

ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH BULLETIN

FOR

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PENTECOST SUNDAY — MAY 23, 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

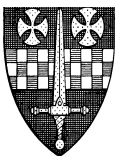
LIGUORI CENTER OFFICES (school building side entrance)

(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

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Today we celebrate the great Feast of **PENTECOST**, the day promised by Jesus when he told the Apostles that he would not leave us as orphans. The Lord told the Apostles that he would send a Paraclete, a Comforter, who would remind them of everything that Jesus taught them and give them the strength to follow the Lord fearlessly through the troubles of this life.

The reading from the Acts of the Apostles in today's Mass tells us of the phenomena which accompanied the descent of the Holy Spirit: the mighty wind and the tongues of fire. The mighty wind would move us in the right direction, and the tongues of fire would keep the steam in our spiritual engines so that we could move and follow the Lord.

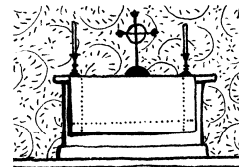
In order to profit from the coming of the Holy Spirit, we are to keep our sails up and open, like a ship, waiting for the force of the wind to get and keep us on the move in the right direction. God never abandons those who call upon him and who acknowledge their dependence on his power and goodness. Today we lift up our hearts and beg the Holy Spirit to descend on us with his gifts of light, truth and courage.

The Holy Spirit is often called the "forgotten God," compared to the other two persons of the Most Holy Trinity. When we think about Jesus the Son of God who became man, it is easy for us to imagine what he is like, for we have seen him. Even when we think about God the Father, we can envision the picture of a kind, loving and powerful Father. But when we think of "spirit," we are not on familiar territory, for the only thing we know directly are the things of the material world.

Just because we are limited by our human nature in trying to conceptualize the Holy Spirit, it does not mean He does not exist. We will be able to "feel" his power in our own souls if we give up on our own attempts to control our lives and let the fire and love and force of the Holy Spirit fill the sails of our spiritual vessel and lead us to heaven where, for the first time, we will be able to have a deep and satisfying picture of the Blessed Trinity who made us for Himself.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your spirit, and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.

-- Fr. Saladna



Mass Intentions

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**SCHEDULE OF MASSES
FOR THIS WEEK
(8TH Week in Ordinary Time)**

MONDAY, MAY 24 – Weekday Celebration

8:00 AM Carol Pascarella Creghan

TUESDAY, MAY 25 – Saint Bede

8:00 AM Patricia C. Faith Drennan

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26 – St. Philip Neri

8:00 AM Ray Hutzler

THURSDAY, MAY 27 – No Mass scheduled for today

FRIDAY, MAY 28 – Weekday Celebration

8:00 AM August Jursa

SATURDAY, MAY 29 – No Mass on Saturday morning

5:00 PM [For Sunday] Living and Deceased Members of the Becquet Family

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 30 – Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

8:00 AM Harry Paul

11:00 AM For all Parishioners, Liv & Dec.

LOOKING AHEAD:

MONDAY, MAY 31—Memorial Day (Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

9:00 AM For all Parishioners, Liv. & Dec.
[Note special time]

CELEBRATION OF CORPUS CHRISTI
June 6– Sunday – 4 PM

At Holy Martyrs Parish
353 West Ninth Avenue
Tarentum, PA



Every year, on the Feast of Corpus Christi, “Body of Christ,” when the Church celebrates in a very special Mass the real presence of Jesus among us in the Blessed Sacrament, the Body and Blood of Christ, our neighboring parish of Holy Martyrs continues the tradition of the “Sawdust Carpets.”

On the grounds of the parish, on the parking lots and driveway of the Church in Tarentum, people from the parish and from neighboring parishes work with colored sawdust to depict, in mosaic form, colorful symbols associated with the Feast of Corpus Christi, symbols such as chalices, hosts, crucifixes, images of saints, etc., etc., -- all kinds of images which the imagination can conceive. These “sawdust carpets” have to be seen to be believed. They are colorful, awe-inspiring and devotional, and they serve to prepare a path for the Lord in the Holy Eucharist, as he is carried from the Church to two outside altars and then back into the Church for final Benediction.

Our parishioners have been invited once again not only to participate in the devotions which begin in the Church at 4:00 PM on Sunday, June 6, but also to design and prepare carpet(s) for the occasion. Our parish group is directed by Monica Zalepa, and anyone who would like to be part of this effort is asked to contact her at 724-274-5069. Children especially have a lot of fun and learn a lot by making the carpets.

I will be there, along with other pastors and their parishioners from the Valley area, and I encourage our parishioners to come to Tarentum Sunday afternoon (June 6) to honor Jesus, our Bread of Life. We will not have devotions in our Church that afternoon but we will join together with people from Holy Martyrs and elsewhere to worship as part of the larger family or cluster of parishes.

Let’s have a nice turnout. If you have never seen the sawdust carpets you are missing something great and very appropriate for Corpus Christi. Very Reverend Philip Farrell, Episcopal Vicar for our Vicariate #4, will be the main celebrant for the occasion.



REST IN PEACE -- The parish family of Saint Alphonsus wishes to extend their deepest sympathy to the family of Rose Rosati. Please remember the deceased and her family in your prayers.

SENIORS’ DAY— Next Sunday, May 30, is the day we have chosen to honor our parish High School Seniors at the 8:00 AM Mass with a Breakfast afterwards. So that we do not forget anyone, we would appreciate your letting us know of anyone in your family from our parish, who will be graduating from High School, whether public or Catholic. We would like to list them all in the program and send out proper invitations. **Just call our office at 724-274-5084 before this Tuesday, May 25.**



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.



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.



Your Ministry of Support	
Thank you for your offerings to Saint Alphonsus Parish for Ascension Thursday and Sunday, May 16, 2010	
Offertory	\$5,252.50
Parish Share	\$1,380.00
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