

Saint Alphonsus Liguori Parish
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MASS SCHEDULE

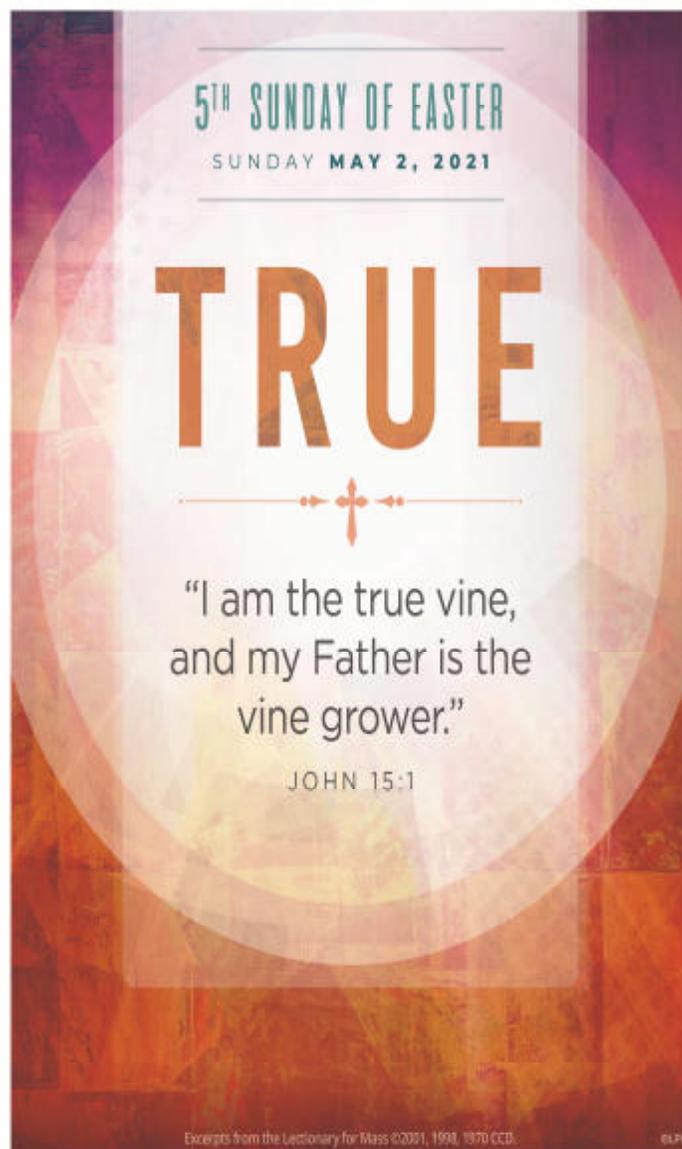
Sunday	9:00 AM
Monday & Tuesday	9:00 AM
Holy Days	9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS - upon request

BAPTISMS - Contact Parish Office well in advance.

WEDDINGS - Contact Parish Office at least six months in advance to make arrangements for marriage.

May 2, 2021



OFFICE HOURS

Monday and Tuesday
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Dee Daly
Administrative Assistant

FINANCE COUNCIL

Third Tue of the month 5:45 PM

PARISH COUNCIL

Third Tue of the month 6:30 PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**

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ONLINE GIVING <https://osvhub.com/st-alphonsus-liguori-parish/funds>

LITURGICAL CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

2 SUN Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

- ✠ 6:00 PM Vigil **Henry, Doris & Ed Wilczynski**
By Frank, Mary Kay Wilczynski & Family
✠ 9:00 AM **Queen Family** by the Estate

3 Mon Saints Philip and James 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14

- ✠ 9:00 AM **Philis Swinyer** by the Crafters

4 Tue Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a

- ✠ 9:00 AM **Queen Family** by the Estate

5 Wed Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8

6 Thu Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11

7 Fri Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17

8 Sat Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

9 SUN Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

- ✠ 6:00 PM Vigil **Russell Hayes** by Jim and Pat Harrison
9:00 AM **Mothers Day intentions**

MOTHER'S DAY MASS - Mass will be offered for the intentions of our mothers on Sunday, May 9th, Tuesday May 11th and Monday June 8th. If you would like to enrolled your loved ones in the Mothers Day Masses please fill out the envelope located in the pew in front of you and place them in the collection basket at the entrances of the church.



MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES For those who would like to donate the wine and hosts used at Mass for the week in memory of a loved one can stop by the rectory. The suggested offering is \$10.00.

