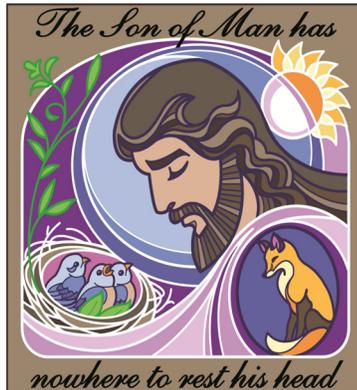


# St. Alphonsus Church

2111 Market Street, Wheeling, WV 26003-3827

June 30, 2013

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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## Pastoral Staff

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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

*"All you peoples, clap your hands. Cry out to God with shouts of joy!"*

## **HAPPY 4TH OF JULY TO EVERYONE!!**

As we once more celebrate our nation's independence with picnic, cookouts, fireworks, and much more let us not forget to pray for our nation and its leaders and ask God to bless it.

**All are invited to join us for a special Mass on July 4, 2013, 9 a.m.**

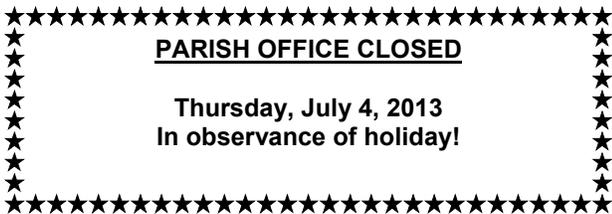
### **PARISH FOOD COLLECTION**

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.



### **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

**Thursday, July 4, 2013  
 In observance of holiday!**



Lord, we ask you for the freedom that truly frees us to love as you love, to have the mind that was in Christ Jesus, and to allow us to empty ourselves so you can fill us. Make us fit for the work of the kingdom through the gift of your spirit.

### **Thursday, The Fourth of July 2013**

On this day in 1776, the **Declaration of Independence** was approved by the Continental Congress, setting the 13 colonies on the road to freedom as a sovereign nation. As always, this most American of holidays will be marked by parades, fireworks and backyard barbecues across the country.



### **VIRTUE**

It is certainly true that a popular government cannot flourish without virtue in the people.  
 —Richard Henry Lee

"It's not what you take when you leave this world behind you, it's what you leave behind you when you go."

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Mon: Gn 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-4, 8-11; Mt 8:18-22
- Tue: Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27
- Wed: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29
- Thur: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8; or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For Public Needs," nos. 882-889, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891
- Fri: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13
- Sat: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17
- Sun: Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 [10:1-9]

### **THE PRICE OF FREEDOM**

Today's readings promise that if we could escape from the shackles of our attachments we would be happier, freer, more peaceful. Luke's Gospel begins, "When the days for Jesus' being taken up were fulfilled, he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem." Aware of the opposition and danger awaiting him, Jesus went forward.

Naturally, brave people volunteered to join him. But Jesus cautioned them. Could they give up their attachments to home and possessions, friends and family, conventional responsibilities? A tough challenge, but not unprecedented. Centuries before, Elijah had criticized Elisha for wanting time just to kiss his parents good-bye before following Elijah.

Just where would such a path take Elisha? Or Jesus' followers? Or us? Paul tells us, "For freedom Christ set us free; so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery." The outcome is freedom, but if the requirements don't give us pause, then maybe we're not paying close enough attention.

### **FANTASY**

If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be.  
 —Thomas Jefferson

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 \$3,024.00  
 Candles \$176.55**

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!***



# COMMUNITY EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS... ETC.

## **PROJECT: LIFE AND LIBERTY POSTCARD CAMPAIGN**

At their annual meeting in November 2012, the US bishops moved forward a plan to launch a nationwide postcard campaign led by the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities and the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Liberty. The last postcard campaign in 2009 generated tens of millions of postcards to Congress and yielded great results. Prompted by the Church's pro-life and religious freedom concerns, the upcoming campaign will call on Congress to prevent federal funding and promotion of abortion and to protect rights of conscience in health care.

