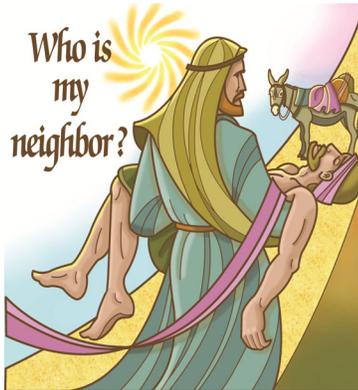


# St. Alphonsus Church

2111 Market Street, Wheeling, WV 26003-3827

July 14, 2013

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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## Pastoral Staff

**Rev. Frank A. O'Kruta** (fokruta@gmail.com) Pastor  
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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 sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for her young by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house forever singing your praise."*

## 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.



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34 — 11:1  
Tue: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24  
Wed: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27  
Thur: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9; 24-27; Mt 11:28-30  
Fri: Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8  
Sat: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Mt 12:14-21  
Sun: Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sun: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Mon: St. Bonaventure  
Tue: Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Thur: St. Camillus de Lellis  
Sat: St. Apollinaris; Blessed Virgin Mary

For your information and dissemination:

*"The common outcry on behalf of human rights is false and illusory if the right to life is not defended with maximum determination."* [Blessed John Paul II]

*"Through moral conscience God speaks to each of us, inviting us to defend human life at all times. . ."* [Pope Benedict XVI]

*"Defend the unborn against abortion even if they PERSECUTE YOU; CALUMNIATE YOU; SET TRAPS FOR YOU; TAKE YOU TO COURT; OR KILL YOU."* [Pope Francis]

**PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN** - Heavenly Father, You created us in Your own image, and You desire that not even the least among us should perish. In Your love for us, You entrusted Your only Son to the Holy Virgin Mary. Now in Your love, protect against the wickedness of the devil, those little ones to whom You have given the gift of life. I ask that you help Another Way Pregnancy Center reach those considering abortion, and by Your Grace, changing their hearts and protect the unborn.

## LIVING GOD'S COMMANDS

The first reading forms part of Moses' farewell discourse, a call to the people to return to God. It is not a legalistic summons; rather, it is an appeal to heart and soul. It outlines a command that is not impossible to follow, or too difficult to undertake, or too expensive. Look into your hearts, says Moses; there you will find what to do.

Paul sees Jesus Christ as the image of God, the agent of creation and preservation. We sense, in his words, things profound: "dominions or principalities or powers." But in the midst of that, Paul keeps his attention on Jesus Christ, head of the church. It is in Christ that we find fullness and reconciliation—in the blood of the cross.

Luke's Gospel illustrates the double commandment of love with the story of the Good Samaritan. The story is a radical one, for it comes to focus on the question of who my "neighbor" is. That neighbor is not identified with any group, but rather by the scope of our compassion.

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

**ANNA M. GRAUL**

**EDWARD J. FLORJANCZYK**

May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, continue their journey to new life in the presence of God in the heavenly kingdom.

## HAPPINESS

Since happiness is nothing else but the enjoyment of the Supreme good, and the Supreme good is above us, no one can be happy who does not rise above oneself.

—St. Bonaventurè

## LOVE AND TRUST

Little love; little trust.

—English proverb

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 \$2,281.00  
Candles \$159.50  
Communications \$439.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**



# COMMUNITY EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS... ETC.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On a summer day, with the windows open, we may hear the sound of church bells. Bells seem to have come into church life in Irish monasteries around the seventh century, and spread around the Christian world by Irish monks on missionary journeys. By the eighth century, bells were standard equipment in even small parish churches. An ancient ceremony, once called the "baptism of the bells," recognizes that the church bell has a voice to call people to awareness and summon them to worship, and even bestows a name on the bell.

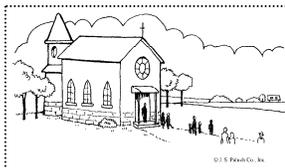
In a world without clocks or watches, the bell had an indispensable role. For calling monks in from the fields for prayer, or alerting far-flung visitors, the bell's voice was enhanced by hoisting it high into a tower. Soon it was learned that the sound of several bells clanging together in harmony imparted a sense of joy to great celebrations, and bell towers prospered, some chock full of bells. Different combinations of rings could indicate a death, a Mass, a wedding, a fast day, the curfew at the end of day, and the Angelus. Before electricity, bell-ringing was hard work indeed: the biggest bell in the Catholic world, in Cologne, Germany, weighs twenty-seven tons! There's no substitute for the resonant roar of a mighty bell; electric chimes are not eligible for blessing!

