

ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH BULLETIN

FOR

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2010

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 21, 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

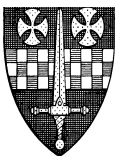
LIGUORI CENTER OFFICES (school building side entrance)

(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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The name **JESUS** means “God saves.” This name was given to the child by God the Father even before Jesus was born and the name describes the mission or purpose in life of the Lord: to be the Savior and Redeemer of mankind, the visible expression of the love of our Creator and God.

Jesus is Savior, and not of just a few selected souls. He did not come just to have favorites. He is Savior of everyone who wants him. In a certain sense, he does have “favorites” – those who are the underdogs, the outcasts, those who would ordinarily be judged unworthy of salvation, too bad and undeserving to merit God’s love and attention. We should be happy that God is so lavish in his mercy, that his desire to save is so universal and genuine.

This is what today’s Gospel episode is about. Saint John tells us about Jesus and the woman taken in adultery. The hypocrites who drag the woman caught committing adultery did not expect Jesus to show mercy to her because to do so would be breaking the Law of Moses. That law stated that adulterers were to be stoned to death. The Lord is one step ahead of those who are so interested in the law, however, for he suggests that those who are so anxious to enforce the law also be the ones who keep the law. “Let those who are without sin be the ones to cast the stones,” Jesus tells the woman’s accusers. And when they realize that they are just as bad, if not worse, than the woman, they begin to drift away, with no stomach for “justice.” Jesus asks the woman, “Has no one condemned you?” When she answers, “No, he tells her, “Nor do I condemn you. You may go. But from now on, avoid this sin.”

This is why the Gospel is “Good News” – good news for those who need good news. Good news for those who are suffering from the bad news of sin and all the misery sin brings with it. Let us rejoice that Jesus’ name means “Savior,” and that we are the ones He comes to save. Let us ask for the grace to admit our sin and open our arms and hearts to the one who alone can bring us pardon and peace.

-- Fr. Saladna

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 22 – Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM William Armbrust (Anniv.)

TUESDAY, MARCH 23 – No Mass scheduled for today

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24 – Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM Jennie Ciamacco (Anniv.)

THURSDAY, MARCH 25 – Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 AM Sophie M. Dzik

FRIDAY, MARCH 26 – Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM Salvatore “Jim” Yanni

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross with Benediction

SATURDAY, MARCH 27 – No Mass on Saturday morning

5:00 PM [For Sunday] Irene Kushner (Birthday)

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 28 – Palm Sunday

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

11:00 AM Betty Gumbert

NEXT SATURDAY EVENING (MARCH 27), at the 5:00 Anticipated Sunday Mass, Palm will be blessed, with the traditional procession, etc. The blessed Palm will be available at the two Palm Sunday morning Masses (8:00 AM and 11:00 AM).



2010 COMMUNITY LENTEN WORSHIP SUNDAY SERVICES AT 3:00 PM

Today, March 21, Cheswick Presbyterian Church, Pastor Keith Harris, speaker.

REST IN PEACE – The parish family of Saint Alphonsus wishes to extend their deepest sympathy to the family of Jack Skoff. Please remember the deceased and his family in your prayers.

EASTER MEMORIALS – As in the past, we hope to publish the names of those you wish to be remembered at Easter. List them on the “Easter Memorial” envelope you will find in our new packets (for March/April). Please write or print the names clearly. We often have difficulty in deciphering your handwriting. The memorial envelopes must be received here by Monday, March 29, in order to appear in the Easter Booklet (part of the Easter Sunday Bulletin).

CCD CLASSES will end for the year next Sunday (Palm Sunday), March 28. Even though CCD will end for the season, the obligation to attend Mass and be "Eucharist-Centered" never ends, and we remind parents and guardians of the children of their obligation to set good example for the young ones by bringing them faithfully to Mass each Sunday.

Baby Jesus School will continue on Sundays at the 11:00 AM Mass (but none on Easter Sunday).

LOOKING AHEAD TO HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Please note two special things for Holy Week:

1. The special **CONFESSION DAY** will be on Wednesday, March 31, when we will have three priests hearing confessions from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. This will provide an excellent opportunity for you to make your confession as part of your Easter Duty, and with three priests there will not be long lines.
2. **EASTER SUNDAY MASSES** will be as follows:
 - A. **Easter Vigil** – Saturday, April 3, at 8:30 PM.
 - B. **Easter Sunday itself** – three Masses – 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM.

LOOKING AHEAD TO EASTER SUNDAY—

Remember that the Mass schedule for Easter is different from a regular Sunday. The Saturday evening Mass is the Mass of the Easter Vigil, and this begins at 8:30 PM, not at the usual 5:00 PM Saturday evening Mass time. The Easter Vigil is also longer, perhaps an hour and a half, because so many special things happen at this service. On Easter Sunday morning, we have three Masses: at 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM. We mention all this now so you can plan your own Easter Schedule.

ON EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4, Bishops David Zubik and William Winter of the Diocese of Pittsburgh will have their annual Blessing of Families at St. Paul Cathedral. This will take place in the afternoon, 2:00 PM. As they greet and bless your family personally, they affirm and support you as a household of love and witnesses to your faith. All families, single parent, blended, extended, etc., are invited to come and experience the Bishops' expression of appreciation for the gift that you are and the gifts that you bring to our Diocese. Each family attending will receive a special memento to take home and the children will receive a sweet treat.

LOOKING AHEAD – HELP, HELP, HELP!! – We ask you once again to set aside two hours on Saturday morning, April 3, the day before **EASTER**, to help clean and decorate the Church for Easter.

We will meet in the Church Hall at 8:00 AM for donuts and drinks. Many hands will get a big job done in no time at all. We will be finished before 10:00 A.M. We ask you to mark the date on your calendars, and we **THANK YOU** ahead of time for your help.

**Saturday, April 3, 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM
EASTER CLEANING AND DECORATING**

ASPINWALL VETS HOSPITAL – A Mass is celebrated every Sunday at the hospital, at 10:30 AM, for Catholic patients and staff. Disabled patients need help in getting to the chapel, and volunteers from neighboring parishes are encouraged to come to assist them. April is the month traditionally assigned to our parish for this work but one can help anytime at all. Anyone who is able and willing to help is invited to come. It does not have to be EVERY Sunday in April, just whenever you could help. Be there at 10 AM and staff will tell you how you can help for the occasion. Thank you. For more information call Liz Yanni at 724-274-6860

MINING MEMORIES – There will be a program and dinner held on Friday, April 23, at Futules Harmar House. The program begins at 6 PM with dinner at 6:30 PM. Tickets: \$15. For more information call Helen Kuhar at 724-274-8307 or Donna "Cookie" Porter at 412-828-1228.

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Thank you for your offerings to Saint Alphonsus Parish For Sunday, March 14, 2010	
Offertory	\$4,300.00
Parish Share	\$900.00
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