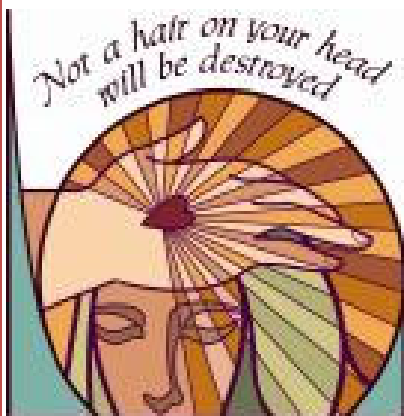


# ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH

2111 Market Street, Wheeling, WV 26003-3827

November 17, 2013

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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## 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

## 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



November 17, 2013

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul St. Cecilia

St. Rose Phillippine Duchesne The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### NOT WATCHING FOR THE SECOND COMING

As we near the end of the Church year, the scriptures become more urgent. Both the prophet Malachi and Jesus in the Gospel according to Luke offer graphic pictures of a terrible future. But we are missing the message if we use these passages to speculate about when the world will end. The troubles predicted have already occurred, and then some. In the last century alone we have seen devastation beyond anything the ancient prophets could have imagined.

We weren't given these passages to strike fear in our hearts, but faith. The sun of justice will rise, Malachi assures us, for those who are faithful. And Jesus promises, "By your perseverance you will secure your lives." But it is Paul who brings the message down to earth. The Thessalonians were so sure that the end of the world was upon them, some of them had stopped working! Paul states his case clearly: "If anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat." We are not called to worry about how things will end, but to live today faithfully.

#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — For those who fear the name of the Lord, the sun of justice will arise (Malachi 3:19-20a).

**Psalms** — The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice (Psalm 98).

**Second Reading** — Those who are living in idleness are urged to earn their own living (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12).

**Gospel** — Jesus foretells the destruction of Jerusalem, the persecution of his followers (Luke 21:5-19).

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Phillippine Duchesne  
Thursday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Friday: St. Cecilia  
Saturday: St. Clement I; St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro; Blessed Virgin Mary

#### REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Worlds do change. They come and they go. One day we simply stop climbing up on our mother's or father's lap. Or we quit reading comic books, or put away our Barbies', or we begin to notice beauty. It happens more than once in a lifetime. We pass the exam and get our driver's license, and in a moment all of childhood's boundaries crumble.

We graduate from school and our days become our own, sometimes frighteningly so. We move away from home and realize we can no longer return, not to the way it once was. And while we think all those moments are of our own doing, in truth they are not, none of them. They come upon us as does November out of autumn, and frequently just as bleak.

The temples of our lives that we've adorned not only with precious stones but also with precious memories and treasured ways, are always being torn down without one stone left upon another. And no one ever asks our permission.

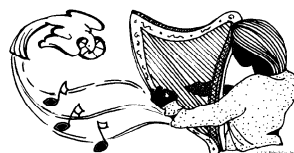
The new worlds we fear the most, however, are not the ones that change our outer landscapes so much as the ones that can reshape our inner landscapes. For believers, for those who live by the ways of Jesus, it is faith that offers us the willingness to trust and the courage to continue on.

Jesus' vision can become the one still point in our ever changing world, or the one source of life and love when all else is collapsing.

#### RESEMBLANCE

The dignity of resembling the Almighty is common to all people; we should then love them all as ourselves, as living images of the Deity. It is in this that we belong to God.

—St. Francis de Sales



**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 17, 2013**

Sing praise to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and melodious song. — *Psalm 98:5*

# PARISH NEWS

*“The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place”.*

## 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.



## 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)

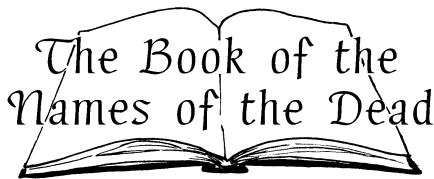
\$1,460 pp outside cabin (double)

\$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.**



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Remember to sign you loved ones' name in the book  
 located in the rear of the church during the month of  
 November.

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

## TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR REDUCING STRESS

In today's world, all age groups suffer from an  
 identifiable curable disease, namely stress.  
 Follow the "Ten Commandments" and learn to  
 live in a stress free zone.

- I. Thou shall not be perfect, nor even try to be.
- II. Thou shalt not try to be all things to all people.
- III. Thou shalt sometimes leave things un-done that ought to be done.
- IV. Thou shall not spread thyself too thinly.
- V. Thou shalt learn to say "no".
- VI. Thou shalt schedule time for thyself and a supportive network.
- VII. Thou shalt switch off and do nothing regularly.
- VIII. Thou shalt give thyself permission to be boring, untidy, inelegant, and inattentive at times.
- IX. Thou shalt not over-indulge in guilt.
- X. Especially, thou shalt not be thy own worst enemy but thy best friend.

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

**ELEANOR McFARLAND  
 MARY RASKE**

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.

