

ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH BULLETIN

FOR

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2009

PALM SUNDAY – APRIL 5, 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

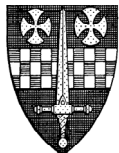
LIGUORI CENTER OFFICES (school building side entrance)

(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.

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“MY HOUR HAS COME”

In reading about famous people in history, we are often told of their “finest hour,” the time when history notes the crowning achievement of their lives. Usually, if not always, this “finest hour” is an hour of success, of glory, of pride, something that the world notes and marvels at.

This is not how it is with Jesus’ “finest hour.” Jesus often spoke of his “hour.” He spoke of it before it happened, by saying something like, “My hour has not yet come.” And he spoke of it when it did happen, when he said, “for this I have come into the world.” Jesus’ hour, from a worldly point of view, is not very impressive, for Jesus’ hour is the hour when he did his “work,” when he did what his Father asked him to do out of loving obedience. It is the hour when Jesus lovingly and willingly and obediently went up on the Cross and offered himself as a ransom for the many.

The world would laugh at such an “hour.” There is the supposed Messiah, hanging in shame on a cross, sandwiched in between two known thieves. The Jews saw the crucifixion as a scandal, and the pagans saw it as a laughing stock. Who can blame them? Who ever heard of a God who would care about man? Who ever heard of a God who would become a man Himself? Who ever heard of a God who would not only become a man Himself but who would suffer and die for all men? Yes, it **WAS** a scandal and a laughing stock. But Jesus has the last laugh, for in this his finest hour he puts the devil to shame. He conquers sin and death. He pays the price for our sins and becomes the new Adam, the father of a new Human Race, born again through his own blood.

As we contemplate the wonderful mysteries of this Holy Week, especially on Good Friday, which is undoubtedly Jesus’ “finest hour,” let us remember the prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi, who captures the meaning of Jesus’ life and death:

“It is in dying that we are born unto eternal life.”

-- Fr. Saladna

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MASS INTENTIONS for Holy Week, from Palm Sunday (today) through Easter Sunday, are found in the Holy Week schedule in this bulletin.

REMEMBER THAT THE EASTER VIGIL MASS (SATURDAY EVENING, APRIL 11) begins at 8:30 PM. There is **NO 5:00 PM Saturday evening Mass** like we usually have. The Easter Vigil Mass replaces it.

OUR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS are invited to spend the Holy Hour together on Holy Thursday night from 10:00 to 11:00 PM.

THE COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY is the annual collection for the Holy Places in the Holy Land.

NO “BABY JESUS SCHOOL” ON EASTER SUNDAY (NEXT SUNDAY), APRIL 12. Our Easter schedule is different from the regular Sunday Mass schedule. We will have an Easter Egg Hunt for the kiddies after the 9:00 AM Mass, on the Liguori Center lawn (inside the building if the weather is bad).

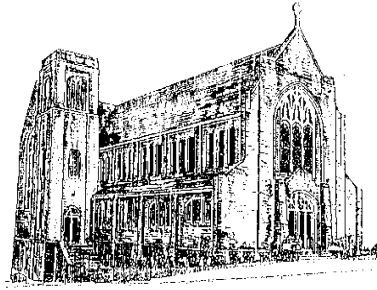
2009 COMMUNITY LENTEN WORSHIP SUNDAY SERVICES AT 3:00 PM

Today, April 5, Springdale United Methodist Church, Dr. Henk Bossers, speaker.

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.



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HOLY WEEK – 2009

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY (APRIL 5, 2009) THROUGH EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 12, 2009)

(Please keep this schedule handy for future reference)

“Christ Jesus, who though He was by nature God, did not consider being equal to God a thing to be clung to, but emptied Himself, taking the nature of a slave and being made like unto men. And appearing in the form of man, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.” (PHILIPPIANS II, 6-8)

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PALM SUNDAY – APRIL 5, 2009

- (A) **Masses for Palm Sunday** – Palm will be blessed and a procession will follow at the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday evening, April 4. Blessed palm will be available at all Palm Sunday Masses.
 - 3:30-4:30 PM (Sat) -- Confessions
 - 5:00 PM (Sat.) -- Hajduk Family
 - 8:00 AM (Sun.) -- Carmela Brogneri
 - 11:00 AM (Sun.) -- For all Parishioners, Liv. & Dec.
- (B) **Rice Bowl Offering** – Any children’s offerings for “Operation Rice Bowl” can be placed in the basket at any Mass or service this week. Thank you very much.

