation is seeking volunteers to work with our children and youth as teachers and team members on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.*

If you'd like more information about this opportunity to share your faith and mold young minds, contact Pauline at 931-787-7271 or Sara at 931-484-2358.

**And THANK YOU for saying "yes" to God's call!**

Always check our parish Facebook page for the latest information, weekly bulletins, and important messages.

You can find our **streaming link for Holy Mass** on our Facebook page, or go to our church website and click the blue Facebook icon.



**Facebook.com/ StAlphonsusCrossville**

(You **do not** have to have a Facebook account in order to access this page.)

**Bishop Stika issues directives for resumption of public Masses—extends dispensation.**

“Let me emphasize, if you are vulnerable, elderly, or just not comfortable going to a public Mass, please stay home!”

You can read detailed information at [dioknox.org](http://dioknox.org)

**Instructions for attending Mass:**

- The obligation to attend is dispensed; if you are over 65, sick or have been with someone who is sick, have a fever, or have been out of the country, please stay home.
- Face masks must be worn before entering the building.** You must keep your mask on until you exit (except for communion).
- You must enter in single file and be counted; **once we have reached capacity, you will be turned away.** You will be escorted in, seated, and escorted out by ushers.
- More than half of the chairs have been removed, and those remaining are arranged to maintain safe distance. They may not be moved for any reason, nor may additional seats be added.
- There will be no missalettes, holy water, hand-holding during the Our Father, Sign of Peace, Precious Blood, Eucharist on the tongue, or communal singing. We will provide a cantor and music.
- There will be no passing of the basket or Presentation of Gifts. Collection baskets will be in the center aisle and you can drop your donation as you come for communion.
- To receive communion, you will be escorted by ushers, remain in single file, and keep 6 feet of distance between each person. Upon approaching the priest or deacon, you will remove your mask, use the provided hand sanitizer, stand on the “X,” extend your arms to receive the host in your hand, consume the host, replace your mask, and return to your seat.
- When Mass is over, remain seated. You will be escorted out by the ushers row by row and single file. You must leave the building and go straight to your car to depart. **There will be no congregating in the lobby, entryway, or parking lot.**



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**“DIRT DEVILS” MEET EVERY THURSDAY AT 9AM**  
(right after morning Mass)

Join us for some good, clean fun!

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- Flower beds at the rectory;
- In front of the chapel
- Random Weeding...just go for it!

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**The Pope on Forgiveness**

“Say, 'Lord, I did this, this, this. Forgive me,' and ask for pardon with all your heart.” Make an act of contrition, the Pope said, and promise God, “I will go to confession afterwards, but forgive me now.' And immediately you will return to a state of grace with God.” Forgiveness can even lead to feelings of understanding, empathy, and compassion for the one who hurt you. Forgiveness doesn't mean forgetting or excusing the harm done to you or making up with the person who caused the harm. Forgiveness brings a kind of peace that helps you go on with life.

Pope Francis reflected, at a weekly General Audience in March, on the words of the Lord's prayer: “as we forgive those who trespass against us.” The Holy Father reminded the faithful that everything we have, even our very existence, is a gift from God. “Our life was not only willed by God,” he said, “but was loved by God.” He said there is no space in the Church for “self-made men” because we are all indebted to God. But, he said, we often leave out the words “thank you” when we pray, as if forgetting that we owe all to God who forgives us when we go astray.

Pope Francis said Jesus intentionally added a second part to the petition—“Forgive us our trespasses”—which relates our being forgiven by God to our forgiveness of others. “The relationship of vertical benevolence on the part of God is fractured,” said the Pope, “and is called to be transformed into a new relationship that we live out with our brothers and sisters: a horizontal relationship.”

He said God is always willing to forgive “the sins of those who are well disposed and ask to be embraced again.”

**Quizzically Yours!**

1. What is the name of the formal letter (usually on doctrine) written by a pope to either bishops or the entire Church?
2. According to tradition, which choir of angels is considered to be the angels of harmony and wisdom?  
A. Cherubim B. Senate Choir  
C. Church Choir D. Seraphim
3. What word describes the physical remains and effects of saints considered worthy of veneration by the Church?  
A. Cremains B. Relics C. Remains D. Ashes
4. Born Fernando Martins de Bullhões in Portugal, this saint and Doctor of the Church is traditionally depicted in artwork holding the Christ Child in his arms. Who is this saint, also known as the Franciscan miracle worker?  
A. St. Martin de Porres B. St. Karen of the Song  
C. St. Anthony of Padua D. St. John Vianney
5. How many Masses do we typically have each week here at St. Alphonsus?

**On September 19/20, there will be a second basket for donations to the DIOCESAN DEACON FORMATION PROGRAM. Envelopes will be available in the entryway into the church. Please be generous, as this collection benefits our own Deacon Peter!**

So far, still **CANCELED** - K of C, CCW, and Prayer Groups. Watch the bulletin for news about RCIA, CCD, & Youth Ministry!



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