

**ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH BULLETIN**

**FOR**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2009**

ALL SAINTS DAY – NOVEMBER 1, 2009

# Saint Alphonsus

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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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**THE CHURCH'S HONOR ROLL – OUR HEROS**

**ALL SAINTS DAY**

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Today, we celebrate the Feast of All Saints. This means that we are rejoicing in all those who graduated from this life and who are now at home with Almighty God in the room he has prepared for those who believed in Him, accepted His will for them, and who now enjoy the vision of God which will forever make them happy.

In this glorious vision of the blessed, we find not only the well-known and exceptional saints, but also those really known only to God, who has no favorites. They are from all times, from all nations, languages, colors, and they have one thing in common – they accepted God's call to holiness and true happiness.

Moreover, these saints are not all strangers to us, for they include those from our own families and churches and communities. They are our relatives and friends, co-workers, neighbors, who gave us good example and helped us on the way through life, and who gave us their greatest witness as they breathed forth their souls filled with faith, hope and love.

This Feast of All Saints is placed in the month of November together with All Souls Day (November 2), as the liturgy of the church invites us to contemplate the full vision of God's servants: the church suffering the church militant, and the church triumphant (those of us still struggling through the trials of life, those being purified before being admitted to the presence of Almighty God, and those who are reigning in glory with our God and Creator.)

As we begin this great month of November, let us try to concentrate more on these spiritual realities and less on the things that are of this earth. Let us remember that our time here on earth is limited and short, that we will soon move on. Let us choose and use the good things of this life in such a way that we do not lose those of the life to come.

-- Father Saladna

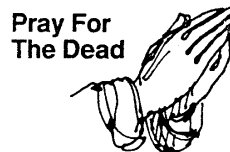
**SCHEDULE OF MASSES  
FOR THIS WEEK  
THIRTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2 – ALL SOULS DAY**  
7:00 PM Deceased members of the Zell and Berner Families and all our beloved dead of our parish and our own families **[This Mass will be in the MAIN CHURCH] – note special evening time**
- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 -- Saint Martin de Porres**  
8:00 AM Mary Sardone
- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 – St. Charles Borromeo**  
8:00 AM Bill Hurley
- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5 -- No Mass scheduled for today**
- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6 – Weekday Celebration**  
8:00 AM Michael Pascarella
- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7– No Mass on Saturday morning**  
5:00 PM [For Sunday] Frank Olearchick (Anniv.)
- NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 – Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00 AM For all Parishioners, Liv. & Dec.  
11:00 AM Len Roof (Anniv.)

**OUR BELOVED DEAD –** We think and pray for them all the time, but in a very special way on **ALL SOULS DAY** and throughout the month of November. We have a special book, inscribed **“OUR BELOVED DEAD,”** in the Church lobby, and we ask you to sign the names of your deceased relatives, friends, neighbors and parishioners whom you wish to be remembered on All Souls Day at the 7:00 PM Mass and throughout the month of November. This book will be found in the Lobby and will remain there through the end of November.



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**REST IN PEACE –** The parish family of Saint Alphonsus wishes to extend their deepest sympathy to the family of Andrew Susa. Please remember the deceased and his family in your prayers.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME** ends today. We turn our clocks **BACK** one hour this weekend and return to so-called Standard Time. Sunday, November 1, is the date for this change. It does not last long, though, for we go back to DST on Sunday, March 14, 2010.

**ENTERTAINMENT DISCOUNT/COUPON BOOKS** for 2010 are being sold by the Parish Social Services (Ladies of Charity). They are available at \$20 after Sunday Mass in the Activity Room, or at the Parish House during office hours. There is a limited number for sale this year, so if you are really interested it would be wise to get them early. Proceeds from the sale go toward the works of the Ladies of Charity.

**TURKEY VOUCHERS** – envelopes are at doors of Church for those who wish to make a donation (any amount) to the hungry at Thanksgiving. Checks: payable to St. Alphonsus Church. Thanks to you from the poor.

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS** -- Our next Youth Ministry meeting will be next Sunday, November 8, after the 8 AM Mass. Come for breakfast, conversation and fun. All are welcome.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMORIAL MASS** for deceased Knights and members of the Council family will be held on Tuesday, November 10, at 7:00 PM in Our Lady of Victory Church. All widows and families of deceased Knights of Columbus members are invited to attend.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 IS ELECTION DAY**—Every Election Day is important, especially in these times. People talk about “holding the feet of our elected officials to the fire.” Well, NOW is the time to act. Vote wisely. Every citizen has a duty to be vigilant. Our freedoms are being threatened from within and without.

