

# ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH

2111 Market Street, Wheeling, WV 26003-3827

October 27, 2013

30th 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



October 27, 2013

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

All Saints The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)  
Ss. Simon and Jude Priesthood Sunday National World Youth Day

### GOD'S LOGIC IS NOT OURS

Nobody will ever mistake the Bible for a logic textbook. We need to remember this when we approach today's readings. How can a God who knows no favorites have a chosen people, or give us the disciplines of fasting and almsgiving and then instruct us not to talk about them? God, in love and tenderness, knows how quickly we can get "into a rut." The Spirit inspires passages like the instruction from Sirach and the parable in Luke to help drag us out of the rut of thinking that God's ways are our ways.

Sirach poetically uses contrast to answer the question, "Whose prayer will reach the lofty clouds of heaven?" The answer? Those who are lowly on earth. Jesus amplifies this in his parable of the Pharisee and the publican. It is Spirit-inspired illogic that communicates today's message: God hears the voices of those who are ignored by the rest of the world.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The Lord is not deaf to the wail of the orphan, nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18).

**Psalm** — The Lord hears the cry of the poor (Psalm 34).

**Second Reading** — The Lord will rescue me from every threat (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18).

**Gospel** — All who exalt themselves will be humbled; all who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 18:9-14).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16  
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21  
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-6; Lk 13:22-30  
Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31; Lk 13:31-35  
Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a  
Saturday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016  
Sunday: Wis 11:22 — 12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; 2 Thes 1:11 — 2:2; Lk 19:1-10



All who  
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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
National World Youth Day (U.S.);  
Priesthood Sunday  
Monday: Ss. Simon and Jude  
Thursday: Halloween  
Friday: All Saints; First Friday  
Saturday: The Commemoration of All the Faithful  
Departed (All Souls Day); First Saturday

### LIVING GOD'S WORD

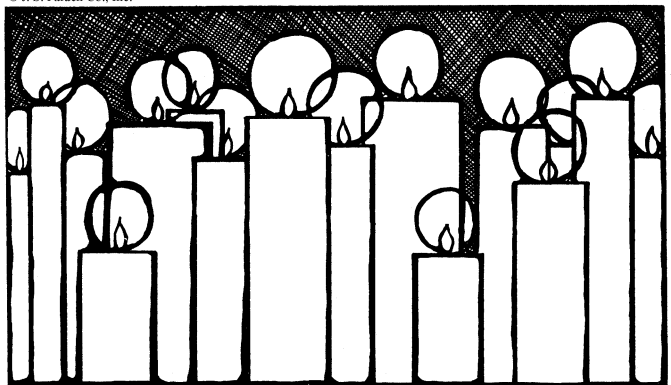
We pray that God will give us the grace of humility when we pray, the ability to recognize who God is and who we are, to trust that God will give us what we most need, to be thankful for what we have received more than what we have achieved.

### WORLD YOUTH DAY



An outside glance of an international **World Youth Day** would spark a bystander's curiosity as massive crowds of young people flood the city streets. The happenstance observer would witness not angst and malice, but smiles and joy, singing and dancing young people, culture upon culture and nation upon nation, proudly holding their flags high greeting one another in peace, trading their tokens, humbly realizing how small they are in a world of people, and strengthened to witness so many who share their convictions.

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 27, 2013

The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds;  
it does not rest until it reaches its goal,  
nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds.

— Sirach 35:17□18a

# PARISH NEWS

*"Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face."*

## 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.



## ST. ALPHONSUS CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/LADIES GUILD

### Annual Card Party

Sunday, November 3rd  
1:00—4:00 pm

Tickets are \$8/person and  
includes a light lunch.

RSVP by calling 304-232-9810  
or 304-639-2063

## 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

**Reservations can be made through**

**Uniglobe Travel, 304-232-5171.**

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Ends next Sunday, November 3...

remember to turn back your clocks one hour!

Turn Clocks  
Back



## ALL SAINTS DAY 2013

This Friday, November 1st, we join with the rest  
of the Church in celebrating the Feast of All Saints.

It is a Holy Day of Obligation and our Mass  
schedule for this feast is as follows:

### Vigil Mass for All Saints

Thursday, October 31

7:00 p.m.

### All Saints Day

Friday, November 1

7:00 a.m.

During the month of November, we are asked to  
remember all the faithful departed. The parish  
**Book of Remembrance** will be set up near the front  
doors of the church so you can remember your  
deceased loved ones by adding their names to our book.

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PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1  
IN OBSERVANCE OF ALL SAINTS DAY  
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## SECOND COLLECTION—MILITARY SERVICES

We will take up the collection for the **Military Services on  
November 2 and 3.** We have been doing this for 4

years now on the first Sunday of November. Thank you  
for your attention and help on all of our national  
collections. When all of the Catholic Dioceses in the US  
join together we can make a big difference in the lives of  
so many people.

May God reward you for your generosity!

