

**ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH BULLETIN
FOR
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2010**

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 3, 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

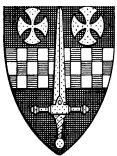
LIGUORI CENTER OFFICES (school building side entrance)

(724) 274-2547

CCD & Youth Min. - Karen Mueller

Social Services - Cathy Moxie

Music Director/Organist – Vickie Roofl



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

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These days we often hear the word “entitlement” used. People speak of pensions, cost of living increases, Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security payments from business and government as “entitlements” – what we are entitled to, what is somehow **OWED** to us.

Jesus speaks of entitlements in today’s Gospel passage, taken again from St. Luke, and he tells us that we are not entitled to anything from God. God does not owe us anything at all. This does not mean that God does not give us anything, or that he does not love us and want good for us. It just means that whatever we get from God is always a free gift of love, not a payment or kickback for something we have earned by our own work or virtue.

In the Gospel, Jesus uses the parable about the servant whose task it is to work for the Master simply because he is the servant, because it is his duty as servant. The Lord says, “When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say, “We are useless servants. We have done no more than our duty.”

The reason Jesus speaks this way is not to begrudge us the good things we receive from him but rather to remind us that God’s generosity and kindness are above all his works, and He gives to us simply because he is good and caring. Too often we get carried away with our own self-importance and act as though somehow we are responsible for our own salvation. We think that God owes us mercy and kindness because we, somehow, have acted on our own, and thus have become worthy of reward and attention, our “entitlements.”

Jesus reminds us that the only thing we can crow about, the only thing we can call “our own,” is our sins and our propensity to more sin. It is when we begin to realize where our place really is and can call out to God for help that we become open to receive the manifold gifts a loving Father wants us to have.

We are all servants, eating the crumbs which fall from the Master’s table. But what a magnificent feast they make!

-- Fr. Saladna

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4 – Saint Francis of Assisi

8:00 AM Andrew Susa

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5 – Weekday Celebration
(27th Week in Ordinary Time)

8:00 AM Helen Puskar

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6 – Weekday Celebration

8:00 AM Charles Zimmerman

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00 AM Rose Sokol

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8 – No Mass scheduled for today

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9 – No Mass on Saturday morning

5:00 PM [For Sunday] Carmen Ciamacco

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10 – Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 AM Nancy Seiler

1:00 PM

Special Mass for the Sick and the Anointing of the Sick. Anyone can attend this Mass, which will also fulfill the Sunday obligation. Please make an effort to bring your family members, friends and/or neighbors who have difficulty due to old age or sickness in attending Mass. It will be a wonderful act of charity to help them come to this special Mass for them, and for them to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

ALSO NOTE: Celebrating the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday, October 10, will be our new Episcopal Vicar, Very Rev. Philip Farrell, the Vicar for our #4 Vicariate. Father Farrell would love to see and meet our people at this Mass which he will be celebrating for your intentions. So, remember we have two special Masses next Sunday (October 10) – (1) the Mass with Father Farrell at 11:00 AM and (2) the Mass for the Sick and the Anointing of the Sick at 1:00 PM.

REST IN PEACE -- The parish family of Saint Alphonsus wishes to extend their deepest sympathy to the families of John Bednar and Richard Zasada. Please remember the deceased and their families in your prayers.



CLOTHING DRIVE – Saturday, October 9, 12 Noon to 4 PM., Lincoln Street entrance of the school. Benefits: Bethlehem Haven, A-K Hope Center, Pittsburgh Homeless. Items needed:

New or used – sizes 0-6 months – t-shirts, sleepers, receiving blankets, strollers, high chairs. New bottles, wipes and diapers.

New or used – pillows, blankets, sheets, towels. New only – women’s underwear and sleepwear.

New or used – women’s and children’s winter coats, towels, washcloths, all kitchen items and new paper products.

New or used – men’s sweatshirts, hooded sweatshirts, extra large winter jackets and large gloves, men’s white, calf-length socks, size 9-12.

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MEMORIAL GIFTS

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

IN MEMORY OF BARBARA J. RICHEY by Diane Costello.

Your Ministry of Support

Collections will be reported in next week’s bulletin.