**EMAIL** – Our Parish website is [stalphonsuschurch.com](http://stalphonsuschurch.com). Our weekly bulletin is posted on the website every Wednesday evening for the following Sunday.

Email, though quick and convenient, is not a wise way to send information or documents pertaining to your personal life since privacy is difficult to maintain with data floating around in cyberspace. Thus, if you want to communicate with the parish (pastor) it would be better to use the telephone or the postal service when dealing with personal matters rather than taking a chance that your private business ends up floating around the world, wrapped in an email, for anyone to read.

## PONTIFICAL BIBLICAL INSTITUTE CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

VATICAN CITY, 26 OCT 2009 (- This morning the Holy Father received members of the Pontifical Biblical Institute which is currently celebrating its centenary. The institute was founded by Pope Pius X.

Benedict XVI greeted Cardinal Zenon Grocholewski, prefect of the Congregation for Catholic Education, and expressed his thanks to Fr. Adolfo Nicolas Pachon S.J., superior general of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). The Jesuits, "not without considerable effort, invest financial and human resources in running the Faculty of the Ancient East, the Biblical Faculty here in Rome and the institute's office in Jerusalem", said the Pope. He also extended his greetings to include the rector, professors and students of the Pontifical Biblical Institute.

"This centenary represents a goal and, at the same time, a starting point", said the Holy Father. "Enriched by the experience of the past, you continue your journey with renewed enthusiasm, aware of the service to the Church that is asked of you: that of bringing the Bible into the life of the People of God that they may know how to face the unprecedented challenges that the modern age poses to the new evangelization. Our shared hope is that, in this secularized world, Sacred Scripture may become not only the heart of theology but also a source for spirituality and for vigor of faith among all who believe in Christ".

The Holy Father recalled that the Vatican Council II Dogmatic Constitution "Dei Verbum" highlighted "the legitimacy and importance of the historical- critical method, identifying therein three essential elements: attention to literary genres; study of historical context; and the examination of what is often called 'Sitz im Leben'. ...The conciliar text also adds another methodological indication. Given that Scripture is a single thing rooted in the one People of God, which has carried it through history, it follows that reading Scripture as a unified whole means reading it on the basis of the Church, ... and maintaining faith in the Church as the true key for its interpretation.

"If exegesis also wishes to be theology, it must recognize that faith in the Church is that form of 'sympathy' without which the Bible remains a closed book. Tradition does not close access to Scripture, but it opens it. Furthermore it is the Church, in her institutions, that has the decisive word in the interpretation of Scripture. It is, in fact, the Church that is entrusted with the task of authentically interpreting the Word of God as written and transmitted, exercising her authority in the name of Jesus Christ".

- Vatican Information Service

**MEMORIAL FUND**

Thank you for the following donations to the St. Alphonsus Memorial Fund:

**IN MEMORY OF AGNES ANKER** by Josephine Zurisko; M/M Michael Gilkey; Earl, Debbie and Sarah Marshalek; Mark and Christine Finley; Ron and Marilyn Seymour; James Yanni.

**IN MEMORY OF ANDREW CHLODNEY** by Dot and Ed Sirochman; Don and Dorothy Chlodney; Bob and Patty Young; Bill Young and Family; Sue and Joe McClure; Melanie and Brad Harris; Bob and Bridget Young; Meghan and Mike Shehi; Ann Malec; Jean and Lee Thompson; M/M Vic Bordell; M/M James Fenn; Syl and Jeanne Jancech; John and Helen Strama; Paul and Erma Jean Lutz; Dorothy Etta Kamis.

**IN MEMORY OF OLIVE LUKAC** by Margaret Lukac; John and Helen Strama.

**IN MEMORY OF ANNA PASTUCHA** (Birthday- Oct. 28) by Chuck and Millie Evans.

**IN MEMORY OF MARY SARDONE** by Josephine Zurisko; John and Emma Bednar.

**IN MEMORY OF ANDREW SUSA** by M/M Joseph Stanisky; Martin and Amelia Kosdrotsky.

**LADIES OF CHARITY MEETING** – The meeting on Monday, November 2 (All Souls Day) will be held **AFTER THE EVENING MASS MONDAY**. The Mass for all our beloved dead will begin at 7:00 PM Monday evening in the main church. Ladies of Charity will meet downstairs in the Church Hall **AFTER** the Mass. Pass the word around to members.

