

ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH BULLETIN
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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.

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

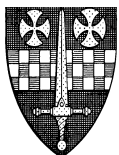
LIGUORI CENTER OFFICES (school building side entrance)

(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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“LIFT HIGH THE CROSS”

Last week, a Christian Church, SPRING LAKE CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH (Spring Lake, Michigan), removed the cross from its building tower as part of a series of moves to make the church “more inclusive.”

The cross-less Church is now called simply “C3 E. Exchange.” The pastor said, speaking of the removal of the large exterior cross, “the removal was designed to reflect the church’s diverse members. Our community has had a number of Muslim people, Jewish people, Buddhists, atheists...We’re catching up to ourselves.”

All this shows what politically correct “Christianity” is coming to. People are no longer expected to be God-like. No, now God is expected to become “people-like.”

The reason God sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, the God-Man and savior of the world, was because he Almighty and All-Good God wanted us to know who and what he really is: the way, the life, and the truth.

It was Jesus who said, “Do not think I have come to bring peace on earth. I have come for division. Because of me, Families will be divided, father against son, son against father, etc.” He said, “If you deny me before men, I will deny you before my Father in heaven.” Saint Paul writes, “There is no other name in heaven or on earth by which men are saved, except by the name of Jesus Christ.” Practically every page of the New Testament proclaims that Jesus is Lord, and only through him and his saving cross do we find salvation.

A lot of people, I am sure, will feel comfortable in this “new, all-inclusive cross-less church,” not only atheists, or other non-Christians, but there will be many self-styled “Christians” as well. The new congregants will have new commandments, the ones they find easy to keep; they will have pleasant worship services, for they will sing songs telling them how wonderful they are, and nothing about salvation through suffering; they will find the new government-sponsored “social religion,” which is self-adoration and the worship of the state.

In time, it will all come to roost here also, and it will happen for the same reasons – that in order to make Jesus Christ acceptable we have stripped him of his divinity, and we will end with even less than we started with.

In Philippians, St. Paul tells us: “Your attitude must be that of Christ:

Though he was in the form of God, he did not deem equality with God something to be grasped at.

Rather, he emptied himself and took the form of a slave, being born in the likeness of men.

He was known to be of human estate, and it was thus that he humbled himself, obediently accepting even death, death on a cross!

Because of this, God highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name above every other name.

So that at Jesus’ name every knee must bend in the heavens, on the earth, and under the earth, and every tongue proclaim to the glory of God the Father: **JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!**”

-- Fr. Saladna

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES
FOR THIS WEEK**

MONDAY, JULY 5 — Weekday Celebration (14TH Week in Ordinary Time)

8:00 AM Agnes E. and Andrew R. Urik

TUESDAY, JULY 6 – St. Maria Goretti

8:00 AM Lil Stanley (Birthday)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7 – Weekday Celebration

8:00 AM Helen Pascarella

THURSDAY, JULY 8 -- **No Mass scheduled for today**

FRIDAY, JULY 9 –Weekday Celebration

8:00 AM Betty Basilone (Anniv.)

SATURDAY, JULY 10 – **No Mass on Saturday morning**

2:00 PM Wedding Mass: Melissa Camerota and Brady McMahan

5:00 PM [For Sunday] William A. Wanamaker (Anniv.)

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 11– Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM M/M John Bunta Family and M/M Stephan Mikus Family

11:00 AM For all Parishioners, Liv. & Dec.

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

IMPORTANT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on Monday, July 12, in the Church Hall at 7 PM. Among other items we will discuss: the new “PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL” change, plans for the Parish Picnic (on August 1), and other important topics you would like to put on the agenda. **Please come and be on time: Monday evening, July 12, at 7:00 PM.**

CCD FOR 2010-2011

The **CCD year will open on Catechetical Sunday, September 19, 2010.** Registration forms for the new year will be available at the beginning of August. We have CCD for Grades K (if enough) through 8. Classes are held on Sunday mornings between our two Sunday Masses. Masses are at 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM. CCD classes are from 9:15 AM through 10:45 AM, one and a half hour each week, enabling us to finish the year on Palm Sunday.

CCD is for children of parishioners (registered), and it is presumed that families attend Mass regularly as their

primary Sunday obligation, which is even more important than attending CCD.

Those who attended CCD last year will be presumed to be coming back this year, unless they finished eighth grade. Please let us know as soon as possible if:

1. You will have a new student in our CCD this coming year because the child (children) are advancing to the proper age level
2. You moved into the parish and registered as a new parishioner since last CCD year
3. You moved (or are moving) away and will not be attending CCD here this coming year.

Please follow the Bulletin every Sunday for news of our CCD and Youth Group programs. Thank you.



**ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**Hero Headquarters
Where Kids Join Forces with God!**

**July 26TH thru July 30TH, 2010
6-8 PM**

*Come join us at the Hero Headquarters –
St. Alphonsus Parish Liguori Center*

***We'll join forces with God serving others,
singing lively songs, creating crafts, and
playing active games.***

All children 3 years to 5TH Grade are
welcome to attend!

No charge!

You must pre-register for this fun-filled week before
Saturday, July 17TH

Registration forms are available in the Activity Room or
at the Parish House.

MEMORIAL FUND

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

IN MEMORY OF ANN LOCHRANE by Henrietta Eaton; Anna Marie Killian; John and Helen Strama; Vitale Pascarella; Debbie, Joe and Marissa Kandziolka.

IN MEMORY OF OLIVE LUKAC by Dolly Bosman, Jim and Lisa Bosman and Family, John and Sharon Arce and Family.