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

**SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION TODAY,
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 – CATHOLIC CHARITIES.** As Catholic Charities celebrates 100 years of saying “yes” and serving all, please consider saying “yes” to our neighbors with your participation in this weekend’s (October 2-3) collection.

NOTE: Our second collection for “**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**” in our parish, originally scheduled for October 3 (first Sunday of the month) will be moved to Sunday, October 10.

FROM OUR HOLY FATHER, BENEDICT XVI

HOLY FATHER RECALLS HIS FIRST DAYS AT SCHOOL

VATICAN CITY, 24 SEP 2010 - Yesterday evening in the Apostolic Palace at Castelgandolfo, Benedict XVI received a group of pupils, parents and teachers from the local Paul VI Pontifical School, which is run by the "Maestre Pie Filippini".

"Dear children", said the Pope in his remarks, "you go to school and you learn naturally, and I am recalling that seventy-seven years have now passed since I began school. I lived in a small village of three hundred inhabitants, yet we learned the essential things. Most importantly, we learned to read and write. I think it is a great thing to be able to read and write, because in this way we can know other people's ideas, read newspapers and books. We can also know what was written two thousand or more years ago; we can know the spiritual continents of the world and communicate with one another. Above all there is one extraordinary thing: God wrote a book (the Holy Bible). He spoke to us human beings, finding people to write the book containing the Word of God. Reading that book, we can read what God says to us".

The Holy Father went on: "At school you learn everything you need for life. You also learn to know God, to know Jesus and thus you learn how to live well. At school you make a lot of friends and this is a beautiful thing because in this way you form one big family, but among our best friends, the first we meet and know should be Jesus Who is a friend to everyone and truly shows us the path of life".

- Vatican Information Service



WE ARE NOW TAKING MASS INTENTIONS for the coming year. If you have special intentions for which you would like to schedule the celebration of a Mass in our Church, get a form in the Activity Room of the Church, or at the Parish House, and fill in the information.

Instructions are found on the form. Marsha will help you, and will let you know what dates are available (724-274-5084). This is especially true if you have a very special date you would like to commemorate with a Mass, like a 25TH or 50TH Wedding Anniversary. And please remember: with regard to dates, first come, first served

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER CALENDAR

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH in Creighton is having a Pork Chop Dinner today, Sunday, October 3, from 12 PM to 6 PM. Cost is \$9 per person and includes a gigantic pork chop, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, coffee, tea and dessert.

LADIES OF CHARITY will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, October 4, in the Church Hall at 7:00 PM. New members are invited and encouraged to attend.

BIBLE STUDY CLASS with Fr. Saladna will be held this Thursday evening, October 7, beginning at 7 PM. It is over at 8:30 PM, and anyone/everyone is welcome to attend.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE IN WASHINGTON DC – October 9. The Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception offers a special opportunity to come together as a diocesan family to pray for an end to violence and for world peace. Bishop David A. Zubik will be the main celebrant of the Mass at 3 PM. Please contact Nicole Ohaya at 412-456-3065 for more information.

POLISH PLATTER DINNER – St. Mary Church, New Kensington, Sunday, October 10, Noon to 4 PM – Eat In, 11 AM to 3 PM – Take Out. Adult: \$9, \$5-children under 10.

ST. JOSEPH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP is sponsoring a 6 Week Program on Dealing with Grief. Six consecutive Mondays at 7 PM – October 11, 18, 25 and November 1, 8, 15. Sessions will take place at the St. Joseph Parish Center, New Kensington. For more information and to register call Mary Jo Benec at 724-337-8673 or Sister Carol at 724-339-9868.

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP – As Catholics we are both obligated and privileged to participate in shaping a moral and just society. How does our faith infuse our participation in political life? Deacon Alexander Wroblicky and Mrs. Helen Paharik of the Diocese of Pittsburgh Secretariat for Evangelization and Social Concerns will offer a presentation on Thursday, October 14, at Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Natrona Heights from 7-9 PM. Please RSVP to 412-456-3156 one week in advance for seating and materials. A \$5 donation per person would be appreciated to help defray the cost of materials. This donation will be collected at the event.

