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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.

JANUARY 24 • 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 or SHAWLS

If you would like to pick up a blessed prayer blanket or shawl, 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, January 23

Mass at 5pm

Sunday, January 24

Mass at 8:30am & 11am

CCD #5, 12pm

No Spanish Mass

Tuesday, January 26

No Mass

Wednesday, January 27

YM Connect - 7th/8th grade girls onsite, 6pm

Thursday, January 28

Morning Mass, 8:30am

Friday, January 29

Morning Mass, 8:30am

Saturday, January 30

Mass at 5pm

2021 Bishop’s Appeal Announcement

Sunday, January 31

Mass at 8:30am & 11am

2021 Bishop’s Appeal Announcement

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

Please remember: Dispensation for attending Mass is still in effect.

Mass Intentions

Table with 3 columns: Date, Time, and Intention. Includes dates from Jan 23 to Feb 5 with corresponding times and names like Mr. Ron Alt, Deacon Stan, Pat Lorenc, etc.

2020 End-of-Year Contribution Statements are available from the office upon request.



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

Saints for the week

- Sunday: St. John Bosco, Confessor
Monday: Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle*
Tuesday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
Wednesday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin
Thursday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday: Sts. Cyrus & John, Wonderworkers, Martyrs & Unmercenary Physicians

Readings for the week of January 24

- Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

2021 National and Diocesan Collections for January & February:

Church in Latin America January 24

Church in Central & Eastern Europe February 17 (Ash Wednesday)

Black and Indian Missions February 21 (1st Sunday of Lent)

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

Bishop's Appeal 2021 Dates:

- January 30-31: Announcement Weekend
February 6-7: Commitment Weekend
February 13-14: Follow-up Weekend

Dear St. Alphonsus parishioners, to each and every one of you, thank you. Your love and support during the crazy year of 2020 has been very moving and I consider myself most fortunate to be assigned to our parish. I am especially grateful for your cards and gifts this Christmas. It is an honor and privilege to serve the community of St. Alphonsus. I pray God's blessing on all of you in 2021.

Deacon Peter

We are streaming Holy Mass on the web!

You can find the 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 our streaming page.)

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 stay home.”

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.**

We use these items during Mass. Do you know what they are called?

1. This book contains the Gospel reading for each Sunday of the three-year cycle, plus all solemnities, feasts, and ritual Masses that are celebrated through the liturgical year. It is carried in procession by the Deacon.
A. Roman Missal B. Missalette/Hymnal C. Book of Gospels D. Lectionary
2. This contains the order of Mass for all seasons of the year and is changed out each year (near Advent). It also includes the readings, psalms, Gospels, and instructions for when to kneel, bow your head, etc.
A. Large Crosier B. Missalette/Hymnal C. Caution Cone D. Lectionary
3. This is used to protect Marian and Karen from sneezing and coughing, and gives them adequate room to sing and play.
A. Adjustable Sneeze Guard B. Large Crosier C. Caution Cone D. The aisle spacing
4. Contains the opening prayer, prayer over the gifts, prayers after communion, solemn blessings, Eucharistic prayers, and prefaces for all the Masses. It is placed on the altar for use during the Mass and moved by the altar server to the celebrant's location during the Greeting, Blessings, and Dismissal. It was formerly known as the Sacramentary.
A. Roman Missal B. Missalette/Hymnal C. Book of Gospels D. Lectionary
5. This book contains the scripture readings for Mass. It is kept on or near the ambo where the readers use it for the first and second readings. A. Roman Missal B. Missalette/Hymnal C. Book of Gospels D. Lectionary
6. A small side table which holds the vessels used in the Eucharistic celebration.
A. Ambo B. Credence Table C. Altar D. End Table

The great Apostle Paul, named Saul at his circumcision, was born in Tarsus, the capital of Cilicia, and was by that privilege a Roman citizen, to which a great distinction and several exemptions were granted by the laws of the Empire. He was instructed in the strict observance of the Mosaic law, and lived up to it in the most scrupulous manner. In his zeal for the Jewish law, which he believed to be the divine Cause of God, he became a violent persecutor of the Christians. He was one of those who conspired to murder Saint Stephen, and then he presided in the violent persecution of the faithful which followed the holy deacon's martyrdom. By virtue of the power he had received from the high priest, he dragged the Christians out of their houses, loaded them with chains, and thrust them into prison. In the fury of his zeal he applied for a commission to seize in Damascus all Jews who confessed Jesus Christ, and to bring them in bonds to Jerusalem, that they might serve as examples for the others.

But God was pleased to manifest in him His patience and mercy. While Saul was journeying to Damascus, he and his party were surrounded by a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, and suddenly Saul was struck to the ground. And then a voice was heard saying, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?” And Saul answered, “Who are you, Lord?” and the voice replied, “I am Jesus, whom you persecute.” This mild admonition of Our Redeemer, accompanied with a powerful interior grace, cured Saul's pride, assuaged his rage, and wrought at once a total change in him. Therefore, trembling and astonished, he cried out, “Lord, what will you have me do?” Our Lord ordered him to proceed on his way to the city of Damascus, where he would be informed of what was expected of him. Saul, rising from the ground, found that although his eyes were open, he saw nothing.

He was led into the city, where he was lodged in the house of a Christian named Judas. To this house came, by divine appointment, a holy man named Ananias, who, laying his hands on Saul, said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your journey, has sent me so that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” Immediately something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he recovered his sight; then he arose and was baptized. Thereafter, he was known as Paul. He stayed a few days with the disciples at Damascus, and began immediately to preach in the synagogues that Jesus was the Son of God. Thus a blasphemer and a persecutor was made an Apostle, and chosen as one of God's principal instruments in the conversion of the world.



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