Our Parish Mission Statement
The faith family of St. Alphonsus enjoys a rich heritage and historic tradition supported by Catholic education. Nourished by the Eucharist and strengthened by the Scriptures, our purpose is to learn and share our faith with each other through each generation. We are committed to prayer, service, and building the Kingdom of God through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We seek to create a vibrant spirit of generosity and evangelization throughout our church and community by inviting and empowering all to use their treasures and talents.
Jesus replied to the Canaanite woman who asked that her daughter be healed: “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.”

—Matthew 15:28

SCHOOL BEGINS THURSDAY.
JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY MASS
NEXT SUNDAY AT 12:15p.m.

Our students, grades K to 8th, begin classes at St. Alphonsus School with half days this Thursday and Friday. August 21 and 22. Pre-school classes start after Labor Day.

All school families and parishioners are invited to the Mass next Sunday, August 24, at 12:15p.m. which commemorates the 125th anniversary jubilee of the first school house and school classes at St. Alphonsus parish in 1889.

All are invited to stay after the Mass for the 1:30 to 3:30p.m. pot luck family picnic lunch on the grounds served from the cafeteria.

This year’s school anniversary coincides with our parish jubilee as we celebrate the 175th year of our parish, founded on July 19, 1840.

The official logo for our jubilee year appears on the bulletin cover. This logo will be used throughout the year and printed on T shirts, and other items.

CCD TEACHERS NEEDED

We are looking for enthusiastic and caring Catholic men and women to train as CCD Teachers and Assistants for the Fall. The need is urgent, as we currently have openings in multiple grades. Two essential qualities are needed to be an effective CCD Teacher: 1) love of God and His Church; and 2) the desire to share that love with others. The role of the CCD Teacher is to assist parents and guardians in the task God has given them to raise their children in the faith. Teachers receive special graces from Him to do this work; and the rewards are truly incredible. So if you’re feeling a nudge in your heart to serve as a CCD Teacher or Assistant, please contact Louis Bosco, Director of Religious Education, for more information at 724-935-1160 or at religioused@saintalphonsuswexford.org.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday, August 20, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 9:00a.m. Mass until 12noon.

HARVEST HOME DINNER
A 125th ANNIVERSARY TRADITION

Since 1889, we have been celebrating the joy of the harvest of the fields of our fruitful farmlands with our St. Alphon-sus Parish “Harvest Home Picnic” as it was called then. The year 1889 was also the year of the construction of our existing church and the year of the beginnings of our own parish school, the “one-room” school house.

This year’s Harvest Home Dinner and Festival is scheduled for Sunday, September 7, from 1:00p.m. until 6:30p.m., featuring again the delicious family style home-cooked meal with a choice of roasted chicken (outdoor grilled), or ham, with potatoes and gravy, six side dishes, a beverage and a slice of home made pie for dessert. The dinner will be served in the spacious and air-conditioned Ryan Center. The dinner take-outs will be sold in the cafeteria.

Chinese Auction, Country Store, Treasures from the Attic, Children’s games, and fun booths, are all part of the excitement.

CHINESE AUCTION

Plans are underway for this year’s Chinese Auction baskets. In order to be able to start shopping, donations of cash and Manna are needed now. We aim for 50 baskets.

Donations of any amount - in cash or in the form of a check payable to Manna can be sent in or dropped off to the rectory marked “Chinese Auction - Ann Moats.”

New items are also welcome as donations, and we fit these in to one of our themes. Some of our greatest needs are for donations of tickets to sporting and cultural events, sports memorabilia/logo merchandise (Steelers, Pirates, Penguins, Pitt, etc.), an IPad mini, an IPod, and a TV. Lottery ticket donations are also needed. If you would like to donate an item but aren’t sure what is needed, you can contact Ann Moats directly at 412-585-3001.

