

ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH BULLETIN

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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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MOTHER TERESA

There is talk about Mother Teresa being canonized soon. It seems like only yesterday that she left us. Mother Teresa died on September 13, 1997 in a largely expected and natural way, after her heart, which was very large in the best sense of the word, finally gave out after beating for 87 years with the love of God in her soul.

Mother Teresa lived a life that was totally simple and beautiful. She was alive with the love of God and she loved her neighbor just because she saw and believed that God made and loved all people.

Mother Teresa took Jesus at his word. She followed his advice which was given to the young man who asked the Lord what he had to do to be perfect and be saved. Jesus told him, "Sell everything you have and give it to the poor and come follow me." That man went away very sad, because he had many possessions.

Mother Teresa, like St. Francis of Assisi seven centuries before her, shocked her contemporaries and lived the life of the Gospel. She founded a new religious community which meets the needs of our own day. She practiced what she preached. In fact, she never preached at all, except by way of her example. She lived the life of the poor and miserable to whom she felt sent to love. In doing all this, she earned the respect and love of most of the world who truly understood what she was all about. She mingled with the rich and the famous, she won the Nobel Peace Prize, but she always remained the same, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, reaching out and touching the sick, the homeless, the outcasts, the sinners, the hopeless of society.

In a mostly Hindu city and nation (only 100,000 Calcuttans are Catholic, in a city of more than ten million) she was given a State Funeral by a grateful people to whom she gave not just a minute, not just a day or week or a year, but rather an entire life.

Mother Teresa was a woman of firm conviction. She was not afraid to speak out against the evil of abortion and other anti-life attitudes and programs, not even when she visited the White House in Washington. She was hated and mocked by a lot of people who thought she was grandstanding, but she never attacked, never apologized, never was ashamed of being a Catholic and a Christian. She reminded people that everyone has a duty to be a witness to the Gospel, that unless we reached out and dug in with our own hands, our own means and our own concern we were not worthy of being called disciples of the Man of Sorrows.

Jesus, by His suffering and death, has turned the Cross from a tool of shame and rejection into the sign

which we make over ourselves. The Cross has become a key which opens the door to eternal life.

Mother Teresa is in heaven. She was in heaven long before she died. She was heavenly from the day she was baptized and she remained so till the day she graduated into eternal life. May her good example rub off on us and help change our lives.

-- Fr. Saladna

Some websites for resources on Mother Teresa:

- The Missionaries of Charity on Mother Teresa's message and spirituality: www.inthedarknesslight.com
- The Mother Teresa Center: www.motherteresa.org
- Mother Teresa's Secret Fire Blog from Our Sunday Visitor: www.motherteresassecretfire.com

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

MONDAY, JUNE 22 – SS John Fisher and Thomas More

8:00 AM Ann Renaldi

TUESDAY, JUNE 23 – Weekday Celebration

8:00 AM Scott Landis (Birthday)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24 – Birth of St. John the Baptist

8:00 AM Andrew Oravec

THURSDAY, JUNE 25 – No Mass scheduled for today

FRIDAY, JUNE 26 – Weekday Celebration

8:00 AM Mary Pulliam

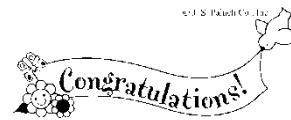
SATURDAY, JUNE 27 -- No Mass on Saturday morning

5:00 PM [For Sunday] Michael and Laura Kandziolka

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 28 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Jim Carroll

11:00 AM 50TH Wedding Anniversary: William and Jean Michalak



CONGRATULATIONS TO BILL AND JEAN MICHALAK who will celebrate their 50TH

Wedding Anniversary next Sunday, June 28, at the 11:00 AM Mass.

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**PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN
TIRED OF THE CHARTER AND ITS
REQUIREMENTS?
It is Time To Refocus!**

As another audit year begins, issue fatigue surfaces. Since the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People was adopted in June 2002, bishops, dioceses and parishes have labored to meet its requirements. Their efforts have found success, yet people seem tired of hearing about clergy sexual abuse. Meanwhile, media reports suggest abuse is ongoing and the Church has done nothing to stop it. In this climate, hopelessness and helplessness can creep in; people may want to give up.

