

ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH BULLETIN

FOR

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2010

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER — APRIL 18, 2010

Saint Alphonsus

Roman Catholic Church

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

750 Pittsburgh Street • Springdale, PA • 15144

Phone: 724-274-5084 • Fax: 724-274-7035 • e-mail: stalphonsus@verizon.net

Web Page Address: www.stalphonsuschurch.com

Administrator: Rev. George E. Saladna, S.T.L., S.S.L.

Weekend Assistant: Rev. James P. McDonough, S.T.L., J.C.L



Parish Established September 9, 1901

Church Dedicated September 5, 1926

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MASS: Sat. 5:00 P.M. and Sun. Morn. at 8:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

WEEKDAY: Mass held in Chapel next to Church. See bulletin each week or call Rectory for schedule of the 8:00 A.M. Mass which is not held every day (never on Sat morn).

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION: these days vary in time and obligation from year to year. See bulletin or call Rectory each time for details.

CONFESSIONS: Sat. from 3:30 to 4:30, and anytime by appointment.

MARRIAGE, BAPTISM: call parish office (six months before marriage).

COMMUNION CALLS AND OTHER SERVICES: call office for information.

PARISH OFFICES & STAFF

ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER (RECTORY: former Convent building)

(724) 274-5084

Marsha Etzrodt, Secretary

Office Hours: Mon. - Thur.: 8 to 4, Fri.: 8 to Noon

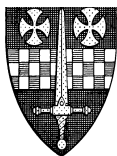
LIGUORI CENTER OFFICES (school building side entrance)

(724) 274-2547

CCD & Youth Min. - Karen Mueller

Social Services - Cathy Moxie

Music Director/Organist – Vickie Roof



New Parishioners: We welcome new parishioners whether newly moved into the area or those who have fallen off through inactivity. Welcome! Register by calling or coming to the parish office. Become an active, attending and supporting member of the parish. And please let us know if you move away or have your telephone or address changed. Thank you.

Church Hall Telephone: (724) 274-2547

Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline 1-888-808-1235

CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF
PITTSBURGH
VICARIATE
NO. 4



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

In today's touching Gospel episode, written by Saint John, the "Beloved Disciple," we see the symbolic reconciliation of Peter and Jesus. Remember that earlier, true to Jesus' prediction, Saint Peter had three times denied Christ. The Spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. Peter had told Jesus that he and the others would stick with the Lord, that Jesus had nothing to worry about with friends like Peter. Jesus must have thought, "Boy, with friends like these, who needs enemies?" The Lord tells Peter that he would succumb to the frailty of human nature and that even before the cock crowed Peter would have denied him three times. Of course, it all came true.

Now in today's Gospel, after the Resurrection, Jesus provides Saint Peter with a chance to make up for his denials by affirming his love three times. It must have taken a while for it to sink in, and Peter is discouraged by the Lord's repeated "Do you love me?" But when it is all over, Peter does tell the Lord that he loves him and he asserts that Jesus knows that Peter loves him.

Each time that Peter tells Jesus, "I love you," Jesus tells him to "Feed my sheep." This is what Jesus says to all of us, that we are to show our love for him (Jesus) by showing love to Jesus' disciples, our brothers and sisters in Christ. There is no "private" love of God which does not have "social" and "Church" dimensions. Love is open and extends in every direction. We can tell if and how much we truly love the Lord by examining how much we really love our neighbors, our brothers and sisters.

Finally, Jesus tells Peter that he will have a chance to show how much he loves God by how he accepts God's will for him. Peter will have to stretch out his hands, let himself be tied up and carried away, in imitation of Christ, as final proof that he has gotten the message.

-- Fr. Saladna

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 19 – Easter Weekday

8:00 AM Mary Kowalewski

TUESDAY, APRIL 20 – Easter Weekday

8:00 AM Oliver and Julia Tassotti

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21 – Easter Weekday

8:00 AM William A. Wanamaker (Birthday)

THURSDAY, APRIL 22 -- No Mass scheduled for today

FRIDAY, APRIL 23 – St. George, Martyr

8:00 AM Mary Desmone

SATURDAY, APRIL 24 – No Mass on Saturday morning

5:00 PM [For Sunday] 50th Wedding Anniversary: Jim and Janice Dugan

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 25 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM For all Parishioners, Liv. & Dec.

11:00 AM Joseph Bosman

CONGRATULATIONS to our **Leslie Sosovicka**, nominated by Karen Mueller for the St. Timothy Award. It is a national award given annually to outstanding Catholic teens from each vicariate and high school within the Diocese of Pittsburgh. The selection process was not easy. Many youth show Christian Leadership in the improvement of their own youth group or youth work in general and who exemplify the qualities of moral integrity, prayer and good works. Though not chosen as number one, Leslie was one of several runner-ups for the St. Timothy Award. We would like to recognize her accomplishments and we thank her for all that she does as a member of the young church of Pittsburgh.

