

ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH BULLETIN

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 19, 2009

# Saint Alphonsus

## Roman Catholic Church

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*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

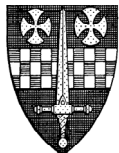
**LIGUORI CENTER OFFICES** (school building side entrance)

(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

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Today, on this first Sunday after Easter (also called the "Second Sunday of Easter"), we are reminded that **EVERY** Sunday is a "little Easter." Put the other way, we could say that Easter is the "Mother of all Sundays." Easter is the Lord's Day, the day He triumphed over his enemies, the day he conquered the evil one, the day he defeated death and sin.

It is no wonder that we celebrate on Sunday, for it is the holiest day of the week, just as Easter is the holiest day of the year. It is strange that we even have a "church law" that people must come to Mass on Sundays. You would think that every believer would want to be present for Sunday Mass, law or no law.

On this particular Sunday, we are told about the episode of "doubting Thomas." Of all the apostles, he was the only one not present when the risen Lord appeared to the group. Had he taken their word that Jesus was truly risen and that they had seen him, he could forever have had the name, "Believing Thomas." But, reflecting the attitude of a lot of so-called "believers," Thomas had to see for himself. He wanted to touch and feel, to see and hear. He wanted to know, because he would not trust his brothers who were telling him that Jesus had been in the room, that he was truly alive. We often say that "seeing is believing." But seeing is **NOT** believing. You can only believe when you do **NOT** see. Thomas had his chance, but he blew it, and now he is called "doubting Thomas."

Thomas' doubts were not wasted, though, for, in a sense, he doubts for everyone who would doubt in later times. His doubts might be our doubts, and the resolutions of his doubts will suffice to ease our own anxiety. In showing himself to Thomas in a special way, Jesus is also showing himself to us. In asking Thomas to become a believer, Jesus is also asking us to become believers: to trust and have confidence in

the words and reports of the apostles. The proofs which Jesus gave to Thomas are given once and for all, for all people of all times in every place. When we are tempted to doubt, we just have to read about Thomas, and our minds, like his, will be put to ease. God loves nothing more than people who are willing to entrust themselves to Him, to his Apostles and to His Church. Today we ask the Lord, "Dear Lord, make us better believers."

-- Fr. Saladna

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### SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

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#### MONDAY, APRIL 20 – Easter Weekday

8:00 AM Deceased members of the  
Marietti and Mosovsky Families

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 21 – Easter Weekday

8:00 AM Richard Krugle (Birthday)

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22 – Easter Weekday

8:00 AM William A. Wanamaker (Birthday)

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 23 – No Mass today

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 24 -- Easter Weekday

8:00 AM Alice Susa

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 25 – No Mass on Saturday morning

5:00 PM [for Sunday] For all Parishioners,  
Liv. & Dec.

#### NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 26 – Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Lil and Bill Stanley

11:00 AM Laura Marie Parise

**A MILLION THANKS** to all who so generously gave of their time and effort to clean and decorate the Church for Easter. Special thanks go to our Boy Scout Troop #504, boys and leaders, for their fine work. We are grateful to everyone who assisted, young and old alike, and to all who helped make our Easter Celebration so memorable this year. Thanks, too, to all who attended the Masses and Services, and to all who so generously supported the parish with your sacrificial gifts. May God bless one and all.

#### A CALL FOR ADULTS WISHING TO BE CONFIRMED

Confirmation will be administered this Fall (date to be determined later) in our Church to candidates from our CCD and also to young people from Our Lady of Victory.

Adults may also be confirmed at this ceremony. There are many adults who, for one reason or another, have never been confirmed. If you would like to receive this Sacrament of the Holy Spirit, please contact Father at 724-274-5084 so he can begin preparations with you. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

**REST IN PEACE** -- The parish family of Saint Alphonsus wishes to extend their deepest sympathy to the families of Joseph Kralik and Michael Pascarella. Please remember the deceased and their families in your prayers.



**BABY JESUS SCHOOL** – We are happy to notice that we are getting more little kids attending Baby Jesus School on Sunday mornings during the 11:00 AM Mass. We will try to have Baby Jesus School EVERY SUNDAY through the summer and NOT just one Sunday a month as we did last year. This service, provided by our dedicated mothers, is a type of babysitting program, taking care of infants and toddlers while parents attend the 11:00 AM Mass. Begins today and continues every Sunday.

**SENIOR CITIZENS' PROM** -- at Springdale High School Cafeteria. A program in support of the effort to find a cure for cystic fibrosis on Friday, April 24, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Refreshments. For tickets or info call 724-681-5642. (\$3.00 or 5.00 couple).

**SPRING SWEEPSTAKES** – The May Sweepstakes tickets have been mailed out to those on our sweepstakes list. If you would like to be added and receive the mailing for MAY and DECEMBER just let us know and you will get the information. Deadline for entering the May Sweepstakes will be Monday, April 27.

**“SLOVAK MURDER MYSTERY”** – hosted by PAS Slovak Folk Ensemble on Friday, April 24, at 6:30 PM, at Crossroads Presbyterian Church, Haymaker Road, Monroeville. Admission” \$10 (\$5, kids under 10). Includes homemade Slovak Dinner. Advance reservations suggested. For more information call 412-824-3440 or visit [www.pasfolkensemble.weebly.com](http://www.pasfolkensemble.weebly.com).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** – The April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 26, at 7:30 PM.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER,  
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Pope John Paul II declared that the Second Sunday of Easter be dedicated to God’s Merciful Gifts, recalling them with special devotion, and he gave this Sunday the name, “Divine Mercy Sunday”.

Today’s Gospel relates the wonderful things Christ the Lord accomplished on the day of the Resurrection during His first appearance to his disciples.

“On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “peace be with you.” When He said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad to see the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I send you.” And then He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any , they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained” (Jn 20:19-23).

**CATHOLIC CONFERENCE ON INFERTILITY**—The Diocese of Pittsburgh, Offices for Family Life and Catechesis and Adult Faith Formation, will offer a conference on infertility at St. Ferdinand Parish, Cranberry. It will be held on Friday, April 24, 2009 from 7-9:30 PM. The conference will discuss ways of addressing infertility, both spiritually and physically. The conference will explain the parameters used by the Church to determine the appropriateness of reproductive technology treatments. The presenters will be Dr. Eileen Kummant, M.D. a family practice physician, Fr. George Dalton, parochial vicar at St. Ferdinand, and a married couple who have struggled with infertility.

The conference is designed to be a source of information, discovery, and comfort for those who struggle with infertility and those who love and minister to them. All are welcome to attend. A donation of \$5 per person or \$10 per couple will be taken at the door. Registration is required. To register, call 412-456-3160 or email: [familylife@diopitt.org](mailto:familylife@diopitt.org).

**Your Ministry of Support**

Thank you for your offerings to Saint Alphonsus Parish For Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009

Offertory .....	\$10,590.40
Parish Share .....	\$3,771.00
Holy Land Collection .....	\$867.00