IN MEMORY OF ALEX MOCK by Dr. Mark Sosovicka.
IN MEMORY OF HELEN PASTIERIK by the David Sipe Family.

IN MEMORY OF HELEN PUSKAR by Anna Mae DeSantis; Rose DeSantis; Lavonne Bordell and Family; John and Helen Strama; Dolly Bosman; Vic Pascarella.

IN MEMORY OF ROSE ROSATI by Dorothy Boyle.

Your Ministry of Support

Thank you for your offerings to Saint Alphonsus Parish
for Sunday, June 27, 2010

Offertory	\$3,495.10
Parish Share	\$637.00
Peter's Pence	\$917.00

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

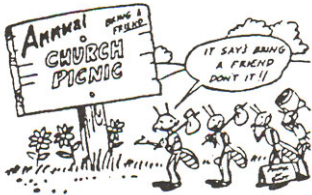
SECOND COLLECTION: today, Sunday, July 4, (first Sunday of the month). The monthly collection for capital improvements to our parish.

We thank you all for your kind and generous support of Saint Alphonsus Church and the works of the universal Church and her missions.

CONGRATULATIONS to Melissa Camerota who will be married to Brady McMahan in our Church this coming Saturday, July 10, at a 2 PM Nuptial Mass. May God bless them and all married couples.

ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH PICNIC SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2010

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.



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SCHEDULE

2:00 PM Earliest arrival time
Welcome!
Games – Children and Adults
Balloon Toss, Bingo, Cards
Fun for All!!!

4:00-6:00 PM Dinner – Church Hall

6:00-8:00 PM Bingo and Games

Music by DJ Clem Lovasik

Entrée and 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*

NEEDED: If you have any White Elephant items that you would like to donate for the Parish Picnic, please wrap them and drop them off at the Parish House. **Volunteers** are needed and most welcome. Call Cathy Moxie at 724-274-2547.

Reservations necessary for proper planning.

Yes, we plan to attend the Parish Picnic on
Sunday, August 1

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 Wednesday, July 28.



THE "SUMMA THEOLOGICA", ST. THOMAS AQUINAS' MASTERPIECE

VATICAN CITY, 23 JUN 2010 (VIS) - In today's general audience, celebrated in the Paul VI Hall, the Pope delivered the last in a series of three catecheses on the figure of St. Thomas Aquinas.

The Holy Father explained how St. Thomas' masterpiece, the "Summa Theologica", contains 512 questions and 2,669 articles in which the saint "precisely, clearly and pertinently" outlines the truths of faith as they emerge from "the teachings of Holy Scripture and of the Fathers of the Church, especially St. Augustine". This exertion "of the human mind was always illuminated - as St. Thomas' own life shows - by prayer, by the light that comes from on high.

"In his 'Summa'", the Pope added, "St. Thomas starts from the fact that God exists in three different ways: God exists in Himself, He is the principle and end of all things, so all creatures come from and depend upon Him. Secondly, God is present through His Grace in the life and activity of Christians, of the saints. Finally, God is present in a very special way in the person of Christ, and in the Sacraments which derive from His work of redemption".

"St. Thomas dedicates special attention to the mystery of the Eucharist, to which he was particularly devoted", said Benedict XVI, encouraging people "to follow the example of the saints and love this Sacrament. Let us participate devotedly in Mass in order to obtain its spiritual fruits; let us feed from the Body and Blood of the Lord that we may be incessantly nourished by divine Grace; let us pause willingly and often in the company of the Blessed Sacrament".

The Holy Father went on: "What St. Thomas explained with academic rigor in his main theological works such as the 'Summa Theologica' was also expressed in his preaching", the content of which "corresponds almost in its entirety to the structure of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Indeed, in a time such as our own of renewed commitment to evangelization, catechism and preaching must never lack the following fundamental themes: what we believe, i.e., the Creed; what we pray, i.e., the Our Father and the Ave Maria; and what we live as biblical revelation teaches us, i.e., the law of the love of God and neighbor and the Ten Commandments".

"In his brief 'Devotissima expositio super symbolum apostolorum', St. Thomas explains the importance of faith. Through it, he says, the soul is united to God, ... life is given a clear direction and we can easily overcome temptations. To those who object that faith is foolish because it makes us believe something that does not enter into the experience of the senses, St. Thomas offers a very detailed response, claiming that this is an inconsistent objection because human intelligence is limited and cannot know everything.

"Only if we were able to have perfect knowledge of all things visible and invisible would it be foolish to accept truth out of pure faith", said the Pope. "Moreover, as St. Thomas observes, it is impossible to live without entrusting ourselves to the experience of others, when our personal knowledge does not extend far enough. Thus it is reasonable to have faith in God Who reveals Himself, and in the witness of the Apostles".

Commenting on the article of the Creed concerning the incarnation of the Divine Word, St. Thomas says that "the Christian faith is reinforced in the light of the mystery of the Incarnation; hope emerges more trustingly at the thought that the Son of God came among us as one of us, to communicate His divinity to mankind; charity is revived because there is no more evident sign of God's love for us than to see the Creator of the universe Himself become a creature", said the Holy Father.

"St. Thomas, like all saints, was greatly devoted to the Blessed Virgin", Pope Benedict concluded. "He gave her a stupendous title: 'Triclinium totius Trinitatis'; in other words, the place where the Trinity finds repose because, thanks to the Incarnation, the three divine persons dwell in her as in no other creature, and experience the delight and joy of living in her soul full of Grace. Through her intercession we can obtain any kind of help".