

**ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH BULLETIN**

**FOR**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2010**

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -- JUNE 13, 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

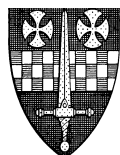
**LIGUORI CENTER OFFICES** (school building side entrance)

(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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Can you imagine how silly it would be to hear someone complaining about a doctor who would let sick people come into his office? And even touch the person?

Can you imagine a coal miner who would ask if he could get out of mining because his hands got too dirty on the job?

Well, then, what about people who would complain about Jesus, the Savior and Messiah, when he welcomed and ate with people who were sinners?

This is exactly what happened to Jesus as we see in the Gospel reading for today's Mass. Jesus is invited to the house of a Pharisee, and while the dinner was going on a woman described as a "sinner" enters the home. This woman not only gets close to Jesus, but she weeps, wipes his feet and dries them with her hair, and anoints them with precious perfume. And the Pharisee is shocked, and thinks to himself, "If this man were a prophet he would know who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner."

One of the great tricks of the devil, the master of lies, is to make us feel that because we are sinners we should never dare to approach Jesus. It might make us feel good to say or think that we are too sinful to dare come to Jesus, that he would not want us to get too close to him, that we are hopeless and helpless. But this is not the mind of Christ. Like a kind and merciful judge and doctor Jesus Christ loves and cares for us more than we could ever imagine. No sinner is beyond his reach. No one should ever think that there is no chance for us to enter the kingdom because our lives are not perfect. Even though people may not realize it, it is an insult to the Lord to say that we are incurable.

Last year, the famous Belgian "Leper Priest," Fr. Damien, was canonized. This priest longed to spend

his life as a priest with the lowest of the low, the poor souls in a leper colony on one of the Hawaiian Islands. After a time, Fr. Damien himself contracted leprosy, and mirrored in his own body, for the rest of his life, the pain and suffering and exile of the people to whom he ministered so faithfully.

Jesus confronted leprosy often in his ministry, and the Lord used the disease of leprosy to symbolize sin. Jesus' curing of leprosy was a sign that he could and would forgive even the worst kinds of sin.

Jesus is the Savior of the world who was sent by our loving heavenly Father to help us and save us, ALL of us – especially those in most need of his mercy. Let us turn to him and teach others to turn to him, knowing that with God there is no such thing as a hopeless case.

- Fr. Saladna

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### SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

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**MONDAY, JUNE 14** — Weekday Celebration (11<sup>TH</sup> Week in Ordinary Time)

8:00 AM Alice Susa

**TUESDAY, JUNE 15** – Weekday Celebration

8:00 AM Nancy Lochrane

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16** – Weekday Celebration

8:00 AM Deceased members of the Skripets Family

**THURSDAY, JUNE 17** – No Mass scheduled for today

**FRIDAY, JUNE 18** – Weekday Celebration

8:00 AM Richard Krugle (Anniv.)

**SATURDAY, JUNE 19** – No Mass on Saturday morning

5:00 PM [For Sunday] Fred Chesaro

**NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 20** – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 AM Jack and Elizabeth Watson

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### THE PRIEST MUST GOVERN WITH THE AUTHORITY OF CHRIST – POPE BENEDICT

VATICAN CITY, 26 MAY 2010 - In today's general audience, celebrated in St. Peter's Square, the Pope focused his remarks on the duty of the priest to "govern and guide - with the authority of Christ, not with his own - that portion of the people which God has entrusted to his care".

In the last of three catecheses on the essential tasks of priestly ministry, the Holy Father asked: "how, within contemporary culture, can we understand this dimension which implicates the concept of authority and has its origin in the Lord's command to feed His sheep?"

"The regimes which spread death and terror last century are a powerful reminder that authority, in all fields, when exercised without reference to the transcendent, when it ignores the supreme authority that is God Himself, inevitably ends up by turning against man. It is important, then, to recognise that human authority is never an end but always and only a means, and that, necessarily and at all times, the end is always the person".

