

ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH BULLETIN

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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.



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

Diocese Victim Assistance Hotline..... 1-888-808-1235

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

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Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

MARY, OUR SERVANT

Yesterday, August 15, we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven, body and soul. This privilege, granted to Mary, marks a special reward for a very special lady, one who was chosen from all eternity by Almighty God to be the mother of his only Son, born as our brother in the flesh, so that we could see in him the person of the mysterious and loveable God who made us for himself.

The essence and reason for our devotion to Mary, though breathtaking, is simple: Jesus is God, Mary is his mother (in his human nature), and so Mary is the "Mother of God."

Jesus was not ashamed to be a servant. Obedient to his Father in heaven, he is also obedient to us, saying, "I have come not to be served, but to serve." Mary, like her son, gave her whole being in service to God and to humanity, giving up her own plans, telling the Archangel Gabriel, "Let it be done unto me according to your word."

Think of our own earthly, human mothers. They give and do everything for their children. They feed us, console us, dress and clean us, make every sacrifice for us and live for nothing more than to make us good and worthy of God's love. So it is with Mary in her role in the Church. Mary makes a sacrifice of her life so that we can have Jesus who in turn takes us to the father.

As we honor Mary this weekend and proclaim her to be the Mother of God and Mother of the Church, let us not forget to praise and thank the women in our life who have given so much to us, simply because it is part of their very nature to be the medium through which God takes care of our every need.

"Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen."

- Fr. Saladna

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

MONDAY, AUGUST 17 – Weekday Celebration

8:00 AM Deceased members of the Skripets Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18 – Weekday Celebration

8:00 AM Paul Blume

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19 – Weekday Celebration

8:00 AM Frank Hrobak

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20 – No Mass scheduled for today

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21 – Saint Pius X, Pope

8:00 AM Lewis Pajerski Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22 – No Mass on Saturday morning

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

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 – Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Harry Paul

11:00 AM Scott and John Malarik



REST IN PEACE -- The parish family of Saint Alphonsus wishes to extend their deepest sympathy to the families of Anna Pastucha and Pepper Kandziolka. Please remember the deceased and their families in your prayers.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE: A RETREAT FOR GRIEVING SINGLES

– The loss of a spouse through death, separation or divorce is one of life's most traumatic experiences leading to nearly unbearable feelings of loneliness and grief. This weekend helps grieving single-again people journey through the darkness of grief toward the future with renewed hope. It offers an opportunity for growth through God.

The Beginning Experience program is presented by a team of people who have suffered the loss of a spouse and are willing to share their own experience to help others. A sense of community develops in an atmosphere of care and concern that is a hallmark of each Beginning Experience Weekend.

The next weekend will be held October 2-4, at the Gilmory Center in Moon Township. Payment arrangements and possible financial assistance are available. For more information, contact the Office for Family Life at 412-456-3160, or familylife@diopitt.org or make a confidential call to Susan Ackerman at 724-334-0118.

IMPORTANT YOUNG PEOPLE’S NEWS ABOUT SOME COMING EVENTS

- 1. **ALIVE AGAIN**, Saturday, September 12, 2 PM – 10 PM. Join us at St. Benedict the Abbott in McMurray for **Alive Again**, an event of hope for teens and young adults. This is day dedicated to the youth and young adults of Pittsburgh and the surrounding area. The day will include breakout sessions, Mass celebrated by Bishop Zubik, and a concert by Matt Maher and his band. For more information, please contact Mrs. Mueller at 412-841-2017.
- 2. **SEE YOU AT THE POLE** – Wednesday, September 23, 2009, Springdale High School – 7 AM; Colfax Upper Elementary School – 8 AM; Acmetonia Primary School – 8 AM. See You at the Pole is all about prayer. It’s about young people coming together, laying aside all labels and groups for one day, to connect with God in prayer and to connect with fellow Christians in unity.

We will join hundreds of thousands of students throughout the world; gathering at this day at this time, praying for their school, their friends, their families, and their world. Join your generation. Gather at your school flagpole to pray on Wednesday, September 23rd. For more information, visit www.syatp.com.

- 3. **ATTENTION: ALL 9-12 GRADE STUDENTS.** The Diocese of Pittsburgh is sponsoring an overnight retreat at Camp Guysuta in Sharpsburg. Missionaries in Training will teach us how to become true disciples of Christ. Learn how to integrate the gift of service into your life. Follow the example of Jesus and become a true servant-leader.

The retreat will be held October 10-11, 2009. Cost is \$75.00. This fee includes overnight accommodations, meals and access to challenge course initiative games, low course elements, high course elements and climbing/rappelling tower. Call Mrs. Mueller (412-841-2017) if you are interested in attending.

- 4. **WORLD YOUTH DAY, GATEWAY CLIPPER CRUISE**, November 1, 2009, 6 PM – 9:30 PM. It’s that time again! A celebration of prayer, dinner, music, dancing and lots of fun on the Gateway Clipper’s finest boats cruising Pittsburgh’s Three Rivers. The cost of this evening is \$25.00. Permission slips and reservation forms are now available in the Activity Room. This cruise fills up quickly. Boat assignments are through a lottery system. So that we are guaranteed a great spot, all reservation forms are due by Sunday, September 6, 2009. Let’s pack the boat. For additional information, please contact Mrs. Mueller at 412-841-2017.
- 5. **ATTENTION ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS (GRADES 6-8) AND YOUR PARENTS.** The Middle School Faith Rally will be held at Bishop Canevin High School on Friday, November 6, 2009. Come and join others from across the Diocese of Pittsburgh in this fun and exciting evening. Hold this date. More details to follow.

(Please keep this schedule of events for future reference)

SPRING AND SUMMER are times when our thoughts turn to maintenance of buildings and property. This summer our attention has been turned toward the cleaning and prep of our school building, getting it ready for the new CCD year which begins on Sunday, September 20 (Catechetical Sunday). Also, we have completed some work on our Church Hall, with painting, installation of mirrors (an optical illusion, doubling the size of the hall), and the completion of air conditioning in the hall.

Some of this work was done by parish staff and volunteers, and some contracted out to professionals.

We are indebted to **ED BAYNE** and **BELLONE’S GLASS**, and Matt Beucker, Kaitlin Mueller, Karen Mueller and Cathy Moxie, plus a lot of other people too numerous to list or mention who helped make our parish picnic last week a great success. Those who attended were able to enjoy the

fruits of all this work, completed just in time for the picnic on Sunday, August 9. **OUR SINCERE THANKS TO ONE AND ALL.**

Your Ministry of Support	
Thank you for your offerings to Saint Alphonsus Parish For Sunday, August 9, 2009	
Offertory	\$4,403.63
Parish Share	\$1,060.00
PLEASE REMEMBER ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH IN YOUR WILL	