St. Alphonsus Liguori “Rock” Catholic Church

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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

REDEMPTORISTS IN RESIDENCE
Rev. Tom Donaldson, C.Ss.R.
Rev. Dave Polek, C.Ss.R.
Rev. Peter Schavitz, 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: 11:30 a.m.
Saturdays: 9:30 a.m.

MONDAY:
Eucharistic Adoration
4:30 p.m.—5:15 p.m.

TUESDAYS:
Exposition & Benediction:
10:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. (1st—Tuesday) followed by our Perpetual Help Novena & Mass
In today’s 1st reading and the gospel we hear of people who are afflicted with the disease of leprosy. This disease was the worst thing that could happen to a person in ancient Israel. If you had the disease you were completely cut off from society, family and church. You were completely isolated because others were afraid of getting leprosy also. It was just awful.

In the story of Naaman, Elisha wants to cure him of his leprosy. Elisha tells him to wash in the river, but Naaman doesn’t want to do it. He wants something more spectacular in order to be cured. He must take a leap of faith and trust Elisha. Likewise in the gospel, the 10 lepers come to Jesus and ask to be cured. Again, Jesus does not cure them on the spot. He tells them to go and present themselves to the priests. Off they go, and they are cured on the way.

It is not always easy to trust people. We get disappointed all the time because people tell us one thing and do another. If we are not careful we will end up not trusting anyone, even those we love. This can make for a very lonely world. We do need one another in our lives to function together. We must trust one another, but on the other hand, if someone puts their trust in you are you always trustworthy? Personally, I like being around people I can trust and rely upon. It’s one less thing I have to worry about. If a person always does what they say they are going to do, it makes my life so much easier.

In today’s readings we are reminded that we must continue to trust in God. The Psalms talk a lot about trusting in God. If we can’t trust God who can we trust? If we believe God is all good and all love, we must learn to trust Him. The lepers had no one else to turn to. They had tried every other means, but there was nowhere else for them to go, but to Jesus. Jesus should not be the last person we go to. If we have a problem of any sort, Jesus should be the 1st one we go to as a last resort when nothing else seems to be working. It is only by our trust in Him that good things happen.

I was very proud of the Spirituals concert last week. It was great to see so many people gathering together to hear beautiful music, even if it was a reminder of the terrible slavery that happened so many years ago. It is nice to remember the faith of people pouring out their hearts to God. The thing is, the people who were enslaved were conditioned to turn to God regularly. They entreated God’s love and mercy upon them. It became a way of life to lift their hearts to God. May we learn to always lift our hearts to God in this way every day for the rest of our lives.
INTENTIONS 10/01/19
Adams, Latonya
Ambus, Ruby
Candies, Aeryn
Cloyd, Cori
Cloyd, Kalonda
Combs, Faye
Dyle, Ayrielle
George, Darrion
Hardy, Pier Angela
Jackson, Tamica
Parran, Kristin
Pickett, DaShaun
Quain, Pat
Reedy, Judy
Reedy, Sid
Smith, Paulette
Valle, Dorothy

INTENTIONS 10/08/19
Cummings, Alice
Downs, Gwendolyn & Family
George, Roberta
Jackson, Jeanette & Family
Lee, Hazel & Family
Schneider, Terri
Taylor, Gloria & Family

SICKNESS 10/01/19
Ambus, Larry
Branch, Vanessa
Fisher, Kyle Fr.
Greer, Lois
Hammer-Webb, Laura
Luster, Juanita
Mosby, Jerry
Mozez, Karen
Mulrow, Stephanie
Ortweth, Gloria
Parran, Rodrick
Reedy, Christian
Sams, Mary
Valle, Jr., Robert (Bobby)
Voss, Greg
Watkins, Darnell (Chef D)
Wilson, Barbara

SICKNESS 10/08/19
Atherton, Vertibe
Banks, Anita
Calhoun, Debi
Caprese, Brittan
Chapman, Bonnie
Cummins, Cleophes
Harris, Tobey
Hood, Rosalind
Howard, Yvonne
LaBerta, Steve
Lane, Joan
Latham, Jean
McCalebb, Barbara
Moore, Brenda
Pointer, Patti
Remsberg, Cory Sgt.
Schneider, Roy
Schnelle, Laverne
Smith, Melba
Thompson, Mary Ann
Weaver, Stephen
Vet, Alphonso

HOSPITAL 10/01/19
Watson, Brittney

SHUT-IN’s
McCoy, Bernice
McCoy, Carolyn
Peters, Mae
Thomas, Bernice
Turner, Hortense

