

ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH BULLETIN

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EPIPHANY – JANUARY 4, 2009

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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

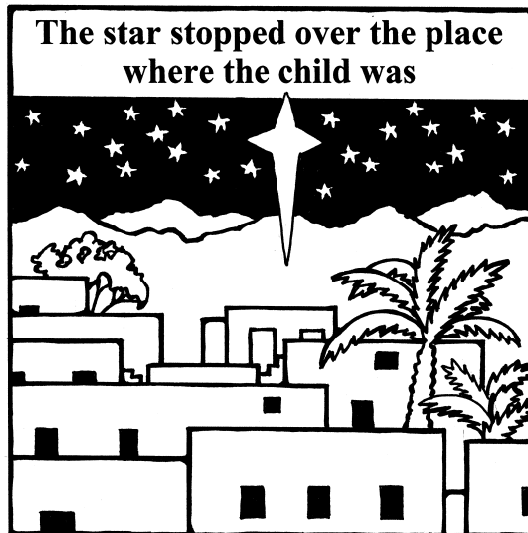
Music Director/Organist – Vickie Roof



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

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Epiphany, which we celebrate today, is Greek meaning "Manifestation" or "Showing Forth." In today's Feast, the Church emphasizes the fact that Jesus came among us, not to "hide," but to be "found." But he can be found only by those who are open to God's truth and to his revelation. If we pre-determine what God has to be like, if we set up the rules for his coming and are not open to God's plan, it is possible that we, too, will miss Christ when he appears in our time and in our lives.

The "wise" men in the Epiphany story are wise because they were willing to be led by the star. They, even though "Kings," were willing to get off their "high horses" ("high camels"?) and let the star of God's light lead them to where Jesus was. They were also wise because they went to learn from Jesus, and not to snuff out the light and kill Jesus, as the evil King Herod planned to do.

The wise men also represent the pagans, "outsiders," who ordinarily would not be thought very highly of by the Jewish leaders. And yet it was these outsiders who became the insiders, while the chief priests, scribes, elders and all the other "know-it-alls" who should have known better were left out in the cold. Thus, the saying, "The last shall be first and the first shall be last," was verified in their case.

As we rejoice today in the Manifestation or Epiphany of Jesus, let us thank God for showing us the light of his Son. But let us also be humble enough to let Jesus lead us through the troubles of this life so that we can someday see him face to face and be happy with him forever. Let us, as did the wise men, return to our homes, but by another way – changed people, all for the better, because we have followed the star and have seen the light.

-- Fr. Saladna

Mass Intentions

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES
FOR THIS WEEK**

MONDAY, JANUARY 5 – St. John Neumann, Bishop
8:00 AM Michael J. Faith

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6 – Blessed Andre Besette
8:00 AM Helen Zywan

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7 – Epiphany Weekday
8:00 AM Helen Santay

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8 – No Mass scheduled for today

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9 – Epiphany Weekday
8:00 AM Julia Tassotti

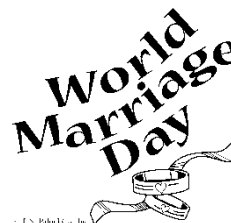
SATURDAY, JANUARY 10 – No Mass on Saturday morning
5:00 PM [for Sunday] Deceased members of the Lawson and Doherty Families

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 – Baptism of the Lord
8:00 AM Katie Meyers and Bobby Meyers
11:00 AM For all Parishioners, Liv. & Dec.



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



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WORLD MARRIAGE DAY is celebrated the weekend of February 7-8, 2009. There will be a diocesan celebration of World Marriage day on Saturday, February 7, 2009, at St. Maurice Parish, Forest Hills. It will begin with Mass at 5:00 PM in the Church with Bishop David Zubik as the presider and homilist. Following Mass there will be a wine and cheese reception in the parish hall. A presentation by Mike Clark of Chanel 4 News will follow. Donation is \$10/couple. To register please call the Office for Family Life and Catechesis at 412-456-3160.

CCD AND BABY JESUS SCHOOL – CCD classes and Baby Jesus School will be **OFF** until next Sunday, January 11, 2009.

**Thank
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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE – Yearly boxed sets of envelopes for use by little children and young people can be found in the Activity Room. Little kids like to feel they belong and are important, and so they are. A good way to show this is for them to have their own envelopes and to learn that every little bit helps. God does not measure the amount, but rather the good heart and good will. Thus, these envelopes are not intended as moneymakers, but as a teaching tool. They should be taught to take a penny or nickel or whatever from their own piggy bank, and give something each week, as do the “big people.”

Take these envelopes from the Activity Room. No need to write names or numbers from the box, for we do not record these donations. They are recorded in the book of the one who loves the little children and who encourages them to come to him, Jesus himself.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: for all those who are required to attend an “In-Service” presentation of “**AWARENESS TRAINING FOR PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN.**”

This 3 hour presentation will be held in our **CHURCH HALL** on Sunday, January 18, 2009, from 12 Noon to 3 PM. If you have questions, call Karen at 724-274-2547 or Marsha at 724-274-5084.

LADIES OF CHARITY have their January meeting tomorrow, Monday, January 5, at 7:00 PM in the Church Social Hall.

SPRINGDALE HIGH SCHOOL PROM FASHION SHOW—“Ocean’s 09”, Sunday, January 25 at 2 PM in the Marshall Auditorium. Advance tickets: \$5 each, tickets at the door/\$6 each. Chinese Auction, 50/50 Raffle, Bake Sale. For advance tickets please call Caitlin at 724-274-5888. Sponsored by the Springdale High School Prom Committee.

SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE LADIES OF CHARITY – thank you for your assistance to the poor, hungry, lonely and sick through your donations for “Turkey Vouchers” and the Christmas Gift Tag Tree. Money donations were made to the Food Bank of the Lower Valley, and more than 175 gifts from our parish alone were given at Christmas through your generosity.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH – A thousand thanks to all of you who made our celebration of Christmas so wonderful and inspirational. We can never mention all of you who cleaned the Church, decorated it, served as liturgical ministers and musicians, ushers, etc., etc. We are especially grateful to the members of our Boy Scout Troop #504 who were a terrific help in getting the Church ready. Also, thanks to all who sent gifts, prayers, cards and greetings, and to the entire congregation who manifested their gratitude to Christ by supporting His Church through their regular and special envelope collections. May the good Lord bless and reward you all, and may you all have a truly blessed and holy new year 2009.

- Frs. Saladna and McDonough

HEATING COSTS have gone up rapidly. You have all felt it in heating your own homes. It has affected your spiritual home, the Church, too. If you think your gas bills were high, how about \$4,500 – that’s the total of our three gas bills for just one month, ending December 26 – the Church, School, and Rectory/Liguori Center gas bills with Phillips Gas and this was a warm month. So, when you see the little envelope marked “Utility and Energy Costs,” think of what it costs your Church to keep you warm (and we have kept the heat extremely low), and slip some extra money for our high utility costs.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Thank you for the following donations to the St. Alphonsus Memorial Fund:

IN MEMORY OF JOHN GRINDER by Russell Truby Family, Ann Werries and Family.

IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH KOBOLKA by Ann Werries and Family; Dorothy Boyle.

IN MEMORY OF CLARA ROCHE AND THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ROCHE FAMILY by M/M Cuttler.

THE SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION today, Sunday, January 4, the first Sunday of the month, will be the monthly collection for Capital Improvements to our parish and also to help pay our pledge for renovations and improvements to Saint Paul Cathedral in Oakland. We thank you, as always, for your kind and generous support of St. Alphonsus Parish and the Diocese of Pittsburgh.