

**ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH BULLETIN**

**FOR**

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – FEBRUARY 28, 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

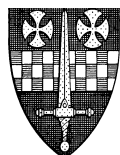
**LIGUORI CENTER OFFICES** (school building side entrance)

(724) 274-2547

**CCD & Youth Min.** - Karen Mueller

**Social Services** - Cathy Moxie

**Music Director/Organist** – Vickie Roof

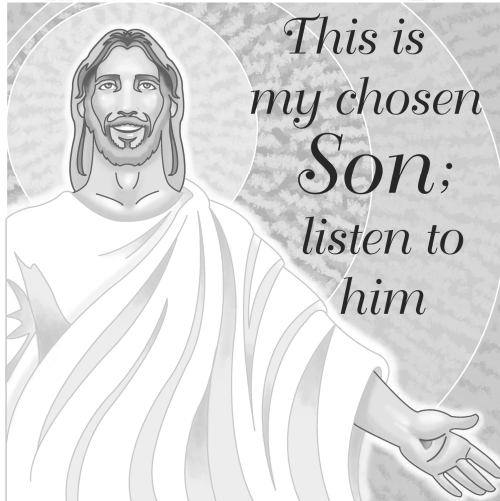


**New Parishioners:** We welcome new parishioners whether newly moved into the area or those who have fallen off through inactivity. Welcome! Register by calling or coming to the parish office. Become an active, attending and supporting member of the parish. And please let us know if you move away or 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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### NO ONE BUT JESUS

Jesus is the end of the line. Jesus is the last word. Jesus is the perfect prophet, for he not only speaks for God, but he IS God. Jesus is the perfect lawgiver, for he knows the path to the Father and glory. Jesus is the SON and the SUN – the image of the Father and the glory of his revelation. Jesus is everything, as we sing in that wonderful hymn, “Jesus, my Lord, my God, my All.”

“When they looked up they did not see anyone but Jesus.” This is the essence of today’s Gospel story about the Transfiguration of the Lord. Jesus takes three witnesses with him to the top of the mountain: Peter, James and John. There, on the mountain, appear two Old Testament figures with him – Moses and Elijah. Moses is the lawgiver of old, and Elijah is the prophet of old. They were the best the Old Testament had to offer. Moses brought down the tablets containing the 10 Commandments. Elijah was a great, wonder-working prophet. But when they appeared with Jesus on the mountain of the Transfiguration, when they saw him in all his glory, when they heard the voice of God the Father from heaven saying that “Jesus is the one, listen to him,” Moses and Elijah bowed out of the picture once and for all. The Old Testament ends and the New Testament begins. Jesus did not come to abolish the Law (Moses) and the Prophets (Elijah). He came to bring them to perfection. And HE is the perfection of the Law and the Prophets.

Aren’t we lucky and blessed to be living in the time of Christ? Our Calendars say 2010 A.D., “anno Domini,” “in the year of the Lord.” We have begun another millennium of light. We don’t have to settle for lesser lights, for lesser laws – we have seen the high priest, the Son and Sun of God.

This snapshot of the Transfigured Lord was kept in the hearts and memories of today’s witnesses. They have testified to us about it, through today’s Gospel. Let us treasure this picture of Jesus glorified. It will help us get through the trials and troubles of life until that happy day when we, too, will see him in all his glory.

-- Fr. Saladna

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### SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

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#### MONDAY, MARCH 1 – Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM Carol Pascarella Creghan

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 2 – Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM Andrew Strcula

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3 – Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM Patricia C. Faith Drennan

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 4 – No Mass scheduled for today

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 5 – Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM Michael Pascarella

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross with Benediction

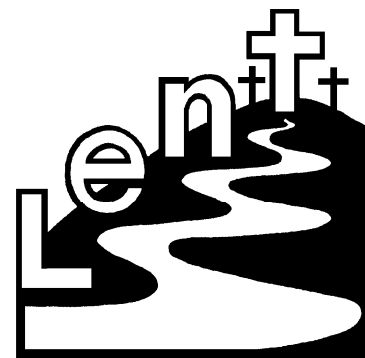
#### SATURDAY, MARCH 6 – No Mass on Saturday morning

5:00 PM [For Sunday] Len Roof (Birthday)

#### NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 7 – Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM For all Parishioners, Liv. & Dec.

11:00 AM Mary Ann Seiler Durny



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### 2010 COMMUNITY LENTEN WORSHIP SUNDAY SERVICES AT 3:00 PM

**February 28**, St. Alphonsus Church, Dr. Henk Bossers, speaker.

**March 7**, Springdale United Presbyterian Church, Rev. George E. Saladna, speaker.

**March 14**, St. Mark Lutheran Church, Rev. David Carlisle, speaker.

**March 21**, Cheswick Presbyterian Church, Pastor Keith Harris, speaker.

**THE CHURCH RECOGNIZES THE FACE OF JESUS IN THE POOR**

VATICAN CITY, 14 FEB 2010 - This morning Benedict XVI visited a shelter run by Roman diocesan Caritas at the city's main railway station, Termini. The shelter, founded twenty-three years ago to assist the poor and marginalized, has rooms, a canteen and a small medical center.

