

# ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH

2111 Market Street, Wheeling, WV 26003-3827

October 6, 2013

27th 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

*“ Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is no one that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven.”*

## PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

18th Street Catholic Charities  
**SCHOOL LUNCHBOX NEEDS**

Pudding snacks, J-ello snack packs,  
Peanut butter & jelly, any snack pack items,  
applesauce packs, juice boxes, and snack  
crackers.



## GREAT NEWS!!!!!! PARISH CRUISE—2014

We are planning a Parish Cruise to **BERMUDA**  
on Royal Caribbean's  
**GRANDEUR OF THE SEAS**

**June 6 to 13, 2014**

*We will travel by bus from Wheeling to the dock in  
Baltimore, Maryland and enjoy a day at sea; then **THREE**  
days in Kings, Wharf, Bermuda followed by 2 days at sea  
before returning to Baltimore for the ride home.*

Trip: includes motor coach to and from Baltimore  
7 night cruise aboard Grandeur of the Seas

\$25.00 on board credit per cabin

\$1,350 pp inside cabin (double)

\$1,460 pp outside cabin (double)

\$1,960 pp Balcony cabin (double)

Deposit of \$250.00 due at booking

Book through: Uniglobe Travel, Wheeling  
304-232-5171 or 800-825-7314

**CRUISE INFO NITE** –*The meeting scheduled for  
Wednesday, October 9, 2013, at 6:00pm*

**HAS BEEN CANCELLED.** *Note: Parish Cruise is still  
scheduled and reservations can be made through  
Uniglobe Travel.*

## INCREASE OUR FAITH

Today's Gospel passage falls under the category that has come to be known as the "hard sayings" of Jesus. Hard to understand, hard to apply to life today. The Apostles' request, "increase our faith," is in response to a previous "hard saying" about how frequently we are called upon to forgive others. Curiously, Jesus seems rather unforgiving in responding to their request, or in describing the manner in which they are to serve others.

Jesus uses exaggerations to wake us up to how God is present in our lives, and how we are urged to live if God is with us. None of us is called upon to uproot trees or cast mountains into the sea. The faith we have is adequate for the task we are called upon to do: spread the gospel by our witness. And living that witness is done not for self-gratification or recognition, but out of the joy of helping the world to hear the Good News.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37  
Tue: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42  
Wed: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4  
Thur: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13  
Fri: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9;  
Lk 11:15-26  
Sat: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;  
Lk 11:27-28  
Sun: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13;  
Lk 17:11-19

## UPDATE ON FATHER FRANK

Father Frank underwent bypass surgery on Thursday, September 26th, after a heart catheterization revealed five blockages. He is in Wheeling Hospital and his condition is critical but stable at the moment. The Daily Masses and the Sunday Polish Mass are postponed at this time. Mass Intentions during this period will be rescheduled in 2014 where openings are available.

Deacon George will continue to have Communion Services on Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m.

**Please keep Fr. Frank and his family in your prayers.**

**OPTIMISM**—A cheerful frame of mind that enables a tea kettle to sing though in hot water up to its nose. —  
Annoymous



**Twenty-seventh Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
October 6, 2013**

Come, let us bow down in  
worship; let us kneel before the  
LORD who made us.

— *Psalm 95:6*

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 \$2,416.00  
Candles \$131.00**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sometimes human relationships go awry, but Christ's choice for us is irrevocable. In marriage celebrations, the Church always recalls God's faithfulness to help prepare married couples for enduring the inevitable rough spots. The Byzantine liturgy does this by adorning the couple with crowns that remind them of the martyr's crown. The couple therefore takes on a vocation of witnessing to the sacredness of life in all of its suffering and joy, and of keeping their eyes fixed on the banquet of heaven.

In Eastern theology, people have a liturgical vocation to give God praise, and marriage fits within that plan. It is not so much saying prayers that counts, but becoming prayer. Interestingly, in this liturgy the couple never utters a word other than joining in the community's chants; there are no marriage vows as such. There is therefore not a hint of our Western Christian sense that marriage is a legal contract. Rather, it is all about living out one's baptismal vocation, embracing the cross, pouring oneself out in love, and opening to the grace of the Holy Spirit.

