

ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH BULLETIN

FOR SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2010

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — MAY 16, 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

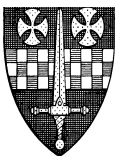
LIGUORI CENTER OFFICES (school building side entrance)

(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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One of the teachings of the Lord, contained in the passages about the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the Church, is that the "Truth will make you free."

There has always been a lot of debate and controversy about these two concepts, especially about "Freedom." This seems to be particularly true among Americans of all religious denominations, for our very nation was founded as a way of "breaking away" from England, "getting free" of foreign domination. How many times have we proclaimed, "It's a free country! This is America."

The trouble with freedom is that it can easily be abused. People tend to think that because God gave us a free will it means that whatever we choose with our freedom will be good, because it was freely chosen. But that, of course, is not true at all. We can abuse our gift of freedom and freely choose to do all kinds of evil things. When we choose evil things with our freedom it is an abuse of the gift God gave us. In fact, it is only because we were free that our bad choices become evil. Creatures which have no choice cannot do wrong.

St. Thomas Aquinas, the great philosopher and theologian, says that freedom is defined as "the ability to choose the good (thing)." Our freedom does not exist in a vacuum. The exercise of our freedom is judged by the object of our free choice.

Freedom is what makes virtue possible. If we were like all the lower animals, acting on instinct and out of necessity, what good would it be if we made good choices if they were the only choices we could make, anyway? But, because we are free, when we use our faculty of freedom well and make a good choice, it is virtue because we could have sinned but did not.

God gave us freedom in order to create us in his own image and likeness. Our intellect and free will make us like God himself. God did not give us freedom because he doesn't care what we do. He cares very much and is pleased when we exercise our freedom well and make good choices. Remember that God, too, is free

(in fact, he is the **MOST** free being) and yet he can never choose evil.

Yes, "the Truth will make us Free." And the more truth we know the less bad choices we will be able to make. And when we see all-**TRUTH**, God Himself, we will be perfectly free, forever unable to choose anything other than God.

-- Fr. Saladna

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

MONDAY, MAY 17 – Easter Weekday

8:00 AM Ray Hutzler

TUESDAY, MAY 18 – Easter Weekday

8:00 AM Deceased members of the Lalle
Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19 – Easter Weekday

8:00 AM Ann Lochrane

THURSDAY, MAY 20 – No Mass scheduled for today

FRIDAY, MAY 21 – Easter Weekday

8:00 AM Anna Pastucha

SATURDAY, MAY 22 – No Mass on Saturday morning

5:00 PM [For Sunday] Fred Chesaro (Anniv.)

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 23 – Pentecost Sunday

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

11:00 AM Stella Roofner and Rachel Carrigan

Dear Fr. Saladna,

Sunday, June 6th marks the Feast of Corpus Christi – the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. We at Holy Martyrs invite you and your parishioners to be an important part of it.

We would like to invite your parishioners to make a sawdust carpet in our church parking lot on that day.

The Very Reverend Philip N. Farrell, Episcopal Vicar for Region IV of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, will be the celebrant for the 4 PM closing Mass. The ceremony will include Procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the church and into the parking lot where the beautiful sawdust carpets will be displayed and back into the church for Benediction.

Following the 4 PM Mss and procession, you and your parishioners are invited to our parish social hall for some refreshments and fellowship.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Aaron J. Kriss, Pastor
Holy Martyrs Church, Tarentum

OUR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING will be held at 7 PM on Monday, May 17, in the Church Hall. Please do not forget.

PARISH HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS' BREAKFAST –

Our parish hosts a breakfast for our graduating Seniors around graduation time. This year we have selected Sunday, May 30. We ask all parish seniors to give us a call or drop us a note so we can send invitations to you with more details about the event and so we can determine who will attend on Sunday, May 30, at the 8 AM Mass.



LOOKING AHEAD: Please mark your calendars – Our annual Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 1, the Feast of St. Alphonsus, our Patron.

