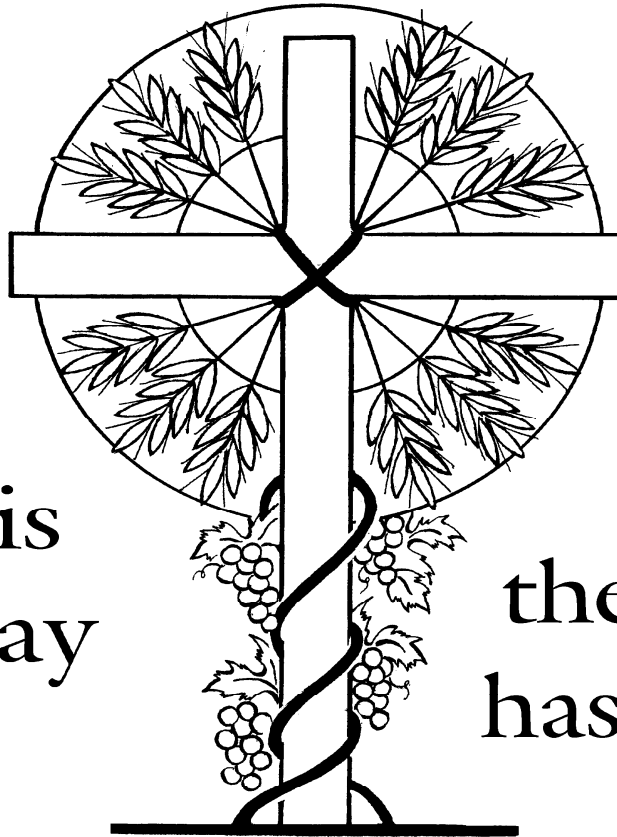


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MASS SCHEDULE

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

MONTHLY MASSES

Mass Association 1st Fri. of month 7:00 AM
Polish Mass 3rd Sunday of month 9:00 AM

NOVENAS

Miraculous Medal: Tues. after 7AM Mass
Novena to St. Jude: Fridays after 7AM Mass
Divine Mercy Chaplet: 1st Friday at 5:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:30 PM—5:00 PM or by appt.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact us 6 months before desired date.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the office for appointment.

PASTORAL STAFF

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fokruta@gmail.com
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Sister Anna Marie Cole, CSJ
Coordinator, Parish School of Religion

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President, Christian Mothers/Ladies Guild

David Alfred, Debbie Barlow,
and Caroline Lakomy *Church Organists*

Kenny Wilson *Maintenance*

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9 AM—12 NOON and 1 PM—3:00 PM
Friday 9AM—12:00 Noon

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April 8, 2012
EASTER

ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH

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PARISH NEWS, EVENTS & INFORMATION

"I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia".

WELCOME TO ALL

A very Happy and Blessed Easter is extended to all. As we celebrate this glorious event, may the risen Lord be with you and your family.

ST. ALPHONSUS GRADE SCHOOL Wheeling Catholic Consolidated School SCHOOL BRICKS

Bricks are still available. See Fr. Frank.
\$10.00 per brick/plaque.

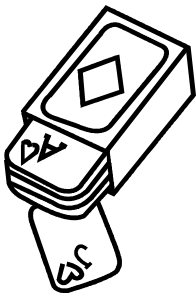
PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

18th Street Catholic Center

Items needed: raman noodles, mac & cheese, canned soups, vegetables/fruits, cereals, pasta, fruit/pudding cups, spaghetti sauce, or rice.

A special **THANK YOU** goes out to all who have made this collection so wonderful.

St. Alphonsus Christian
Mothers/Ladies Guild



ANNUAL CARD
PARTY
PARISH HALL

April 22, 2012
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Cost \$8/person

Call for reservations: 304-232-9810

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE



PASTOR
APPRECIATION
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I must extend my heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful people who volunteered at this year's Parish Fish Fry. This event is so much more than just a fundraiser for the parish, with it we reach out to our local community and serve them.