For more information go to the USCCB website and search for "Project Life and Liberty: Postcard Campaign".

To order "Project Life and Liberty" postcards and flyers for your parish or organization, visit [www.nchla.org](http://www.nchla.org)

## **UNIVERSITY ENGLISH PROFESSOR TO HOLD LOCAL BOOK SIGNINGS**

***Dr. Mary Ann Sunyoger Reflects on Lessons Learned from Her Students.*** Sunyoger, a professor of English at Franciscan University of Steubenville, will hold pre-release book sales and signings in the local area for this book, which captures and recounts her teaching experiences with vitality and warmth.

The book encounters a diverse assortment of both high school and college students, from the silently struggling student to the joyfully humble student, from the student who plagiarized to the student who protected Sunyoger in a frightening time of need.

The scheduled book signings are as follows:

**Wednesday, August 6**, at 1 p.m. at the Steubenville Main Library in Steubenville

**Wednesday, August 6**, at 6:00 p.m., in the meeting room of Schiappa Library in Steubenville

To pre-order, please visit <http://www.tatepublishing.com/bookstore/book.php?w=9781625104298>. For signed copies only, please contact Dr. Mary Ann Sunyoger at [msunyoger@franciscan.edu](mailto:msunyoger@franciscan.edu).



**Have a safe holiday!**

## **POLISH FEST**

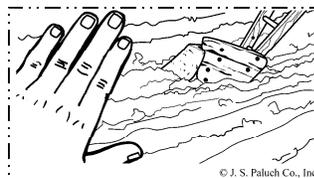
Sacred Heart of Mary Church in Weirton will celebrate their annual **Polish Fest on Sunday, June 30**. The festivities will be held at the Serbian Picnic Grounds in Weirton from 12 Noon until 8 PM, providing music, dancing, games, food, and fun for everyone!

The event will begin with a 12 Noon Polka Mass as the parish "welcomes home" Monsignor Joseph Peterson, who will celebrate the Mass. Music for the Mass will be provided by Tom Zielinsky on his accordion. He will also provide musical entertainment from 1-5 PM. Traditional Polish cuisine including cabbage rolls, haluski, kielbasa, and pierogi will be served after 1 PM. Roast beef, hot dogs, and baked goods will also be available. From 5-8 PM, the Charlie Tansek Band will provide the musical entertainment.

Raffle tickets are available for \$10.00 each, with prizes of \$2,000.00, \$1,000.00, and \$500.00, and can be purchased at the church office. The winning tickets will be drawn just prior to the close of the Polish Fest at 8 PM. The festival is open to the public. Admission is \$2.00 per person, or \$3.00 per car. For more information, call the parish office at **(304)723-7175**.

## **TODAY'S FOCUS: KINGDOM FITNESS**

Different circumstances call for different forms of fitness. Television offers viewers a variety of competitive programs demanding particular skills: singing, dancing, cooking, traveling quickly to a particular destination, or simply being the last survivor. Being a disciple of Jesus Christ also calls for a certain kind of fitness.



**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
June 30, 2013**

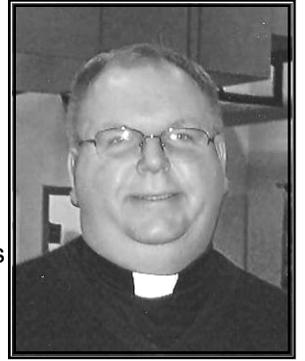
"No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."

— Luke 9:62

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends:

You know that summer has started when we celebrate Memorial Day and mark our graves with fresh flowers for the summer season and see our flag at half mast to honor all those service men and women who gave their lives to protect and guard the freedom we enjoy each day. Now, as the days have grown long and the summer sun is high in the sky we gather together in groups large and small for cook outs, picnics and firework filled skies to celebrate our country's independence. Yes, summer is doing her best and quickly passing by us. This Thursday, we will have another 4th of July to celebrate and remember. As our red, white, and blue spirit soars high and our patriotic spirit beats strong once more in our hearts, I offer this reflection on respect and our national flag...