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 \$2,898.00**

**Candles \$323.10**

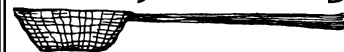
**Church Utilities \$954.90**

**All Saints Day \$953.00**

**Military Services \$448.00**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**Weekly Offering**



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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We are faced with strong and disturbing readings today that hold a certain fascination, since they seem at first glance to be blueprints for future inevitable wars and hardship. A fundamentalist interpretation focuses on this aspect. Yet we hear them at our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist, which infuses them with hope and optimism. Rather than dreading the future, today's liturgy assures us that God is with us in all of life's inevitable trials, and that we have a role in shaping the outcome of human history. Occasionally, some Christians have attempted to decode these readings for an exact measure of the world's end, but they have thus far been disappointed.

"Nothing lasts forever" is a lyric from a Broadway show. Stars fall from the sky, leaves wither and fall, mountains wash into the sea, human projects and governments totter and collapse with great regularity. Today's liturgy opposes this idea as incomplete, reminding us that Christ has made a permanent change in human history, and that life in him is life forever. Rather than inviting us to throw in the towel, today's liturgy strengthens us for acts of goodness and grace in our families, communities, and world.

## BISHOP DONAHUE'S HALL OF FAME

Committee members are looking for nominations for the 2014 event to be held on Saturday, February 22, 2014.

Nominees must meet one or a combination of the following criteria:

**Alumnus or Alumnae**—The nominee must be an alumnus/alumnae who has achieved success in his/her chosen field and who has led an exemplary life. The alumnus/alumnae has significantly witnessed gospel values in his/her personal, professional and public life that were learned at Bishop Donahue.

**Special Recognition Award**—does not have to be an Alumni). Nominee has had a long-term commitment to Bishop Donahue High School having served in various capacities throughout the school for a number of years; has been significant donor to Bishop Donahue causes or who was a parent who promoted family Christian values and Catholic Education with their family becoming a cornerstone of Donahue.

Please contact Donna at Bishop Donahue at 304-233-3850 or dKrupica@hotmail.com. Nominations are being taken till November 30, 2013.

## OUR LADY OF LEBANON CHURCH WOMEN'S SOCIETY

### **CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY**

Sunday, December 1, 2013

5:30—9:30 p.m.

Doors open at 5

Entertainment by: George Suhon

From 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$20.00 each EAT IN ONLY

Price includes: Roast Beef Tenderloin & Baked Chicken, Roasted Red Potatoes & Seasoned Green Beans, Mixed Garden Greens or Cranberry Salad, Dinner Rolls & Butter, Dessert, Coffee, & 2 coupons for choice of Pop, Beer or Wine.

*(Enjoy an evening of friends, food, fun, prizes & entertainment valued at over \$40)*

*Catered by Ye Olde Alpha*

**JOIN US FOR A JOLLY GOOD TIME!**

Everyone is welcome!

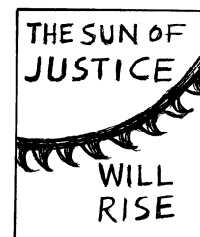
Door prizes valued at \$10

Call 304-233-1688

## CANONIZATION FOR POPE JOHN PAUL II AND POPE JOHN XXII

Fr. Dan Pisano from St. John the Evangelist Church, will be the Spiritual Director for a **10 day Pilgrimage to Italy from April 23 to May 2, 2014** to attend the Canonization of our two beloved Popes: John Paul II and John XXII. The itinerary includes 4 nights in Rome, 1 night in San Giopvanni Rotundo, and 2 night in Assisi. Visits to Monte Sant'Angelo, Lanciano, Loreto, Cascia and Montecassino are included. Cost is \$2850 per person. Deposit is \$800 each and final payment is due by January 10, 2014.

Pilgrimage includes round-trip air from most east coast and Midwest cities, Superior tourist class hotels, all fees, Escorted guides, and daily breakfast and dinners. For information and brochures, contact John Tagnesi, toll free 1-888-544-4461 or jtag1964@verizon.net.



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Weekend Ministry Schedule (Nov 23-24)

**Sunday, November 17**

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
 9:00 a.m. Frank Romanowski  
 10:30 a.m. Gerald Werner

**Monday, November 18**

7:00 a.m. Anna Graul

**Tuesday, November 19**

7:00 a.m. Saad Family

**Wednesday, November 20**

7:00 a.m. Communion Service

**Thursday, November 21**

7:00 a.m. Dorothy Scott

**Friday, November 22**

7:00 a.m. Saad Family

**Saturday, November 23**

5:30 p.m. Lawrence Reid

**Sunday, November 24**

7:00 a.m. Charles & Virginia Winesdoerffer  
 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

**Saturday, November 23**

**5:30 p.m.**  
 Reader: P. Holt  
 Eucharistic Ministers: P. Romanek  
 Sr. J. Vidonic  
 D. Trabert

Server:

**Sunday, November 24**

**7:00 a.m.**  
 Reader: M. Bosold  
 Eucharistic Minister:  
 Server: C. Saad

**Sunday, November 24**

**10:30 a.m.**  
 Reader: R. Henry  
 Eucharistic Ministers: J. Sengelwalt  
 B. Henry  
 D. Lemery  
 Server: J. K.-Rankin

**HOMEBOUND AND CONTINUOUS CARE**

Helen Bernas, Mary Bohlman,  
 Elizabeth Bissett, Norma Campbell,  
 Stella Czyzewski, Harold Ehni,  
 Selma Hughes, David Jasko, Theresa Lally,  
 Phyllis Oberle, 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  
 Corp. Thomas McCarthy USMC

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