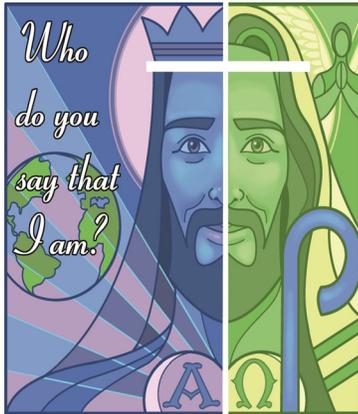


St. Alphonsus Church

2111 Market Street, Wheeling, WV 26003-3827

June 23, 2013

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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	7:00 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 NEWS, EVENTS & INFORMATION

"The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage and govern them for ever!"

PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

18th Street Catholic Charities
 Needed: Raman noodles, Mac/cheese, canned soups, vegetables/fruits, cereals, pasta, fruit/pudding cups, spaghetti sauce, rice, any size diapers, toilet paper and paper towels.



UPCOMING PARISH EVENT

The monthly Polish Mass that is normally celebrated on the third Sunday of each month is being cancelled for the month of June for the following events:

POLISH HERITAGE DAY MASS

At Our Lady of Grace Grotto/Polish War Memorial
Sunday, June 23, 2013—12:30 p.m.

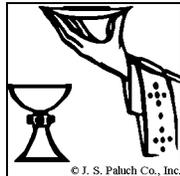
All are invited to this Mass and celebration!
Mass will be celebrated at St. Alphonus Church in the event of inclement weather!

ST. ALPHONSUS MASS ASSOCIATION 2013-14

The new St. Alphonus Mass Association "year" begins on July 1, 2013 (first Friday of each month).

To register your loved one(s) for this monthly Mass, please fill out the enrollment form and return it by **TODAY**.

Forms can be found on tables at the church exits.

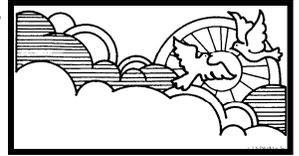


READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
- Tue: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14
- Wed: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mt 7:15-20
- Thu: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 [6b-12, 15-16]; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 7:21-29
- Fri: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 8:1-4
- Sat: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
- Sun: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

We pray that we may walk the way of Christ together with Christ, taking up our cross today.

We pray to understand what it means to "put on Christ" and to live "in Christ," and to have that faith that allows us to know God as a loving, gracious God.



UNITED IN MARRIAGE

Amanda Lemery and Robert Skvarka

June 22, 2013



May the God of love and peace abide in you, guide your steps and confirm your hearts in love, now and forever.

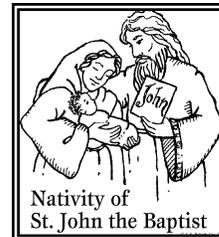
Amen

EXPERIENCE

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it. —Anonymous

CONFIDENCE

Confidence comes not from always being right but not fearing to be wrong. —Anonymous



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. Alphonus Parish:

Collections \$3,283.10
Candles \$177.00
Church Utilities \$951.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



COMMUNITY EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS... ETC.

Director of Music and Organist needed to plan co-ordinate the music ministry of a 600 family parish with a strong 10 person choir in Follansbee, WV. Part-time position, approximately 20 hours per week, at 3-4 Masses a weekend and Wednesday evening Adult Choir rehearsal, Holy Days, special liturgical parish celebrations (i.e., first communion, confirmation).

The parish uses the Music Issue by OPC. Presumed familiarity with traditional and contemporary sacred music and an understanding of GIRM with good interpersonal skills for directing cantors and leading choirs. Salary is within NPM guidelines and is dependent upon availability and experience. Funerals and weddings are extra stipends. **Position available July 6.** Email Msgr. Paul Hudock at stanthonychurch@comcast.net <<mailto:stanthonychurch@comcast.net>> with questions and to submit cover letter and resume or CV.

OUR LADY OF LEBANON CHURCH

2216 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV

Spaghetti Dinner
(eat in or take out)

Sunday, June 23

from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Adults: \$8;

Children \$5 (under 12 only)

Menu: Italian-style spaghetti with meatballs or marinara

sauce, tossed salad, Italian bread, dessert and beverage.