Pray for the repose of the soul of †Lillian Barnes, aunt of Gloria L. Taylor, Cynthia & Damon Clay, and Stephanie & Paul Mulrow

Pray for the repose of the soul of †Irma Steen, sister of Hazel Lee, aunt of Andra Lee

Pray for the repose of the soul of †Roger Downs, husband of Gwendolyn Downs

Bring Love to a Wounded World
Grill to Glory

Will be moving to the gym!
Saturday, November 16, 2019
St. Alphonsus ‘Rock’ Catholic Church
1118 N. Grand Blvd
St. Louis, MO 63108

Join us for Fun, Exercise, Games, and Food!
11a until 1p. Every SATURDAY
Rain or Shine! FREE!
*In collaboration with Better Family Life

St. Alphonsus “Rock” Catholic Church
Fall Festival / Card Party 2019
November 10, 2019

Parishioners, please help our ad sellers by purchasing your ad. Your ad and payments in full must be received in the church office no later than October 25, 2019.

Official ad forms must accompany the ad and payment in order to be counted.

How can we identify and prevent racism within our Catholic Church? “PERSISTENCE, RESISTANCE AND TRANSCENDENCE” a Conference on Hope in the Struggle Against Racism, sponsored by The Catholic Racial Justice Collaborative, will help us to find the answers on Saturday, October 26th, 2019, 9:00am -3:30pm, at Fontbonne University.

The keynote speaker is Rev. Dr. Joseph A. Brown, S.J., PhD, a Professor in the Africana Studies Department SIU-C. Workshops will address racism in grade school, high school, parishes & religious communities and in preaching. Register at: tinyurl.com/y5rn68e6.
The easiest and perhaps best answer would simply be that this was the constant Tradition or teaching of the early Church, right from the time of the Apostles. The first objection often is that babies cannot personally make the commitment necessary for Baptism. But, since the time of Abraham right to the present, Jews have circumcised infants and brought them into the Covenant on the eighth day after birth, based on the faith of the parents, just as we do now in Christian Baptism. Could you imagine the Apostles standing before the Jewish crowds, announcing the New Covenant, but adding that their children were excluded, until they could make the decision for themselves? It would be unheard of!

And Scripture is very clear that the faith of a believing parent or spouse can have great effect, and can literally make a child or unbelieving spouse, “holy”. In 1 Cor 7:14, we read, “For the unbelieving husband is consecrated through his (believing) wife, and the unbelieving wife is consecrated through her husband. Otherwise, your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy.” It is this faith of the parents, and Godparents, that asks for the gifts of Baptism on behalf of the child, which God graciously responds to.

St. Peter further settles the issue for us. As he gave the first great sermon of the Church on the day of Pentecost, converting some 3000 Jews at once, he would close, saying “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, (i.e. babies too!) in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children” (Acts 2:38-39). Additionally, in 1 Cor 1:16 and Acts 16:15,33, we see baptism of "whole households", with no mention of excluding babies. In fact, in all Sacred Scripture, there is not a single place that says babies should not be baptized, not one.

St Augustine: "The custom of Mother Church in baptizing infants is... not to be scorned, nor regarded as superfluous, nor is it to be believed that its tradition is anything except apostolic". In his 215 A.D. letter, "Apostolic Tradition", St Hippolytus wrote: "Baptize first the children, and if they can speak for themselves let them do so. Otherwise, let their parents or other relatives speak for them."

We will baptize two infants today following the 11:00 Liturgy. They will be welcomed into the Faith Community of St Alphonsus Liguori ‘Rock’ Church!
Grill to Glory Barbeque
October 19, 2019
Join us for Fun, Exercise, Games and Food!
11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

The honor of your presence is being requested to attend the Elders Day Luncheon on October 26th, in the parish gym.

Only registered members 62 and over and their spouses may attend.

If you are planning to participate, please call the office to register.

Please no children or friends due to budget constraints!

Liturgical Ministers Workshops Fall 2019

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Day of Reflection for Liturgical Ministers
Lectors/Commentators; Sick & Shut-in Eucharistic Ministers;
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Mass Coordinators
9:30 am—3:00 pm

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Community Women Against Hardship
31st Annual Circle Of Support Gala

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Aretha Franklin Portrait of a Queen
Starring CeCe Teneal

CeCe Teneal sings with the same authority and royalty as the Queen herself. CeCe Teneal deserves to perform the music of Aretha Franklin! She’s that good. Darryl Bey Producer—BlueBird Productions.

