

ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH BULLETIN

FOR

SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 2010

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JUNE 27, 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

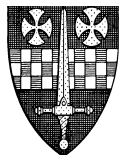
LIGUORI CENTER OFFICES (school building side entrance)

(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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NO. 4



DECLARATION OF DEPENDENCE
Every day is "Dependence Day"

PSALM 2
The Universal Reign of the Messiah

Why do the nations rage
 And the peoples utter folly?
 The kings of the earth rise up,
 and the princes conspire together
 against the Lord and against his anointed:
 "Let us break their fetters
 and cast their bonds from us!"

He who is throned in heaven laughs;
 the Lord derides them.
 Then in anger he speaks to them;
 he terrifies them in his wrath;
 "I myself have set up my king
 on Zion, my holy mountain."

I will proclaim the decree of the Lord:
 The Lord said to me, "You are my son;
 this day I have begotten you.
 Ask of me and I will give you
 the nations for an inheritance
 and the ends of the earth for your possession.
 You shall rule them with an iron rod;
 you shall shatter them like an earthen dish."

And now, O kings, give heed;
 take warning, you rulers of the earth.
 Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice before him;
 with trembling pay homage to him,
 Lest he be angry and you perish from the way,
 when his anger blazes suddenly.
 Happy are all who take refuge in him!

Next Sunday, July 4, and this week leading up to it, we Americans celebrate what is known as "Independence Day," the commemoration of the declaration by our Founding Fathers that they wanted to be independent of British rule and that their claim was founded on the principle of a God-given right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Part of our national identity, therefore, is this fierce "spirit of independence," that this is a "free country," and that "no one can tell us what to do, say or believe." This is all well and good, politically speaking, and we

should all be grateful that we live in such a nation, but we should at the same time be cautious lest we let this spirit carry us too far, even to the point where we feel we can challenge the existence and rule of the creator and lord of all the universe.

Psalm 2, above, describes the folly of men who rise up against the Lord and strive to "break their fetters and cast their bonds from them," men who consider God to be an enemy and who try to become "independent of God." Almighty God, from whom we derive our existence and our very being, is not an oppressor but a sustainer.

He made us and all things out of love, because he is good, and our happiness is to know our place in the order of beings. The word "religion" comes from a Latin word meaning "to tie," "to be dependent upon," and the wise man realizes that it is in acknowledging this truth of his total dependence on the Creator that he can find fulfillment and happiness in life.

In the description of sin found in the book of Genesis, the evil one, the devil, that cunning liar, tells man that disobedience and rebellion from God will make him happy, but the story ends up with man in ruins because he "declared his independence" from his Creator and went out on his own, instead.

So, as we celebrate our national holiday as Americans, rejoicing in the beginnings of our beloved country, let us not get too big for our britches. Let us acknowledge our place in the order of things, and ask God our Father to make us always aware of our dependence on him, as children safe and happy in the bosom of our mother, knowing that tied to God and obeying God we will come to that happy day when we see him face to face and thank him forever for letting us have a place in his plan of creation.

-- Fr. Saladna

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to our Katelyn Carroll who was married yesterday (June 26) to Fernando de Moura in Cancun, Mexico.

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSING to our dear neighbor and friend, Father Al Zapf, pastor of Our Lady of Victory, Harwick, for the past twelve years, who is moving to Bethel Park to become the new Pastor of Saint Valentine Parish. Father Zapf has served all the people of our area, not only his parishioners in Harwick, and in his new and much larger parish he will continue to be a witness to Jesus Our Lord.

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES
FOR THIS WEEK
13TH Week in Ordinary Time**

MONDAY, JUNE 28 — St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 AM Ann Lochrane

TUESDAY, JUNE 29 – SS Peter and Paul, Apostles

8:00 AM Elizabeth “Liz” Gruden

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30 – Early Martyrs of the Church of Rome

8:00 AM Oliver and Julia Tassotti

THURSDAY, JULY 1 -- Weekday Celebration

8:00 AM Deceased members of the Skripets Family

FRIDAY, JULY 2 – No Mass scheduled for today

SATURDAY, JULY 3 – **IMPORTANT CHANGE FOR THIS WEEKEND:**

Due to Firemen’s Carnival Parade, there is
NO Confessions Saturday afternoon (July 3)
No Morning Mass on Saturday (July 3)
No Evening Mass on Saturday (July 3)

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 4– Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 AM Mary Desmone



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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.