Features: Bake Sale, Door Prizes, 50/50 Raffle & Gift Basket Raffle. For more information, please call 304-233-1688.

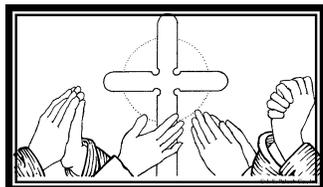


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ST. MARY'S INFANT OF PRAGUE SOCIETY

20 North Fourth Street
Martins Ferry, Ohio

Will begin the **22nd ANNUAL NOVENA** to the Infant Jesus of Prague with benediction, beginning **July 1st through August 26th, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.** for nine (9) consecutive Mondays. For more information, please contact Paul or Shirley Moczek at 740-633-3284 or email Shirleymoczek@sbeglobal.net



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 23, 2013

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

— *Galatians 3:28*

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Processions are life's journey distilled. We move with companions, aware that Christ accompanies us, as we move to the altar for Communion or to the font for baptism, or carry a loved one to a place of rest. In Europe, the season of pilgrimage is beginning now, and tens of thousands of people are moving by foot on well-worn paths. Some take as long as six weeks to walk the last few hundred miles of the medieval pilgrimage route to the Shrine of St. James the Apostle in Compostella, in northern Spain.

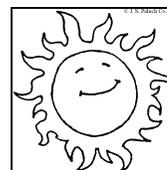
Those who make the journey by foot, hiking, or by bicycle, have a kind of passport stamped at villages and monasteries on the road. When they present this document at the cathedral, they are given the emblem of a pilgrim, the scallop shell of St. James. High over their heads at Mass, a huge *botafumero* twirls clouds of sweet incense through the cathedral. Cynics say it is to mask the odor of smelly feet. The pilgrims know better. Seeing through the clouds the happy faces of those they met along the road, they recognize a foretaste of the welcome into heaven, and the joy of meeting loved ones in the Kingdom of God.

NOTRE DAME CLUB

The Notre Dame Club of Greensburg/Uniontown announces its Universal Notre Dame Night Dinner **Tuesday June 25, 2013** Pleasant Valley Country Club, 440 Pleasant Valley Road, Connellsville.

6:00 pm hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar 7:00 pm Dinner: salad bar, carved roast beef and crab stuffed cod, red potatoes, baked rigatoni, green beans, and dessert station. Dr. Thomas F. X. Noble, Professor of History at ND, will be the featured speaker on "The State of the University," followed by questions and answers. Cost: \$30; \$20 for students and 2013 ND grads.

Reserve your seat now by mailing your check payable to the ND Club of Greensburg/Uniontown to: Chris DeDiana, 1147 Lauralynn Drive, Latrobe PA 15650, or call 724-32--0422 for additional information.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

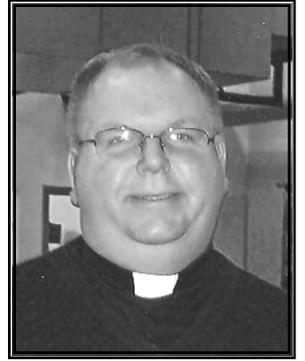
Dear Friends:

A VERY SPECIAL BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Proud Parents Zachariah and Elizabeth
of
100 Hill Country Road
Are excited to announce the birth of their first born son

JOHN

To friends and neighbors.



This Monday, June 24, 2013 we join in the celebration of the whole Church in welcoming this very special baby boy....known to us all as John the Baptist. As we know also John was the first cousin of Jesus and became the "human bridge" that spanned the gap of the Old and New Testaments. Jesus called John the greatest of all those who had preceded him: *"History has not known a man born of woman greater than John the Baptizer."* Yet John would have agreed completely with what Jesus added. *"Yet the least born into the kingdom of God is greater than he."*

After John grew up he went off to the desert to live. He became a man of the desert and lived out the rest of his days there. He began to announce the coming of the Kingdom of God and to call everyone who would listen to have fundamental change in their lives by renouncing their sinful ways and accepting baptism of repentance as a sign of turning away from their sins.