**EWTN – GLOBAL CATHOLIC NETWORK** (Mother Angelica). The **SCHEDULE** for **NOVEMBER** through **FEBRUARY** can be found in the Activity Room. Help yourself.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:** November 20-22. Fall is a beautiful season full of color and crisp air. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like autumn because it's a weekend full of fresh air, new beginnings and a time to rejoice in the beauty of your marriage and family. It's a great time to rekindle communication and enjoy a weekend away. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held November 20-22 at the Bishop Connare Center in Greensburg. For more information or to register, contact Mary and Lou Locante at 412-635-7775 or check the web at [wwme-pittsburgh.org](http://wwme-pittsburgh.org).

**SPECIAL COLLECTION ON WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 21 & 22, 2009**

**FACTS ABOUT THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS (RFR)**

**Why We Help**

- For most of their lives, elder women and men religious worked for small stipends that were reinvested in ministry. There were no 401 (k) plans or pensions.
- Approximately 72 percent, or 42,000 women and men religious are age 66 or older.
- About 28 percent, or 16,000, women and men religious are age 65 or younger.
- The income of younger members of religious institutes helps to support the care of elder members, but it is not sufficient to cover escalating health care costs.
- The number of women and men religious able to serve in compensated ministry is expected to decrease dramatically over the next 10 years.
- Less than five percent of the religious institutes in the National Religious Retirement Office database are adequately funded for retirement.

**How We Help**

- Over the last 21 years, Catholics in the United States have donated close to \$589 million to the RFR.
- Approximately 95 percent of donations to the RFR aid elderly religious.
- Since 1989, the National Religious Retirement Office has distributed over \$557 million to assist religious institutes in caring for their elder members.
- Since 1989, almost \$64 million has been distributed to underwrite self-help projects initiated by religious institutes, including collaborative retirement and health care facilities, enrollment in the Social Security program, and strategic, long-range planning.

**Your Ministry of Support**

Thank you for your offerings to Saint Alphonsus Parish  
For Sunday, October 25, 2009

Offertory .....	\$4,032.50
Parish Share .....	\$700.00

**PLEASE REMEMBER ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH  
IN YOUR WILL**

**The special second collection** at our Mass today will be the monthly collection for Capital Improvements to our Parish. We thank you for your kind and generous support of Saint Alphonsus Church.

November 1, 2009

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Alphonsus:

If you are (or will be) 70 ½ years of age in 2009 and have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), you may make a gift to the parish (or to any other charity) from your IRA with no federal or state tax consequences. The window to take advantage of this excellent tax-avoidance opportunity passed by Congress and signed into law by the President is only available until December 31, 2009. After that it is likely that it will not be made available again.

You may use all or a portion of your normal IRA distribution for your regular offertory donation without having to claim it as income, or you may designate these funds for capital needs of the parish, or for an endowment to support the needs of the parish in the future.

If there are any questions, or if you wish to discuss this, please contact the Pastor or Paul F. Stabile of the Diocesan Office for Planned Giving at 412-456-3055.

Thanks very much for considering this option only available to you this year.

Sincerely,

Fr. Saladna  
Administrator

P.S. If you file the short income tax form, this is a great way to benefit by making a gift in this special way. Also in 2009 only, you may instruct your IRA custodian to withhold your normal required distribution.

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**TAX-FREE GIFTS FROM IRAs – AVAILABLE ONLY UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2009**

Congress recently amended the Internal Revenue Code to allow people over 70 ½ to make completely tax-free charitable contributions of assets invested in Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs). The new law benefits IRA owners who are 70 ½ years of age or older at the time of their gift, but only for the tax year ending December 31, 2009.

Any donor age 70 ½ who has an IRA – no matter what size of IRA – would do well to consider using his or her IRA as a source for gifting in 2009. Taxpayers who have significant assets in their IRAs have the most to gain from the new law. The benefits include greater flexibility in income and financial planning, AND more sizable, tax-wise gifts to one's favorite charity.

Parishes, schools, Catholic Charities, and all ministries and programs of the Diocese are eligible recipients of tax-free IRA distributions up to \$100,000. Since each person's financial capacity and needs differ and special rules apply to IRA gifts, talking soon with your financial, tax or legal adviser about your particular situation is critical.

Also, be aware that you may contact your IRA custodian with instructions to withhold your required minimum distribution for 2009. This provision is also for 2009 only.

For free, confidential information about this opportunity, please call the Parish Office at 724-274-5084.