DIOCESAN MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

April 21, 2012

St. Francis de Sales

Morgantown, West Virginia

Event: 10:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

3:30 pm Mass counts for your Sunday obligation

OR

April 22, 2012

Marshall Catholic Newman Center

Huntington, West Virginia

Event: 10:00 am—6:00 p.m.

3:30 pm Mass counts for your Sunday obligation

The cost is only \$25.00 per person

RSVP by April 4th

For more information call:

Heather Bise 1-888-434-6237

During the following weekend:

St. Alphonsus parishioners
and friends contributed:

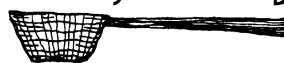
March 25th:

\$3,572.32 collections

\$126.56 candles

\$457.00 Catholic Relief Services

Weekly Offering



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY!!

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS... ETC.

MT. CALVARY CEMETERY

Please join us for Mass in the Mausoleum Chapel located at Mt. Calvary Cemetery on Friday, April 13, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. The date of this Mass has been adjusted since the first Friday of April is Good Friday.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center
125 18th Street, Wheeling

Sunday, April 15, 2012

11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Adults: \$7 Child \$3



CCHS KNIGHT AT THE RACES

Saturday, April 14, 2012, 6:00 p.m.

St. Michael's School

For tickets and horses call Rick Magruder
304-232-4606

**TICKETS INCLUDE FOOD, SODA, BEER
& DESSERTS**

50/50 RAFFLE

Horses are being sold for \$20 each. If your horse wins, you take home \$40.

CENTURY CLUB DINNER FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY OF STEUBENVILLE

LOU HOLTZ, one of college football's all-time great coaches will be the keynote speaker and receive Franciscan University's President's Award at the annual event, Saturday, April 14, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in Finnegan Fieldhouse. Tickets start at \$50/each. Contact Nancy Ross in the Alumni Office at 740-284-5210 or nross@franciscan.edu for reservations.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

For emotional and spiritual healing after abortion will be held at Blessed John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston, WV, the weekend of April 20-22, 2012. To request a brochure or for more information, please contact Tawyna Knierim at 304-905-9860, ext. 2022

DAVID HAAS & LORI TRUE IN CONCERT: AN EVENING OF UPLIFTING MUSIC

Friday, April 27, 2012 at 7:00 pm

All Saints Church, Bridgeport, WV

An interactive concert featuring songs that have given life to sung prayer of the Church in the English-speaking world for the past 30 years.

Sponsored by the
Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston and the
Catholic Sharing Appeal.

For more information call
304-232-0444, ext. 289 or e-mail
csickle@dwc.org

WHEELING CENTRAL CARD PARTY

SUNDAY, April 15, 2012

2pm—6pm

Wheeling Central Great Hall
\$6 per person includes lunch
Advance reservations a must.

Limited seating is 200.

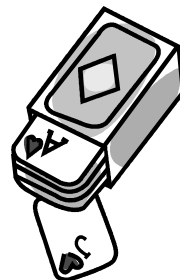
Reservations taken no later than
April 2, 2012. Payment must be
made in advance. To make a reservation
please call

Jeanie 304-277-0207

Ronna 304-233-2235

Dee 304-232-6604

PROCEEDS go to purchase a Steamer



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends:

The celebration of Easter should contain a sense of wonder and amazement for us. It not just a single event that we are celebrating but a culmination of the life of Jesus Christ, lived out here on this earth that results in our sharing in the gift of divine life of eternal salvation. It is because of our sharing in this eternal salvation that our lives are dramatically changed. Wonder and amazement should fill our lives but often they must compete for "space" in our electronic "*plugged in*" age. So, on this Easter, 2012, let us consider the following so that the wonder and amazement of Easter can be with each of us anew.

Imagine how early Mary had to get up to go to the tomb. Think of the courage it took to go in the predawn darkness. No street lights to guide her footsteps, no way of seeing lurking dangers. It was probably no safer than it is now for a women to be walking alone in the dark. She was in a graveyard, not the most comfortable place to be walking. What love and dedication his women had. How much she loved Jesus to risk doing what she did.

