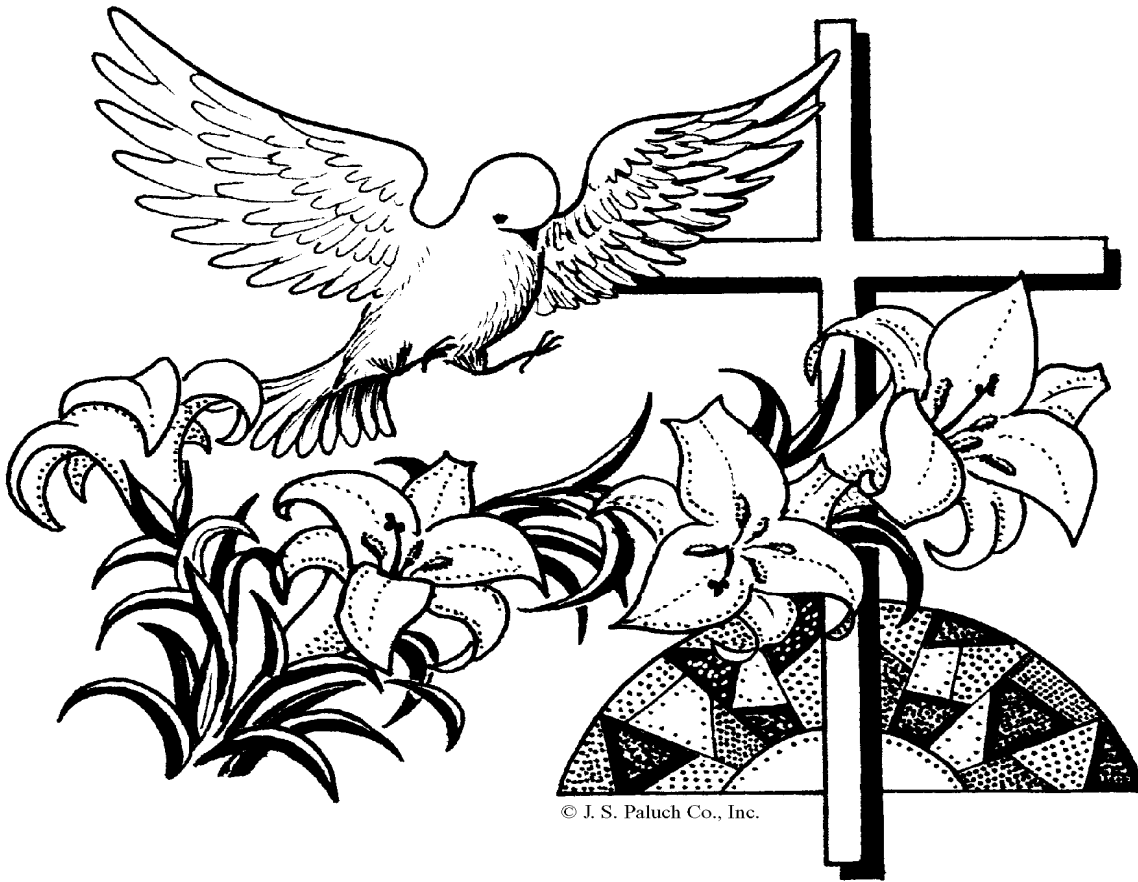


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**MASS SCHEDULE**

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 1<sup>st</sup> Fri. of month 7:00 AM  
Polish Mass 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month 9:00 AM

**NOVENAS**

Miraculous Medal: Tues. after 7AM Mass  
Novena to St. Jude: Fridays after 7AM Mass  
Divine Mercy Chaplet: 1<sup>st</sup> 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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*george\_smoulder@yahoo.com*

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*President, Christian Mothers/Ladies Guild*

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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 15, 2012**  
**2nd Sunday of Easter**

**ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH**

[www.stalswheeling.org](http://www.stalswheeling.org)

2111 Market Street, Wheeling, WV 26003-3827

# PARISH NEWS, EVENTS & INFORMATION

*"Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom."*

## ST. ALPHONSUS GRADE SCHOOL (Wheeling Catholic Consolidated School) SCHOOL BRICKS

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

## PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

18th Street Catholic Charities

Items needed: Raman Noodles, Mac & Cheese, canned soups, vegetables/fruits, cereals, pasta, fruit/pudding cups, spaghetti sauce, or rice. Also needed are paper towels, toilet paper and diapers of any size.



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## SPECIAL NOTE

The two doors at the new narthex entrance to the church building on the parking lot level can be propped open very easily. Often when leaving the church building someone has mistakenly propped either one or both doors open. When leaving, please make sure the door closes behind you. Or if you see either door propped open as you are leaving please make sure the door is closed.

This will assist us in being more fuel efficient.

**St. Alphonsus Christian Mothers/  
Ladies Guild**

**Annual Card Party**

Sunday, April 22, 2012

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Cost \$8/person—Call 304-232-9810



St. Alphonsus Parish gratefully acknowledges a donation from the estate of:

**ALICE E. EMMERTH**

## CHILDREN'S HOME FISHING TOURNAMENT

Saturday, April 28, 2012

9:00 am to 11:00 am

Oglebay Park's Schenk Lake

Children ages 5-18

Contact Megan Pearl 304-233-2367, ext. 247

The community of St. Alphonsus Parish offers its sympathy and prayers for the repose of the souls of:

**VICKI LYNN (GORAYEB) TAYLOR  
MARIANNE MUSILLI**

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace.*

## During the following Weekend:

St. Alphonsus parishioners and friends contributed:

**April 8th:**

**\$5,226.50 collections**

**\$412.50 Holy Land**

**\$432.00 Education of Seminarians**



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING  
GENEROSITY!**

# COMMUNITY EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS... ETC.

## INFANT OF PRAGUE NOVENA

Our Lady of Peace Church  
Mt. Olivet, Wheeling, WV

It will be held every Monday evening at  
7:00 p.m. beginning  
March 19, 2012 and ending May 14, 2012.  
Theme is: "Mary, our Good Mother"  
Please call the parish office at 304-242-6579  
with any questions.