TODAY’S GOSPEL STRIKES TODAY’S THEME AND TELLS ABOUT JESUS’ TRIUMPHANT ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM. THE READING OF THE PASSION, THE HEART OF THE GOSPEL, GIVES US AN ACCOUNT OF THE TRIAL, PASSION AND DEATH OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

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SCHEDULE OF CONFESSIONS FOR EASTER AND MONDAY-WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, APRIL 6

- 8:00 AM -- Mass -- August Jursa
- 6:00 to 7:00 PM -- Confessions (1 Priest)

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

- 8:00 AM -- Mass -- Paul Blume
- 5:30 to 7:30 PM -- Confessions (3 Priests: Fr. George Wilt, Fr. Robert Reardon and Fr. Saladna)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

- 8:00 AM -- Mass -- Joseph Parise



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HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2009 – 7:00 PM MASS

- (A) **MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER** and other ceremonies of Holy Thursday, including Washing of Feet – For all Parishioners, Living and Deceased
- (B) **AFTER MASS** – Procession with the Blessed Sacrament, which will remain exposed for adoration until 11:00 PM when the Church will be closed.
- (C) **HOLY HOUR** – from 10:00 PM to 11:00 PM. Everyone is invited to participate in this special hour of adoration and prayer. The theme of Holy Thursday is Thanksgiving to Jesus for the gift of Himself through the Holy Eucharist and the Sacraments of his Church.



GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 10, 2009

Today is a day of **FASTING** and a day of **ABSTINENCE** from meat. The special collection taken up today at our services will be the annual collection for the **HOLY LAND**: for the maintenance and help of Christians and Christian places in the Holy Land.

Our Services today will cover the three-hour period from **12:00 NOON to 3:00 PM**, according to the following schedule:

- 12:00 Noon -- **Public Recitation of the Rosary**
- 12:30 PM -- **Stations of the Cross**
- 1:00 PM -- **Period of Silent Meditation**
- 1:30 PM -- **Official Good Friday Liturgy**



- (A) **LITURGY OF THE WORD** – Readings, Passion narrative, Solemn Orations, Homily. Etc.
- (B) **VENERATION OF THE CROSS**
- (C) **HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE**
- (D) **JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS AND PLACED IN THE TOMB**

Services will end around 3:00 PM but the Church will remain open through the day until after evening Stations which begin at 7:00 PM.

7:00 PM -- EVENING STATIONS OF THE CROSS (NO BENEDICTION)

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HOLY SATURDAY – APRIL 11, 2009

- (A) **8:00 AM to 10:00 AM** – Decorating and cleaning of the Church. Begins with refreshments in Church Hall at 8:00 AM. Everyone invited. Helpers needed.
- (B) **12:00 NOON – Blessing of Food Baskets in Church**
- (C) No Saturday afternoon Confessions today
- (D) **8:30 PM [Note special time] – EASTER VIGIL AND FIRST MASS OF EASTER –**
Mass – M/M Raymond Koblinsky



A NOTE ABOUT THE EASTER VIGIL: This Easter Vigil service includes ceremonies such as the blessing of New Fire, the blessing of the Paschal Candle, the blessing of Water, Solemn Readings, etc. The whole service, including the Mass, will take an hour and a half, ending around 10:00 PM. There is no “Mass only” part: it is one whole service. Thus, if you plan to come, please plan to come at 8:30 PM and be prepared to remain for everything. This is a wonderful and beautiful ceremony in the Church’s liturgical year and will be very educational and inspiring.

So, please remember: this **SATURDAY EVENING EASTER VIGIL** service begins at **8:30 PM** and **NOT at 5:00 PM** like our ordinary Saturday evening Mass. There is **NO 5:00 PM Mass today**.