We hope for full participation from all families. The finished “baskets” will need to be wrapped starting Sept. 3rd, which means that our shopping must be finished before Labor Day.
MR. BOSCO’S NEW BOOK
ON CATHOLIC TEACHING

Mr. Louis Bosco, our parish Director of Religious Education, has just published a book, *Come and See: How the Teachings of the Catholic Church Lead Us to Christ*, published by St. Pauls Press (New York) with the Imprimatur by Bishop David Zubik. This book, (198pp.) is an overview of Catholic doctrine and morality; Jesus, Mary, and the saints; the Church; the Mass and the sacraments.

The book ($14.95) is available through Amazon.com.

Last year, Mr. Bosco, with his background in sacred arts, published *Images of the Unseen: The Mysteries of Life Revealed in Sacred Art*, complete with over 50 color illustrations.

OUR SEMINARIAN RETURNS FROM GUATEMALA

Seminarian Jeff Craig of our parish has just returned from a week’s mission work in Guatemala, with the Franciscan Sisters’ school and orphanage there. This is the third summer he has volunteered for this mission. Jeff will now be completing the fourth year of college at St. Paul Seminary-Duquesne University. Jeff is the son of Glenn and Laurie Craig.

USED CLOTHING SALE NETS $1,700

The parish’s second annual Used Clothing Sale netted $1,700 that will be used for expenses associated with our Lenten Passion Play.

Parish Music Director Mary Heagy, who organized the sale, thanks all the donors and volunteers who made the August 9 sale successful.

Unsold clothing items are being donated to a number of local charities.

Thanks to all who donated their time and treasures!

Please pray for the Souls of the Faithful Departed especially,

Ms. Eva May Goetz, 78, formerly of our parish. Eva May is one of the 13 sons and daughters of Joseph and Cecilia Goetz — all children were raised in St. Alphonsus parish and school. There are still 8 living and now 5 deceased, including Ms. Elizabeth Goetz, who died 6 weeks ago.

An historic anecdote concerning our parish is that the grandfather of all these children, Mr. Joseph George Goetz built both stone archways leading to the entrance of the church — one near the front doors and the other at the bottom of the steps. Mr. Goetz also built the grotto at the entrance of the parish grounds.

MASS INTENTIONS

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - August 16/17

5:00p.m. Saturday - Raymond Loscar by Ed & Joyce Ley and Family
6:00a.m. Lee Haefner by Jim & Star Haefner
8:00a.m. Madeline Seibert by Family & Friends
10:00a.m. John E. Prenosil by Molly Cole
12:15p.m. Michelyn Giovenco by Mr. & Mrs. Rich

Monday, August 18 - Weekday
7:00a.m. Mike Carmody by Dave Brudy
9:00a.m. William Nickel by Family

Tuesday, August 19 - St. John Eudes
7:00a.m. Brian Koreny by Veltri Family
9:00a.m. Earl Leita by Jo Labrise

Wednesday, August 20 - St. Bernard
7:00a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
9:00a.m. Frank Pistella by Family

Thursday, August 21 - Pope St. Pius X
7:00a.m. Rosemarie Gimmler by Boyce Family
9:00a.m. Bernard Koch by Koch & Friedl Family

Friday, August 22 - Queenship of Mary
7:00a.m. Bertha Burgman by Family
9:00a.m. Stella Kuffa by Joe & Carolyn Augustine

Saturday, August 23 - St. Rose of Lima
9:00a.m. Eric Corona by Diane Corona

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - August 23/24

5:00p.m. Saturday - Deceased Members of St. Alphonsus Golf League by Members of St. Alphonsus Golf League
6:00a.m Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
8:00a.m Madeline Seibert by Family & Friends
10:00a.m. Louis Sciullo by Family
12:15p.m. St. Alphonsus School Jubilee Mass
William Slate by Family

BISHOP WINTER’S JUBILEE

We give thanks to God and congratulate Bishop William J. Winter on the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination as Bishop.

At that time, Bishop Winter was appointed as Auxiliary Bishop of Pittsburgh. He has since officially retired as auxiliary bishop, but has remained very active in his ministry for the diocese.

Thank you.

Last Sunday’s Offertory
Regular Sunday Collection $10,472.95
Online Offertory 1,967.00
Online Maintenance 145.00
Online Parish Share 75.00
Online School 40.00

Thank you.