## 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



## 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



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# BLOOD DRIVE

**May 4, 2012**  
**9:30 am to 3:30 pm**

3-Angels Blood Drive  
Bishop Donahue High School  
Fr. Ray Jablinske Gymnasium

First Annual  
"We Believe"  
Golf Scramble BDHS  
May 25, 2012  
Call 304-233-3850



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## 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

## KANAWHA VALLEY INTERFAITH COUNCIL'S 62<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL LUNCHEON

### *Understanding Our Neighbors, Roman Catholics*

Guest Speaker: Reverend John Finnell, Pastor  
at Blessed Sacrament Church,  
South Charleston

When: Tuesday, April 24, 2012

Where: John XXIII Pastoral Center  
100 Hodges Road, Charleston, 25314  
Registration: 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Program: 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.  
Luncheon at 12:00 Noon

Tickets are \$15.00  
All Men and Women are invited.  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE**  
**CALL: JANE ANN GRISHABER:**

**304-346-6255**

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends:

In rather a surprising way in his homily at the canonization of Sr. Faustina on April 30, 2000, Pope John Paul II declared, *"It is important that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter which from now on throughout the Church will be called: Divine Mercy Sunday."*

By the words, *"the whole message"* the Holy Father was referring to the connection between the Easter Mystery of the Redemption (the suffering, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of the Christ followed by the sending out of the Holy Spirit) and the Feast of Divine Mercy.

The connection between these two elements is evident by the Scripture Readings for this Sunday. The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles focus' on the sense of "oneness" that was felt in early Church and how the power of the Resurrection was being made manifest in the lives of all the believers. So much so that both their spiritual and physical needs were being met.

The second reading from the First Letter of St. John gives the *"theology"* behind what the early Church was experiencing at this time. This theology was of course focused on the love that exists between Christ and the Father. Now, the *"Beloved"* (members of the early Church) had deep and lasting share in this love due to the redemptive act of Christ and this love conquered the duties and responsibilities of even the Commandments themselves.

Finally the Gospel story of the doubting Thomas can also be seen in the light of this *"new theology"* this *"new faith."* For one's doubt can be turned to belief and this belief can be so strong that it can effect others. Sins can be forgiven and Christ presence can be felt through the use of this faith.

Thus, Divine Mercy Sunday carries forth the sense of forgiveness and tenderness that Christ has for all who turn to him in mercy. Through the rituals that surround this celebration of Christ's mercy we are given a clear image of Christ's redemptive nature and power. A sense of celebration and forgiveness are merged together. Those who want to celebrate this feast in its fullness are asked to go to Mass but also to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Our attitude must all be important. For we are not merely calling to the Lord to ask for his mercy with trust. We are also called to be merciful. Our deeds of mercy are important. Christ does not only reveal the mercy of God to us but at the same time He places before his people the demand that they conduct themselves in life with love and mercy.

Thus, Divine Mercy Sunday continues our celebration of the Easter event. It shows us the wideness of God's mercy and how important that mercy is to our spiritual lives. Let's take the challenge of Christ to be a *"merciful people"* to heart and search for ways to be merciful to each other.

Peace,  
Fr. Frank

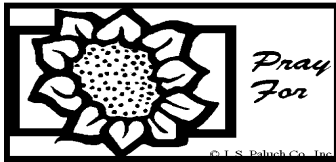
# MASS INTENTIONS

✘ DENOTES A MASS FOR THE DECEASED

<u>SUN APR 15</u>	<u>SUN APR 15</u>	<u>MON APR 16</u>	<u>TUE APR 17</u>	<u>WED APR 18</u>	<u>THR APR 19</u>	<u>FRI APR 20</u>	<u>SAT APR 21</u>	<u>SUN APR 22</u>
7:00 AM ✘ Lois Davis Family	10:30 AM ✘ Stella Venskoske	7:00 AM ✘ Teresa H. Mitchell	7:00 AM ✘ Saad Family	7:00 AM Communion Service	7:00 AM ✘ Bernice Syrylo	7:00 AM ✘ Joseph Knuth Sr.	5:30 PM ✘ Joseph Krchmarsky	7:00 AM People Of The Parish
9:00 AM ✘ Mary Garvick	Mary & Tom Kasberg	McAvoy & Buracchio Families	Charlie Saad		Susie Syrylo	Children	Children	10:30 AM ✘ Agnes Saad
Elizabeth Machel								Morgan Family

## HOMEBOUND & CONTINUOUS CARE

## Weekend Ministry Schedule



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.

R = READER

EM = EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

S = SERVER

### 5:30 pm, Saturday, April 21

R: Phyllis Holt

EM: Don Orlando, Darla Orlando, Dolores Trabert

S:

### 7:00 am, Sunday, April 22

R: Monica Bosacki

EM:

S: Charlie Saad

### 10:30 am, Sunday, April 22

R: Rose Henry

EM: Judy Brensinger, Jack Sengewalt, Dick Lemery

S: John Kestner-Rankin

## Special Request

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Rosemarie Burse, 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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