

ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH

2111 Market Street, Wheeling, WV 26003-3827

November 24, 2013

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe



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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

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome new parishioners. Please complete a registration form which can be found at the back of the Church. Mail it to the office or drop it in the collection basket.



November 24, 2013

Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

St. Catherine of Alexandria St. Andrew Thanksgiving Day

REDEFINING KINGSHIP

This last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year is dedicated to Christ, our King. In the first reading, from the second book of Samuel, we meet Jesus' ancestor David, the greatest king of Israel. This passage describes a glorious monarch who is acclaimed by all the tribes of Israel. He is called both a "shepherd" and a "commander." The second reading, from Paul's Letter to the Colossians, also contains glorious language, describing Christ as "the firstborn of all creation." Only at the end of this passage do we hear a hint of the paradox we will meet in today's Gospel: Christ the King makes "peace by the blood of his cross."

In Luke's Gospel, we confront the stark reality of Christ's kingship. Here is our king, hanging on a cross, jeered, taunted, berated by a common criminal. This king looks defeated and powerless. Yet he demonstrates how absolute his power is. His death is truly for the salvation of all, one person at a time, starting with the "Good Thief," and continuing through the ages to us today.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord said to David, "You shall shepherd my people Israel" (2 Samuel 5:1-3).

Psalms — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — Thanks to the Father who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light (Colossians 1:12-20).

Gospel — Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom (Luke 23:35-43).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28;
Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28
Thanksgiving Day, Suggested:
Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9;
Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9;
Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday: Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time;
St. Catherine of Alexandria
Thursday: Thanksgiving Day; Hanukkah begins
Saturday: St. Andrew

THANKSGIVING

Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.

PEACE

First keep the peace within yourself, then you can also bring peace to others.
—Thomas à Kempis

FORGIVENESS

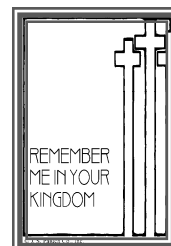
The glory of Christianity is to conquer by forgiveness.
—William Blake

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

According to the *Legend of St. Catherine*, this young woman converted to Christianity after receiving a vision. At the age of 18, she debated 50 pagan philosophers. Amazed at her wisdom and debating skills, they became Christians—as did about 200 soldiers and members of the emperor's family. All of them were martyred.

Sentenced to be executed on a spiked wheel, Catherine touched the wheel and it shattered. She was beheaded. Centuries later, angels are said to have carried the body of St. Catherine to a monastery at the foot of Mt. Sinai.

Devotion to her spread as a result of the Crusades. She was invoked as the patroness of students, teachers, librarians and lawyers. Catherine is one of the 14 Holy Helpers, venerated especially in Germany and Hungary.



PARISH NEWS

"How worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honor. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever".

PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

18th Street Catholic Charities
SCHOOL LUNCHBOX NEEDS

Puttting 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.**

**St. Alphonus Parish community
offer its sympathy and prayers for the
repose of the soul of
our beloved Pastor:**

Rev. Frank A. O'Kruta

**May his soul 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.**

THE FIRST THANKSGIVING

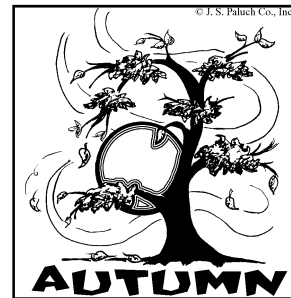


To escape religious persecution in Europe, a group of pilgrims sailed to the New World. Landing at Plymouth, Massachusetts, in 1620, the pilgrims began to build a settlement. To celebrate their first harvest, the Europeans invited the neighboring Indians to a feast. The feast lasted for three days. The

menu was extensive and the food abundant.

Thanksgiving continues to be a popular American holiday.

Celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November it is a prelude to the Christmas season. Thanksgiving Day is a time for families and friends to enjoy getting together for what is often a long vacation break.



AUTUMN LEAVES, JESUS DOESN'T!

ST. ALPHONSUS CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/ LADIES GUILD

Card Party winner of the 50/50 Raffle

Rita Salvadori—winnings of \$315.00

CONGRATULATIONS RITA!!!

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. Alphonus Parish:

Collections \$2,125.00

Candles \$230.25

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



COMMUNITY EVENTS

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's solemnity, the final feast of the Church year, is a youngster as feasts go. In 1925, Pope Pius XI was distressed by global political upheaval and the de-Christianizing of society. That year was a "Holy Year," keyed to the sixteen hundredth anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, when the words "and of his kingdom there will be no end" were added to the Creed. The Pope explained that although most feasts had developed over many centuries, the Church sometimes provided a new feast to address new needs. He pointed to the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, showing Christ's love and compassion in a time when many people embraced a cold and gloomy spirituality. Originally on the last Sunday of October, in the late 1960s the solemnity of Christ the King was moved to the last Sunday of the year.

Fresh from baptism's waters, we are anointed with chrism "as Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king." This feast is a key to our identity. On this feast, we recognize Christ as a king who breaks the usual mold of kingship, and who shapes his kingdom with our hands, our words, our deeds of love and service.

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; has been significant donor to Bishop Donahue causes. Contact Donna at 304-233-3850 or dKrupica@hotmail.com. Nominations are being taken till November 30, 2013.

A MUSICAL ADVENT MINI-MISSION: "LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS"

Sunday, December 1, 2013 6-7:30pm
St. Michael Church, 1225 National Rd., Wheeling

Join Fr. Jim O'Connor as he focuses attention on the four themes of Advent. Father Jim, using prayer, song, reflection, and Scripture, will help prepare our minds and hearts for the celebration of the birth of Christ. Please call St. Michael Parish for more information: 304.242.1560

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 contact John Tagnesi, toll free 1-888-544-4461. jtag1964@verizon.net.

Pastor Al



"Even if you did go to school there, I'd prefer that you not play the 'Notre Dame Fight Song' for the postlude."



Weekend Ministry Schedule (Nov 30-Dec1)

Sunday, November 24

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

Monday, November 25

7:00 a.m. Clara Schroeder Viars

Tuesday, November 26

7:00 a.m. Anna Graul

Wednesday, November 27

7:00 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, November 28

7:00 a.m. IN THANKSGIVING

Friday, November 29

7:00 a.m. Anna Graul

Saturday, November 30

5:30 p.m. Saad Family

Sunday, December 1

7:00 a.m. Clara Schroeder Viars
 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Saturday, November 30

5:30 p.m.
 Reader: Sr. J. Vidonic
 Eucharistic Ministers: H. Christman
 S. Foose
 P. Romanek
 Server: J. Bischof

Sunday, December 1

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

Sunday, December 1

10:30 a.m.
 Reader: D. Evans
 Eucharistic Ministers: J. Brensinger
 J. Sengewalt
 D. Lemery
 Server: K. McGonigal

HOMEBOUND AND CONTINUOUS CARE

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