

ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH

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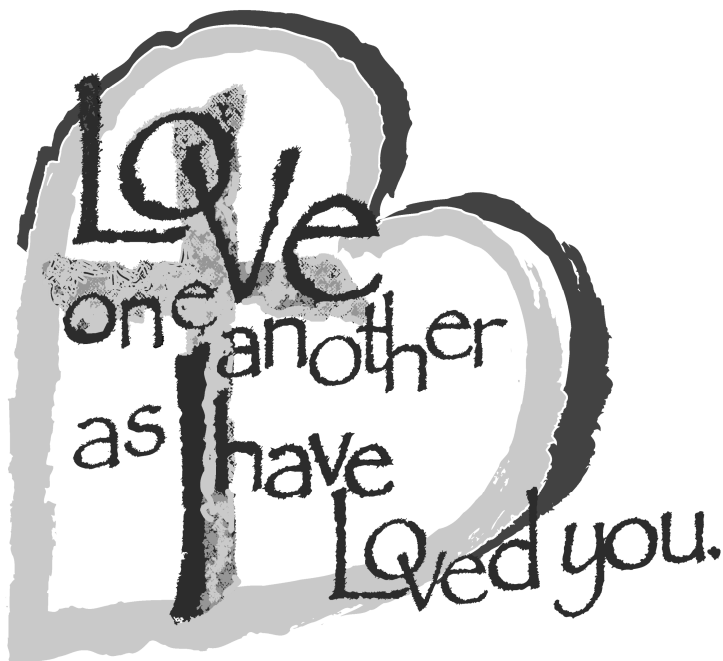
PSR Coordinator

Susie Foose

President/Christian Mothers

David Alfred, Debbie Barlow, Caroline Lakomy

Church Organists



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MASS SCHEDULE

Mon Tues Thurs Fri 7:00 AM

Wed Communion Service 7:00 AM

Saturday Virgil Mass 5:30 PM

Sunday Masses 7:00 AM & 10:30 AM

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

Parish Phone: 304-232-4353

Parish Fax: 304-232-1993

MAY 13, 2012
6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Parish E-Mail Address/Web:

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www:stalswheeling.org

PARISH NEWS, EVENTS & INFORMATION

“Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.”.

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

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

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!

*God is the Giver of all life,
human and divine.*

*May he bless all Mothers on
this very special day!!*



IMPORTANT NOTICE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

This year the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord occurs on Thursday, May 17, 2012. We will celebrate this feast on Sunday, May 20, 2012.

PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

18th Street Catholic Charities



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Items needed: Raman Noodles, Mac & Cheese, canned soups, vegetables/fruits, cereals, pasta, fruit/pudding cups,

spaghetti sauce, rice and diapers of any size.

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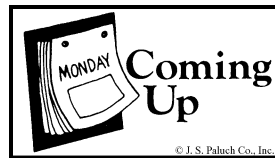
Gratefully acknowledges a Memorial Contribution in the name of Betty Knuth.

MONTHLY POLISH MASS

The May and June monthly Polish Masses will **NOT** be celebrated at St. Alphonsus Church. A Polish Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of Grace/Polish War Memorial in South Wheeling to honor all our veterans on Memorial Day, May 28, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

All are cordially invited to attend this very special Mass.

ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH MASS INTENTION BOOK 2013



The 2013 Mass Intention Calendar is now open. **ALL** Masses are scheduled on a first come, first served basis. Please contact the Parish Office during regular business hours.

ST. ALPHONSUS MASS ASSOCIATION 2012-2013

The new St. Alphonsus Mass Association “year” begins on June 1, 2012 (first Friday). To register your loved ones for this monthly Mass fill out the form and return it by May 20, 2012.

St. Alphonsus parishioners and friends contributed:

\$3,301.70 collections
\$1,063.65 church utilities
\$219.75 candles

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



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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.

GOLF SCRAMBLE BISHOP DONAHUE HIGH SCHOOL



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

50/50 Raffle and themed baskets offered.

IMPORTANT DATES/EVENTS

Everyone is invited to St. Joseph Cathedral for
the following very special events:

Diaconate Ordination
Saturday, May 19, 2012
St. Joseph Cathedral
11:00am

Priesthood Ordinations
Saturday, June 23, 2012
St. Joseph Cathedral
11:00am

Ordination

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"I KNOW MOTHERS"

A teacher asked her class a question about fractions. "If your mother baked a pie for 7 people, for you 5 children and your parents, what fraction of the pie would you get?"

"A sixth," said a young boy. "But there are seven of you!" said the teacher. "Don't you know anything about fractions?"

"Yes" came the replay. "I know about fractions, but I know about mothers too. My mother would say she didn't want any pie."

ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER MAY RETREAT—MOUNT ST. JOSEPH

World Labyrinth Day

Come and walk the ancient pathway of peace. The morning will include a short history of the labyrinth, walking the labyrinth, and sharing a light snack.

Sister Mary Clark, CSJ, will facilitate the program on:

Saturday, May 12, 2012,
10:00 am until Noon.

A free will donation will be accepted.

Call Sister Mary Clark at
304-232-8160, Ext. 145
to reserve your spot.

ST. JUDE PARISH WOMEN'S GUILD

Invites you to participate and attend its Annual Spring Indoor Yard Sale/Flea Market, May 19th in the parish hall. Call the parish office to reserve your table at 304-845-2646. Tables are \$10 each. The event will run from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Doors will open at 7:00 a.m. for those selling their treasures. Limited space available.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends:

Once more the second Sunday of May signals the celebration of **Mothers Day** which is a celebration honoring mothers and celebrating motherhood, maternal bonds and the influence of mothers in society. It is celebrated on various days throughout the world but most have strong ties to the United States traditions and ways which we celebrate and honor mothers.

The first attempts to establish a “*Mothers Day*” in the United States were mostly marked by women’s peace groups. A common early activity was the meeting of groups of mothers whose sons had fought or died on opposite sides of the American Civil War. There were several limited observances in the 1870s and the 1880s but none achieved any status beyond the local level.

In 1868, Ann Jarvis created a committee to establish a “*Mothers Friendship Day*” whose purpose was “to reunite families that had been divided during the Civil War” and she wanted to expand into an annual memorial for mothers but she died in 1905 before the celebration became popular. Her daughter Anna Jarvis would continue her mother’s efforts.

As we all know, Mothers Day in its present form was established by Anna Marie Jarvis of West Virginia with the help of Philadelphia merchant John Wanamaker. A small service was held on May 12, 1907 in the Andrew’s Memorial Methodist Church in Grafton, W V. Jarvis campaigned to make it a National holiday and then an international holiday. West Virginia declared it an official holiday in 1910. On May 9, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation declaring the first Mothers Day. In 1934, President Franklin Roosevelt approved a stamp to commemorate the holiday. In 2008, the U.S. House of Representatives voted in a resolution commemorating Mothers Day.

DID YOU KNOW???

-The commercialization of Mother’s Day began very early and quickly became so rampant that Anna Jarvis herself became a major opponent of what the holiday had become and spent her inheritance and the rest of her life fighting what she saw as an abuse of the celebration.

However Mothers Day is now one of the most commercially successful U.S. holidays:

It is the most popular day of the year to dine out at a restaurant.

More long distance phone calls are made on Mothers Day than any other day of the year. We spend \$2.6 billion on flowers, \$1.53 billion on gifts, and \$68 million on greeting cards for Mothers Day.

One bright spot church attendance on Mother Day is the highest for any given Sunday between Easter and Christmas. What better “*gift*” to give than the gift of prayer.

So, once more, I wish to extend to all Mothers.....***a very Happy and Blessed Mothers Day!!***

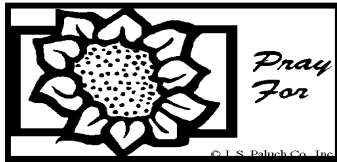
Peace, Fr. Frank

MASS INTENTIONS

✘ DENOTES A MASS FOR THE DECEASED

<u>SUN MAY 13</u> 7:00 AM	<u>SUN May13</u> 10:30 AM	<u>MON MAY14</u> 7:00 AM	<u>TUE MAY 15</u> 7:00 AM	<u>WED MAY 16</u> 7:00 AM	<u>THR MAY 17</u> 7:00 AM	<u>FRI MAY 18</u> 7:00 AM	<u>SAT MAY 19</u> 5:30 PM	<u>SUN MAY 20</u> 7:00 AM
People of the Parish	All Mothers	✘ Jeanie Splenda	✘ Vicki Taylor	Communion Service	✘ Vicki Taylor	✘ Saad Family	✘ Jeanie Splenda	✘ Vicki Taylor
		Eileen & Edward Duffy	Dolores Palotay		Joe Krchmarsky	Charlie Saad	Eileen & Edward Duffy	Charles Krchmarsky
								10:30 AM People of The Parish

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, May 19

R: Brittany Miller

EM: Sr. Jeanne Vidonic, Don Orlando, Darla Orlando

S: Josh Bischof

7:00 am, Sunday, May 20

R: Dolores Trabert

EM:

S: Charlie Saad

10:30 am, Sunday, May 20

R: Judy Brensinger

EM: Bob Henry, Rose Henry, Dick Lemery

S: Katie McGonigal

Special Request

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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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ATTN: FR. O'KRUTA OR JOYCE FIORILLI

MESSAGES: