

**ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH BULLETIN**

**FOR**

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CORPUS CHRISTI – JUNE 14, 2009

# 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.



**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)

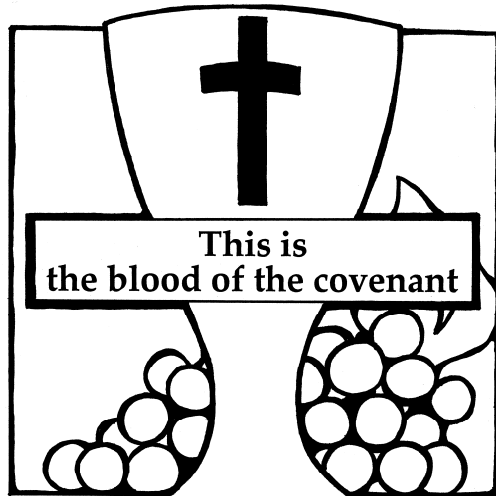
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**CCD & Youth Min.** - Karen Mueller

**Social Services** - Cathy Moxie

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The heart of the Catholic Faith is the Holy Eucharist. Jesus, our Savior, does not save us at a distance. He is not aloof. He is not uncaring. No, he is intimate and close, and he loves us to his very last breath and to the very last drop of his blood.

What all this means, of course, is that to really love him back, in return, means that we, too, have to go all the way. We cannot be lovers of Christ and hold back. We cannot be part-time lovers. We cannot cheat on Jesus. We either love him with our whole heart, our whole mind, our whole soul and our whole body or we really do not love him at all.

Today, we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Body of Christ. We proclaim our faith in the fact that Jesus actually feeds us with his body and blood. Christ is often represented with the symbol of the Pelican, for the bird feeds its own young with its own blood. Jesus does the same for us. He not only offers his body and blood on the cross as a sacrifice, he also sets a table for us, and we feed off the victim of the sacrifice by partaking of the body and blood of the Lord, food and drink for our souls.

This is why the Mass is the center of Catholic life. This is why to ignore the Mass is to miss the whole point of what being "Catholic" is all about. In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you." Are we worthily eating the flesh and drinking the blood of the Son of Man? If not, then we have no life in us. Jesus and his Church challenge us today to think about our spiritual life and especially our relationship to Christ in the Eucharist, about our attendance at Mass and the Sacrament. We should be so filled with love of Christ and appreciation of the Holy Eucharist that we attend Mass and receive Communion not because there is a "law" that we must, but simply out of awe, wonder and gratitude that Jesus would be so close and intimate with us.

On this great feast of Corpus Christi, let us pray for the grace to take the Lord seriously and come to him regularly in the Mass and Communion. We cannot live on the "fringe" and be close to our Savior. He did not live on the "fringe" for us.

-- Fr. Saladna

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### SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

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**MONDAY, JUNE 15** – Weekday Celebration (11<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time)

8:00 AM Jim Carroll

**TUESDAY, JUNE 16** – Weekday Celebration

8:00 AM Zilla Family

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17** – Weekday Celebration

8:00 AM Deceased members of the Skripets Family

**THURSDAY, JUNE 18** – No Mass scheduled for today

**FRIDAY, JUNE 19** – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:00 AM Richard Krugle (Anniv.)

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20** -- No Mass on Saturday morning

5:00 PM [For Sunday] Hamorsky Family

**NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 21** – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Father's Day)

8:00 AM Stephen and Helen Ann (Buntova) Mikus

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

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**REST IN PEACE** -- The parish family of Saint Alphonsus wishes to extend their deepest sympathy to the family of Suzanne Millen (wife of Fr. Kopecky's nephew). Please remember the deceased and her family in your prayers.

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### CORPUS CHRISTI CELEBRATION

Today, June 14, is the Feast of Corpus Christi (The Body of Christ). This special day puts the focus on our belief in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, given as true bread which came down from heaven, food for our souls.

Our parish will join together with Holy Martyrs, Tarentum, for Corpus Christi. The great tradition of the "Sawdust Carpets" will be continued as sidewalk mosaics, made of various colors of sawdust, portray religious symbols appropriate for the Feast. At 4:00 PM services are held inside Holy Martyrs Church and include a procession with the Blessed Sacrament through the driveways and parking lots on which the mosaics have been arranged. Thus, Jesus is given the "red carpet treatment." We hope to see our parishioners there this afternoon. The services at 4:00 PM will not include a Mass. We follow our regular Sunday schedule of Masses here at St. Alphonsus that morning.



FATHER JIM McDONOUGH WISHES TO INVITE ALL TO THE 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD on July 12, 2009, at 2:00 PM at Saint Cyril of Alexandria Church on the North Side. A buffet dinner will follow in the Church basement. For reservations and directions please call Fr. Jim (412-381-0212, Ext. 8) before July 2<sup>ND</sup>.

**ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 7-12:** Please join St. Alphonsus Youth Ministry and the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh at PNC Park on Friday, August 21 for Catholic Youth Ministry Night at PNC Park. Tickets are \$10.00 (Section 331/Rows E-P). The Pirates are giving away 1979 Gold Pill Box Caps and there will be "dollar dogs" during the game! The tailgate party begins at 4 PM in the RED 6 LOT off General Robinson Street. Invite your family and friends. Hold this date! If enough people attend, we will order a bus. Ticket ordering information to come.

**PHOTOS OF FIRST COMMUNION** – Your photos of First Holy Communion are available for pickup in the Activity Room.

**THANKS TO YOU WHO GAVE TO THE DIAPER DRIVE** – Our parish was asked to help, through Catholic Charities, the WOMEN IN NEED program. The WIN program helps families with basic baby needs and more (diapers, baby wipes, lotions and powders, formula, etc.). Your kind generosity is greatly appreciated.

<b>Your Ministry of Support</b>	
Thank you for your offerings to Saint Alphonsus Parish For Sunday, June 7, 2009	
Offertory .....	\$5,513.00
Parish Share .....	\$1,527.00

**NEXT SUNDAY IS FATHER'S DAY**

**A FATHER'S DAY WISH**

**WHAT I WANT MY CHILDREN TO REMEMBER ABOUT OUR HOME**

That God was the center of our life.

That their father and mother loved each other.

That our home was a happy one because we all worked to keep it that way.

That the books and TV programs and magazines were appropriate and uplifting.

That absolute truth abided there; no earnest questioner, however young, was put off with evasion and excuses.

That we practiced hospitality, and that our friends loved to visit us.

That Sunday was the happiest day of the week, one which we all looked forward to because it was the day when we went to church together.

That although father and mother worked hard and long at their respective jobs, they found time every day to keep informed on current events, to read good books, to have fun with their children, and to pray.

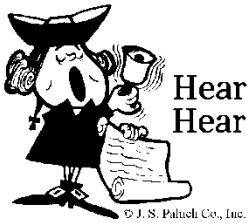
**CHURCH SIGNS**

Adam blamed Eve. Eve blamed the snake and the snake didn't have a leg to stand on.

Down in the mouth? Come in for a faith lift.

As you pass this little church, be sure to plan a visit, so when at last you're carried in, God won't ask "Who is it?"

Happy Easter to our Christian Friends. Happy Passover to our Jewish Friends. To our atheist Friends...Good Luck.



Hear Ye!  
Hear Ye!

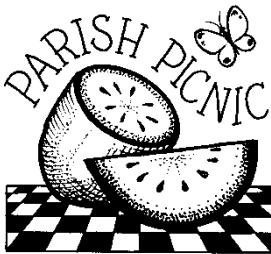
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**OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be held in our Liguori Center during the week of July 5. Monday (July 6) through Friday (July 10), from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM each evening. Forms to register

kiddies can be found in the Activity Room, beginning today.

There is **NO** charge or fee, but all kids must be pre-registered and must have parental permission forms properly signed.

These forms (2) can be found in the Activity Room. Look for them there now.



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### URGENT NEWS – CHANGE OF DATE

We have changed the date of our annual **PARISH PICNIC** from Sunday, August 2 to Sunday, August 9. Please make a note of this change: **NEW DATE: AUGUST 9.**

**OUR PICNIC** will follow the same format as previous years:

**PLACE:** on our Church grounds and in the Church Hall

**TIME:** 2:00 PM -- earliest arrival  
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM - Games  
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM - Dinner  
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Bingo  
8:00 PM – Closing

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."

**MARK THE NEW DATE ON YOUR SOCIAL CALENDARS: Sunday, August 9.**

Music by DJ Clem Lovasik. For dinner, bring covered dish of salad, dessert or veggie.

### HOLY FATHER MEETS CHILDREN OF THE HOLY CHILDHOOD

VATICAN CITY, 30 MAY 2009 - In the Paul VI Hall at midday today Benedict XVI met with more than 7,000 children of the Pontifical Work of Holy Childhood. In the course of the meeting he replied to questions put to him by three of the infants.

A young girl asked the Holy Father if he felt that different cultures could live together without arguing in the name of Jesus.

The Pope replied by recalling how when he was a child his family had moved to another village where he attended primary school. That village had four hundred inhabitants including rich farmers, members of the middle class and people with limited resources. Hence, he said, his school "reflected highly varied social situations. Yet there was communion among us. ... We collaborated together well and, I must say, naturally we sometimes argued. But afterwards we made up and forgot what had happened. I think this is important. Sometimes in human life it seems inevitable that we should argue but what remains important is the art of reconciliation, of forgiveness, of starting afresh and not letting bitterness remain in our hearts".

