St. Alphonsus Liguori “Rock” Catholic Church

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Very Rev. Richard Potts, C.Ss.R., V.F., Pastor

Mission
“To Joyfully Preach, Teach, and Live the Word of God”

Theme
“One Hundred Fifty Years of Standing on the Rock”

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MUSIC MINISTRY
8:15—Malcolm Speed
11:00—Danny duMaine

REDMPTIONISTS IN RESIDENCE
Rev. Kyle Fisher, C.Ss.R.
Rev. Dave Polek, C.Ss.R.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
(Call for Appointment)

SUNDAY MASSES:
8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

DAILY MASSES:
Monday: 5:30 p.m.
(W. Th & F.) 11:30 a.m.
Tuesdays: 7:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Saturdays: 9:30 a.m.

TUESDAYS:
Exposition & Benediction:
9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. (1st — Tuesday) followed by our Perpetual Help Novena & Mass
Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ,

In case you are unaware, our Jubilee Banquet has been scheduled for September 8th, at the Clayton Plaza Hotel. I hope you are as excited as I am about celebrating this milestone in our parish's history. As a parish we have come a long way and undergone some amazing transitions since those three Redemptorist brothers started digging a big hole on the corner of Cook & Grand. No one could deny that The Rock has had a big impact on the spiritual lives of the people of St. Louis, from the launch of the perpetual novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help to our current Spirit filled liturgies. I hope you are planning on attending because we certainly have a lot to celebrate.

One of the things we will be doing at the banquet is awarding several Pillars of The Rock Awards to people who have made a significant impact in St. Louis. You will find a copy of the nomination form within today's bulletin. Since there are a number of categories you will need several of these forms if you want to nominate someone for each category. You will find more copies at the usher's table. You can also copy this one, or download a copy from our website, which should be up later this week. Please take note of the deadline and be sure to get your nominees in early.

One other reminder, don't forget about the Pilgrimage of Trust next weekend. There will be four days of prayer, workshops, community building and a march on Sunday afternoon. Go to: pilgrimageoftruststl.com

In the Redeemer,
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 21, 2017

PRAYER CORNER

We are saying Special Prayers for persons and families living with HIV/AIDS.

NOTE: Names will remain listed for 2 weeks

INTENTIONS 05/09/17
Chopin, Family
Duplantier Family
George, Roberta
Mason, LaVerne
Miller Jr., Antonio
Pack, LaTosha
Parran, Roderick
Smith, Ron & David
Thompson (Potts) James
Valle, Jr., Robert (Bobby)
Yandell, Carolyn & Family

INTENTIONS 05/16/17
Bennett, Dorothy
Bowman, John Wesley
Duplantier, Sr. Tyrond
George, Darrion
McCloud, Dorlitha
Morris Jr., Robert Winston
Reedy, Sidney
Smith, Paulette

SICKNESS 05/09/17
Butler, Thomas
Carter, Jardee
Carter, William
Cooney-Smith, Sharon
Crusoie, Melba
Greenberry, Alan
Hemphill, Alicia
LaBerta, Steve
Molina, Uki
Phillips, Vivian
Reed, Joneal
Reedy, Christian
Stebbins, Janice

SICKNESS 05/16/17
Burke, Rita
Chapman, Kimberly
Collins, Ava
Cruesoe, Melba
Bohannon, Morris (Deacon)
Fisher, Kyle Fr.
Fitzsimmons, Dan
Gilliland, Ronnie
Greer, Marsha
Haine, Bill
Howard, Yvonne
Johnson, Rashelle
Lane, Donna
McDonald, Jeffery
Oldani, Shirley
Ortwerth, Gloria
Proctor, Cynthia
Remsberg, Cory Sgt.
Strode, Dolly
Strode, Fred
Thompson, Mary Ann
Voss, Greg
Williams, Barbara
Williams, Jadyn

Prayer For Renewed Strength

O Lord, my God,
Please give those listed above the grace to maintain their hope in You
Through all of life’s changes and to taste and see Your goodness.
Amen

ST. ALPHONSUS “ROCK” CHURCH

“150 YEARS OF STANDING ON THEROCK”

Help us celebrate our 150th jubilee by purchasing these wonderful shirts, emblazoned with our special anniversary logo. These make a wonderful keepsake and/or gift. A way to give thanks for all those who have gone before us and have made this jubilee a reality, as well as, a way to ensure that future generations will be standing faithfully on The Rock right here at the corner of Cook & Grand.

Proudly, let everyone know that you are part of St. Alphonsus Liguori Church family, because at “The Rock” you are only a “visitor” the first time you come. Whether you are a long time parishioner, a member of our extended family, or still looking forward to your first visit to “The Rock,” we hope you will come to our various celebrations throughout the year. Please see more information on our web page or friend us on Facebook @ St. Alphonsus Rock Church or download our “my parish” app and select St. Alphonsus Rock as your parish.