OKTOBERFEST – The Sisters of Divine Providence invite you to join them on Saturday, October 16, from 1 to 6 PM, for their 9TH Annual Oktoberfest, 9000

Babcock Boulevard. German Cuisine – Bratwurst, sauerkraut, hot dogs for the kids, apple cake, beer, soft drinks. Family Fun – theme baskets, craft sale, bake sale, special drawings. For more information call Karen Rueter, event coordinator, at 412-635-6313.

SHINE A LIGHT ON LUNG CANCER – Please join us for a Lung Cancer Vigil on Thursday, November 4, at 7 PM at the Springdale High School Track and Field. The vigil is part of a national vigil and awareness campaign organized by The Lung Cancer Alliance. Please come and enjoy an evening of prayer, music and education to support, honor and memorialize loved ones touched by the disease. For more information, please call Kelli Leahy at 724-274-9569 or visit www.shinealightonlungcancer.org.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND – November 12-14, Bishop Connare Center Greensburg. Call 412-635-7775 for more information.

MEALS ON WHEELS is in need of drivers. If you can help, please call Betty at 724-274-9504.



OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY. The actual feast day is October 7. In reciting the Rosary we meditate on the “mysteries” of our salvation – namely, how Jesus, Our Lord and Savior, came to live among us and thus “show us” what his Heavenly Father is like. These wonderful mysteries or signs of God’s love in Christ through the Holy Spirit, enable us to appreciate how merciful the true God is, and how great is the blessing given to Mary, Jesus’ mother, who, in a sense, “gave him” to us, for he wanted to know the invisible God by letting us “touch” him made visible in Christ. The “mysteries” – Joyful, Sorrowful, Luminous and Glorious, touch on all the good things Jesus came to teach us and give us. **LEARN TO LOVE THE ROSARY, LEARN TO LOVE JESUS AND WORSHIP HIM, LEARN TO APPRECIATE MARY’S ROLE IN JESUS’ WORK.**

ONE BODY, ONE MISSION

Parish Pastoral Councils and *The Church Alive!*

HOW DO PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS WORK WITH THEIR PASTORS?

Parish pastoral councils are central to Bishop Zubik's vision of *The Church Alive!* Based on years of research, consultation and pastoral practice, the Diocese of Pittsburgh has established guidelines for parish pastoral councils. Our parish is committed to implementing those guidelines to advance the mission of Christ and His Church.

Pastoral planning is the core responsibility of parish pastoral councils. This activity moves the parish forward into God's design for our future as we become *The Church Alive!*

This week we discuss the relationship between the pastor and the parish pastoral council.

Parish Pastoral Councils ...

AFFIRM THE IMPORTANCE OF HOLY ORDERS IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH Those who share in the ministerial priesthood through the gift of the sacrament of Holy Orders are specifically directed toward leading the Body of Christ. The pastor is ordained and appointed by the bishop to preside over the Church community. Teachers and guardians of the faith, they unite everyone toward continuing the mission of Christ in our day and age.

WORK WITH THE PASTOR

As a priest presides at Eucharist, he is surrounded by competent liturgical ministers who express the diversity of gifts God has given for building up the Body of Christ. As he attends to the pastoral needs of his flock, he is assisted by qualified laity as visitors to the homebound or organizers of social outreach efforts. His teaching and preaching are enhanced by the efforts of catechists, evangelization and RCIA teams, and lay-led Scripture study groups. Complex administrative responsibilities are handled by professional lay business managers. Likewise, the pastor works with a lay parish pastoral council to assist him in moving the parish into the future.

HELP PASTORS UNDERSTAND THE PARISH BETTER

While the pastor is responsible for the life of the parish, he shares this blessed burden with all the baptized. Familiar with the particular circumstances of their community, parish pastoral councils can advise the pastor about a parish's history and values, achievements and failures, and dilemmas and demographics.

KEEP THE MISSION OF JESUS BEFORE THE PARISH, *THE CHURCH ALIVE!*

In their vocation as married or single persons, the laity bring gifts and talents to build up the Church. The Church has provided pastors with parish pastoral councils to work with them in discerning the pastoral needs of the parish and keeping before the faithful their baptismal commitment to make the mission of Christ the mission of the parish.

More information on parish pastoral councils can be found on the diocesan website at www.diopitt.org.