

“When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did.”

Mt. 21:32



# ST. ALPHONSUS

## PARISH

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

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020 • TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil ..... 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday.....8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
 Mass in Spanish.....1st & 3rd Sunday, 4:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.....8:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday Adoration..... 5:00 p.m.  
 1st Friday Mass & Adoration ..... 8:30 a.m.

### STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Jim Harvey.....ext. 102  
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 Dir. of Music: Marian Sullivan.....ext. 104  
 Office Assistant: .....ext. 100

### 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 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.

### 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 or call 410-676-6000 to find mass schedules/times.

ST ALPHONSUS HAPPENINGS

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

**Saturday, September 26**  
 Mass at 5pm

**Sunday, September 27**  
 Mass at 8:30am & 11am

**Tuesday, September 29**  
 Mass at 8:30am

**Thursday, October 1**  
 Mass at 8:30am

**Friday, October 2**  
 Mass at 8:30am

**Saturday, October 3**  
 Annual Pet Blessing at 10am  
 Mass at 5pm

**Sunday, October 4**  
 Mass at 8:30am & 11am  
 Spanish Mass 4pm

**Spanish Mass is now celebrated on the first and third Sundays of each month at 4pm.**

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

*Mass Intentions*

Sat., Sep. 26	5:00pm	✠Judy Pluff
Sun., Sep. 27	8:30am	✠Sugden and ✠Pluff Families
	11:00am	Police and First Responders
Tues., Sep. 29	8:30am	For restoration of health on all who are ill
Wed., Sep. 30	5:30pm	No Adoration
Thurs., Oct. 1	8:30am	✠Mr. & Mrs. Yao Ka Pun
Fri., Oct. 2	8:30am	Those unable to attend Mass in person
Sat., Oct. 3	5:00pm	✠Lorraine Matthews
Sun., Oct. 4	8:30am	Legal Professionals
	11:00am	✠Charlie Spadaro
	4:00pm	Intentions of our new Colombian priests


SACS is looking for a few folks to help (for telephone contact only) with previous clients. Please call John at 931-456-2597 or email: kopmeier@frontier.com



**“DIRT DEVILS” meet every Thursday at 9am**  
(right after morning Mass)  
Join us for some good, clean fun!

**The Green Thumb Club has spots available for immediate adoption:**

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





**Saints for the week**  
**Sunday:**  
 Bl. Brother Scubilionis  
**Monday:**  
 St. Wenceslaus, Martyr  
**Tuesday:**  
 Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels  
**Wednesday:**  
 St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church  
**Thursday:**  
 St. Remigius, Bishop\*  
**Friday:**  
 Holy Guardian Angels  
**Saturday:**  
 St. Thérèse of Lisieux, Virgin & Doctor of the Church  
**Next Sunday:**  
 St. Francis of Assisi

*\*indicates saint or blessed highlighted in this bulletin*

**Readings for the week of September 27th**  
**Sunday:**  
 Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32  
**Monday:**  
 Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 [6]/Lk 9:46-50  
**Tuesday:**  
 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51  
**Wednesday:**  
 Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15 [3]/Lk 9:57-62  
**Thursday:**  
 Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [13]/Lk 10:1-12  
**Friday:**  
 Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4ab, 4c-6, 10-11 [11]/Mt 18:1-5, 10  
**Saturday:**  
 Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 [135]/Lk 10:17-24  
**Next Sunday:**  
 Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 [Is 5:7a]/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

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 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.

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

**2020 Bishop’s Appeal**  
**A JOYFUL WITNESS (AUGUST UPDATE)**  
**Parish Goal:** \$36,800  
**Total Committed:** \$44,074  
**Collections to Date:** \$34,756  
**Needed to Reach Goal:** \$2,044

**On October 3/4 and October 10/11 there will be a collection for**

**DIOCESAN SEMINARIAN EDUCATION**

Envelopes will be available in the entryway into the church.

*“Acts of generosity are sources of blessing to the giver as well as the receiver.”*  
 - St. John Chrysostom

**St. Alphonsus Stewardship Weekend is here.**

You should have received information by email or the postal service regarding this year’s campaign for **our parish**. Please return your pledge form as soon as possible.

(Extra copies are on the table and in the clear plastic holders on the wall outside the chapel.)

1. c; 2. Benedict XVI—German, John Paul II — Polish, Adrian VI—Dutch; 3. c; 4. d; 5. d.

Don’t miss our annual Pet Blessing in honor of St. Francis!  
 Saturday, October 3, at 10am.

All species are welcome, but must be on leashes, or in carriers, tanks, cages, trailers, etc.

For more information, see Sara Carey.



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**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.**

**Saint Remigius** (c. 437 – January 13, 533) was Bishop of Reims and "Apostle of the Franks." Remigius was born into the highest levels of Frankish-Roman society. He was the son of Emilius, Count of Laon, and of Celina, daughter of the Bishop of Soissons. Remigius studied at Reims and was noted for his learning and his sanctity. Because of his high social standing, he was elected Bishop of Reims at age 21, even though he was still a layman. On Christmas Day in 496, Remigius baptized Clovis I, King of the Franks, which led to the conversion of the entire Frankish people to Christianity, a momentous success for the Church and a seminal event in European history.

Remigius is also known through the legend of *The Baptism of the Moribund Pagan*, in which a dying pagan asked to be baptized. When Remigius discovered that there was no Oil of Catechumens or Sacred Chrism available for the proper administration of the baptismal ceremony, he ordered two empty vials be placed on the altar. As he prayed, the two vials miraculously filled with the needed oils, and the pagan was baptized.

When the sepulchre containing the body of Remigius was opened during the reign of King Charles the Bald, two small vials were found buried with him, the contents of which gave off an aroma unlike anything known to those gathered. Remembering the story of *The Baptism of the Moribund Pagan*, and noting the unusual, seemingly otherworldly scents issuing from the vials led those present to conclude that these were the miraculously-filled vials from the legend.

Few authentic works of Remigius remain. His *Declamations* were admired by Sidonius Apollinaris in a finely-turned letter, but are now lost. Four letters survive in the collection known as the *Epistulae Austrasicae*: one containing his defense in the matter of Claudius, two written to Clovis, and a fourth to Bishop Falco of Tongres.

**Quizzically Yours!**

1. This saint has a cross in the shape of an “X” as his emblem.  
 A. St. Frank of New York      B. St. Peter of Wisconsin  
 C. St. Andrew                      D. St. Matthew
2. Before Francis, who were the last three non-Italian popes and their nationalities?
3. This title is given by the church to saints and blessed who suffer persecution and torture for their faith, but not to the point of death.  
 A. Martyr    B. Fortunate    C. Confessor    D. Confidante
4. This English statesman and Lord Chancellor under King Henry VIII was beheaded by edict of the king for his opposition to the king’s divorce.  
 A. Sir Walter Raleigh      B. Margaret Thatcher  
 C. Lady Bobbi of Bryant    D. Sir Thomas More
5. Which saint and Carmelite nun is known as the “Little Flower”?  
 A. St. Pauline of Dublin      B. St. Maria of Peru  
 C. St. Howard of the Lawn    D. St. Thérèse of Lisieux

St. Alphonsus Youth Ministry will again be sponsoring luminaria for the feast of All Souls. The illuminated bags will be displayed prior to the 5pm Mass on Saturday, October 31st. Luminaria are \$5 per name/couple.

Envelopes are now available. Please WRITE LEGIBLY the names of those deceased friends & family members you wish to remember, and return them **NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 11.**

New this year! Submit names & payment online at [www.facebook.com/StAlphonsusCrossville](http://www.facebook.com/StAlphonsusCrossville)

If you have not given us **your email address**, please consider it. It would not only save us money, but it would speed up communications to you. Thank you in advance! 931-484-2358 or [office@stalonline.org](mailto:office@stalonline.org)



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