

**ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH BULLETIN**

**FOR SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2010**

TRINITY SUNDAY – MAY 30, 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

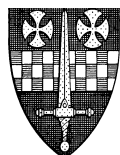
**LIGUORI CENTER OFFICES** (school building side entrance)

(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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“I do not call you servants. No, I call you my friends, for servants do not know what their master is about.” This statement of Jesus to his apostles and friends sums up the meaning of today’s feast, celebrating our belief in the Most Holy Trinity. We take Jesus’ word and his authority and through him we come to believe that God is not just one person, but rather a trinity of divine persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Trinity. These three persons are different from each other, and yet they are equally God, and thus God is Three in Persons and yet just one in Nature.

The fact that we know this truth is testimony to how much God loves us. He has taken us into his confidence and revealed the mystery of his very own life. Even though we cannot understand how the Trinity can be, the very fact that we know of its existence is testimony to the fact that God cares about us and wants us to be close to him. If the Jews in the Old Testament could boast of the fact that God had revealed himself to them by saying, “What other nation is there with a God like our God?,” how much more can we boast of the love of the Most Holy Trinity which has revealed itself to us through the testimony of Jesus, the coming of the Holy Spirit and the creative wonder of God the Father.

Even though we cannot and never will be able to fathom the mystery of the Trinity, even when we see God face to face in the beatific vision, we should be honored that God has allowed us to come into his house, as it were, and see what he is like. Just as a young lady honors her boy friend by taking him home and letting him meet her parents and family, so Jesus honors us by taking us into his home and letting us meet his Father and their Holy Spirit.

Many people make fun of the Holy Trinity (and of us who believe it) because, they say, “It doesn’t make sense.” No, it does not make sense, for we are not

able to understand it nor could we have ever imagined it or dreamed it up on our own. But faith means the acceptance of things that do not necessarily make sense. Faith is the acceptance of the testimony of another, and that other, for us, is Jesus Christ. We accept the Holy Trinity because Jesus, whom we trust above all things and in all things, has taught it to us. May we cling with all our heart, mind and soul to this wonderful teaching, by which we have been admitted into the inner sanctum of God himself.

-- Fr. Saladna




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**SCHEDULE OF MASSES  
FOR THIS WEEK  
(9<sup>TH</sup> Week in Ordinary Time)**

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

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

**TUESDAY, JUNE 1 – St. Justin, Martyr**  
8:00 AM Delbert Funkhouser

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2 – Weekday Celebration** (9<sup>TH</sup> Week in Ordinary Time)

8:00 AM Helen Zott

**THURSDAY, JUNE 3 – No Mass scheduled for today**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 4 – First Friday** (Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart)

8:00 AM Martha Adams (Birthday)

**SATURDAY, JUNE 5 – No Mass on Saturday morning**

5:00 PM [For Sunday] Raymond and Anna Carrigan

**NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 6 – Corpus Christi**

8:00 AM John and Mildred Malky  
11:00 AM For all Parishioners, Liv & Dec.

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

Dear Fr. Saladna,

**Next Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 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 the 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 the parish social hall for some refreshments and fellowship.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Aaron J. Kriss, Pastor

**REGINA COELI: WITHOUT PENTECOST THERE IS NO CHURCH**

VATICAN CITY, 23 MAY 2010 - Following the morning's Eucharistic celebration in the Vatican Basilica for the Solemnity of Pentecost, Benedict XVI appeared at the window of his study to pray the Regina Coeli with faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square below.

In his remarks the Pope explained that "the mystery of Pentecost", which we identify with the appearance of the Holy Spirit in the Cenacle, "is the true 'Baptism' of the Church, but it does not finish there. In fact, the Church lives constantly in the effusion of the Holy Spirit without which she would exhaust her energies like a sailing ship without wind.

"Pentecost", he added, "is renewed especially in certain particularly intense moments, both at the local and universal level, in small assemblies and in great gatherings". Among these, the Holy Father mentioned Vatican Council II, and "the famous encounter of ecclesial movements with the Venerable John Paul II here in St. Peter's Square at Pentecost 1994.

"Yet", he went on, "the Church experiences countless 'Pentecosts' which enliven local communities: the liturgies, especially those experienced at special moments in community life, in which the power of God is perceived particularly clearly, infusing souls with joy and enthusiasm".

"Thus, there is no Church without Pentecost. And, I would like to add, there is no Pentecost without the Virgin Mary. So it was at the beginning, in the Cenacle. So it is always, in all places and times. I myself witnessed as much a few days ago in Fatima, Portugal. What did that immense multitude experience on the esplanade of the shrine, if not a renewed Pentecost?"

"This", the Holy Father concluded, "is the experience typical of the great Marian shrines (Lourdes, Guadalupe, Pompeii, and Loreto) and of the smaller ones. Wherever Christians come together in prayer with Mary, the Lord gives His Spirit".

- Vatican Information Service

**A BEAUTIFUL PRAYER IN THIS TIME OF PENTECOST:  
"The Sequence" from the Pentecost Mass:**

Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
And from your celestial home  
Shed a ray of light divine!

Come, Father of the poor!  
Come, source of all our store!  
Come, within our bosoms shine!

You, of comforters the best;  
You, the soul's most welcome guest;  
Sweet refreshment here below;

In our labor, rest most sweet;  
Grateful coolness in the heat;  
Solace in the midst of woe.

O most blessed Light divine,  
Shine within these hearts of thine,  
And our inmost being fill!

Where you are not, man has naught,  
Nothing good in deed or thought,  
Nothing free from taint of ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;  
On our dryness pour your dew;  
Wash the stains of guilt away.

Bend the stubborn heart and will;  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;  
Guide the steps that go astray.

On the faithful, who adore  
And confess you, evermore  
In your sev'nfold gift descend.

Give then virtue's sure reward;  
Give them your salvation, Lord;  
Give them joys that never end. Amen. Alleluia.

**Your Ministry of Support**

Thank you for your offerings to Saint Alphonsus Parish  
for Sunday, May 23, 2010

Offertory ..... \$3,645.00  
Parish Share ..... \$643.00

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

**NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 6**, the second collection will be  
the monthly collection for Capital Improvements (first  
Sunday of the month).