



St. Alphonsus

Wheeling, WV

“All those who will ever pray here
in any trial whatsoever will be consoled.”

August 11, 2024

19th Sunday
Ordinary Time

Pastor:
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Rev. John Soplinski
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Mass Schedule
Sunday 9:00 am
Tuesday 8:00 am
Wednesday 6:00 pm
Thursday 8:00 am
Friday 8:00 am
Saturday 5:30 pm

Sacrament of Confession
Saturday 4:30-5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30-8:50 am

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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, August 15
Holy Day of Obligation

The Offertory Report

Aug 4

Envelopes = \$1433

Loose = \$ 654

Votive Candles = \$ 91

Utilities = \$444

Online giving July = \$1480

Deficit for this week *:

-\$3141

Mass Attendance

5:30 pm— 86

9:00 am— 79

- *this means the amount needed to run the parish per week (\$5763) minus the collected income.*

Minster Schedule

August 17 and 18

Readers:

Sat.- Jeanne V.

Sun.- Phyllis H.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Sat: Lynn D.

Judy B.

Jeanne V.

Sun: Mark B.

Tom M.

Paul R.

We had a very nice turnout for Mass, Dinner and tours during our St. Alphonsus Day celebration on Thursday, August 1.

The Christian Mothers' Ladies' Guild News

Next meeting is Tuesday, **Sept. 10 at 6:00 pm**

Members are asked to consider bringing 1 or 2, or more small bouquets of artificial flowers to the meeting to decorate in Our Lady's bier for the Rosary Procession in October!

Upcoming events:

Next Members' Mass **Saturday, Aug 17@ 5:30 pm**

Card Party— November 3

Coming Soon! Deacon Doug Breiding will be conducting a series of 2 "Liturgy of the Hours" classes tentatively scheduled for the evenings of August 22 and 29 in Columbia Hall. More details to follow.

From a sermon by St. Alphonsus Liguori...

Victories were gained in Judea by means of the ark. Thus Moses conquered his enemies. "When the ark was lifted up, Moses said, Arise, oh Lord, and let thy enemies be scattered." Thus Jericho was conquered; thus were the Philistines conquered; "for the ark of God was there." It is well known that this ark was the type of Mary. As the ark contained the manna, thus Mary contained Jesus, whom the manna also prefigured, and by means of this ark, victories were gained over the enemies of earth and over hell. Wherefore St. Bernardine of Sienna says that when Mary, the ark of the New Testament, was crowned queen of heaven, the power of hell over men was weakened and overthrown. "Oh, how the devils in hell," says St. Bonaventure, "tremble at Mary and her great name!"

LENDING LIBRARY: There is a collection of fine Catholic books available in the "elevator vestibule" steps for you to borrow that you may grow in faith, knowledge and inspiration. This is also where you will find our bulletin board of upcoming events. Consider taking a book home for evening reading, and trying to get more involved with the activities going on at St. Alphonsus and nearby parishes.

Masses for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

@ St. Alphonsus Parish

Vigil: Wednesday, August 14 at 6:00 pm

Thursday, August 15 @ 8:00 am

Holy Day of Obligation

Bereavement Gathering: August 26 at 6:00 pm at St. John's Fellowship Hall in Benwood. Facilitators are Deacon Doug Breiding and Deacon Tom and Michele McFadden, for those who have lost a loved one.

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

August 18— Education of DWC Seminarians

Office of Safe Environment

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 888-352-6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 304-233-0880.

Pilgrimage to St. Anthony's Chapel: As mentioned a couple weeks ago, we will be taking a group on pilgrimage to St. Anthony's Chapel in Pittsburgh. We can now announce that the date will be Saturday, September 7, 2024.

We will be leaving from the Cathedral at 10:00AM and return at 1:30PM, which gives our group ample opportunity to pray, explore the chapel and its thousands of relics, and tour its museum and gift shop. Please register by calling the Cathedral Parish Office @ 304-233-4121 or by emailing Fr. Soplinski at jsoplinski@dwc.org.

St. Philomena,
virgin and martyr, pray for us !