BABY JESUS SCHOOL will continue to be held every Sunday morning during the 11:00 AM Mass. A free babysitting service for infants and toddlers where your kiddies will be cared for by loving moms, it enables the kids to have some fun and gives you a break so you can attend the 11:00 AM Mass without distractions.

LOOKING AHEAD: Please mark your calendars.

1. **Our next Parish Council meeting** will be held at 7 PM on Monday, May 17, in the Church Hall.
2. **The Seniors' Breakfast for our Parish Graduates** will be held on Sunday, May 30, after the 8 AM Mass.
3. **Our annual Parish Picnic** will be held on Sunday, August 1, the Feast of St. Alphonsus, our Patron.

MINING MEMORIES – There will be a program and dinner held on Friday, April 23, at Futules Harmar House. The program begins at 6 PM with dinner at 6:30 PM. Tickets: \$15. For more information call Helen Kuhar at 724-274-8307 or Donna “Cookie” Porter at 412-828-1228.

LOWER ALLEGHENY MEALS ON WHEELS – Through April 30, 2010, Lower Allegheny Valley Meals on Wheels has an opportunity to have monetary donations proportionately matched by the Feinstein Foundation which serves to end world hunger. Donations are tax-deductible and checks should be made out to L.A.V. The contributions may be mailed directly to Meals on Wheels, 600 Pittsburgh Street, Springdale, Pa 15144.

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY’S LARGEST OPEN HOUSE EVENT, DuquesneFest, will be held this summer on Sunday, June 13, beginning at 8 AM. This exciting day is a fun way for Fall 2010 high school seniors to learn more about the University. Register with Duquesne’s Office of Admissions at 412-396-6222 or online at www.duq.edu/admissions.

"What can I do with my life to make it great and beautiful?" was the first question put to the Holy Father who, referring to the parable of the rich young man, replied by saying "in the first place, do not waste life, but live it profoundly, not living only for oneself".

"God wanted my life since all eternity", the Holy Father went on. "I am loved, I am necessary. God has a plan for me in the totality of history. For this reason, the first step is to know, to seek to know, God. Then it is essential to love. These are, so to say, rules of love, with the following essential points: the family as the foundation of society; life, to be respected as a gift of God; order in sexuality, in relations between man and woman; order in society and, finally, truth. Perfection (that is, being good, living in faith and truth) is substantially one thing, but has many different forms. Finding my vocation and living it everywhere is important and fundamental, whether I am a great scientist or a labor".

The second question was "what does it mean to say that Jesus looks at us with love, and how can we have this experience today?" to which the Pope replied: "Of course I would say that we can, because the Lord is always present and looks at each one of us with love. But it is up to us to discover His gaze". The first step, he explained, "is to know the figure of Jesus as He appears in the Gospels", but we must know Him, "not just academically and theoretically, but with the heart; that is, we must talk to Jesus in prayer. Reason is also necessary but, at the same time, so is the heart". The key elements are "to listen, to respond, to enter into the community of believers and into communion with Christ in the Sacraments where He gives Himself to us (the Eucharist, Confession etc), and finally, to put the words of faith into practice that they may become a power in my life".

Your Ministry of Support

Thank you for your offerings to Saint Alphonsus Parish
for Sunday, April 11, 2010

Offertory.....	\$4,598.80
Parish Share	\$1,098.00

**PLEASE REMEMBER SAINT ALPHONSUS
CHURCH IN YOUR WILL**

**POPE TO YOUNG PEOPLE: GOD HAS
A PLAN FOR YOU**

VATICAN CITY, 26 MAR 2010 - Yesterday evening in St. Peter's Square more than 70,000 young people, most of them from dioceses in Rome and Lazio but also from other areas of Italy, met with the Pope for an encounter of prayer, meditation and dialogue, in an event organized to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of World Youth Days, established by John Paul II in 1985. A number of people bore witness to their faith, in a program of events that also included songs and dances. Silence descended as the World Youth Day Cross was carried into the square in a torchlight procession, accompanied by an image of the Blessed Virgin "Salus Populi Romani".

On his arrival in the square, Benedict XVI thanked the young people for their participation, their "magnificent witness of faith" and their "eagerness to follow Jesus". He then responded to questions put to him by three of the youthful participants.

"Where can I find the strength to make courageous choices, and who can help me?" was the third and last question put to Benedict XVI. Let us begin, he replied "with what is a difficult word for us: sacrifice. Even a good professional life cannot be accomplished without sacrifices, without adequate preparation, which always requires discipline". In the same way, "the art of being human also requires sacrifices" which "are explained in the Word of God and help us not to fall into the abyss of drugs, alcohol, slavery to sexuality, slavery to money, laziness. Being able to renounce the temptation of the moment, to move towards goodness creates true freedom and makes life valuable. In this context, I feel, we must realize that without a 'no' towards certain things, the great 'yes' to true life cannot develop".

- Vatican Information Service