

ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH BULLETIN

FOR

SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2010

PALM SUNDAY – MARCH 28, 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

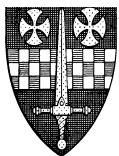
**LIGUORI CENTER OFFICES** (school building side entrance)

(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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### “MY HOUR HAS COME”

In reading about famous people in history, we are often told of their “finest hour,” the time when history notes the crowning achievement of their lives. Usually, if not always, this “finest hour” is an hour of success, of glory, of pride, something that the world notes and marvels at.

This is not how it is with Jesus’ “finest hour.” Jesus often spoke of his “hour.” He spoke of it before it happened, by saying something like, “My hour has not yet come.” And he spoke of it when it did happen, when he said, “for this I have come into the world.” Jesus’ hour, from a worldly point of view, is not very impressive, for Jesus’ hour is the hour when he did his “work,” when he did what his Father asked him to do out of loving obedience. It is the hour when Jesus lovingly and willingly and obediently went up on the Cross and offered himself as a ransom for the many.

The world would laugh at such an “hour.” There is the supposed Messiah, hanging in shame on a cross, sandwiched in between two known thieves. The Jews saw the crucifixion as a scandal, and the pagans saw it as a laughing stock. Who can blame them? Who ever heard of a God who would care about man? Who ever heard of a God who would become a man Himself? Who ever heard of a God who would not only become a man Himself but who would suffer and die for all men? Yes, it **WAS** a scandal and a laughing stock. But Jesus has the last laugh, for in this his finest hour he puts the devil to shame. He conquers sin and death. He pays the price for our sins and becomes the new Adam, the father of a new Human Race, born again through his own blood.

As we contemplate the wonderful mysteries of this Holy Week, especially on Good Friday, which is undoubtedly Jesus’ “finest hour,” let us remember the prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi, who captures the meaning of Jesus’ life and death:

“It is in dying that we are born unto eternal life.”

-- Fr. Saladna

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**MASS INTENTIONS** for Holy Week, from Palm Sunday (today) through Easter Sunday, are found in the Holy Week schedule in this bulletin.

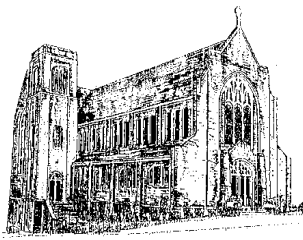
**REMEMBER THAT THE EASTER VIGIL MASS (SATURDAY EVENING, APRIL 3)** begins at 8:30 PM. There is **NO 5:00 PM Saturday evening Mass** like we usually have. The Easter Vigil Mass replaces it.

**OUR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** are invited to spend the Holy Hour together on Holy Thursday night from 10:00 to 11:00 PM.

**THE COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY** is the annual collection for the Holy Places in the Holy Land.

**NO “BABY JESUS SCHOOL” ON EASTER SUNDAY (NEXT SUNDAY), APRIL 4.** Our Easter schedule is different from the regular Sunday Mass schedule. We will have an Easter Egg Hunt for the kiddies after the 9:00 AM Mass, on the Liguori Center lawn (inside the building if the weather is bad).

**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).



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**HOLY WEEK – 2010**

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**PALM SUNDAY (MARCH 28, 2010) THROUGH EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 4, 2010)**

(Please keep this schedule handy for future reference)

“Christ Jesus, who though He was by nature God, did not consider being equal to God a thing to be clung to, but emptied Himself, taking the nature of a slave and being made like unto men. And appearing in the form of man, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.” (PHILIPPIANS II, 6-8)

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**PALM SUNDAY – MARCH 28, 2010**

(A) **Masses for Palm Sunday** – Palm will be blessed and a procession will follow at the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday evening, March 27. Blessed palm will be available at all Palm Sunday Masses.