### PATRIOTIC RESPECT

*When you see the stars and stripes displayed this July 4th stand up and take off your hat. Sadly, it seems to be in the blood of some to forgo to even deny any expression of noble sentiment towards such a noble flag as ours. It is funny, that you can curse and blaspheme on any street corner in city large and small. You can ever stagger drunk in public places and the passers by will not pay any attention to you. Yet, if you get down on your knees or even bow your head in prayer to the Almighty God or stand bare-headed while a company of old soldiers are passing by with flags, some people will think you are showing off.*

*For of all the natural signs and symbols since the world began, there is none other so full of meaning as the flag of our country. That piece of red, white, and blue bunting means years of struggle upward. It is the full grown flower of years of fighting for liberty. It is the sign and symbol of human hope in bloom.*

*Our flag stands for humanity, for an equal opportunity for all. Of course we have not arrived at that goal as of yet. There are many injustices yet among us. Many senseless and cruel customs of the past that cling to us but the one hope of righting all wrongs lies in the feelings in heart that erupt each time we see our flag.*

*Other flags mean a glorious past.... this flag a glorious future. It is not so much the flag of our fathers as it is the flag of our children and children's children yet unborn. It is the flag of tomorrow. It is the sign of good times that are coming. It is not the flag of our king. It is the flag of yourself and all our neighbors.*

*Do not be ashamed when your throat chokes up and the tears come, as you see it flying from the masts of ships or floating on flagstaffs of buildings both great and small. You will not have another nobler human emotion.*



*So, stand up....remove your hat...for our flag is passing by...*

### Breaking News about the front façade and tower of St. Alphonsus Church building...

As our state turns 150 years old, so our current church building here at St. Alphonsus turns 128 years old and with all old buildings comes more major maintenance problems. Through the generosity of the Bishop and the diocese we fixed many of the very major problems we had with the back and sides of the church building just two years ago when we finished up our major construction project. Now our attention has turned to the front of the church building. Recently, Angelina Stone and Marble conducted extensive testing of the bricks, mortar, and sandstone banding on the front of the church. They discovered in many places the mortar between the bricks is missing. In other places it has turned to sand and the bricks deteriorated. Much of the sandstone banding has been patched or is deteriorating.

Most of these problems are in the tower section above the roof line of the church. A very detailed study has been done and several pictures have been taken. Mr. John Reardon and Mr. Ken Staley from the diocesan Office of Buildings and Properties have done an on site inspection of the problem areas. Mr. Reardon has taken all the inspection information and will present it to the Bishop for his decision on what is to be done.

At this point we now know the extent of the problem and will await a decision by the Bishop. When new developments come to light, I will strive to keep everyone informed. I ask for your prayers that we receive a decision soon.

Peace, Fr. Frank



Weekend Ministry Schedule (July 6/7)

**Sunday, June 30**

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

**Monday, July 1**

7:00 a.m. Irene Noll

**Tuesday, July 2**

7:00 a.m. Mary Goeddel

**Wednesday, July 3**

7:00 a.m. Communion Service

**Thursday, July 4**

9:00 a.m. **OUR COUNTRY**

**Friday, July 5**

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

**Saturday, July 6**

5:30 p.m. People of the Parish

**Sunday, July 7**

7:00 a.m. Mildred Vidonic  
10:30 a.m. Marjorie Costanzo

**Saturday, July 6**

5:30 p.m.  
Reader: P. Allietta  
Eucharistic Ministers: D. Trabert,  
H. Christman,  
Sr. J. Vidonic  
Server: J. Bischof

**Sunday, July 7**

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

**Sunday, July 7**

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,  
Selma Hughes, 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**  
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