**Please continue to keep  
Father Frank and  
his family in your prayers.**

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 \$2,603.00

Candles \$230.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**Weekly Offering**



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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Friday's Solemnity of All Saints and Saturday's Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed fit well at the beginning of November. The liturgical readings of this final month in the Church year are keyed to the end of time and the fulfillment of Jesus' saving acts. Nowhere is this more fully celebrated than in Mexico, where November 2 is the "Day of the Dead." Missionaries moved an ancient Aztec festival from midsummer to November, linking the festival to Christian themes. Today, it is a time for remembering the dead and celebrating the continuity of life, principally by festive picnics in cemeteries. There are special foods and games, and people socialize with other families and tell favorite stories about their dear ones. The sweetness of life is honored by sugary desserts and treats. Flowers, music, lights, and feasting assure that the day is not at all morbid. Traditionally, the day begins with Mass, a procession to the cemetery, and a morning feast. Most families have a special dinner with the *pan de muerto*, or "bread of the dead." A toy skeleton is baked into the loaf, and the one who bites into it is considered lucky indeed. The dead are not feared, but deeply loved, and this joyful family feast points both to age-old customs and Resurrection faith.

## CONSECRATION OF CHILDREN BORN AND UNBORN

Father Ed Keel and the Society of Mary Lay Members will consecrate all children to the Mother of Jesus under the title, "Our Lady of Good Hope" on **Sunday, October 27th, at 12:30 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church.** Expectant parents may come to have their children consecrated while still in the womb. Parents or grandparents may also bring young children who have not yet been consecrated. If the children cannot come, bring a photograph of each child to be consecrated. The names of all the consecrated children are written permanently into the book of Our Lady of Good Hope. The lay Marist members pray daily for all of the children whose names are inscribed in the book. Please call 304-242-0406 if you plan to have a child consecrated.

Halloween falls on Thursday, October 31, 2013. Halloween is the eve or vigil of All Hallows Day or **All Saints Day, an important Catholic Feast.**



## CHRISTIAN PRAYER

Learn the Morning, Evening and Night Prayers of the Liturgy of the Hours, the official Prayers of the Church with Deacon Doug. Class is open to anyone with any book or electronic version of the Liturgy of the Hours (Christian Prayer). Join us at St. Alphonsus Parish Community Center (church basement), **Tuesday, October 29th and a repeat of the same class the next evening, Wednesday, October 30th.** The start of the class will be 6:00 p.m. both nights. Enter the church basement through the double glass doors off the parking lot. There are a handful of gently used St. Paul Editions for \$20 (first come, first served basis).

Please e-mail Deacon Doug at [dbreiding@dwc.org](mailto:dbreiding@dwc.org) or call the Parish Office at 304-232-4353 to register. There is no cost for the class, just a free will offering.

## CONGREGATION OF ST. JOSEPH 25TH ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER & CRAFT SALE

This year's event will take place on **Sunday, November 3, 2013, from Noon to 6 p.m.** at Mount St. Joseph in Wheeling. Come and eat a delicious meal with the sisters and enjoy their homemade crafts---wreaths, stuffed animals, table runners, baked goods and much more! All proceeds benefit the Sisters. Prices for dinners are: Adults \$7.00; children 4 through 10 \$3.00; and children 3 and under free. Takeout is available by calling **304-232-8160.** If you can't join us this year but would like to make a donation, please make your check payable to the Congregation of St. Joseph and mail it to Spaghetti Dinner, Congregation of St. Joseph, 137 Mount St. Joseph Road, Wheeling, WV 26003. Thank you for your support.

## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Holy Name Society of Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Ukrainian Catholic Church, 4136 Jacob Street, Wheeling, West Virginia, will be sponsoring a Chicken Dinner on Sunday, November 10, 2013. The time will be from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Menu will consist of chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, dessert and iced tea or coffee. The cost will be \$7.00 for Adults and \$3.50 for children. It will be held in the Church Hall which is handicapped accessible. Carry out available. Telephone 304-232-1777.

Everyone is welcome!



Weekend Ministry Schedule (Nov 2-3)

**Sunday, October 27**

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
10:30 a.m. Frank Wodusky

**Monday, October 28**

7:00 a.m. Anna Graul

**Tuesday, October 29**

7:00 a.m. Fragale Family

**Wednesday, October 30**

7:00 a.m. Communion Service

**Thursday, October 31**

7:00 p.m. People of the Parish

**Friday, November 1**

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

**Saturday, November 2**

5:30 p.m. Anna Frances Winesdoerffer

**Sunday, November 3**

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
10:30 a.m. Joyce Talbert Chirico

**Saturday, November 2**

**5:30 p.m.**

Reader: P. Allietta  
Eucharistic Ministers: D. Orlando  
Sr. J. Vidonic  
L. Blazier  
Server: J. Bischof

**Sunday, November 3**

**7:00 a.m.**

Reader: P. Holt  
Eucharistic Minister:  
Server: C. Saad

**Sunday, November 3**

**10:30 a.m.**

Reader: D. Evans  
Eucharistic Ministers: J. Brensinger  
R. Henry  
D. Lemery  
Server: K. McGonigal

**HOMEBOUND AND CONTINUOUS CARE**

Helen Bernas, Mary Bohlman,  
Elizabeth Bissett, Norma Campbell,  
Stella Czyzewski, Harold Ehni,  
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 Burse, 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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