Addressing the occupants of the shelter, the Pope said "know that the Church loves you deeply and will not abandon you, because it recognizes the countenance of Christ in each of you".

"The witness of charity, which finds special expression in this place, belongs to the mission of the Church together with the proclamation of the Gospel. Man does not only need to be fed materially or helped to overcome moments of difficulty, but also needs to know who he is, the truth about himself and his dignity".

The Holy Father explained how "the Church, with her service to the poor, is therefore committed to the universal announcement of the truth about man, who is loved by God and created in His image, redeemed by Christ and called to eternal communion with Him. Many people have thus been able to rediscover, and are rediscovering, their dignity, sometimes lost in tragic events, and to recover confidence in themselves and hope in the future".

The profound certainty of being loved by God "generates in man's heart a powerful, solid, luminous hope, a hope that gives people the courage to continue on the journey of life despite the failures, difficulties and trials that accompany it".

The Pope then mentioned the fact that his visit to the shelter was taking place during the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion, called by the European Parliament and Commission. In this context he encouraged "not only Catholics, but all men and women of good will, especially those who have responsibility in public administration and in other institutions, to commit themselves to the building of a future worthy of man, rediscovering in charity the driving force for authentic development and for the creation of a more just and fraternal society".

"In order to promote peaceful coexistence that helps men recognize themselves as members of one human family it is important that the dimensions of gift and gratuity be rediscovered as constitutive elements of daily life and interpersonal relations", he said. "This is

becoming daily more urgent in a world in which the logic of profit and pursuit of one's own interests seem to prevail instead".

Voluntary work, as it is experienced in the shelter, said Benedict XVI, "is, especially for the young, an authentic school in which to learn how to build a civilization of love, one capable of welcoming others in all their uniqueness and difference".

"In her service to persons in difficulty the Church is wholly moved by the desire to express her faith in the God Who defends the poor and loves every man for what he is and not for that which he possesses or achieves", the Pope concluded.

At the end of the visit the occupants and volunteer workers of Roman diocesan Caritas presented the Holy Father with the restored crucifix from the church of St. Peter in Onna, the village most affected by last April's earthquake in the Italian region of Abruzzo. The Pope will return the crucifix to the church when restoration work there is complete.

- Vatican Information Services

**THINGS TO THINK ABOUT**

The task ahead of us is never greater than the power behind us.

Don't put a question mark where God puts a period.

Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.

God himself doesn't propose to judge a man until he is dead so why should you?

Opportunity may knock once but temptation bangs on the front door forever.

**Our Ministry of Support**

Thank you for your offerings to Saint Alphonsus Parish For Ash Wednesday and Sunday, February 21, 2010

Offertory .....	\$5,661.00
Parish Share .....	\$5,488.00

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

The second collection next Sunday, March 7, will be the monthly collection for Capital Improvements to our parish . We thank you for your support of our Church and other worthy causes.

## OUR 2010 LENT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH, SPRINGDALE, PA

### ALL SUNDAYS (Mass Schedule)

5:00 PM Saturday evening (Vigil Mass for Sunday)  
8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

### EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross and Benediction



### CONFESSIONS

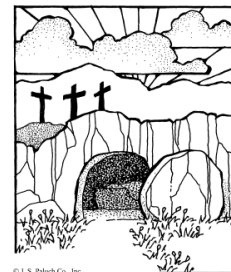
**Saturdays** – 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

#### Special confessions for Holy Week:

- a. Monday, March 29, 6:00-7:00 PM, one priest
- b. Tuesday, March 30, 6:00-7:00 PM, one priest
- c. Wednesday, March 31, 5:30 – 7:00 PM, three priests

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

1. **SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2010 – PALM SUNDAY.** Masses will be like an ordinary Sunday (Saturday evening at 5:00 PM, and Sunday morning at 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM). Palm will be blessed at the Saturday evening Mass and available at all three Palm Sunday Masses.
2. **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week (March 29, March 30, and March 31)**  
Morning Mass at 8:00 AM
3. **HOLY THURSDAY – Thursday, April 1, 2010**  
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM
4. **GOOD FRIDAY – Friday, April 2, 2010**
  - 12:00 Noon - Public Recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary
  - 12:30 PM - Stations of the Cross
  - 1:00 PM - Period of Meditation (Silent)
  - 1:30 PM - Good Friday Liturgy
    - a. Liturgy of the Word
    - b. Veneration of the Cross
    - c. Holy Communion Service
    - d. Jesus is taken down from the Cross and placed in the tomb
  - 7:00 PM - Evening Stations of the Cross
1. **HOLY SATURDAY – EASTER VIGIL – SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 2010**
  - 12:00 Noon -- Blessing of Easter Food Baskets
  - 8:30 PM -- Easter Vigil (First Mass of Easter)
2. **EASTER SUNDAY – Sunday, April 4, 2010**
  - 7:00 AM -- Easter Mass
  - 9:00 AM -- Easter Mass
  - 11:00 AM -- Easter Mass



**Easter Egg Hunt** for kiddies after the 9:00 AM Easter Mass, on the Liguori Center lawn (inside the building in case of bad weather).

