

ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH BULLETIN

FOR

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2009

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 19, 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.



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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In today's second reading, taken from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians, we get an idea of what "Christian Unity" is all about and how it happens. Ephesus, located on the western coast of modern Turkey, was a great city, with a few Jews, but for the most part pagans.

Paul alludes to this fact, that they were "gentiles" in today's passage, when he says things like, "you who were once far off," using the expression twice.

In contrast to the pagan Ephesians, Paul refers to the Jews (among whom Paul himself is numbered) as "those who were near."

Jesus, through his blood, has broken the barrier separating those who were far off and those who were near, making them one, putting enmity to death, and announcing the good news of peace.

Thus for Paul there is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free man. No, everyone is now together in Christ. Jesus has abolished the law of Moses (the old law, with its commands and precepts) and he has brought pagan and Jew together, reconciling them both together for himself.

This is the good news of "peace" – through Jesus all people can have access to the Father through the one Spirit.

The "proof" of Christianity, the "test" of Christianity is to see whether there is true unity, to see if it really "works." No matter how we talk and profess and affirm, if we are not really together in mind and heart, getting along with each other and working together, there is no presence of the Spirit and there is no Christ in us.

On another occasion Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in their midst." Let us allow the Spirit in our lives to break down barriers which exist between us, whether we were once far off or near. Let us show our world the characteristic which so amazed the world when the Gospel first began to spread, when the pagans said about the followers of Christ with admiration and envy, "see how these Christians love one another."

- Fr. Saladna



SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

MONDAY, JULY 20 – Weekday Celebration (16th Week in Ordinary Time)

8:00 AM Ed and Bernie Murcko (51st Wedding Anniversary)

TUESDAY, JULY 21 – St. Lawrence of Brindisi

8:00 AM Oliver and Julia Tassotti

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22 – St. Mary Magdalene

8:00 AM Nancy Lochrane

THURSDAY, JULY 23 – **No Mass scheduled for today**

FRIDAY, JULY 24 – Weekday Celebration

8:00 AM Joseph Parise

SATURDAY, JULY 25 -- **No Mass on Saturday morning**

5:00 PM [For Sunday] Delta Casasent

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 26 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

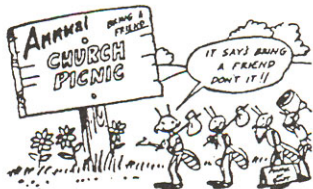
11:00 AM [Fr. McDonough] Alice Susa

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION – The Diocese of Pittsburgh is again planning its annual Golden Wedding celebration for the couples who have been married 50 years. This year's celebration will take place on Sunday, November 8, 2009 with a Mass at 3:00 PM at St. Paul Cathedral. Bishop Zubik will be the celebrant. A reception will follow in the lower hall of the Cathedral.

Any couple who has celebrated or will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary during 2009 is asked to submit their name, address and phone number to the pastor, as soon as possible. He will then forward the names from the parish to the Diocesan Office for Family Life and Catechesis and the Bishop will send the couple a special invitation.

ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH PICNIC SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2009

ON OUR PARISH GROUNDS



The picnic will begin at 2 PM and end at 8 PM. There will **NOT** be a special picnic Mass on Picnic Day: our Masses will all be

in our Church, according to our normal Sunday schedule. Dinner at the picnic will be from 4 to 6 PM.

SCHEDULE

2:00 PM Earliest arrival time – Welcome!

ACTIVITIES THRU THE DAY:

Games – Children and Adults
Balloon Toss, Bingo, Cards

4:00--6:00 PM Dinner – Church Hall

6:00--8:00 PM Bingo and Games



Hamburgers/Hot Dogs/Beverages

provided by the Parish

Families asked to bring covered dish (salad, veggie, or dessert) and big spoon for serving. Bring to Church Social Hall.

Music by DJ Clem Lovasik

Reservations necessary for proper planning. Please return reservation form before Thursday, August 6.

Yes, we plan to attend the Parish Picnic on Sunday, August 9

NAME _____

NUMBER OF ADULTS _____

NUMBER OF CHILDREN _____
(list ages)

Please drop this slip in the basket, or bring it or mail it to the Parish House by Thursday, August 6.



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PLANNING MEETING FOR THE PICNIC -- Cathy Moxie (724-274-2547) is Chairlady for the Picnic. A planning meeting

for the picnic is scheduled for Monday, July 27, in the Church Hall at 7:00 PM.

Prizes (“White Elephant”) for the Bingo can be brought to the Church vestibule (wrap them in newspaper). “One man’s trash is another man’s treasure.”

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND FRIENDS OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL AGED PARISHIONERS:

The Youth Ministry program is in need of your ideas, enthusiasm and support in providing great social, service and spiritual opportunities for our young people in high school. We have established a skeleton schedule and are looking to include guest speakers, project helpers, social project chaperones and drivers. We need you! If you are interested in helping out please attend a brief meeting on Sunday, July 26 after the 8 AM Mass in the Liguori Center. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Karen Mueller (412-828-3007) or David and Jeannine McCutcheon (724-274-8987).

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE!

“PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN” PROGRAM – For all those who are now receiving your clearance forms from the PA Department of Welfare (Child Protection) – the clearance comes in the mail from Harrisburg to your address. When you get it, please bring it to the parish office and we will make a copy for you. **THE ORIGINAL COPY MUST BE KEPT IN YOUR CLEARANCE FILE AT THE PARISH.** We thank all of you who have cooperated with these regulations of the American Bishops and our own Diocese for the protection of minors under our care.

Your Ministry of Support

Thank you for your offerings to Saint Alphonsus Parish For Sunday, July 12, 2009

Offertory	\$4,113.70
Parish Share	\$1,216.00
Visiting Missionary Collection	\$1,907.11