

ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH

2111 Market Street, Wheeling, WV 26003-3827

December 1, 2013

1st Sunday of Advent



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MASS SCHEDULE

Mon Tues Thurs Fri	7:00 AM
Wed Communion Service	7:00 AM
Saturday Vigil Mass	5:30 PM
Sunday Masses	7:00AM, 10:30AM

MONTHLY MASSES

Mass Association (1st Friday of month)	7:00 AM
Polish Mass (3rd Sunday of month)	9:00 AM

NOVENAS

Miraculous Medal - Tuesday after
7:00 AM Mass

Novena to St. Jude - Fridays after
7:00 AM Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet—1st Friday at
5:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:30—5:00 PM or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact office 6 months before desired date.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the office for appointment.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday
9:00 am to Noon; 1:00 to 3:00 PM
Friday 9:00 am to Noon

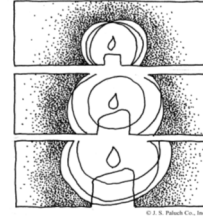
NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome new parishioners. Please complete a registration form which can be found at the back of the Church. Mail it to the office or drop it in the collection basket.



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GETTING READY

Today marks the beginning of another liturgical year. The tone of today's readings casts us in the role of students learning solemn lessons. The reading from Isaiah sets the stage, calling us up a mountain to receive the Lord's instruction. In this passage we study peace. Then Paul steps forth with sober admonitions. We have to wake up; the day is almost here. Live honorably in the light. Paul reminds us that we really do know the time in which we are living.

Finally, Matthew presents Jesus the storyteller. Just imagine, Jesus tells us, what it was like in Noah's time. He paints a vivid picture of ordinary people living ordinary lives and ignoring the warnings that Noah heeded.

Totally unconcerned, they were destroyed. How will it be any different for us? No one knows when the Lord will come. But we have been warned.

Perhaps we find such sobering scriptures unappealing and threatening. But within them there is promise. We are to live in the light with nothing to hide.

We are to be ready.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalms — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997,

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent;
World AIDS Awareness Day

Tuesday: St. Francis Xavier

Wednesday: St. John Damascene

Friday: St. Nicholas; First Friday

Saturday: St. Ambrose; First Saturday;
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;
Mt 9:35 — 10:1

Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

ST FRANCIS XAVIER

Saint Francis Xavier was born on April 7, 1506, in a castle near Sanguesa in Navarre (part of present-day Spain). With encouragement from his friend Ignatius of Loyola, Xavier devoted himself to religious service and became one of the founders of the Jesuit order.

He was a member of a noble family, and his childhood was one of privilege — however, it was disrupted by his father's death, as well as by outside efforts to take control of Navarre.

Much of his life was spent tending to missions in areas such as India and Japan. He was 46 when he died on China's Shangchuan Island on December 3, 1552.

ADVENT

Let's approach Christmas with an expectant hush, rather than a last-minute rush.

—Anonymous

TIME OF PREPARATION

This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world.

—John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury



First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2013

“You . . . must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

— *Matthew 24:44*

PARISH NEWS

"To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame".

PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

18th Street Catholic Charities
SCHOOL LUNCHBOX NEEDS

Puttting snacks, J-ello snack packs,
Peanut butter & jelly, any snack pack items,
applesauce packs, juice boxes, and snack
crackers.



PARISH CRUISE—2014

We are planning a Parish Cruise to **BERMUDA**
on Royal Caribbean's
GRANDEUR OF THE SEAS
June 6 to 13, 2014

*We will travel by bus from Wheeling to the dock in
Baltimore, Maryland and enjoy a day at sea; then **THREE**
days in Kings, Wharf, Bermuda followed by 2 days at sea
before returning to Baltimore for the ride home.*

Trip: includes motor coach to and from Baltimore
7 night cruise aboard Grandeur of the Seas

\$25.00 on board credit per cabin

\$1,350 pp inside cabin (double)

\$1,460 pp outside cabin (double)

\$1,960 pp Balcony cabin (double)

Deposit of \$250.00 due at booking

Book through: Uniglobe Travel, Wheeling
304-232-5171 or 800-825-7314

**Reservations can be made through
Uniglobe Travel, 304-232-5171.**

CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT

Advent is often called a "mini" Lent
because of the anticipatory nature of the
season. In order that we might celebrate the
holy days of Christmastide with a pure heart,
confessions will be heard on every **Tuesday**
of Advent from **7:45-8:45 a.m.** and
12:30-1:30 p.m.

