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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.

NOVEMBER 29 • FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil.....	5:00 p.m.
Sunday.....	8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. (<i>Spanish Mass</i>)
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 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.

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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 28

Mass at 5pm

Sunday, November 29

Mass at 8:30am & 11am

No Spanish Mass

Tuesday, December 1

Morning Mass at 8:30am

Wednesday, December 2

YM Connect at 6pm - 5th & 6th boys onsite

Thursday, December 3

Morning Mass at 8:30am

Friday, December 4

Morning Mass at 8:30am

Saturday, December 5

Mass at 5pm

Sunday, December 6

Mass at 8:30am & 11am

Confirmation Class #2, Noon

Spanish Mass 4pm, Fr. Jorge

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

Mass Intentions

Sat., Nov. 29	5:00pm	✠Lorraine Matthews
Sun., Nov. 30	8:30am	For the People of the Parish
	11:00am	✠Kevin Edwards, ✠Anthony Lineberry
	4:00pm	No Mass
Tues., Nov. 24	8:30am	For those suffering with illness and loss
Thurs., Nov. 26	8:30am	✠Warren Nicoll
Fri., Dec. 4	8:30am	✠Charlie Spadaro
Sat., Dec. 5	5:00pm	✠Phyllis Kuhlenschmidt, ✠Lorraine Matthews
Sun., Dec. 6	8:30am	✠Matthew Lorenc, ✠George Lorenc
	11:00am	✠Ron Alt, ✠Joseph Illian
	4:00pm	For the People of the Parish

BE SMART. STAY SAFE. BE RESPECTFUL.

We are streaming Holy Mass on the web!

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.)

Saints for the week

Sunday:

St. Saturninus, Bishop

Monday:

St. Andrew the Apostle

Tuesday:

St. Bibiana, Virgin Martyr

Wednesday:

Bl. Rafal Chylinski,*
the "Little Monk"

Thursday:

St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Friday:

St. John Damascene,
Monk, Priest, the
"golden speaker"

Saturday:

St. Sabas, Abbot

Next Sunday:

St. Nicholas of Myra,
"the Wonderworker"

*indicates saint or blessed highlighted in this bulletin

Readings for the week of November 29

Sunday:

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday:

Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday:

Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday:

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday:

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday:

Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday:

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday:

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8



SACS is looking for a few folks to help work in the back room getting food ready for clients.

Please call John at 931-456-2597 or email: kopmeier@frontier.com

National and Diocesan Collections for the remainder of 2020:

Diocesan Deacon Formation 12/6

Catholic Charities for Immigrant Services 12/12

Religious Retirement Fund 12/13

Envelopes for each of these collections will be on the table in the entryway. To make a gift online, visit dioknox.org

It is with great sadness that we announce the cancellation of our January 2021 CCW Scholarship Card Party due to Covid-19.

We would like to thank all of you for your past attendance and generosity at our annual event.

We pray everyone stays healthy, and we look forward to when we can all meet again.

CCW Scholarship Committee

1. f. 2. a or b; 3. g; 4. j; 5. L; 6. d; 7. h; 8. e or m; 9. e or m—The prophets of the Old Testament, especially Isaiah, waited in hope for the Messiah's arrival; 10. k



ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

Please remember:

Dispensation for Mass is still in effect.

Holiday Mass Schedule

- ◆ Immaculate Conception (Holy Day), 12/8: 8:30am & 6pm
- ◆ Our Lady of Guadalupe, Sun. 12/13: Mass at 4pm, no procession or fiesta
- ◆ Christmas Eve, 12/24: 4pm, 7pm, 10 pm
- ◆ Christmas Day, 12/25: 10am
- ◆ New Year's Day (Holy Day), 1/1: 10am

Thank you to Fr. Jim & our parish family for your prayers and kind expressions of sympathy upon the death of my mother, Mary June Matz.

Maralynn & Jerry Lorenc





Bishop Stika issues directives for attending Mass—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.**

Blessed Rafal Chylinski

Blessed Rafal (Jan. 8, 1694-Dec. 2, 1741) was born Melchior Chylinski, and was so pious in his youth that his family called him “the little monk.” After graduating from the Jesuit college in Poznan, Poland, Melchior joined the cavalry and was made an officer within three years. In 1715, against the advice of his brothers in arms, Melchior joined the Conventual Friars Minor in Krakow. He took the name *Rafal* and was ordained in 1717.

He was assigned to parishes in nine cities, and was eventually sent to Lagiewniki in central Poland, where he spent most of the last 13 years of his life.

He distributed food, supplies and clothing to the poor, and played the harp, lute and mandolin to accompany liturgical hymns. Rafal spent twenty months in Warsaw ministering to flood and epidemic victims. He was known for simple and candid sermons, generosity, and as a great confessor. All classes of people were drawn to the self-sacrificing way he lived out his religious profession and priestly ministry.

Proclaimed Venerable—May 13, 1949 by Pope Pius XII

Beatified—June 9, 1991 by Pope John Paul II

Attributes—Franciscan habit

Advent increases our hope, a hope which does not disappoint. The Lord never lets us down.

-Pope Francis

Ideas for your family to reflect and prepare for the Advent season:

- Create a Jesse Tree with 24 ornaments and stories
- Make a prayer garland for family, friends, or a ministry at church
- Use last year’s Christmas cards as reminders to pray for families and friends
- Assemble your own Advent wreath and candles
- Spend quality time with your family members



Get Quizzical for Advent!

1. What does Advent mean?
2. How many candles are in an Advent wreath?
3. What do the evergreens in an Advent wreath represent?
4. Why is the Advent wreath round? (Why not square, oval, or just randomly placed candles?)
5. What is the purpose of placing a white candle in the middle of the wreath?
6. How many purple candles are there in a typical Advent wreath?
7. What feature symbolizes new life in the wreath?
8. Which candle symbolizes Hope?
9. Which candle is also called the “Prophet’s Candle”?
10. The Advent season not only symbolizes waiting for Christ’s birth, but also _____.

Multiple Choice Answers for the Quiz:

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| A. 4 | F. Arrival, or Coming | G. Everlasting Life |
| B. 5 | H. Pinecones | I. Peace and Love |
| C. 6 | J. God’s unending love and eternal life | K. His final return |
| D. 3 | L. the arrival of Christmastide | M. First N. Third |
| E. 1 | | |

Hint: some answers might be used more than once!

The Advent wreath is part of our long-standing Catholic tradition. By the Middle Ages, the Christians adapted this tradition and used Advent wreaths as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas. By 1600, both Catholics and Lutherans had more formal practices surrounding the Advent wreath.

The following prayer can be said before you light the first candle: O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Your blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from you your abundant graces. Who lives and reigns forever. Amen.

As you light the first candle:

O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg you, and come, that by Your protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Your deliverance. Who lives and reigns forever. Amen.

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