Congratulations

Bishop Christopher Coyne confirmed the following parishioners of St. Alphonsus Parish on Saturday, April 24th at Crist the King Church, Rutland.

- * **Allen, Laura**
- * **Carrara, Christina**
- * **Cotter, Thomas**
- * **Easter, Andrew**
- * **Lancour, Randi**
- * **Polli, Adia**
- * **Polli, Danika**
- * **Polli, Luca**
- * **Williams, Abigail**
- * **Williams, James**

Through the sacrament of Confirmation, baptized Christians are strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit and endowed with gifts to enable them to carry out the mission of being disciples of Christ and building the kingdom of God. Confirmation completes a person's initiation into the Catholic Church.

Rutland Dismas House
Celebrating 31 years, is having a virtual celebration and live zoom auction, May 7th @ 7:00 pm.

Hosted by: Dave Tibbs of WEXP's morning with Uncle Dave and special keynote speaker - Coach and author of **Run to the Roar: Coaching to Overcome Fear**, Paul Assaiente.

Featuring music from local artists, award presentations and a Rocking Chair raffle drawing.

For more information - Email geraldine@dismisofvt.org or call (802) 775-5539 for a zoom link. \$25 minimum donation

THINGS TO REMEMBER AND KNOW

- Please wear a mask and bring a small bottle of sanitizer to sanitize your hands when entering the church and before communion.
- Social distancing must always be adhered to.
- As per the mandate of the governor, contact tracing is no longer required.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP— LPI

A Thought from Tracy Earl Welliver

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Branching Out Isn't Always What It's Cracked Up to Be

“That’s a really beautiful tree branch. Man, would you look at the bark on that thing? The others are real duds, but that low-hanging branch has really got it all together.”

I’ve never heard anyone say this. Maybe I just need to hang out with more arborists, but I can’t recall ever hearing someone admire the particular beauty of a single branch. When someone comments on a tree, it’s usually the whole tree — perhaps a visual element of it, like the color of the leaves or its height. But people don’t usually zero in on one branch.

Maybe that’s because usually, if one branch is looking a little weak, chances are every other branch is, too.

The Bible tells us that when we bear fruit as good everyday stewards, it is for the Father’s glory. We are the branch on His magnificent tree. What we have is from Him, and what we do likewise points back to Him. We also tend to reflect how well the other branches around us are incorporating the nutrients coming their way. That’s all fine and good in theory. In practice, it can be an arduous exercise in humility.

When I do something virtuous or charitable or kind, there is a part of me that wants to stand out for it. I think that’s true for all of us. We’ve given of ourselves in some way or overcome some human temptation to accomplish a little bit of good in this world, and even though we know God sees us, we’d really love for everyone else to see it, too.

It’s a struggle, for sure. But we need to remember that our fruit belongs to the whole tree.

Last Week's Offertory \$	949.00
Online Giving \$	50.00
Total \$	999.00

Last Year this Date \$ 360.00

Thank you for making up your envelopes

Sunday May 2nd
2nd Collection — Building and Maintenance fund

Monday, May 3rd

Feast of Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

The Feast of Saint Philip and Saint James makes me wonder about the faithful people throughout history whose stories were not recorded because they seemed unimportant. All the people in my life today who go unnoticed because the role they play is a humble, quiet one. We give credit to the individuals who lead social movements, while overlooking the public affairs coordinators, web designers and logistics managers. We celebrate the accomplishments of professional athletes without considering the dozens of people who devote their lives to training, nurturing and equipping them to succeed. We laud movie stars for tremendous performances, but how many of us can as easily recall the names of lighting technicians, directors of photography, camera assistants and film editors?

Today is a day to talk with your children about these people; the people we might not see but who significantly impact our lives. A perfect place to start is your church.

Children easily notice priests and their formation teachers on Sunday mornings, but what if we spent time teaching them about the sexton who cleans the church, the administrator or volunteer who creates the bulletin, the altar guild members who polish the silver and the kind souls who prepare the building and grounds before Sunday approaches?

A similar activity could happen at school, the grocery store, even inside your family home. Because getting the mail from Kristen our letter carrier is a daily highlight for my children, this afternoon I will take them to the post office so they can see the other individuals who work behind the scenes ensuring Kristen can deliver our mail each afternoon.

We remember Peter as Jesus’ Rock, Thomas as the Doubter and Judas as the Betrayer. Because James and Philip don’t have flashy stories, they don’t get a lot of attention. It’s easy to totally forget they even existed. Their Feast Day reminds me that not only those with highlighted stories and celebrity status should be remembered.



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