Our regular Saturday confession schedule
will also be observed.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent is a season of
waiting, of stillness, or
reflection, and of
expectation. We are
preparing and waiting
for the coming of Christ.
In fact, the word "Advent"
comes from the Latin
word which translates
"coming" or "waiting" in
English. We are



preparing our hearts and minds not only to celebrate the
birth of Christ that happened over two thousand years
ago, but to keep watchful and ready for his promised
return at the end of time.

LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & ALTAR SERVERS

As 2013 is soon coming to an end, a special "thank you"
goes out to all of you who continue supporting our
weekend Masses. If any parish member is interested in
serving as a lector, Eucharistic minister or server, please
see Fr. Doug after Mass. You may also call the Parish
Office if your schedule needs changed or you wish to
volunteer more time. **THANK YOU!!!**

ST. ALPHONSUS CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/ LADIES GUILD

CHRISTMAS PARTY
Tuesday, December 10, 2013
6:00 P.M.

Perkins Restaurant
Come and join the fun!!!

In gratitude for their gifts received from God,
parishioners and visitors made this joyful return to the Lord
to help continue His work at St. Alphonsus Parish:

Collections \$3,222.50

Candles \$229.00

Philippines Typhoon Relief \$1,226.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Weekly Offering



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"People in love make signs of love," wrote our bishops in a document guiding the renewal of liturgical music. They were not merely urging us to sing at Mass, but suggesting that the song itself is a sign of the love of Christ. Love never expressed dies, as we know from experience. Flowers for no special reason, a caress, a hug, a turn around the dance floor, a note on the pillow or in the lunchbox, the aroma of fresh bread in the kitchen, all are signs of love's vitality.

A significant treasure in our Catholic tradition is the place of the sacraments as signs of Christ's love. We can trace the sacraments back to scriptural sources, through centuries of history They are woven through family tradition and our own life story. Sacraments are the way Christ makes signs of love for the Church. For twenty centuries, God has spoken to us in the arena of the sacraments, and we have responded.

For the next year of "Treasure" essays, we will explore the story of sacraments: their sources, their signs and rituals, and the way Christ nurtures and sustains us as we encounter him, the companion on our journey who loves us and faithfully makes signs of that love.

WV AUXILIARY OF THE CONGREGATION CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON DEC. 8

The annual Christmas luncheon sponsored by the West Virginia Auxiliary of the Congregation of St. Joseph will be held Sunday, December 8 from 2-4 p.m. at Wilson Lodge, Oglebay Park. The St. Michael Parish adult bell choir, under the direction of Chad Carter, will provide entertainment for the events.

Reservations are \$18 and must be made by November 30 by contacting Mark Stahl at 304-231-1813. Guests will have a choice of spiced brown sugar encrusted pork loin or roasted turkey breast. Anyone attending or who may not be able to attend are asked to consider treating a sister to lunch.

THE CONGREGATION OF ST. JOSEPH

Will be hosting Advent Evening by the Fire on Thursday, December 5, 2013, beginning at 7 p.m. at 137 Mount St. Joseph in Wheeling. The atmosphere encourages people to relax and receive the gift of the evening in which to reflect on the true meaning of the season. There is no cost for the event and is open to people of all faiths. To register, please call 304-232-8160, extensions 112 or 145.