It is time to refocus and to remember why we do what we do. The primary goal is to protect children, to keep them safe in churches, schools and homes. Another goal is to heal the victims/survivors of clergy abuse.

The accomplishments in just a few years are ones for which the Church can feel proud.

Consider these facts:

- \$7,907,123 has been spent on therapy for victim/survivors and their families
- The U.S. Church has trained more than 1.7 million clergy, educators, employees and volunteers in how to create safe environments and prevent child sexual abuse.
- The Church has equipped 5.7 million children with the skills to help protect themselves from abuse.
- The Church has conducted more than 1,500,000 background checks on volunteers and employees, 163,705 on educators, 51,000 on clerics and 4,955 candidates for ordination.

The Charter has changed the culture of the Church forever. Making sure children are safe has become an integral part of everyday church life. The English-speaking Catholic Episcopal Conferences meet each year to review how each Conference handles clergy sexual abuse. The Church in the United States stands as a leader among that group. The impact of the U.S. church goes well beyond its borders.

There is much for which to be proud. Knowing that and focusing on the why of this work can revitalize efforts to continue to work to provide safe environments for children and to welcome the victims/survivors to the healing they deserve.

Our audit of how our parish is complying with the Bishops’ Program of “Protecting God’s Children” will take place this week, conducted by the Diocese.

We thank all of you who have been so kind and understanding in tying up all the loose ends so that our own Parish can honestly say that we have done our best to have all our ministers and staff and volunteers understand the importance of the program and realize that it is all done to make sure we have done our best to protect any and all minors who come in any way in contact with those who are expected to protect them.

Some few were either unwilling or unable to comply, for various reasons, expressed or not, and they will not be able to continue whatever ministry they had. Perhaps at some future date whatever obstacle exists now can be removed and they can be restored to the roster of ministries.

IMPORTANT NOTICE for those who, as part of “Protecting God’s Children,” sent an application to Harrisburg for a clearance from the PA Dept. of Welfare, or who had us send the application for you:

YOU WILL RECEIVE THE CLEARANCE IN A MAILING FROM HARRISBURG – DIRECTLY TO YOU. WHEN YOU RECEIVE IT, PLEASE BRING IT TO OUR OFFICE. WE WILL COPY IT AND SAVE IT FOR YOUR FILE HERE, AND YOU KEEP THE ORIGINAL WHICH WE WILL GIVE BACK TO YOU.

These clearances should be going out to you from the PA Dept. of Welfare in the next few weeks.

Your Ministry of Support
Thank you for your offerings to Saint Alphonsus Parish
For Sunday, June 14, 2009

Offertory	\$4,396.50
Parish Share	\$435.00

The second collection next Sunday, June 28, is the annual collection for our Holy Father, Pope Benedict. This collection, traditionally known as “Peter’s Pence,” will enable the Pope to assist those who call upon him for the many works of charity expected from the Vicar of Christ. It is always taken up on the Sunday nearest the Feast of SS Peter and Paul (June 29).



Hear Ye!
Hear Ye!

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.



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. We’ll supply everything else.

CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY AT KENNYWOOD – Tuesday, July 7. Teens and/or families are invited to join with Bishop Zubik and youth from all over Western PA for Catholic Youth Day at Kennywood. The day will start with Mass with Bishop Zubik at 11 AM at Pavilion #5. The day will close with CITY ON A HILL (closing worship concert) from 9-10 PM back at Pavilion #5. This event will include a dynamic speaker, exciting music, and great time of fellowship. Tickets are only \$21.50. To order tickets or for more information email catholicyouthday@gmail.com or call 724-935-4343, Ext. 230. Individual ticket orders must be received by June 29.

FESTIVAL OF PRAISE – A CELEBRATION OF FAITH FOR YOUNG CATHOLICS – MONDAY, JUNE 29, 6:30 – 9:00 PM. All are welcome: High School, College, 20s, 30s! O’Connor Hall, Saint Paul Seminary, 2900 Noblestown Road, Pittsburgh. Bishop Zubik and Pittsburgh Seminarians are hosting a Festival of Praise at Saint Paul Seminary, where young Catholics and priests from all over the Pittsburgh Diocese will gather for a night of:

**Praise and Worship
Adoration and Confession
Food and Friendship**

This event is free of charge and requires no RSVP.