- 3:30-4:30 PM (Sat) -- Confessions
- 5:00 PM (Sat.) -- Irene Kushner (Birthday)
- 8:00 AM (Sun.) -- For all Parishioners, Liv. & Dec.
- 11:00 AM (Sun.) -- Betty Gumbert

(B) **Rice Bowl Offering** – Any children’s offerings for “Operation Rice Bowl” can be placed in the basket at any Mass or service this week. Thank you very much.

TODAY’S GOSPEL STRIKES TODAY’S THEME AND TELLS ABOUT JESUS’ TRIUMPHANT ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM. THE READING OF THE PASSION, THE HEART OF THE GOSPEL, GIVES US AN ACCOUNT OF THE TRIAL, PASSION AND DEATH OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

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**SCHEDULE OF CONFESSIONS FOR EASTER AND MONDAY-WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY, MARCH 29**

- 8:00 AM -- Mass -- Strama Family
- 6:00 to 7:00 PM -- Confessions (1 Priest)

**TUESDAY, MARCH 30**

- 8:00 AM -- Mass -- Richard Knowles
- 6:00 to 7:00 PM -- Confessions (1 Priest))

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31**

- 8:00 AM -- Mass -- Lillian McClelland
- 5:30 to 7:00 PM -- Confessions (3 Priests: Fr. George Wilt, Fr. Robert Reardon and Fr. Saladna)



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**HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2010 – 7:00 PM MASS**

(A) **MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER** and other ceremonies of Holy Thursday, including Washing of Feet. The Mass is offered For all Parishioners, Living and Deceased.

(B) **AFTER MASS** – Procession with the Blessed Sacrament, which will remain exposed for adoration until 11:00 PM when the Church will be closed.

(C) **HOLY HOUR** – from 10:00 PM to 11:00 PM. Everyone is invited to participate in this special hour of private adoration and prayer. The theme of Holy Thursday is Thanksgiving to Jesus for the gift of Himself through the Holy Eucharist and the Sacraments of his Church. Visitors from other parishes making the “Seven Church Walk” may visit us from the end of Mass until 11:00 PM.



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**GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 2, 2010**

Today is a day of **FASTING** and a day of **ABSTINENCE** from meat. The special collection taken up today at our services will be the annual collection for the **HOLY LAND**: for the maintenance and help of Christians and Christian places in the Holy Land.

Our Services today will cover the three-hour period from **12:00 NOON to 3:00 PM**, according to the following schedule:

- 12:00 Noon -- **Public Recitation of the Rosary**
- 12:30 PM -- **Stations of the Cross**
- 1:00 PM -- **Period of Silent Meditation**
- 1:30 PM -- **Official Good Friday Liturgy**



- (A) **LITURGY OF THE WORD** – Readings, Passion narrative, Solemn Orations, Homily, Etc.
- (B) **VENERATION OF THE CROSS**
- (C) **HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE**
- (D) **JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS AND PLACED IN THE TOMB**

Services will end around 3:00 PM but the Church will remain open through the day until after evening Stations which begin at 7:00 PM.

7:00 PM -- **EVENING STATIONS OF THE CROSS (NO BENEDICTION)**

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**HOLY SATURDAY – APRIL 3, 2010**

- (A) **8:00 AM to 10:00 AM** – Decorating and cleaning of the Church. Begins with refreshments in Church Hall at 8:00 AM. Everyone invited. Helpers needed.
- (B) **12:00 NOON – Blessing of Food Baskets in Church**
- (C) No Saturday afternoon Confessions today
- (D) **8:30 PM [Note special time] – EASTER VIGIL AND FIRST MASS OF EASTER** – Mass – For all Parishioners, Liv. & Dec.



**A NOTE ABOUT THE EASTER VIGIL:** This Easter Vigil service includes ceremonies such as the blessing of New Fire, the blessing of the Paschal Candle, the blessing of Water, Solemn Readings, etc. The whole service, including the Mass, will take about an hour and a half, ending around 10:00 PM. There is no “Mass only” part: it is one whole service. Thus, if you plan to come, please plan to come at 8:30 PM and be prepared to remain for everything. This is a wonderful and beautiful ceremony in the Church’s liturgical year and will be very educational and inspiring.

