

**ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH BULLETIN**

**FOR**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2011**

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 2, 2011**

# *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 the main 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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## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Love and Labor

We recently spent a weekend at a bed and breakfast remodeled from an old barn. The barn was built more than one hundred fifty years ago when the land became a grape vineyard. We ran each morning through the rows of vines filled with grapes at harvest time. The sweet smell filled my senses, leaving me with feelings of warmth. Everything was right with the world. I couldn't help but wonder, however, what those vines had seen over the past hundred and fifty years. For sure they'd seen hard work. Certainly not many days had passed without hard work and strife, but surely there had been love and healing, too. It's true that few things can last very long without love and labor.

### Comment

Isaiah has composed a song about his friend, the vineyard keeper. We are not told this right away, but the vineyard keeper is actually God. The keeper first decided on which land to plant, then the land was cleared of stones. After this, he planted the vines and constructed a vat and watchtower. By the best agrarian measure, the crop had every chance to become perfect, but it didn't. Wild grapes grew instead, and the keeper became irritated. His only recourse was to let the vineyard go and become what it would.

Matthew's Gospel continues the vineyard theme, but in this case, it is the human element that is addressed. The landowner (God) previously sent servants (prophets) to gather the proceeds from the harvest. The vineyard workers (the chief priests and elders) killed the slaves. Finally the landowner sent his son thinking the workers surely would not kill him, too. But

they did (Jesus' crucifixion). We know that it is God's way that something good should be born from something bad. Even though the workers killed the son, new life for the world began with his death and resurrection.

### Reflection

We are clearly the vines planted by Isaiah's vineyard keeper. We have been given every opportunity to love and serve God, but are the grapes of our vines wild or will we yield a good crop?

The vineyard of Matthew's Gospel has been left to us. The owner's son was killed, but new life began with his resurrection. The field has been entrusted to our care—that is the field of the Church and God's world. We are called to continue the care of the vineyard and be faithful to its mission. The fruit we yield must be good. Therefore, we need to work actively in our Church and world to be sure that it is God's will that prevails.

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## SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

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**MONDAY, OCTOBER 3** – Weekday Celebration

8:00 AM Scott Landis (Anniv.)

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4** – Saint Francis of Assisi,  
Religious

8:00 AM Alvera Miller (Anniv.)

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5** – Weekday Celebration

8:00 AM Connie Kiste

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6** – Weekday Celebration

8:00 AM Mary Latini

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7** – Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00 AM Michael Joseph Tabacek

**NEXT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8** – No Mass on  
Saturday morning

5:00 PM [For Sunday] Larry Martin

**NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9** – Twenty-eighth  
Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Mike and Donna Werries

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 Brandin Kern. Please remember the deceased and his family in your prayers.

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**CLOTHING DRIVE** – Saturday, October 22, from 12 Noon until 4 PM – school entrance on Lincoln Avenue. Benefits: Hope, Homeless Men and WIN. More information in future bulletin.



**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** – will take place on Sunday, October 16, at the 11:00 AM Mass, in our Church. Please make a note of the date and plan to bring those from your families or neighborhood who are chronically ill or disabled and ordinarily unable to come to Mass. For those who may need

a ride for the occasion, give us a call and we can arrange a pickup. To receive the Sacrament of Anointing, one must be a Catholic, in the state of grace, and seriously ill or elderly. You will have to be the judge as to whether or not those conditions apply in your case.

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**LADIES OF CHARITY** will meet on Monday, October 3, at 7 PM in the Liguori Center.  
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**PASTOR’S NOTES**

During the course of the past few months, I have had a few inquiries about people wanting to become Catholic which is the R.C.I.A. process, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, and I had said that I was not going to have those classes here this year. So I made a phone call and low and behold I have an experienced teacher of this process, and she happens to be a former parishioner of mine from Butler County who is willing to come to our parish and teach those who wish to become Catholic as well as for those who desire to renew their Catholic education. Cathy Rodgers will be the catechist. The meetings will take place on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM starting October 5<sup>TH</sup> in the rectory chapel room. Now depending on how many people will be coming each week, will determine if we will need a larger space to conduct these sessions. So let us welcome Cathy to our parish and thank her for taking on this responsibility of teaching the Catholic faith to those who wish to learn it.

More news, the new prayer cards are in the pews this weekend. Please leave them in the pews so that everyone will have the opportunity to look at them, and then we will begin to practice the new form of the liturgy in the weeks to come.

Our special liturgy for the teens in our vicariate was a great success last Sunday, and over sixty teens as well as some adults attended this celebration. Our regional vicar, Fr. Farrell, with Frs. Alan Morris, Aaron Kriss and Deacon Pat Wood also participated in the celebration. The music was provided by Jamie Dillon, the youth director at Saint Scholastica in Aspinwall, who also put together a quick choir of our youth. An

activity and dinner were also a part of the day as well. I wish to thank all those behind the scenes, people who gave of their time for working so hard in organizing everything that made this day such a wonderful spiritual experience for our youth, especially our own parish catechists as well as the other catechists from our neighboring parishes in our vicariate.

Roof news, well the papers have been sent to the Diocese and now we wait for all the legal documents to be drawn up so that everything may begin soon, but all the paperwork needs to be done right and well so that all the bases are covered and that nothing is forgotten.

CCD classes are also off and running. Please be careful as the children are being dropped off and picked up by their parents and guardians.

Our ushers will again be doing the October Count of people who are attending Mass, and then at the end of the month, the numbers will be sent to the Diocese, and we will see what percentage of people attend our Church.

Finally, one of our parishioners has repainted two coat racks in the rectory which were in such bad shape, and I wish to thank him as well for taking the time and effort for that project.

Also, I wish to thank all of our parishioners who continue to support our parish financially every week and those who give of their free time to keep Saint Alphonsus a viable and welcoming parish.

Fr. Ken

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**RED CROSS FIRST AID KITS** – The Ladies of Charity are offering Red Cross First Aid Kits for a donation of \$20.00. The kits can be viewed in the Activity Room and in the vestibule where the Ladies of Charity will take pre-paid orders until October 9<sup>th</sup>.  
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**MEMORIAL GIFTS**

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

**IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL JOSEPH TABACEK** by Sylvester and Dorothy Jancech.

<b>Your Ministry of Support</b>	
Thank you for your offerings to Saint Alphonsus Parish For Sunday, September 25, 2011	
Offertory .....	\$4,093.32
Parish Share .....	\$565.00
<b>TODAY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2</b> , the first Sunday of the month, the special second collection will be the monthly collection for <b>Capital Improvements and Repairs</b> to our parish. We thank you for your kind and generous support of St. Alphonsus Church.	