OUR LADY OF LEBANON CHURCH WOMEN'S SOCIETY

CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY

Sunday, December 1, 2013

5:30—9:30 p.m.

Doors open at 5

Entertainment by: George Suhon

From 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$20.00 each EAT IN ONLY

Price includes: Roast Beef Tenderloin & Baked Chicken, Roasted Red Potatoes & Seasoned Green Beans, Mixed Garden Greens or Cranberry Salad, Dinner Rolls & Butter, Dessert, Coffee, & 2 coupons for choice of Pop, Beer or Wine.

(Enjoy an evening of friends, food, fun, prizes & entertainment valued at over \$40)

Catered by Ye Olde Alpha

JOIN US FOR A JOLLY GOOD TIME!

Everyone is welcome!

Door prizes valued at \$10

Call 304-233-1688

CANONIZATION FOR POPE JOHN PAUL II AND POPE JOHN XXII

Fr. Dan Pisano from St. John the Evangelist Church, will be the Spiritual Director for a **10 day Pilgrimage to Italy from April 23 to May 2, 2014** to attend the Canonization of our two beloved Popes: John Paul II and John XXII. The itinerary includes 4 nights in Rome, 1 night in San Giopvanni Rotundo, and 2 night in Assisi. Visits to Monte Sant'Angelo, Lanciano, Loreto, Cascia and Montecassino are included. Cost is \$2850 per person. Deposit is \$800 each — payment is due by January 10, 2014.

Pilgrimage includes round-trip air from most east coast and Midwest cities, Superior tourist class hotels, all fees, Escorted guides, and daily breakfast and dinners. For information contact John Tagnesi, toll free 1-888-544-4461. jtag1964@verizon.net.





Weekend Ministry Schedule (Dec 7-8)

Sunday, December 1

7:00 a.m. Clara Schroeder Viars
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday, December 2

7:00 a.m. Marjorie Costanzo

Tuesday, December 3

7:00 a.m. Ruth Miller

Wednesday, December 4

7:00 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, December 5

7:00 a.m. Donnie Little

Friday, December 6

7:00 a.m. St. Alphonsus Mass Association

Saturday, December 7

5:30 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, December 8

7:00 a.m. Judy Zelkowski
10:30 a.m. Mr/Mrs Joseph Lewandowski

Saturday, December 7

5:30 p.m.
Reader: P. Allietta
Eucharistic Ministers: L. Blazier
J. Sofka
D. Trabert

Server:

Sunday, December 8

7:00 a.m.
Reader: M. Bosold
Eucharistic Minister:
Server: C. Saad

Sunday, December 8

10:30 a.m.
Reader: R. Henry
Eucharistic Ministers: J. Sengewalt
J. Brensinger
Server: J. K-Rankin

HOMEBOUND AND CONTINUOUS CARE

Helen Bernas, Mary Bohlman,
Elizabeth Bissett, Norma Campbell,
Stella Czyzewski, Harold Ehni, Tony Hadom,
Selma Hughes, Theresa Lally,
Phyllis Oberle, Blanche Richard,
Mary Rushkevich, Elizabeth Rycerz,
Mary Stefanow, Dorothy Thalman, Betty Weckerley.



If admitted into a local hospital, please notify the Parish Office at 304-232-4353 if you or a family member is hospitalized. Because of HIPPA regulations, we can not be told that you are in the hospital.



Rosemarie Burse, Karleigh Ryan,
Mary Schlosser, Greg Swords,
Dustin Ronevich, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Rycerz,
Debbie Respole, Harry Zelkowski



Please continue to pray for our military men and women who serve us as well as their families:

Lcpl. Bandon Collins USMC
1st Lt. Mel S. Falck
Sgt. L. Joey Henry USMC
PFC Jeremy Labuda
Staff Sgt. Leonard E. Lapinsky
Sr. Airmen Jordan Lucey
Gunnery Sgt. Brian M. Pelsh USMC
Corp. Thomas McCarthy USMC

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