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY FINALIZED:**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 11, AT THE 11:00 AM MASS.** This  
 is the most convenient date for everyone concerned.

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**LADIES OF CHARITY** will hold their monthly meeting  
 tomorrow, Monday, March 1, at 7:00 PM.

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**SCOUT SUNDAY** will be observed this weekend, at  
 the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass. Troop #504 will give a  
 brief report on their activities.

#### **BOY SCOUT TROOP #504**

Valerie Conway, Committee Treasurer  
 Jennifer Demore, Committee Secretary  
 Clifford T. McCalmont, Advancement Chairman  
 Francis E. Moxie, Charter Organization Rep.  
 Reilly Perrett, Committee Member  
 Fr. George Saladna, Executive Officer  
 Jack Sanford, Committee Chairman  
 William Sanford, Assistant Scoutmaster  
 Mark Shaginaw, Committee Member/Pack Liason  
 Brian Simcic, Assistant Scoutmaster  
 Jeffrey Simcic, Assistant Scoutmaster  
 Daniel Winklmann, Scoutmaster

#### **Green Bar Patrol**

Zachary Metkler, Senior Patrol Leader  
 Casey Rayburg, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader  
 Cody Perrett, Troop Guide (Dragon Patrol)

#### **Dragon Patrol**

John Demore, Patrol Leader  
 Jacob Lang, Assistant Patrol Leader  
 Khalil Boroski  
 Alexander Conte  
 Zachary Lamperski  
 Maxwell Shaginaw, Den Chief P 554  
 Marshall Utiss  
 Jimmy Gaschler

#### **Hawk Patrol**

Jonathan Beucker, Librarian  
 Kristopher Cummings, Troop OA Rep, Jr. Asst.  
 Scoutmaster  
 Ian Farley, Asst. Patrol Ldr/Historian  
 Zachary Layhew  
 Adam Winklmann, Patrol Leader  
 Evan Winklmann, Quartermaster

#### **TROOP 504 EAGLE SCOUT HONOR ROLL**

Raymond L. Mickelic	November 1, 1964
Francis E. Moxie, Jr.	May 20, 1977
Steven M. Moxie	April 6, 1979
Andrew L. Brant	May 10, 1979
Sean S. McCalmont	August 27, 1980
Jamie J. Moxie	September 30, 1980
Christopher W. Brant	July 6, 1982
Paul N. Whale	May 11, 1984
Louis A. Kun	January 7, 1986
Scott P. Zanella	March 11, 1986
Douglas J. Tabish	April 22, 1986
Frank A. Chudy	April 24, 1986
Richard M. Bolam	September 1, 1987
John J. Lucot	July 20, 1988
Wayne C. Biernesser	August 14, 1989
Joel Brennan	June 5, 1991
Kenneth S. Hoffman	January 16, 1991
David J. Banas	August 23, 1993
Bryan M. Hoffman	July 12, 1996
William J. Sanford	March 12, 2003
Daniel L. Jacobs	February 11, 2004
Albert W. Beucker	May 15, 2004
Matthew F. Beucker	August 18, 2004
Jeffrey A. Simcic	November 9, 2005
Shane M. Martin	April 12, 2006
Gregory V. Randas	May 10, 2006
Robert A. Rovnanik	December 13, 2006
Brian P. Simcic	October 8, 2008
James P. Walsh	June 10, 2009
Kristopher W. Cummings	September 9, 2009
Cody Perrett	September 9, 2009

#### **ALL ABOUT CHANGE**

On this Second Sunday of Lent the scriptures remind us that when we have an encounter with our God, things are bound to change. In the first reading God tells Abram to raise his eyes to the sky, promising descendants as numerous as the stars. Abram's act of faith in the Lord is sealed in covenant, forever changing the course of salvation history. In the Gospel story of the Transfiguration, always proclaimed on this Lenten Sunday, the Lord Jesus changes in appearance before the eyes of the apostles who, like Abram, raise their eyes to the spectacle in the sky. It is Saint Paul who brings it all together for us: "He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body" (Philippians 3:21). Lent is all about change, all about conversion. Let us cast our own eyes to heaven, awaiting that day when we will be changed—when we will share in Christ's glory.