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EASTER SUNDAY

SPECIAL MASS SCHEDULE FOR EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 12, 2009



7:00 AM, 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

7:00 AM - Michael Werries, Sr., Kate Werries and Donna Werries
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM - The particular intention at these two Easter Masses is for those loved ones who are named in the “Memorial List,” the booklet available with the Easter Sunday bulletin.

[**EASTER EGG HUNT** for the kiddies after the **9:00 AM Mass**, in the Liguori Center Courtyard, or inside the Liguori Center in case of bad weather]

THE SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION at all Easter Masses is the traditional special Easter Gift to the Parish Church.

Christ is Truly Risen! Alleluia!
HAPPY EASTER!



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

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CLEANING THE CHURCH FOR EASTER – We plan to clean and decorate our Church for Easter on Saturday morning, April 11 (the day before Easter). We need all the help we can get. Last year, thanks to many helping hands, we finished in about one and a half hours. **PLEASE PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR** and join in the fun, beginning with coffee and donuts in the Church Hall at 8:00 AM. We thank you in advance for this service to your Church. Bring rags and buckets. (We provide the water!).

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CCD NEWS

TODAY, PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 5, IS THE LAST CCD CLASS day for this term. Since our weekly class lasts for one and a half hours we are able to finish the term earlier than parishes which have class for only one hour. Parents and guardians are reminded of their obligation to bring their children to Mass every Sunday, all through the year, even after CCD classes end. The next CCD YEAR will begin on Catechetical Sunday, the third Sunday in September, September 20, 2009.

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THE EASTER EGG HUNT on Easter Sunday will be held on the Liguori lawn after the 9:00 AM Mass. In case of bad weather the hunt will be moved inside the classroom and halls of the Liguori Center. Must be under age 95 to participate.

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YOUTH GROUP MEETING – today, Sunday, April 5, the first Sunday of April. The Youth Group will meet in the Liguori Center at 9:15 AM. Please be on time.

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PARISH PICNIC AND VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – We will soon be announcing the dates for our parish picnic (around the beginning of August, since August 1 happens to be the date of the feast of our Patron, St. Alphonsus Liguori). Our exact date to be chosen soon.

We will also choose the week for our Vacation Bible School as soon as we can check the calendars of other groups, so we have no major conflict.

EASTER MEMORIAL BOOKLET – We will be preparing our Memorial Booklet for Easter again this year. Use the special “Holy Week/Easter Decoration” envelope to indicate the name(s) of your beloved dead for the booklet. Please note: (a) Print names clearly to avoid confusion (b) There is absolutely no obligation to make a monetary offering (c) Write as many names as you wish within reason, of course. If there are a lot of names, they will have to be listed simply as “all the deceased of the “X” family.” (d) Any voluntary offering made will be used for decorations, with our Parish Share Program receiving surplus donations (e) Deadline for having names published is Monday, April 6 – any names received after that date cannot be included.

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EASTER BLESSING OF FAMILIES – On Easter Sunday, April 12, Bishops David Zubik, Paul Bradley and William Winter will welcome families of the Diocese to their Annual Blessing of Families at St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland beginning at 3:00 PM. As they greet and bless your family personally, they affirm and support you as a household of love and witnesses to your faith. All families, single parent, blended, extended, etc. are invited to come and experience the Bishops’ expression of appreciation for the gift that you are and the gifts that you bring to our Diocese. Each family attending will receive a special memento to take home and the children will receive a sweet treat.

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THE MONTH OF APRIL is the month when our parishioners are called on to volunteer at the VA Hospital in Aspinwall to help patients get to Sunday Mass. Call Liz Yanni at 724-274-6860 for more information.

Your Ministry of Support

Thank you for your offerings to Saint Alphonsus Parish
For Sunday, March 29, 2009

Offertory \$4,063.55
Parish Share \$770.00

THE SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION today, the first Sunday of the month of April, is the monthly collection for capital improvements to our parish. Our pledge to Saint Paul Cathedral in Oakland has been met. One of our upcoming expenses will be for repairs/replacement of the roof on our school building which has been leaking and is in great need of attention. We appreciate your support of our own buildings.