## ST. MARY CHURCH—SHADYSIDE, OHIO OHIO ANNUAL FESTIVAL

**July 13 & 14**  
after Masses  
5:30 p.m.—10:00 p.m.  
Noon—7:30 p.m.

Saturday features homemade Italian sausage, Sunday open pit barbeque chicken dinners, games, good music, and fun activities both days. Friday, July 12th Fish Fry only from 12 to 6:00 p.m.

**PLEASE COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN!**



**Fifteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
July 14, 2013**

Christ Jesus . . . is the head of the  
body, the church.

— *Colossians 1:15, 18*

## WHEELING CENTRAL 2013 CHEER CAMP

**August 12 & 13th 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

St. Michael Angelus Center  
Grades K-8

*\$45 for those who pre-register by August 1st*

*\$55 to register at door*

*For more information, contact*

*Sara Spangler at 304-281-9603*

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STEAK FRY

The Wheeling Knights of Columbus Councils (OLP, Corpus Christi, #504) are holding a steak fry to benefit the **CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER.**

**FRIDAY AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2013, AT  
SONNEBORN SHELTER, WHEELING PARK**

**\$25 per person/\$50 per couple**

For tickets, please inquire at your local Knights' Council or the CCNC office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact PJ Reindel or Pam Campbell at (304) 232-7157.

## WOMENS RETREAT

**Where:** Wheeling Jesuit University

**When:** July 26, 27, & 28

**Cost:** \$125.00 for overnighters

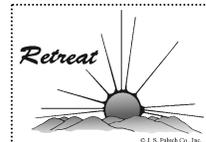
\$75.00 for commuters

\$25.00 deposit required when registering by July 12  
for more information call:

Nedra Ackermann-304-242-0111

Pat Wagner-304-242-3273 or

Janet Birch-304-233-2638



## LAYMEN'S RETREAT LEAGUE OF THE DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON

**Where:** Wheeling Jesuit University

**When:** August 2, 3, & 4

**Cost:** \$130.00 for overnighters

\$80.00 for commuters

\$25.00 deposit required when registering by July 12  
for more information call:

Maurice Ackermann- 304-242-0114

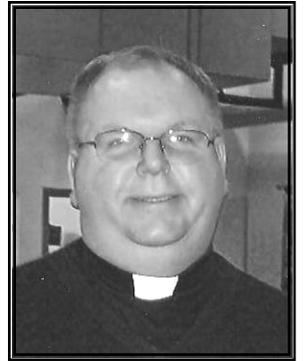
Chuck Wagner- 304-242-3273

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends:

Each weekend of the Liturgical year we are presented with a trio of Scriptural readings. One from the Old Testament, one from the New Testament and a Gospel Reading from one of the four evangelists. During the course of the three year cycle (A, B, and C) about 70% of the Catholic Bible is covered. The other 30% is covered in the ritual or special Mass readings that are offered throughout the year during such times as Christmas, Easter or the celebration of special feasts or the sacraments.

Usually, an underlying theme is present that links the Old Testament reading to that weekend's Gospel passage. The same can be said of the Old Testament reading and the Gospel passage during the weekday two year cycle. (Year 1 and Year 2)



The second reading from the New Testament is often the "odd" reading that is presented during any given weekend because it usually does not have any thematic ties with the other two readings for the weekend. It stands alone and often presents an entirely different viewpoint that may or may not enhance the overall theme presented in the other two readings.

This weekend the second reading is from Paul's very short (only four chapters long) but powerful letter to the Colossians. Colossae was a small insignificant town in Asia Minor and not far from Ephesus. Paul had originally sent Ephaphras, one of his disciples and a Colossian himself, to preach there. Later, while he was imprisoned, Paul heard some disquieting news of the activity of some false teacher/prophets in the newly formed Church there and he wrote this letter to correct their false teachings which were a mixture of various Jewish beliefs presented with Christian overtones.