"In order to be pastors after God's heart, we need to be profoundly rooted in a living friendship with Christ (not only of our minds, but also of our freedom and will), clearly aware of the identity we received at priestly ordination, and unconditionally ready to lead our flock where the Lord wills, not in the direction which seems most convenient and easy. This requires, first and foremost, a continuous and progressive willingness to allow Christ Himself to govern the priestly lives of clergy. No-one, in fact, is truly capable of feeding the flock if they do not live in profound and authentic obedience to Christ and the Church; and the docility of the people towards their priests depends on the docility of priests towards Christ".

Referring then to the concept of "hierarchy" in the Church, the Pope noted how a prevalent idea among the public is of "an element of subordination, and for many people this contrasts with the flexibility and vitality of pastoral service. This is an erroneous interpretation which has its origins in the abuses of history", he explained. "The true meaning is of a sacred origin, it is an authority that comes from another, and subjects the person to the mystery of Christ, making him His servant. Only as His servant can he govern and guide, for Christ and with Christ".

Thus "the Pope, who is a point of reference for the communion of all the pastors of the Church, cannot do as he pleases; quite the contrary, he is the custodian of obedience to Christ and His word".

"Without this clear and explicit supernatural vision, priests' duty to govern cannot be understood. It is however, when supported by true concern for the salvation of each member of the faithful, a particularly important and necessary duty, also in our own time".

"Where", the Pope asked, "can a priest today draw the strength to exercise his ministry in complete faithfulness to Christ and to the Church, with total dedication to his flock? There is", he said, "only one answer: in Christ the Lord".

Benedict XVI told priests: "Do not be afraid to guide to Christ each of the brothers and sisters He has entrusted to you, certain that each word, each action, if they come from obedience to God's will, will bear fruit. Appreciate the advantages and recognise the limits of

the culture in which we live, in the firm certainty that announcing the Gospel is the greatest service we can do mankind. In fact, there is no greater good in this earthly life than to lead man to God, to reawaken the faith, to raise mankind from inertia and desperation, and infuse the hope that God is close and guides the history of individuals and of the world. This is the profound and ultimate meaning of the task of government the Lord has entrusted to us".

The Pope concluded by inviting priests to participate in the closing celebrations of the Year for Priests, due to take place in Rome from 9 to 11 June when, he said, "we will meditate on conversion and mission, on the gift of the Holy Spirit and on our relationship with the Blessed Virgin; and we will renew our priestly promises, supported by the entire People of God".

- Vatican Information Service

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**(A) OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** for the kiddies will be held here in the week of July 25 – from Monday, July 26 through and including Friday, July 30. VBS will be held in the evening on these days, from 6 PM to 8 PM. Mrs. Mueller is seeking helpers for this fun time for the little kids. Give her a call at 724-274-2547 if you are able and willing to help. Thank you. Parents of the kids should mark the dates on their calendar.

**(B) SUNDAY, AUGUST 1**, is the Feast Day of our Patron Saint, Alphonsus of Liguori. Our **PARISH PICNIC** will be held on that day, from 2 PM to 8 PM, on our parish grounds. Cathy Moxie is chairlady for the event, and she, too, is looking for volunteers to help make the annual picnic a great success.

**(C) FOURTH OF JULY** comes on a Sunday this year. The **FIREWORKS** will be on Friday, July 2, and the **PARADE** will be held on Saturday, July 3. Because the **PARADE** will be held on Saturday evening, July 3, and thus affect parking and entrance to our Church, we will simply NOT have a Saturday evening Mass on July 3. We will just have the two Sunday Masses, 8 AM and 11 AM Sunday morning, July 4.

**Your Ministry of Support**

Thank you for your offerings to Saint Alphonsus Parish for Sunday, May 30 and Sunday, June 6, 2010

Offertory ..... \$8,557.22  
 Parish Share ..... \$1,412.00

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