MAY SWEEPSTAKES – For those who purchased tickets, be reminded that there is no need for you to monitor your numbers. The computer will do it for you. When someone wins, we automatically notify them and send their reward, whether they were following their ticket(s) or not. Thank you for supporting Catholic causes through the sweepstakes.

ROTARY CLUB STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL – Wednesday, June 2, 6-9 PM at Rachel Carson Park in Cheswick. Strawberry shortcake, hot dogs, ham barbecues, slushies, pop. Games for kids, magician, Jazz Band from High School.

REMEMBER THIS TUESDAY, MAY 18, is Primary Election Day in Pennsylvania. Remember to get out and **VOTE**. It is your privilege and your duty as citizens to do so, more than ever before in these troubling times.

CCD NEWS

CCD PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Kindergarten/First Grade – Andrew Haus, Matthew Haus, Kelly Dugan,

Second Grade – Jamie Tabaka, Marina McCutcheon

Third Grade – Andrew Alese

Fourth Grade – Brogan McCutcheon

Fifth Grade – Matthew Alese, Conner Fitzgerald

Seventh Grade – Megan Kokoski

Eighth Grade – Katie Dugan, Keely Mager

ONE ABSENCE

Kindergarten/First Grade – Emily Wilhelm

Second Grade – Dominique Knauer

Fourth Grade – David Antoniono, Jimmy Dugan

Sixth Grade – Kelley DeSantis

Seventh Grade – Michael Antoniono, Kathleen

Heilmann, Rachel McKaveney

Eighth Grade – Elise Fitzgerald, Marissa Kandziolka, Laurie Kern

THE DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH IS HOSTING AN URBAN SERVICE CHARGE for all young people (entering grades 9-12 in September) from June 22 through June 25. A Service Charge is the opposite of a retreat, instead of retreating from the world to rest in the Spirit, a participant charges forth into the world to live the Gospel. The fundamental mission of a Charge is to train youth to be service leaders in their parish or school. If you are interested in participating, please contact Karen Mueller at 412-828-3007.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS – A Eucharistic Community – Principles of charity, unity and fraternity finding their source and summit in the Eucharist.

Knights of Columbus – An Organization of Generations for Generations to Come. Today, we're looking for the next generation of Knights, men of character and conviction who are driven by both faith and conscience to do truly meaningful works. The rewards for members are numerous, from scholarships for sons and daughters, to being able to participate in one of the leading insurance programs in the country. But of the countless rewards Knighthood offers, perhaps the most inviting is this: the knowledge that, as a Knight, you can make a difference. Through fearless service, through heartfelt perseverance and, above all, through unflinching fellowship. For more information about how you can become a Knight, contact Dick Heyl at 724-274-2413 or Fran Moxie at 724-274-6674.

Your Ministry of Support

Thank you for your offerings to Saint Alphonsus Parish for Sunday, May 9, 2010

Offertory \$4,185.00
Parish Share \$885.00

PLEASE REMEMBER SAINT ALPHONSUS CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

TODAY'S SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION: Catholic Relief Services Collection is an important opportunity to express Christian compassion and generosity. Funding from this collection provides the foundation of support for the work of five major Catholic agencies working on: international relief and development, immigration services and resettlement, advocacy for the poor, peace, reconciliation and justice. These agencies are: Catholic Relief Services; Migration and Refugee Services Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.; Social Development and World Peace; and the Holy Father's Relief Fund.

Speaking of second collections, thank you and God bless the people of our Diocese for their efforts on two recent collections. The appeal for Retired Religious last November brought contributions that approached \$900,000. The Pittsburgh Catholic will soon report that the appeal for special Haiti Relief last January raised approximately \$1.3 million. Through the work of Catholic Relief Services, 98 cents of every dollar went to help families of 150,000 persons who perished, and 3 million people whose lives suffered terrible upheaval as a result of the earthquake.