His purpose was to prepare the way for Jesus. His baptism was for the repentance of an old way of life.... he knew this. Yet, he also knew and believed that One person, who was Jesus, would come and baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. John spoke of the fact that he was not even worthy to carry his sandals. His attitude towards Jesus was, *"He must increase, and I must decrease."* (Jn 3:30)

He was extremely humbled one day to find, among the crowd of sinners who had come down to the Jordan River to be baptized the one whom he already knew to be the Messiah. *"You are the one who should baptize me!"* But Jesus insisted, *"Give in for now. We must do this if we are to fulfill all of God's commands."* Jesus, true and humble man as well as eternal God, was eager to do what was required of any good Jew of his time. John was proclaiming the coming of the Kingdom of God. Jesus, with this baptism, enters into the community of those who are awaiting the Messiah. By making himself part of that community, he makes it truly messianic in purpose and nature.

The greatness of John the Baptist and his pivotal place in the history of salvation is seen in the great emphasis Luke gives to the annunciation of his birth and even the event itself. Luke draws a wonderful parallel to the same occurrences in the early life of Jesus. Thus, he strengthens the link between the two of them. John attracted countless people (all of Judea) to the banks of the river Jordan and it even occurred to some of these people that he might be the Messiah. Yet, he constantly defers to Jesus even to the point of sending some of his own followers to him and they become Jesus' first disciples. (John was in prison at the time.) When these followers ask if Jesus is the Messiah..... his answer shows them and all of us that the Messiah was to be a figure like that of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah the prophet's writings. John himself would share in the pattern of messianic suffering by losing his own life to the revenge of Herodius.

As we once more celebrate John the Baptist's birth we are vividly reminded of the primary way that he challenged the people of his day and us as modern Christians in our fundamental attitude about our Christianity and that is our total and complete dependence of God the Father in Christ. A Christ who through his life and ministry to the people of his time ushers in a new age.... a new viewpoint... a new focus which is Christ-based. John knows Christ and knows his role within the beginnings of this new kingdom. He knows how he is the spark but a spark that lights the whole room to see who is before him. Christ... the promised one.. the Messiah.

So great is this message of John the Baptist and so complete is his call to repentance that our faith tells us that this something that is true for all ages. It is always true because of the fact that by the repentance of our sins we first enter into the kingdom of God. John not a figure that we can forget now that Jesus, our true light, has conquered sin and death but John is always relevant because his repentance is a repentance that all of us need to make in order to follow Christ and be Christians.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOHN THE BAPTIST... we need your words ... we need to be called again to repentance.

Peace, Fr. Frank





Weekend Ministry Schedule (June 29/30)

Sunday, June 23

7:00 a.m. Mary Goeddel
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday, June 24

7:00 a.m. Mildred Vidonic

Tuesday, June 25

7:00 a.m. Members of Saad Family

Wednesday, June 26 *Communion Service*

Thursday, June 27 John Hetzel
7:00 a.m.

Friday, June 28 Robert Wheeler
7:00 a.m.

Saturday, June 29 People of the Parish
5:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 30

7:00 a.m. Mary Goeddel
10:30 a.m. Mildred Vidonic

Saturday, June 29

5:30 p.m.
Reader: M. Malek
Eucharistic Ministers: D. Trabert
H. Christman
Sr. J. Vidonic
Server: J. Bischof

Sunday, June 30

7:00 a.m.
Reader: P. Holt
Eucharistic Minister:
Server: C. Saad

Sunday, June 30

10:30 a.m.
Reader: D. Evans
Eucharistic Ministers: D. Lemery
J. Sengewalt
B. Henry
Server: K. McGonigal

HOMEBOUND AND CONTINUOUS CARE

Helen Bernas, Mary Bohlman,
Elizabeth Bissett, Norma Campbell,
Stella Czyzewski, Harold Ehni,
Mark Fedorke, David Jasko,
Theresa Lally, Phyllis Oberle,
Mary Raske, 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,
Thelma Pearson, 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
Staff Sgt. Patrick Janiszewski
PFC Jeremy Labuda
Staff Sgt. Leonard E. Lapinsky
Sr. Airmen Jordan Lucey
Corp. Thomas McCarthy USMC

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