

# 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.*



Lord, Lord, open the door for us! But he said in reply, “Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.”  
Mt. 25:11-12

**NOVEMBER 8 • THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil..... 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday..... 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 4:00 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  
 Deacon: Peter Minneci.....call office  
 Director of Bus & Fin.: Karen Otuonye .....ext. 101  
 Dir. of Faith Formation/Youth Ministry: Pauline O’Keeffe .ext. 108  
 Assistant Dir. of Faith Formation: Sara Carey.....ext. 105  
 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](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, November 7**  
Mass at 5pm

**Sunday, November 8**  
Mass at 8:30am & 11am  
No Spanish Mass

**Tuesday, November 10**  
Morning Mass

**Wednesday, November 11**  
YM Connect at 6pm, all 9th-12th onsite

**Thursday, November 12**  
Morning Mass

**Friday, November 13**  
Morning Mass

**Saturday, November 14**  
Mass at 5pm

**Sunday, November 15**  
Mass at 8:30am & 11am  
No Spanish Mass

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

*Mass Intentions*

BE SMART. STAY SAFE. BE RESPECTFUL.

Sat., Nov. 7	5:00pm	✠Jean Carey
Sun., Nov. 8	8:30am	✠Mary & ✠Adam Lorenc
	11:00am	For Active and Retired Military Personnel
	4:00pm	No Mass
Tues., Nov. 10	8:30am	✠Frank & ✠Judy Pluff
Thurs., Nov. 12	8:30am	For the intentions of Margaret Baczek
Fri., Nov. 13	8:30am	For those in our parish that are ill
Sat., Nov. 14	5:00pm	✠Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus #8152
Sun., Nov. 15	8:30am	✠Mary June Matz, ✠Annette Gudet
	11:00am	✠Anthony Lineberry
	4:00pm	For the People of our Parish

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



**Saints for the week**  
**Sunday:**  
 Feast of the Holy Relics  
**Monday:**  
 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica\*  
**Tuesday:**  
 St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church  
**Wednesday:**  
 St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day  
**Thursday:**  
 St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr  
**Friday:**  
 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin  
**Saturday:**  
 St. Didacus, Hermit  
**Next Sunday:**  
 St. Albert the Great, Bishop, Confessor, Doctor  
*\*-indicates saint or blessed highlighted in this bulletin*

**Readings for the week of November 8**  
 Sunday:  
 Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [2b]/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13  
 Monday:  
 Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22  
 Tuesday:  
 Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29 [39a]/Lk 17:7-10  
 Wednesday:  
 Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6 [1]/Lk 17:11-19  
 Thursday:  
 Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [5a]/Lk 17:20-25  
 Friday:  
 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 [1b]/Lk 17:26-37  
 Saturday:  
 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8  
 Next Sunday:  
 Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21



**Discipleship and Discernment**

Marketing does not produce vocations. Rather, we believe the only solution to the vocation crisis is discipleship. When young Catholics say, "Jesus, I give my life to you!" it leads naturally to the question, "Lord, what should I do with my life?" An authentic encounter with God, followed by sincere, open discernment is the surest path to increasing vocations.

**We have been so fortunate to be able to celebrate Mass in a clean, sanitized, and healthy facility due to the graciousness of a VERY SMALL NUMBER of parishioners who volunteer their time to keep this building clean.**  
**Their numbers are few and they need your help. Seriously, please step up and volunteer.**  
**They meet Thursday mornings, around 9am.**

*Starting five logical arguments for the existence of God; 5. e; 6. f; 7. h; 8. g. 1. d; 2. c; 3. b; 4. a.*

**-Please remember- Dispensation for Mass is still in effect.**

**2021 Bishop's Appeal Dates:**  
 ⇒ January 30-31: Announcement Weekend  
 ⇒ February 6-7: Commitment Weekend (in-pew process conducted in all parishes)  
 ⇒ February 13-14: Follow-up Weekend

**-Upcoming Events -**

- Thanksgiving Day Mass is at 8:30am
- Immaculate Conception Masses are at 8:30am & 6pm
- Our Lady of Guadalupe is being planned by our Hispanic Community; Date: TBD
- Christmas Mass Schedule:  
 Christmas Eve-4pm, 7pm and 10 pm  
 Christmas Day-10am
- New Year's Day Mass is at 10am



The parish phone tree is in the process of being updated. Be sure we have your current info on file!  
 Please contact the office to register **931-484-2358** or **stalonline.org**  
 Registration forms are on the bulletin board near the Gift Shop.

**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

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

**Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Nov. 9**

Early Christians first met in homes to learn the teachings of Jesus and celebrate Eucharist. Once Christians were no longer persecuted for their faith, they began to build beautiful churches.

A palace owned by the noble Laterani family was built sometime before the fourth century. It became the property of the Emperor Constantine, who had recognized Christianity as the religion of the empire in 313. He donated the Lateran Palace and other buildings on the same site to the Church. This became Rome’s oldest church, and was given the title Basilica of the Savior. Later it was dedicated to John the Baptist and became known as St. John Lateran.

St. John Lateran was the home of the popes and the center of the Catholic world for many years. Twenty-eight popes are buried there. Although present-day popes now live at the Vatican and preside at St. Peter’s basilica, St. John Lateran is still considered to be the pope’s cathedral as the bishop of Rome. It is officially known as the Cathedral of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and the Evangelist in the Lateran, and is the seat of the Diocese of Rome.

Remembering the dedication of this basilica on the liturgical calendar is a happy occasion for the Church to note our beginnings and our unity. It stands as a monument to God and all that God does through the Church.

It is the oldest and highest ranking of the four papal major basilicas (the others being St. Peter’s, St. Mary Major, and St. Paul Outside the Walls), is the oldest public church in the city of Rome, is the oldest basilica in the Western world, and carries the title Ecumenical Mother Church of the Catholic Faithful.

**Get Quizzical!**

1. This saint, also known as the Navigator or Voyager, was one of the Twelve Apostles of Ireland and, according to legend, crossed the Irish Sea in a leather boat.
2. This saint was the twin sister of St. Benedict, and they are buried together at the Abbey of Monte Cassino.
3. In addition to St. Sebastian, who is the patron saint of police officers?
4. This “Prince of Theologians” wrote more than fifty works that logically and objectively defended the Church and her doctrines.
- 4a. Bonus Point: His masterpiece is *Summa Theologica*, a book famous for what ?
5. Which saint is symbolized by a flaming torch?
6. What is the meaning behind the name St. Michael the Archangel?
7. What is the meaning behind the name St. Gabriel the Archangel?
8. What is the meaning behind the name St. Raphael the Archangel?

**Choose from these answers:**

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| a. St. Thomas Aquinas        | f. “One who is like God”    |
| b. St. Michael the Archangel | g. “It is God who heals”    |
| c. St. Scholastica           | h. “God is my strength”     |
| d. St. Brendan of Clonfert   | e. St. Aidan of Lindisfarne |

**Diocesan Catholic Schools Tuition Support Collection  
November 7-8 and November 14-15!**

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