

ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH BULLETIN

FOR

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2011

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 29, 2011

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 usually not held on Saturday morning.

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

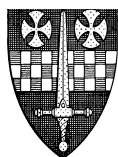
LIGUORI CENTER OFFICES (school building side entrance)

(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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Sixth Sunday of Easter

REMEMBERING GRANDMOTHER

When I was a child, I loved spending time with my grandmother, a large woman with a big welcoming lap. Her house had such unique aromas—a mixture of my grandfather's sweet-smelling cherry tobacco and the food that was always under preparation in the kitchen. When we were very little, she would sit us in her lap, take a deck of cards, and begin to bend the deck back and forth. Before our very eyes the deck was transformed into a swirl of cards. Whenever I find myself missing my grandmother, I take out a deck of cards and bend them back and forth until the swirl of cards once again magically appears. As I bend the cards back and forth, I can imagine her generous lap beneath me. When I close my eyes and inhale, I can almost smell the cherry-scented pipe tobacco mixed with the aroma of her wonderful food.

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THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Today the Lord Jesus promises his fearful disciples, "I will come to you" (John 14:18). The Church's sacraments are visible signs of the Lord Jesus continuing to "come to us" through the power of the Holy Spirit. Each time we share in Christ's body and blood, he is made present through the Spirit. In a way, the Church's sacramental life is like my experience of taking out a deck of cards and bending them back and forth in order to bring the memory of my grandmother to life. We take ordinary elements, like bread, wine, water, words, and oil, and when we accompany these elements with sacred gestures and words, we experience the very presence of Jesus Christ. As we look forward to Pentecost, let us grow in our awareness and love for the sacraments that bring us into contact with the Lord Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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MASSes for the WEEK

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

MONDAY, MAY 30 – Easter Weekday – **Memorial Day**

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

TUESDAY, MAY 31 -- The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM Helen Pascarella

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1 – Saint Justin, Martyr

8:00 AM Francis Mosovsky

THURSDAY, JUNE 2 – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD -- HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

6:30 AM Joseph Siemon

12:00 NOON For all Parishioners, Liv. & Dec.

7:00 PM In Remembrance of the 55TH
Wedding Anniversary of Richard
and Madeline Polcsak

FRIDAY, JUNE 3 – Saint Charles Lwanga and his companions, Martyrs

8:00 AM Martha Adams (Birthday)

NEXT SATURDAY, JUNE 4 – No Mass on Saturday morning

5:00 PM [For Sunday] Mary Brooks

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 5 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

11:00 AM Michael Magister (Birthday)

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Congratulations To All

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATING SENIORS FROM ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH

Tim Borland

Becca Bosman

Danielle Ecker

Matt McClafferty

Mikenzie Rowe

Jessica Udanis

Alyssa Venglish

Please keep these wonderful young people in your thoughts and prayers as they take the next step in their life!

CONGRATULATIONS to our St. Timothy Award parish nominee, Matthew McClafferty. The St. Timothy Award recognizes outstanding service, strong faith and good character. Congratulations Matt!

CONGRATULATIONS

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CONGRATULATIONS to our CCD students and their families for a wonderful year.

Thank you to all students, parents, teachers, aides and parishioners for your support and prayers.

Congratulations to the following students who have had perfect attendance for the 2010-2011 religious education year:

- First Grade:** Andrew Haus
- Second Grade:** Alexis Arce, Kelly Dugan, Matthew Haus
- Third Grade:** Marina McCutcheon
- Fourth Grade:** Andrew Alese
- Fifth Grade:** Jimmy Dugan
- Sixth Grade:** Matthew Alese
- Eighth Grade:** Amanda Venglish

Congratulations to the following students who have missed only one class during the 2010-2011 religious education year:

- First Grade:** Emily Wilhelm
- Third Grade:** Dominique Knauer
- Fifth Grade:** David Antoniono
- Sixth Grade:** Connor Fitzgerald
- Eighth Grade:** Michael Antoniono, Rachel McKaveney



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HUGE RUMMAGE SALE – Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh is holding their 2ND Annual Rummage Sale on June 17 and 18. Where: Aquinas Academy, 2308 W. Hardies Road, Gibsonia. Time: 8 AM to 4 PM. Thousands of items – electronics, furniture, books, movies, clothing, tools, baby items, kitchen appliances, home décor, luggage, toys and much more.

LOWER VALLEY COMMUNITY FOOD BANK -- The designated items for June and July are “Drinks and Snacks for Kids”. During these hot summer months, we need to hydrate and keep the children nourished with quick bites to eat. Most of the beverages we receive from donations and the Pittsburgh food bank are large bottles of juice. These are great for breakfast but, kids need fun drinks for hydrating. Their favorites are Kool-Aid, but any powdered drink would be great. Nutritious snacks in small bags or wrapped nutrition bars would be great. Donated items may be dropped off at the Food Bank.

THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE

“What is the reason for your hope?” Imagine somebody coming up to you and asking you that question. Not “What are you hoping for?” or “What are you hoping to do?” No, this isn’t about our desires for possessions or aspirations for life, it’s “Why do you hope?” Peter today tells us that we ought to be ready to give an answer to this question. Truth be told, few of us spend much time thinking about why we hope. Luckily, the scriptures today give us our answers. We hope because Christ suffered for us, in order that we might come to God. We hope because we know that, in the Spirit, God grants us another Advocate through Christ to remain with us always. No matter what we might hope for, whatever we might hope to do, we must always first know and proclaim the reason for our hope: the presence of God in Christ, with us through the power of the Spirit.

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ROTARY CLUB STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL – Wednesday, June 1, 6-9 PM at Rachel Carson Park, Cheswick. Strawberry Shortcake and Ice Cream, Hot Dogs, Ham Barbeques, Beverages, Games for Kids, Magician, Chinese Auction of Gift Baskets.

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY'S largest Open House event, DuquesneFest, will be held this summer on Sunday, June 26, beginning at 8:00 AM. This exciting day is a fun way for Fall 2011 high school seniors to learn more about the University. Register with Duquesne’s Office of Admissions at 412-396-6222 or online at www.duq.edu/admissions.

Your Ministry of Support

Thank you for your offerings to Saint Alphonsus Parish For Sunday, May 22, 2011

Offertory	\$3,303.00
Parish Share	\$1,580.00

The second collection next Sunday, June 5, will be the monthly collection for Renovations and Capital Improvements to our parish. We thank you for your support of our Church and other worthy causes.