

**ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH BULLETIN**

**FOR**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2009**

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# 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.



**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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### CHURCH TROUBLEMAKERS.... WHO NEEDS THEM?

He would not be welcomed in the majority of our churches today. In fact, he would be explicitly told he would have to leave.

He would be welcomed even less in society. The media would have a field day with him. They would rip him to shreds.

You see, he brought trouble wherever he went. From time to time he was welcomed, but once the authorities learned who he was, efforts began to either take his life or run him out of town.

He was educated in the best schools of his day. He learned the Mosaic Law well.

He certainly had some negative comments about sexual perversions and other unspeakable sins and those who practiced them. And he presented his message in a manner considered most unacceptable by the religious leaders.

Much of what he said would today be classified as "hate speech."

He was very narrow-minded and exclusive. He gave his teaching on what was and was not acceptable in matters of theology, and those who disagreed were told they were wrong. He was very uncompromising.

He changed from being a fiery liberal to being what many today would call a right-wing fundamentalist. He was a preacher, and his preaching usually ended in a riot or a revival. As long as he embraced the liberal perspective, he was a leader in the liberal ranks. But once he "saw the light," he was treated as a traitor by the liberals.

He wasn't much on diversity, but he did try to adjust to different special interest groups in order to win them to his way.

He even mixed religion and politics. When the religious leaders attempted to convict him on some theological points, he appealed to the secular courts.

He let his religious convictions determine everything about his life – what he ate, what he wore, with whom he associated, where he traveled.

Many of the liberal elite considered him a fanatic and thought the world would be better off without him. Some of them even went so far as to attempt to take his life. A few times they were almost successful.

No doubt about it. We wouldn't want him in our church. He would cause too much trouble.

His name was Saul. But his faith meant so much to him that he changed it to Paul.

He was an apostle.

- By Donald E. Wildmon,  
American Family Association President  
In the September 2000 Issue of AFA Journal

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### SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

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**MONDAY, AUGUST 31** – Weekday Celebration  
8:00 AM Deceased members of the Skripets Family

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1** -- Weekday Celebration  
8:00 AM Loretta Martin

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2** – Weekday Celebration  
8:00 AM Paul Onufer  
**7:00 PM Confirmation here, with Bishop Zubik, for candidates from St. Alphonsus (12) and OLOV (19).**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3** – No Mass scheduled for today

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4** – First Friday  
8:00 AM Anna Pastucha

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5** – No Mass on Saturday morning  
5:00 PM [For Sunday] John and Catherine Buchko

**NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6** – Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00 AM Helen (Buntova) Mikus  
11:00 AM For all Parishioners, Liv. & Dec.

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**NOTE:** Looking ahead – on **Labor Day, Monday, September 7**, we will have a Mass at 9:00 AM.

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### RCIA PROGRAM –

- Are you searching for a church to call your own?
- Do you struggle with questions about life-death-suffering-hope-forgiveness-love-God?
- Ever wonder why Catholics worship the way they do?
- Do you have questions about what we really believe?

Look no further. If you are not Catholic, but are curious about the Church, or have a friend or family member who may be interested, or perhaps have some misconceptions about the church. All are welcome. For more information, call the Parish Office at 724-274-5084.

**CCD REGISTRATION FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR.** Our CCD program begins on Catechetical Sunday, September 20. CCD classes are offered in our School Building in the time period between our two Sunday morning Masses, from 9:15 AM to 10:45 AM.

Our CCD classes are held for registered parish students from grades 1 through 8 (Kindergarten, if enough students; or, if parents wish, Kindergarten students can be put in with First Graders). Students must be pre-registered. We will register students in the following way:

- 1. STUDENTS WHO WERE HERE LAST YEAR AND WHO WILL BE COMING BACK.** You will have received in the mail a registration form for each student, together with a schedule of classes for the school year, and some general information about CCD and registration. The deadline for registering is September 11<sup>TH</sup>.
- 2. NEW STUDENTS.** Those who were too young last year or who are newly registered in our parish. Parents of these students must call the Parish Office to arrange for registration.

Please get this registration done now since we need to know exactly how many students we will have, and thus be able to prepare adequately.

**ATTENTION ALL CCD TEACHERS!** Catechetical Sunday is just around the corner (Sunday, September 20<sup>TH</sup>). We will have our start-up meeting today, Sunday, August 30, after the 8 AM Mass (around 9:00 AM). It is a very important meeting to discuss our upcoming CCD year. Please plan to attend.

**ATTENTION ALL PARISH YOUTH.** The St. Alphonsus Catholic Youth Ministry year will be kicking off on Sunday, September 13. Meet us at the 11:00 AM Mass (we'll sit together in the marked pews) and join us for a cookout on the Liguori Center lawn after Mass. We have some good food and good fun with great friends. Please join us at this meeting and help plan our social, service and spiritual activities for the year. If you have any questions, please call Karen Mueller at 412-828-3007 or David and Jeannine McCutcheon at 724-274-8987.

**AFTER THE SUMMER BREAK** the next meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be Thursday, September 10.

**ENTERTAINMENT DISCOUNT/COUPON BOOKS** for 2010 are being sold by the Parish Social Services (Ladies of Charity). These books offer great savings at all kinds of restaurants, stores and various businesses, and they make great gifts (for Christmas, or anytime). They are available at \$20 after Sunday Mass in the Activity Room, or at the Parish House during office hours. There is a limited number for sale this year, so if you are really interested it would be wise to get them early. Proceeds from the sale go toward the works of the Ladies of Charity.

**WALK FOR HUNGER** – The Lower Valley Food Bank will hold the annual **WALK FOR HUNGER** event on Saturday, September 19. Walkers will meet at the Springdale Boro Building on School Street at 9:45 AM and walk three miles to the Cheswick Shopping Center and back. Donations to this worthy cause can be made to any of the walkers as they proceed through our community. The Food Bank's Mission is to help end hunger and increase opportunities for families to meet their nutritional needs with health and dignity. Applications can be obtained from the parish office during business hours. If you have any questions about the Food Bank or the Walk for Hunger, please call 724-274-0867.

**DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY'S 43<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL COLLEGE FAIR** will be held on Sunday, September 20 from 1 PM to 3 PM in the A. J. Palumbo Center. High school juniors and seniors can meet with representatives from over 150 of the best colleges and universities in the country. Questions? Call Duquesne's Office of Admissions at 412-396-6222.

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| <b>Your Ministry of Support</b>  |            |
| Thank you for your offerings to Saint Alphonsus Parish<br>For Sunday, August 23, 2009  |            |
| Offertory .....  | \$4,638.80 |
| Parish Share .....   | \$350.00   |
| <b>PLEASE REMEMBER ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH<br/>IN YOUR WILL</b>   |            |
| <b>THE SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION</b> next Sunday, the first Sunday of the month, is the monthly collection for Capital Improvements to our parish. We appreciate your support of St. Alphonsus Parish. |            |