Order forms for the shirts and other jubilee merchandise are now available.

WHITE HOUSE RETREAT

June 22-June 25, 2017

All men of the North City Deanery are invited to attend the annual retreat at the White House Retreat Center, 7400 Christopher Drive, St. Louis, MO 63129. The retreat will begin on Thursday evening, June 22, 2017 and end on Sunday afternoon, June 25, 2017 at 2PM.

If you have never attended a White House retreat, it is an experience that can and usually will change your life. The conferences, the peaceful surroundings overlooking the Mississippi River, the opportunity to talk with one of the priests about any issues you may be encountering in your life, are all reasons to consider coming on this retreat. If you have already made a White House retreat, you know what I’m talking about. Maybe it’s time for you to make another retreat. In either case, it would be wonderful to have you along!

If you think that you are interested or need more information, please contact me by phone at 314-303-2679, as soon as possible to insure that there is still space available. The one criteria is that you must be 18 years of age or older. Please don’t let the lack of funds deter you from participating.

Deacon Charles Allen,
Sts. Teresa and Bridget Parish
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION...

**Baptism GUIDELINES:**

**Newborn – 6 years old:** A parent or legal guardian and godparent(s) must attend a Baptism preparation class, instruction materials are provided.

**Ages 7 – 10:** The child must attend special Baptism preparation classes and the parent(s) or legal guardian and godparent(s) must attend a Baptism preparation session prior to the ceremony.

**Ages 11 – 17:** The young person must enroll in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) program.

**Age 18 and Older:** The Candidate must enroll in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program.

**Matrimony** – Engaged couples, seeking to be married at the Rock Church, must meet with the Pastor before setting a date.

**RCIA/RCIC – ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...**

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. There are separate sessions for children and youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

For information on requesting any of the above Sacraments and/or to register for classes, please contact the Director of Religious Education, Sharon Cooney-Smith at 314-533-0304 ext. 1001, or via e-mail @ scooneysmith@stalphonsusrock.org.

LITURGY NOTES...

**GOSPEL MEDITATION -**

"If you love me you will keep my commandments." It's really as simple as that. We are only paying lip service to the Lord if we externally declare ourselves to be Christians but don't follow through on a life that confirms it.

In our modern culture, we often think of love as a feeling or a kind of devotion. It is thus all too common to separate love from appropriate action. Perhaps we reassure ourselves that we love Jesus because we believe that he is the Son of God and our personal Savior. But these thoughts—or even any grateful or pleasant feelings that come along with them—are not the fullest manifestation of real love. Rather, as Jesus tells us directly in today's Gospel, "Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me."

Now, for those of us who may be asking what exactly these commandments are, it's helpful to remember Jesus' response when he was questioned on the subject. "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Mt 22:37-39). These fundamental principles embrace everything that Jesus calls us to do. If we put God first and foremost in our lives, and if we treat our neighbors as we would wish to be treated, then all the rest falls into place. The Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and any other fundamental Christian codes of behavior are all summed up here. Indeed, if we truly seek to love Jesus, putting him first and following his ways won't feel like a burden but rather like a beautiful blessing.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Stewardship Committee…

Pledge cards will be available after both Masses

Last Chance, TODAY

Please prayerfully consider participating in this year’s appeal. ANY pledge amount would be greatly appreciated.

ATTENTION COMMISSION CHAIRPERSONS:

All proposed event dates for 2018 MUST be submitted by Saturday, July 1st.

Past meets present, stories for our generation. Bring your family as our journey is revealed!

BETWEEN WORLDS:

An American Journey

This contemporary dance theater piece is a performance with an emphasis on dance but addresses the issues of what we’ve learned as a democratic society. The stories are based on real life situations both past and present and allows the audience to see where we still need to work on becoming “One America!”

FREE TICKETS are available for Sunday, June 11th at the 3:00 p.m. matinee or the 5:30 p.m. performance.

The Grandel
3610 Grandel Square
St. Louis, MO 63108
(2 blocks north of the Fox)

Sign up sheets are at the ushers’ table or call the parish office at (314) 533-0304

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The National Black Catholic Congress
July 6th – July 9th.

Any youth interested please contact Patricia Pou at (314) 363-4465

Social Life Committee Meeting
June 6, 2017
6:30 p.m. Parish Hall Room 113

All volunteers for the Annual Parish Picnic is encouraged to attend.
See You There!

Sister Thea Bowman Cancer Support Ministry would like to invite you to hear our Guest Speaker, Mrs. Mary Nardoni who is a Hospice Coordinator with Breeze Hospice Services of Missouri.

