

**ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH BULLETIN**

**FOR**

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 25, 2010

# *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

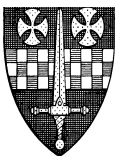
**LIGUORI CENTER OFFICES** (school building side entrance)

(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

**Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline** ..... 1-888-808-1235

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*I know  
them,  
and they  
follow me*

Today we celebrate what is called "Good Shepherd Sunday," since the Gospel speaks of Jesus calling himself by that title.

It is an apt title, and has found its way into the affection of Christians everywhere. How many times and in how many places have we seen works of art with this "Good Shepherd" holding and cherishing the lost sheep.

In the first point, Jesus makes sure that we understand that he comes in the role of Good Shepherd not for his own profit or personal interest. He says that this is what makes him different from other Shepherds who are not so good, or from hired hands who are neither owners or shepherds: Jesus has concern and love for his sheep. He does not work for pay, but for love. Jesus knows his sheep and his sheep know Jesus, and this has to be the basis for our own relationship with the Lord – something very personal He cares about us as though we were the only ones in the world!

John also teaches us in today's Gospel that Jesus lays down his life for his sheep. He adds, "No one takes my life from me. I lay it down freely. I have the power to lay it down, and to take it up again," Jesus' death was no accident. This is why he came into the world, to offer himself as a Lamb for the salvation of all who believe in him. Jesus' arrest and crucifixion was not something that frustrated God's plans for Jesus and for us. No, it was not a frustration but rather a fulfillment. It was the command Jesus received from his Father – to come and lay his life down freely.

We must be grateful that we have such a Good Shepherd. We must realize how precious we are in the eyes of God, that he would care so much about us. If we have such a Good Shepherd, we must try to become good sheep.

- Fr. Saladna

### Mass Intentions




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### SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

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**MONDAY, APRIL 26** – Easter Weekday

8:00 AM Richard Krugle (Birthday)

**TUESDAY, APRIL 27** – Easter Weekday

8:00 AM Andrew Strcula

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28** – Easter Weekday

8:00 AM Deborah Strama Mann

**THURSDAY, APRIL 29** -- No Mass scheduled for today

**FRIDAY, APRIL 30** – Easter Weekday

8:00 AM August Jursa

2:00 PM Wedding: Michael Arnone and

Amanda Miles

**SATURDAY, MAY 1** – No Mass on Saturday morning

5:00 PM [For Sunday] Mary Brooks

**NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 2** – Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Andrew Chlodney

11:00 AM For all Parishioners, Liv. & Dec.

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*Month  
of  
Mary*

**OUR LITTLE MAY DEVOTION** for next Sunday, May 2, will be the Litany of Loretto. On each of the five Sundays in the month of May this year we will have a special Marian devotion/prayer, to honor the Mother of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**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.

**REST IN PEACE** -- The parish family of Saint Alphonsus wishes to extend their deepest sympathy to the family of Elizabeth Carey. Please remember the deceased and her family in your prayers.

**MOTHER'S DAY IS SUNDAY, MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>.** Our Parish Social Services Department is planning a "Diaper Drive" for W.I.N. (Women in Need). If you would like to help, please bring items listed below to the Church vestibule on Mother's Day: Diapers in small sizes (especially sizes 1 & 2), baby wipes, and baby care items. These items will be much appreciated by Women in Need and, above all, by their dear little babies. Thank you.



**CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO:**

- **Michael Arnone and Amanda Miles**, who will be married here on Friday, April 30.
- **Jim and Janice Dugan**, celebrating their 50<sup>TH</sup> Wedding Anniversary this weekend, Saturday, April 24, at the 5 PM Mass.

**AN OPPORTUNITY** for Adult Catholics to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will be this Fall (exact date to be determined by the Bishop's Office) when we will have Confirmation for our parish and Our Lady of Victory Parish at OLOV. If anyone would like to get information about getting into this group, please call Fr. Saladna as soon as possible.

**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.

**MAY VACATION SWEEPSTAKES** – Once again during the month of May we will be participating in the Capuchin Fathers' "Sweepstakes" program, together with other Catholic parishes and schools. The sweepstakes will run through the entire month of May, except Sundays, with winners based on the PA Big Four Daily Number. Deadline for tickets: **tomorrow, Monday, April 26.**

**PARISH HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS' BREAKFAST** – Our parish traditionally hosts a breakfast for our graduating Seniors around graduation time. This year we have selected Sunday, May 30. Seniors will attend the 8:00 AM Mass and the breakfast will be served in the Church Hall after Mass. We ask all parish seniors to give us a call or drop us a note so we can send invitations to you with more details about the event and so we can determine who and how many will attend.

**CCD AND YOUTH GROUP NEWS:**

1. **No CCD classes** until Catechetical Sunday, September 19.
2. **PARENTS** – remember that your children depend on your good example of attending Mass regularly every Sunday and Holy Day. This obligation touches the heart of Catholic life and is even more important than attendance at CCD.

**PRIMARY ELECTION DAY** in Pennsylvania, is Tuesday, May 18. Good citizens exercise their right and privilege of voting. Sadly, too many fail to vote and then complain about the quality of politicians. Primary elections are very important since it is in these elections that people begin to surface in public service. Study the issues and candidates and use your vote wisely. Since we have a say in who serves in government we deserve what we get. Mark the date and plan to vote. Take others to the polls. And remember: you must be registered to vote.

**Your Ministry of Support**

Thank you for your offerings to Saint Alphonsus Parish for Sunday, April 18, 2010

Offertory.....	\$3,917.00
Parish Share .....	\$1,850.00

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

**The special SECOND COLLECTION** next Sunday, May 2, the first Sunday of the month, is the monthly collection for Capital Improvements to our Parish. We thank you for your support of our Parish and our Diocese.