## BISHOP DONAHUE HIGH SCHOOL

**Basket Bingo—Sunday, October 13**  
Father Raymond Jablinske Gym  
For tickets call 304-233-3850

## CONGREGATION OF ST. JOSEPH

**Saturday, October 26, 2013—3:00 p.m.**  
*Being and Aliveness in the Present*  
with Bonnie Thurston

Paying attention to the present moment is a basic religious practice. Modern Christian teachers remind us that awareness in the present enhances our aliveness. Come discover and gently practice a "mindfulness" that allows regret about the past and anxiety about the future to fade in the peace of the present. The cost of this day is \$20 and includes lunch.

We hope you will be able to join us.  
Please register by calling 304-232-8160, Ext. 145.



## RESPECT LIFE

In Washington, DC in 1994 Mother Teresa said that we fight abortion by teaching the mother what love really means: "to be willing to give until it hurts... So, the mother who is thinking of abortion,

should be helped to love, that is, to give until it hurts her plans, or her free time, to respect the life of her child."

Gustave Thibon has said that the true God transforms violence into suffering, while the false god transforms suffering into violence. The woman tempted to have an abortion will transform her suffering into violence unless she allows love to transform her, and make her willing to give herself away. The Eucharist gives both the lesson and the power. Mom is to say "This is my body, my blood, my life, given up for you my child."

## FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

In 1573, Pope Gregory XIII changed the title of the "Feast of Our Lady of Victory" to "Feast of the Holy Rosary". This feast was extended by Pope Clement XI to the whole of the Latin Rite, inserting it into the Roman Catholic calendar of saints in 1716, and assigning it to the first Sunday in October. Pope Pius X changed the date to

**7 October in 1913**, as part of his effort to restore celebration of the liturgy of the Sundays.



## FALL CRAFT FAIR

**Saturday, October 12th**  
10:00 am—3:00 pm  
St. Jude Parish Hall, Glen Dale, WV  
Crafts, Homemade Soups, and Bake Sale.  
**FREE ADMISSION**

## **6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT**

sponsored by  
Ronceverte's St. Catherine's Altar and Rosary  
Bishop Hodges' Pastoral Center  
**October 15-17, 2013**  
"Worthy is the Lamb that was Slain"  
(The Eucharist)  
Director: Fr. Rick Shoda  
Cost \$144.00 (Dbl. occ.); \$8.00 per night single  
room supplement  
2 nights, 6 great meals  
Reservations/Questions  
Kathy Anderson (504) 208-7680 or  
Sue Richter (304) 772-3724



Weekend Ministry Schedule (Oct 12-13)

**Sunday, October 6**

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
10:30 a.m. Bernice Syrylo

**Monday, October 7**

7:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, October 8**

7:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, October 9**

7:00 a.m. Communion Service

**Thursday, October 10**

7:00 a.m.

**Friday, October 11**

7:00 a.m.

**Saturday, October 12**

5:30 p.m. Clara Schroeder Vias

**Sunday, October 13**

7:00 a.m. Bob & Eddie Tuburski  
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

**Saturday, October 12**

**5:30 p.m.**

Reader: M. Sofka  
Eucharistic Ministers: J. Sofka  
P. Romanek  
L. Blazier  
Server: J. Bischof

**Sunday, October 13**

**7:00 a.m.**

Reader: M. Bosold  
Eucharistic Minister:  
Server: C. Saad

**Sunday, October 13**

**10:30 a.m.**

Reader: R. Henry  
Eucharistic Ministers: D. Lemery  
J. Brensinger  
B. Henry  
Server: J. K-Rankin

**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,  
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  
PFC Jeremy Labuda  
Staff Sgt. Leonard E. Lapinsky  
Sr. Airmen Jordan Lucey  
Gunnery Sgt. Brian M. Pelsh USMC  
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