This weekend's second reading is from the second section of this letter and focus' on Paul's dynamic presentation in poetic form of the supremacy and all-sufficiency of Christ. This poetic form was most likely taken from a very popular liturgical hymn. Thus, by keeping the same phrasing but changing the words Paul could then present the Colossians with a new hymn that they could sing and thus reinforce their basic and fundamental belief in Christ as God and Savior. The main theme of this hymn is Christ as the mediator of creation and of redemption which were two familiar Greek terms and ways of viewing Christ that were very familiar to the Christians of Colossae who were Greek themselves.

Paul begins this wonderful hymn by focusing on Christ as the center of both the universe and the Church. By stating; "*He (God) is the firstborn of all creation.*" Paul is firmly stating that Christ has priority over all of creation. (vs.15) Even going so far as to state that "all things in heaven and earth... visible and invisible... were created through him and for him." (vs. 16) Also in this same verse, Paul mentions just who those invisible beings are... namely Thrones, Dominations, Principalities or Powers. Thus, he is introducing the Jewish concept of the ranks of various angels who serve God. Their very being and service reinforce the divine nature of Christ as both God and divine. Paul ends this first part of the hymn in a very dramatic way by boldly stating that, He (Christ) is "before all things..... and holds all things together."

The second part of the hymn takes a more Christian or Christ-centered focus. Now, Christ is "*the head of the body... the Church.*" (vs. 18) This is a very Pauline theological way of explaining who Christ is and how he "*fits into*" Paul's way of thinking. To speak of Christ as the head of Church in this way is a concept that Paul will introduce to many of the early Churches he forms and also in many of his letters. Paul links this theological concept with one from several of the Gospel writers who first referred to Christ as "first born from the dead." (vs. 18) To cap this second section of the hymn off Paul boldly now states, "*In all things He (Christ) himself might be preeminent.*"

In the next two verses of this hymn Paul states the true nature of Christ and what believing in him is all about. He begins by saying "*in Him (Christ) all fullness is pleased to dwell.*" (vs. 19) Fullness when mentioned in this way deals with the spiritual world and Paul wants these Christians to be aware of the fact that Christ's fullness is just not earthly in nature but also spiritual or heaven in its completeness. Paul then adds that through Him (Christ) all things are reconciled and "*make peace by the blood of His cross.*" This is the hymns most specific reference to the saving action of Christ and to the redemptive nature of the cross. (vs. 20)

Unlike the Christians in Colossae we might not be able to actually sing this very wonderful and beautiful hymn but the words of faith that it speaks to us still ring very true in our lives. Like those early Christians we are experiencing the redemptive effects of Christ passion and death on the cross in our own lives. We, like them, realize the power of the blood of the cross and no other power on earth can do the same for us as the cross has done through its saving blood. Finally, just as early Christians were urged to do... and all Christians/Catholics since then including us have been urged to be aware of and follow the urgings of Christ in our lives. For He remains for us the way to our eternal salvation.

Peace, Fr. Frank



Weekend Ministry Schedule (July 20/21)

**Sunday, July 14**

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
10:30 a.m. Leo J. Pacewicz

**Monday, July 15**

7:00 a.m. Mildred Vidonic

**Tuesday, July 16**

7:00 a.m. Robert Wheeler

**Wednesday, July 17**

7:00 a.m. *Communion Service*

**Thursday, July 18**

7:00 a.m. Joseph Noll

**Friday, July 19**

7:00 a.m. Betty Knuth

**Saturday, July 20**

5:30 p.m. Mildred Vidonic

**Sunday, July 21**

7:00 a.m. Stanley Marchlenski  
9:00 a.m. Frank Brzozowski  
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

**Saturday, July 20**

5:30 p.m.  
Reader: P. Holt  
Eucharistic Ministers: J. Sofka  
L. Blazier  
Sr. J. Vidonic  
Server: J. Bischof

**Sunday, July 21**

7:00 a.m.  
Reader: D. Trabert  
Eucharistic Minister:  
Server: C. Saad

**Sunday, July 21**

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

**HOMEBOUND AND CONTINUOUS CARE**

Helen Bernas, Mary Bohlman,  
Elizabeth Bissett, Norma Campbell,  
Stella Czyzewski, Harold Ehni,  
Mark Fedorke, Selma Hughes,  
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 Bursee, Eric Langen, 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**  
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