He went on: "Together we also learned to know the Bible, from the creation to Jesus' sacrifice upon the cross, and then the beginnings of the Church. Together we learned the catechism, together we learned to pray, together we prepared for first confession and First Communion: that was a splendid day. We understood that Jesus Himself comes to us, that He is not a distant God. He enters into my own life, into my own heart". The Pope also recalled how First Communion, "a tangible encounter with Jesus Who comes to me, Who comes to all of us, contributed to forming our community".

"We discovered the ability to live together and be friends", the Holy Father continued his reminiscences, "and although since 1937 ... I have not been back to that village, we still remained friends. Thus we learned to accept one another and to shoulder one another's burdens. ... Despite our weakness we must accept each another and, with Jesus Christ, with the Church, together we discover the road to peace and learn to live well".

Benedict XVI was then asked whether he ever thought he would become Pope.

"Truth to tell", he replied, "I never imagined I would have become Pope because, as I said, I was a rather ingenuous boy in a small village far from large centres of population. ... Of course we knew, venerated and loved the Pope - Pope Pius XI - but for us he seemed to stand at an unattainable height, almost another

world; a father to us but nonetheless far above us. And I have to say that even now I find it difficult to understand how the Lord could have thought of me, elevated me to this ministry. But I accept it from His hands, even though it is surprising and I feel it far beyond my powers. Yet, the Lord helps me".

"How can we help you to announce the Gospel?" was the third question put to the Holy Father.

He replied by telling the members of the Pontifical Work of Missionary Childhood that they already form "part of a great family that carries the Gospel into the world", and he reminded them of their programme of "listening, praying, knowing, sharing and showing solidarity".

"Praying is very important", the Pope explained, "because it makes the power of God present. ... To listen is truly to learn what Jesus says, to know Sacred Scripture, the Bible. In the story of Jesus, we learn to know the face of God. ... To share is to want things not only for ourselves, but for everyone, sharing them with others ... in our own little world which is part of the great world. And thus we together become a family where one has respect for the other, and accepts others in their difference".

"All this", Pope Benedict concluded, "simply means living in this great family that is the Church, in this great missionary family. Living the essentials - such as sharing, knowing Jesus, prayer, listening to one another and solidarity - is part of missionary work, because it helps to ensure that the Gospel becomes a reality in our world".

-Vatican Information Service

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The origins of today's solemnity lie in thirteenth-century Belgium. In those days, people seldom received Holy Communion, and never the chalice. A nun in a troubled convent, Juliana of Liège, devoted her life to stirring up love for the Eucharist, lobbying for a feast day to honor the Blessed Sacrament with Masses and processions.

Juliana may have been inspired by the Ascension Day processions in nearby Bruges. Crusaders brought a treasure home to Bruges from Constantinople in 1204: a reliquary said to contain a cloth from Joseph of Arimathea with which he had helped prepare the body of Jesus for burial. The stain on the cloth was said to be the holy blood itself, and so the people of Bruges built a great basilica to house the relic. Bruges became a great center of pilgrimage because of this treasure, and the procession of the Holy Blood is still one of the greatest festivals in Belgium today. The bishop carries the relic through the narrow streets, and the people wear medieval costumes and act out scenes from the Bible.

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# Thank You

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### BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY

We want to praise and thank all our parish "ministers," whether paid or volunteer, whether in a major ministry or minor, for cooperating with our Diocese of Pittsburgh in its program of "Protecting God's Children," as it applies to our parish and every parish in the Diocese.

As most know, this involves registering our names on a national database and getting clearances from civil authorities and PA Department of Welfare (Child Protection) to make sure that all those who are involved in any kind of ministry in the Church, even remotely, have no record of abuse of minors. This applies to clergy, religious men and women, and lay people. "Better safe than sorry" should be our mindset, as we include all those involved in any kind of ministry, even Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors, Choir members, Ushers, etc., etc., and not just those involved in ministry of religious education like CCD, etc, where one would have more than minimal contact with young children.

These requirements are not meant to cause a "witch hunt," for they presume that no one poses a threat to minors. They are designed to protect not only minors, but also the ministers themselves and even the Church – giving everyone the benefit of the doubt -- for we all can be able to say that we did our best to make sure that everyone who came in contact with our children was without suspicion.

Moreover, compliance with these rules is not difficult, does not take much time, is assisted by our parish staff, does not cost anything, and gives all those a sense of relief and satisfaction in helping to "Protect God's Children," it is all worthwhile when one realizes the terrible harm done to children by perpetrators who, with a little vigilance, could have been weeded out.

This campaign will bring us up to date. In the future, all new candidates for ministry of any kind will be required to obtain the same clearances before they can be given any part of the Church's ministry.