So, please remember: this **SATURDAY EVENING EASTER VIGIL** service begins at **8:30 PM** and **NOT at 5:00 PM** like our ordinary Saturday evening Mass. There is **NO 5:00 PM Mass today**.

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**EASTER SUNDAY**

**SPECIAL MASS SCHEDULE FOR EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 4, 2010**



- 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM**
- 7:00 AM - Anna H. Grebb
- 9:00 AM - Alex Mock
- 11:00 AM - Delbert Funkhouser

[**EASTER EGG HUNT** for the kiddies after the **9:00 AM Mass**, in the Liguori Center Courtyard, or inside the Liguori Center in case of bad weather]

**THE SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION** at all Easter Masses is the traditional special Easter Gift to the Parish Church.

**Christ is Truly Risen! Alleluia!**  
**HAPPY EASTER!**

**CLEANING THE CHURCH FOR EASTER** – We plan to clean and decorate our Church for Easter on Saturday morning, April 3 (the day before Easter). We need all the help we can get. Last year, thanks to many helping hands, we finished in about one and a half hours. **PLEASE PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR** and join in the fun, beginning with coffee and donuts in the Church Hall at 8:00 AM. We thank you in advance for this service to your Church. Bring rags and buckets. (We provide the water!).

**CCD NEWS**

**TODAY, PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28, IS THE LAST CCD CLASS** day for this term. Since our weekly class lasts for one and a half hours we are able to finish the term earlier than parishes which have class for only one hour. Parents and guardians are reminded of their obligation to bring their children to Mass every Sunday, all through the year, even after CCD classes end.

**THE EASTER EGG HUNT** on Easter Sunday will be held on the Liguori lawn after the 9:00 AM Mass. In case of bad weather the hunt will be moved inside the classroom and halls of the Liguori Center. Must be under age 95 to participate.

**EASTER BLESSING OF FAMILIES** – On Easter Sunday, April 4, Bishops David Zubik, Paul Bradley and William Winter will welcome families of the Diocese to their Annual Blessing of Families at St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland beginning at 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.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE SECOND GRADE CHILDREN WHO WILL BE MAKING THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ON SUNDAY, APRIL 11, AT OUR 11:00 AM MASS:**

- Victoria Calhoun*
- Dominique Knauer*
- Emily Mattarochia*
- Marina McCutcheon*
- Jamie Tabaka*

**THE MONTH OF APRIL** is the month when our parishioners are called on to volunteer at the VA Hospital in Aspinwall to help patients get to Sunday Mass. Call Liz Yanni at 724-274-6860 for more information.

**APPEAL FROM MEALS ON WHEELS** – From now through April 30, 2010, Lower Allegheny Valley Meals on Wheels has an opportunity to have monetary donations proportionately matched by the Feinstein Foundation which serves to end world hunger.

Donations are tax-free and checks should be made out to L.A.V. Meals on Wheels with a note in the lower left space “Feinstein Challenge”. The contributions may be placed in the collection basket or mailed directly to Meals on Wheels, 600 Pittsburgh St., Springdale, PA 15144.

All but one, who work for our meals program are volunteers and we exist on the minimal amount we charge our clients. This is the only fundraiser we do throughout the year. We appreciate your support for this most important service to our community. Any questions regarding Lower Valley Meals on Wheels may be referred to 724-274-5313.

**“THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE”** – presented by Fr. Scott Seethaler, O.F.M. Cap, at St. Joseph Church, Cabot, at 7 PM. This event is sponsored by St. Joseph Bereavement Ministry and is open to anyone, especially those who have lost a loved one. For more information, please call 724-352-3503.

**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.

**Our Ministry of Support**

Thank you for your offerings to Saint Alphonsus Parish  
For Sunday, March 21, 2010

Offertory .....	\$4,326.00
Parish Share.....	\$1,769.00

**PLEASE REMEMBER SAINT ALPHONSUS CHURCH IN YOUR WILL**