She will speak on, “What a Difference Hospice Can Make, the Education of Hospice Services.”

Please join us in June 4, 2017, Room 113 of the Parish Hall at 1:00 p.m.

HELP! HELP! WANTED

With Set-Up and breakdown for the church picnic

When: Sunday, June 25, 2017
Time: 7:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Sign-up sheet s are located at the ushers’ table.

PARISH EVENTS

May 21, 2017
Friendship Club Meeting after 11:00 Mass
Room 110

May 29, 2017
Parish Office Closed
Memorial Day
Mass 10:00 a.m.

June 4, 2017
Pentecost Sunday

June 11, 2017
Fellowship Sunday

June 17, 2017
Siteman Cancer Center Mammogram Van

June 25, 2017
Annual Parish Picnic
One Mass 10:00 a.m.

Siteman Mammogram—where you go matters

The Siteman Cancer Center at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Washington University School of Medicine is offering mammograms to women age 40 and over.

Saturday, June 17, 2017
Appointments begin at 8:30 a.m.
St. Alphonsus (Rock) Church
1118 Grand Ave
St. Louis, MO 63106
Call to Schedule Your Appointment
314 747-7222 or 800 600-3606

Fellowship Sundays’ 2nd Sunday of the Month

June Social Life
July Youth Group
Aug. Christian Service
Sept. F&A
Financial Corner...

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Stewardship Prayer…

That we recognize that things don’t always go the way we plan and God has a better plan in store for us.

“For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God’s will, than for doing evil.”

1 PETER 3:17

The old line says “if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans.” Many of us are diligent in our planning, making sure things are progressing smoothly, then disaster strikes, we don’t get the result that was intended. An unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively. Why me? I did everything right! Here’s the thing – God has a different and better plan in store for you.

I GET REWARD POINTS/CASH FOR USING MY DEBIT/CREDIT CARD – I WILL LOSE THOSE POINTS IF I USE THE GIFT CARD INSTEAD. Come on now, you really cannot or won’t lose a few bucks for at least one or two of the several stores you shop regularly to help your church home balance its budget?

If just 200 of us purchased a couple of $25 to $100 gift cards on a regular basis, the ROCK church bottom line would benefit significantly. Right now, less than 50 of us participate. Wouldn’t you rather do this than hawk raffle tickets or pay for raffle tickets and such as much as we do?!

Aquinas Institute of Theology

Enrolling now for summer 2017
Classes and Workshops

A sampling of our titles

- The Essential Old Testament for Preachers, Teachers, and Ministers (3 credit course) - June 19-29 - 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. daily - This course can be audited
- Latino Theology (3 credit course) - May 15-25 - 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. daily - This course can be audited
- Surviving & Thriving as a Minister (2-week workshop) - Part I: May 22-25 - 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily and Part II: June 26-29 - 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily

Contact 314-256-8806 for a complete listing and more information.
ANointing of the Sick & Visits

"Is anyone sick among you? Call in the priests of the church and they will pray for the sick person and anoint them with oil." (James) This is the sacrament of the sick. Are you seriously sick, going to the hospital or having an operation? Call and leave your hospital information at the office.

St. Alphonsus "Rock"
Social Life Committee, cordially
Invites your family to come and fellowship with us at our
Annual Parish Picnic
June 25, 2017
12:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Sacramental Preparation
Sharon Cooney-Smith, DRE
314-533-0304 ext. 1001

RCIA/RCIC
Children’s Liturgy of the Word
Baptism
First Reconciliation
First Communion
Confirmation
Matrimony

COMMISSIONS & CHAIRS
Christian Formation Jean Anthony
Christian Service Sheila Grigsby
Finance & Adm. Monica Huddleston
Liturgy Richard Buckley
Social Life Rose Graham
Youth & Young Adults TBD

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President
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Linda Brown Reed Wanda Caldwell
DeWayne Johnson Mark Kamp
Ben Phillips Vincent Nutt
Mike Coffman Kurt Englander
Joy Camp

Attention
If your telephone number or address has changed, please contact the office at 533-0304. You may also put your updated information in the locked multipurpose box located on the north-side entrance ushers’ table.

Bulletin announcements must be in the office by 12 noon Tuesdays. Please fax items to 314 533-4260 or e-mail to parish130@archstl.org

Community Help
Wilhelmina Hardin Food Pantry
Terri Schneider, Dir. of Wilhelmina Hardin Food Pantry
(Emergency Aid) (314) 531-1040
St. Charles Lwanga Center (314) 367-7929
Community Health In Partnership Services (C.H.I.P.S.)
(314) 652-9231
Community Women Against Hardship (CWAH)
(314) 289-7523
HIV/AIDS: 314 531-0304 Ext. 1502