HOLY FAMILY ANNUAL PARISH FESTIVAL – Sunday, August 2, at the Syria Mosque Pavilion in Cheswick. Outdoor Mass at Noon. There will be lots of delicious homemade foods including potato pancakes, stuffed cabbage, pierogies, haluski, pickles, kielbasa and hot dogs w/sauerkraut, French fries, funnel cakes, baked goods and much more. Games for adults include chuck-a-luck, poker, prize raffle. There will be live Italian music with Mirella from 1:30 to 3:30 PM and Jack Tady and the Tady Bears from 3:30 to 8:00 PM. Everyone is welcome!

A little boy went up to his father and asked: “Dad, where did my intelligence come from?”

The father replied, “Well, son, you must have got it from your mother, cause I still have mine.”

HAPPY FATHER’S DAY!

HOLY FATHER SPEAKS ON THE HOLY TRINITY

VATICAN CITY, 7 JUNE 2009 - In his remarks preceding today's Angelus, the Holy Father spoke of the three Solemnities celebrated after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday, Corpus Christi, and the Feast of the Sacred Heart on Friday.

"Each of these liturgical feasts", the Holy Father told the faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square, "focuses on an aspect that embraces the entire mystery of the Christian faith, respectively: the reality of the One Triune God, the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the divine-human centre of the Person of Christ. In truth, these are all aspects of the one mystery of salvation and comprehend the entire span of Jesus' revelation from incarnation to death and resurrection, unto His ascension and the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Today, Benedict XVI went on, we contemplate the Holy Trinity "just as Jesus revealed it to us. He showed us that God is love 'not in the unity of a single person, but in the Trinity of a single substance'". Thus He is "Creator and merciful Father; only-begotten Son, eternal Wisdom incarnate Who died and rose again for us; and finally, Holy Spirit Who moves everything, universe and history, towards the final recapitulation."

"Three Persons Who are one God", the Pope added, "because the Father is love, the Son is love and the Spirit is love. God is entirely and only love, pure love, infinite and eternal. He does not live in splendid solitude, rather He is the never-ending source of life Who incessantly gives and communicates Himself. We may get some idea of this by observing both the macro universe (our earth, the planets, the stars and galaxies) and the micro universe (cells, atoms, elementary particles). In a certain way the 'name' of the Holy Trinity is engraved on everything that exists, because all being, down to the smallest particle, exists in relation to others". Thus we see the "God of relation", thus in the final instance we see "creative Love. Everything comes from love, tends towards love and moves impelled by love, though naturally with differing degrees of awareness and freedom".

"The strongest proof that we are made in the image and likeness of the Trinity is this: only love can make us happy, because we live in relation to others, we live to love and to be loved. Using an analogy taken from biology we could say that the human beings carry in their 'genomes' the profound traces of the Trinity, of God 'Love', the Holy Father concluded.

- Vatican Information Service

FATHER JIM McDONOUGH WISHES TO INVITE ALL TO THE 25TH 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 2ND.

A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS AND PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

Heavenly father, please grant to Your faithful servants, the grace and strength to carry out Your mission for the church each day. Keep our priests close to You and continue to inspire them to serve others in Your holy name. Please help to inspire men who are called to a priestly vocation to answer Your call and participate in the fullness that You have planned for them.
Amen.

Today's Gospel tells of Jesus calming the storm on the sea of Galilee. Here is a prayer of St. Basil which is appropriate.

THE SHIP OF LIFE

Prayer of St. Basil the Great

Steer the ship of my Life, Lord, to your quiet harbour, where I can be safe from the storms of sin and conflict. Show me the course I should take.

Renew in me the gift of discernment, so that I can see the right direction in which I should go.

Give me the strength and the courage to choose the right course, even when the sea is rough and the waves are high, knowing that through enduring hardship and danger in your name we shall find comfort and peace. Amen.