Call 314 289-7523 for information or email communitywomenstl@yahoo.com
www.cwah.org

from the Peace and Justice Committee

For the fifth year, the Rock Church will be participating in providing a weekly meal at a homeless shelter during the winter months. The new Assisi House will open at 5075 Durant Ave. Rock Sunday Suppers will begin on November 17th. It is a men’s facility—17 men during the winter months; converting to 13 permanent residents after that. Other churches and groups have been amazed at the number of people participating from the Rock Church.

We hope to have even more this year. Please sign the sheets on both ushers’ tables and you will be contacted about when you can provide your dinner.

Also, if you are interested in participating, please join The Peace and Justice Committee at our October meeting – October 7th at 6:00 p.m. in Room 113 – for some food, fellowship, and to learn more about serving a meal at the shelter.

October 13, 2019
Fellowship Sunday
After Both Masses

October 18, 2019
Institute for Peace & Justice Trivia Night
Doors Open 6:00 p.m.

October 20, 2019
Friendship Club Birthday Celebration
After 11:00 a.m. Mass

October 26, 2019
Elders Day Luncheon
Parish Gym
11:30—3:00 p.m.

from the Peace and Justice Committee

The next movie in our series with the College Church is IMITATION OF LIFE (1959 version) a drama about race, gender and class.

Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., movie at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, October 10th.

Sign-up sheet on the ushers' table
St. Louis University Campus
Tegeler Hall
3550 Lindell Blvd

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Stewardship Prayer…

That our actions and words reflect our love for God every day.

“Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?” (Luke 17:18)

Most of us live “easy” lives. We have food, shelter, and clothing. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn’t this be the other way around? Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you.

Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – Gratitude

Sometimes life actually does get better! And when it does, we may feel great relief—for just a while. Then the “better” becomes the “new normal” and we actually forget to express our gratitude to God for our blessings. It’s so easy to forget, but we have many ways to remember—we can take time for adoration of God, for talking to God through prayer, and for intentional self-sacrifice that expresses our thankfulness and praise. Forget not all God’s blessings! (CCC 2095-2100) archstl.org/dynamic

ROCK Church
Winners Club
Current Members
New Season
September 2019—August 2020

Jean Anthony                         Sharon Hawthorne
Elizabeth Boykin                     Monica Huddleston
Virginia Brown                       Pat Jackson
James Buford                        Donald and Joyce Jones
Susan Buford                        Mark & Linda Kamp
James Butler                        Yetta Kilgore
Cheryl Carr                          Helene Laberta
Anne Marie Clarke                   C.C. Lee
Damon Clay                          Pamela Leong
Mike & Cherina Coffman              Sharon Lyons
Anne Conte                          Brenda Mahr
Willie & Bessie Cunningham          Brenda McDonnell
Esther Darris                       Sylvester & Karen Mozee
Janice Englander                    Earnest Nashville
Kurt Englander                     Jean Nashville
Maudelle Fite                       Leo & Linda Peoples
Paul & Shirley Foster               Ben & Denise Phillips
Wanda Garner                        Linda Brown Reed
Alonzo Green                        Adlean Thomas
Angela Harris                       Monica Tyler
Carl Harris                         Eugene Wallace
Kalyn Harris                        Jocelyn Woodson-Reed

From the Card Party Committee...

We Need:

Attendance Prizes
(new, valued at $20 minimum)

And

Silent / Live Auction
(new, valued at $25 or more)

*Image: October—Month of the Rosary*
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PRAYER MEMORIALS
Tillie Mae Alexander, Hortense Anderson, Elizabeth Henckler Aton
Mother Dorothy Granberry Bennett, Deacon Morris E. Bohannon, Willie Steve Bowens, Dorothy Brady
Theodore Branch, Jr., Irma King Brown, Kenita Bush, Anna Chopin, Betty Jean Colbert
Charmaine Davenport, Walterene Dougherty, Sr. Antona Ebo, FSM, Jerome Fields
Ossie R. Foster, Queen E. Dunlap Fowler, Craig Franklin, Willie Goss, Ann Marie Hatchett
Cherry Ophelia Jackson, Mark Jones, Mother Ruth Jones, Eldwyn Lewis, Leon Zack McClendon
Marshall Mosley, Lucille Palmer, Kathy Lin Cheers Parran, Drenea Sanders, Eugene Sanders
Christine Slaughter, Susan Colbert Threats, Ralph Tyler, Robert Joseph Valle, Juanita West
Marlene Williams, Richard Williams, Clarence Zacher

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
Kurt Englander    President
Linda Brown Reed  Vice President
Wanda Caldwell    Ben Phillips
Joy Camp          Angela Thames
Mike Coffman      Travis Threats
Rhonda Graham     Eric Thurman
Linda Kamp        Kevin Triggs

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

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.