This week's cover photo is the Assumption Window located above the door to the priests' sacristy in the church. It was purchased and installed in 1905 for the Solemn Consecration of the Church. It is the only window that is not an outside window and it has the ability to be opened. In years gone by priests who were not directly celebrating or serving as Deacon or Subdeacon at a Mass would attend the Mass up in that loft and open the windows so that they could see and hear what was happening. Today this loft is used for storage of vestments and decorations for the church. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is this Thursday, August 15. It is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics. Catholics are obliged to attend Mass and try to make the day as if it were an extra Sunday in the week abstaining from unnecessary work and spending more time in prayer, devotion and works of mercy. We will have a Vigil Mass for this Feast on Wednesday at 6:00 pm and then a Mass for the Feast on Thursday at 8:00 am. Note: the parish office as well as diocesan offices will be closed for the Holy Day.

Window Project update: Work has yet to begin on the Phase One portion of replacing the damaged wooden frames and the outer window coverings of the south side of the church as had been hoped to begin this summer. As of yet, we lack the necessary funds to begin the project. The total cost of Phase One is estimated at 225, 000 dollars, with Phase Two and Three to follow at about the same estimated cost over the next 4-5 years. We are presently seeking various grants and private donations.

We are asking all parishioners and visitors to please **PRAY** that God will guide our efforts to preserve the historical beauty of our church and provide the funds we need to begin this project. We ask everyone to consider with a generous heart a donation that will help to preserve our highly prized windows for generations to come. God will do miraculous things with our prayers and generosity.

FREE Parish Breakfast

THIS Sunday, August 25 !
after 9:00 am Mass
Everyone welcome!



Breakfast Schedule for the rest of 2024:

August 25, September 29 and October 27

Bring your family. Invite a friend.

Please pray for:

Continuous Care: **B. Heller**

Mt. St. Joseph: Sr. **Ann Marie Cole** Good Shepherd: **Janet Platt**

Peterson: **D. Moore** and **G. Weithie,**

Morgantown: **Leah Reinhardt**

At home: **L. Griffin, B. Blazier, M.K. Heller, N. Klamut, J. Gavarkavich,**

B. & H. Henry, Donald Henning, Roberta Henning, Roxanne Geleski,

Bob Comer, & Dorothy Jagaczewski, Charlotte Jacovetty,

and Robert Pavilky

Dates in our
2024 Mass Intention
Book are available!
Suggested stipend per
intention is \$10.



August

SAT 10	St. Lawrence, Deacon and martyr 5:30 pm Mass for Barbara Tomczyk + <i>(Requested by Joseph)</i>
SUN 11	19th Sunday Ordinary Time 9:00 am People of the Parish
MON 12	St. Jane Frances de Chantal
TUE 13	Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus, martyrs 8:00 am Mass for William Hintzen + <i>(Requested by Travis Zeik)</i>
WED 14	St. Maximillian Kolbe Vigil of the Assumption of Mary- Holy Day of Obligation 6:00 pm Mass for John Yusko + <i>(Requested by B. Hart)</i>
THU 15	Assumption of Mary- Holy Day of Obligation 8:00 am Mass for Robert Albaugh <i>(Requested by Family)</i>
FRI 16	St. Stephen of Hungary 8:00 am Mass for James Yusko + <i>(requested by B. Hart)</i>
SAT 17	5:30 pm Mass for Cecilia Ciripompa + <i>(Requested by Family)</i>
SUN 18	20th Sunday Ordinary Time 9:00 am Mass for People of the Parish

Beginning in 1954, August 11 was observed as the **Feast of St. Philomena**. This amazing saint was only 13 years old when she was martyred for her Christian faith by Emperor Diocletian in the 3rd century. Her remains were discovered in 1802 and she was declared a Saint in 1837. Her intercession is tied to many miracles and the founding of our parish! One of her titles is Mediatrix of Pittsburg! Father Joseph Prost invoked her help as he was crossing the Atlantic to start a Redemptorist monastery in Pittsburg after attempts in other early American cities failed. The order wanted to serve the German Catholic immigrants in the Ohio Valley. Fr. Prost asked St. Philomena to secure safe passage to America, and he promised to build a church in her honor there. After a number of ordeals during and after his arrival in the US, Fr. Prost had the inspiration to have the German Catholics honor St. Philomena with novenas, devotions, and processions. These prayers were graciously heard and answered! Redemptorists did establish St. Philomena's Parish in what is now the strip district of Pittsburgh. It was in use from 1921 until the early 1990s. These same Redemptorist were responsible establishing other parishes around Pittsburg and for establish St. Alphonsus in Wheeling! There are many relics in our collections that are of unknown saints. Perhaps one is of this special girl who loved the Lord more than her life, **St. Philomena!**