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**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

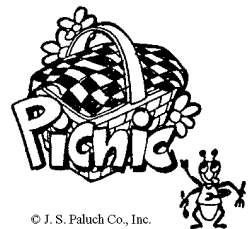
Registration forms are available in the Activity Room or at the Parish House.

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.



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



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.

THANKS VERY MUCH TO Father Jim McDonough, who has been a “weekend helper” to me ever since my knee operation more than two years ago. Father McDonough’s primary assignment is to serve as a Judge in the Diocesan Tribunal which deals mainly with marriage cases. His official residence is at Saint Mary of the Mount, Pittsburgh. In addition to his main role in the Tribunal Office he has been able to assist in “replacement ministry,” i.e., going out to help priests in parishes who suffer temporarily from illness, etc. Thus, Father McDonough has been a fixture here at St. Alphonsus for quite a while, celebrating one of our two Sunday morning Masses each week.

“Time heals all wounds,” they say. This is true, even of my wounds, which are now more than healed enough for me to let Fr. McDonough be put back into the “replacement ministry” group ready to help some other priests or priests around the Diocese who might need help as I once did.

I want to thank Fr. McDonough for his kindness, friendship, and inspiration as he helped me take care of our people with such priestly zeal.

He has made many friends here over the past two plus years. His address is: Saint Mary of the Mount, 403 Grandview Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15211.

HIGH SCHOOL juniors or seniors and their families are invited to anyone of three Get Acquainted Day Open Houses at Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, on Saturday, July 10, Sunday, August 15 and Sunday, August 22. Find out more about this top-ranked Catholic, Benedictine, liberal arts college. For information or reservations, phone 1-800-782-5549, email: admission@stvincent.edu or register online at www.stvincent.edu.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS to our very own Marsha Etzrodt, Parish Secretary, who was commissioned as one of many new DIOCESAN TRIBUNAL ADVOCATES for annulment cases. Marsha was one of several hundred new Advocates from parishes all over the Diocese who successfully completed a program of training to assist those who seek marriage annulments. These new Advocates (a kind of “lawyer” or “representative”) assist petitioners for annulments to understand the process and prepare their cases. They will help the Diocesan Tribunal to speed up the process in this time of priest shortages and enable pastors to focus even more on those things which only priests are authorized to do.

EVERY MONTH we publish the “Ministry Schedule,” for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Servers. Here, we add our USHERS and their schedule for every Sunday. We are grateful to them for greeting and helping parishioners, seating them, taking up the collections and being of service in any way needed at our Sunday Mass celebrations. They are:

Saturday, 5:00 PM Mass

Joseph Kandziolka, Captain

- Irene Turner
- Helen Olearchick
- Mark Alese
- Church Rolniak
- Tony Colon

Sunday, 8:00 AM Mass

Frank Gruden, Captain

- Donald Chlodney
- Ivan Piontek
- Andy Zilla
- Paul Mikus
- Gerry Zebrine

Sunday, 11:00 AM Mass

Fran Moxie, Captain

- Frank DePoli
- Ray Ecker
- Shawn Fitzgerald
- Regis Tabacheck
- David Killian

Your Ministry of Support

Thank you for your offerings to Saint Alphonsus Parish for Sunday, June 20, 2010

Offertory \$3,904.00
 Parish Share \$936.00

PLEASE REMEMBER SAINT ALPHONSUS CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Today, June 27, “Peter’s Pence,” the annual collection for our Holy Father, successor to St. Peter. Your donation in this collection will help Pope Benedict to assist those who appeal to him in the name of Christ.

Next 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.