Two-thousand years after the event, we may be used to the idea of Jesus rising from the dead, but we are still trying to figure out the full meaning and potential of it. Like sunrise, this is not just a promise but a fact. Death is **NOT** the end. He will say our name and we will know him.

As we celebrate Easter once again this year, let us set aside all the lame excuses we use for not being more dedicated and loving in our relationships and in our work. We sometimes find ourselves complaining about the littlest things like getting up early to pray, answering another phone call, making another meal. We often forget that there is a price to be paid if we are to be disciples of the Risen Lord. If we truly have the joy and fire of Easter in our spiritual bones, we are willing to do such things and make an extra effort to have quality prayer time, graciously do what is needed as part of our ministry, and give of our precious time for the sake of loving each other.

Did you know that the Easter Season last for fifty days, from Easter Sunday through Pentecost, which falls this year on May 27th. So do not let your Easter celebrations end when you leave Mass today..... we have more than a month to pack in some serious celebrating.

Remember that like Jesus, we are heaven bound. Now that's really something to celebrate. We have lit our paschal candle and begun our feasting. Treat yourself, your family, and Jesus to some loving, joyful merriment over these next weeks.

May you all have a Happy and Blessed Easter!

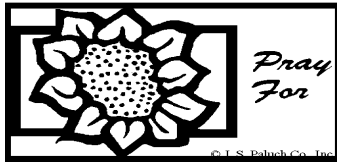
Peace,
Fr. Frank

MASS INTENTIONS

✘ DENOTES A MASS FOR THE DECEASED

<u>SUN APR 8</u>	<u>MON APR 9</u>	<u>Tue APR 10</u>	<u>WED APR 11</u>	<u>THR APR 12</u>	<u>FRI APR 13</u>	<u>SAT APR 14</u>	<u>SUN APR 15</u>	<u>SUN APR 15</u>
7:00 AM ✘ EASTER	7:00 AM ✘ Anton J. Malek	7:00 AM ✘ Stella Venskoste	7:00 AM Communion Service	7:00 AM ✘ Saad Family	7:00 AM ✘ Ed Coleman	5:30 PM People Of The Parish	7:00 AM ✘ Lois Davis	9:00 AM ✘ Mary Garvick
10:30 AM People Of the Parish	Family	Lynn & Bob Righetti		Charlie Saad	Ron & Sandy DeMuth		Family	Elizabeth Machel
								10:30 AM ✘ Stella Venskoste
								Mary & Bob Kasberg

HOMEBOUND & CONTINUOUS CARE



Helen Bernas,
Mary Bohlman,
Elizabeth Bissett,
Frank Brzozowski,

Norma Campbell, Stella Czyzewski,
Harold Ehni, Mark Fedorke, David Jasko,
Theresa Lally, Margie Markwas,
Phyllis Oberle, Dorothy Obyc,
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 member of your family is hospitalized. Because of HIPPA regulations, we may not be told that you are in the hospital.

Weekend Ministry Schedule

R = READER

EM = EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

S = SERVER

5:30 pm, Saturday, April 14

R: Mike Malek

EM: Susie Foose, LouAnn Blazier, Sr. Jeanne Vidonic

S: Josh Bischof

7:00 am, Sunday, April 15

R: Dolores Trabert

EM:

S: Charlie Saad

10:30 am, Sunday, April 15

R: Judy Brensinger

EM: Jack Sengelwalt, Bob Henry, Dick Lemery

S: Katie McGonigal

Special Request

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Please pray for:

Rosemarie Bursee, Karleigh Ryan, Mary Schlosser,
Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Rycerz, Beverly (Hill) Douglas



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

Lcpl. Brandon Collins USMC
1st Lt. Mel S. Falck
Lcpl. Marine Joey Henry
Staff Sgt. Patrick Janiszewski
PFC Jeremy Labuda
Staff Sgt. Leonard E. Lapinsky
Corp. Thomas McCarthy USMC
Capt. Rich Wolf

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