

ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH BULLETIN

FOR

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2009

PENTECOST SUNDAY – MAY 31, 2009

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

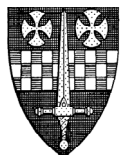
LIGUORI CENTER OFFICES (school building side entrance)

(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
Diocese Victim Assistance Hotline..... 1-888-808-1235

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COME, HOLY SPIRIT

Today we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost on which we proclaim our faith in the Third Person of the Most Blessed Trinity, the Holy Spirit, who came down upon the Apostles and the Church on this day.

Before Jesus came among us as our brother in the flesh, man did not know much about the Almighty. At best, "God" was considered as a good and kind creator, a "father figure." No one could understand how there could be three different and distinct divine persons united in such a way that there is yet only one God. This supernatural mystery of the Holy Trinity was revealed to us by Jesus, the Son of God and Second Person of the Trinity, as he spoke of himself, his Father, and their Holy Spirit.

As Jesus prepared to leave this world, ascending to his Father in heaven, he told the Apostles not to be sad. In fact, he told them they should be happy, because his leaving them would mean that they would soon meet another person, called the "Paraclete" or "Comforter." This Holy Spirit is the spirit of Jesus and the spirit of his Father. He would come to remind us of what Jesus said, did and taught. He would come to give strength and light.

Pentecost is often called the "Birthday of the Church," for on this day the Apostles came out of the Upper Room, almost as though they were coming out of the "Womb." Before the Spirit descended on them with the symbols of fire, light, wind and strength, they were "unborn," waiting to come out of the womb, almost afraid of their own shadow, hiding in the Upper Room. But after the Spirit descended, they went forth fearlessly and preached the good news which has spread to every corner of the world, even to Springdale, Pennsylvania.

To benefit from this Spirit, like a sailing ship benefiting from the wind, we have to have our "sails open," we have to believe and gather in the breeze. Today we ask for the grace to call upon the Spirit, to recognize his role in our salvation and to appreciate what St. Paul says when he tells us that "no one can ever say **JESUS IS LORD** except in the spirit."

-- Father Saladna



SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

MONDAY, JUNE 1 – St. Justin, Martyr
8:00 AM Paul Blume

TUESDAY, JUNE 2 -- Weekday Celebration (9TH Week of Ordinary Time)
8:00 AM August Jursa

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3 – St. Charles Lwanga, Martyr
8:00 AM Oliver Tassotti (Anniv.)

THURSDAY, JUNE 4 – **No Mass scheduled for today**

FRIDAY, JUNE 5 – St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
8:00 AM Leah Zilla

SATURDAY, JUNE 6 – **No Mass on Saturday morning**
5:00 PM [For Sunday] Martha Adams (Birthday)

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 7 – Holy Trinity Sunday
8:00 AM Mary Ann Borichevsky
11:00 AM For all Parishioners, Liv. & Dec.

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

VISITING MISSIONARY FOR THIS SUMMER
Our visiting missionary this year will be a representative of the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart. Sister Nancy Barshick has chosen the weekend of July 11/12. She will speak at all our Masses that weekend, describing the work of her community, and making her appeal. We look forward to welcoming her in July.

DIAPER DRIVE – Our parish is asked to help, through Catholic Charities, the **WOMEN IN NEED** program. The **WIN** program helps families with basic baby needs and more (diapers, baby wipes, lotions and powders, formula, etc.). Those who would like to provide such baby care items are asked to bring them to the Church vestibule today.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS:

ATTENTION ALL 9TH – 12TH GRADERS: CYES 2009 Service Charge, June 22-25, 2009. Applications are available for this summer's service charge now! The mission of a charge is to train young people to be leaders. Training is educational and experiential – educational because youth attend agency orientations and training sessions; experiential because youth participate in community service. This summer's service charge is centered out of North Catholic High School Center. Hurry and register – there are only 25 available spaces. Register now! Call Mrs. Mueller for application forms at 412-828-3007.

ATTENTION ALL GRADUATING SENIORS: BE NOT AFRAID, Surviving Young Adult Transitions. A retreat for recent high school graduates will be sponsored by the Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at Gilmory Retreat Center, August 7 through August 9, 2009. This is your chance to gather with others to celebrate your recent high school graduation and to prepare for the future. Register now! Space is limited! Call Mrs. Mueller for applications forms at 412-828-3007.

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 7-12: Please join St. Alphonsus Youth Ministry and the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh at PNC Park on Friday, August 21 for Catholic Youth Ministry Night at PNC Park. Tickets are \$10.00 (Section 331/Rows E-P). The Pirates are giving away 1979 Gold Pill Box Caps and there will be "dollar dogs" during the game! The tailgate party begins at 4 PM in the RED 6 LOT off General Robinson Street. Invite your family and friends. Hold this date! If enough people attend, we will order a bus. Ticket ordering information to come.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- **ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC** – on our grounds: Sunday, August 2. Mark the date on your calendar, and reserve it. It is the closest Sunday to St. Alphonsus Feast Day (August 1).
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** – in our school building, five days: Monday through Friday, July 6-10, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.
- **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – Monday, June 8, 7 PM.

19TH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL – sponsored by the Rotary Club of Allegheny Valley on Wednesday, June 6, 6 to 9 at Rachel Carson Park, Cheswick. Strawberry shortcake and ice cream, hot dogs, ham barbecue, slushies, beverages, kids games, train ride, castle bounce, magician, high school jazz band.

"PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN"

URGENT MESSAGE FOR PARISH MINISTERS

Last Sunday's bulletin outlined the status of our work to be done in order to comply with the American Bishops' Charter for the "Protection of God's Children."

We are obliged to follow guidelines established by the Bishops (including our own) to help us protect minors from abuse. These guidelines establish norms to be followed by all those who serve the church in any capacity, not just clergy and men and women religious.

We have sent a letter to everyone engaged in these parish ministries who have not yet completed their registrations, or clearances, or attendance at workshops. This letter indicates what has yet to be done to complete our files, so that all our ministers will be in full compliance when the parish is audited in a few weeks.

Anyone who receives a personal letter indicating what is still missing in their file must come to a meeting next Sunday, June 7, to be given assistance, instructions, clarification, etc. This special meeting will be held in our Liguori Center on Sunday, June 7, at 12:00 Noon.

It is urgent that those who receive the notice attend this meeting, so that we can finish this work and be able to say that everyone who has a ministry of any kind in the Church has been properly instructed and cleared. It is presumed that everyone will welcome such a process, for it means that we are doing our best to make sure, as far as humanly possible, that our children are protected from harm while they are under our care and supervision.

Mark the date; Sunday, June 7, at 12:00 Noon, in the Liguori Center. For all those receiving notice that work has yet to be done toward their individual certification for ministry.

Your Ministry of Support

Thank you for your offerings to Saint Alphonsus Parish For Sunday, May 24, 2009

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| Offertory | \$5,182.00 |
| Parish Share | \$1,177.50 |

The **special second collection** next Sunday, June 7, will be the monthly collection for repairs and improvements to our Church. We thank you for your kind and generous support of St. Alphonsus Parish.