



# St. Alphonsus

Wheeling, WV

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

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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

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

## THE BEATITUDES

*Blessed* are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom  
of heaven.

*Blessed* are the meek,  
for they shall inherit the land.

*Blessed* are they that mourn,  
for they shall be comforted.

*Blessed* are they that hunger and  
thirst after justice,  
for they shall have their fill.

*Blessed* are the merciful,  
for they shall receive mercy.

*Blessed* are the clean of heart,  
for they shall see God.

*Blessed* are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called  
children of God.

*Blessed* are they that are persecuted  
for the sake of justice,  
for the kingdom of heaven is  
theirs.

## The Offertory Report

**February 9**

Envelopes = \$ 1326

Loose = \$ 740

Votive Candles = \$ 98

Online giving January = \$ 1260

### Mass Attendance

5:30 pm— 83

9:00 am— 79

## Minster Schedule

Feb 22 and 23

Readers:

Sat.- Jeanne V.

Sun.- Tom M.

Extraordinary Ministers  
of Holy Communion:

Sat: Judy. B

Mary Ellen P.

Lynn D.

Sun: Phyllis H.

Paul R.

Mark B.



### **Masses**

**St. Alphonsus**  
6:00 pm

**Cathedral  
of St. Joseph**  
12:05 pm  
7:00 pm

## The Christian Mothers' Confraternity Ladies' Guild News

**Celebrating 140 Years! (1885-2025)**

**The next meeting will be  
Tuesday, March 11 at 6:00 pm  
St. Alphonsus Columbia Hall**

### FISH FRY NEWS

**Our famous Fish Fry starts on  
Ash Wednesday, March 5  
11-6 pm**

**And will continue every Friday in Lent.**

**We are in need of monetary contributions for supplies. Please place donations in an envelop marked "Fish Fry" and mark your name if you would like the contribution recorded. We also appreciate donations of plates, napkins, plasticware, bottled water, and pop.**

**Donations of desserts to sell are also appreciated.**

**\* Volunteers need to be up to date on VIRTUS and on their food handler's cards.**

***This week's cover photo is the Beatitudes taken from Matthew Chapter 5 from Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount." These are our instructions for daily living, where the Ten Commandments tell us what we should avoid doing, the Beatitudes take us beyond to help us know what we should be doing.***

***This is your friendly reminder to start thinking about the plan for growth in holiness for Lent! It is a little under 3 weeks away. Are you ready to enliven your prayer, fasting and alms giving?***

***How about getting more involved in the parish? There are some cleaning jobs that could be undertaken, here and there. We would also like to make some purple drapes and coverings to hide the statues during Passiontide (the 2 weeks before Easter). If you have cleaning or sewing skills, we can put them to good use.***

***Contact the parish office if you can help with these projects!***

### **Parish Office hours:**

***Mon. and Thur. 8:30-12:30, Tuesday 8:30-4:30 (lunch 11:45-12:45 pm)***

## **SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**March 2:** Social Concerns of St. Alphonsus Parish

**March 23:** Priest's Retirement Fund

### 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.




**St. Gianna Prayer Group**  
 Please join us for our next meeting Tuesday, March 4  
 6:00 pro-life rosary in the church; 6:30 meeting downstairs

**St. Monica Group**  
 Please join us for our next meeting Wednesday, March 12  
 Mass @ 6 pm, Adoration @ 6:30 om, 7 pm meeting downstairs

**\*\*\* Do you need to update your Virtus Training? Go to [virtus.org](http://virtus.org) and login to see if you are compliant, or stop in the parish office. We need all ministers and volunteers, including fish fry volunteers compliant by March 1. \*\*\***

***Please pray for:***  
 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,  
 Dorothy Jagaczewski, and Charlotte Jacovetty,  
 and Robert Pavilky

***Dates in our 2025 Mass Intention Book are available! Suggested stipend per intention is \$10.***



## *Holy Lands Carvings*

Beautiful religious olive wood carvings made by Christian families of the Holy Lands will be for sale February 22 and 23. Your purchase will support peace in the middle east as well as the hard work of 200 Christians families .



**THIS FEBRUARY 22 & 23**

Available before and after the 5:30 mass on Saturday and the 9:00 mass on Sunday at St. Alphonsus Parish.

Do you, then, be also careful always to join to your daily visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament a visit to the most holy Virgin Mary in some church, or at least before a devout image of her in your own house. If you do this with tender affection and confidence, you may hope to receive great things from this most gracious Lady, who, as St. Andrew of Crete says, always bestows great gifts on those who offer her even the least act of homage.

- St. Alphonsus Liguori



# February

<b>SAT 15</b>	5:30 pm Mass for <b>Lou Comer+</b> ( <i>Brenda &amp; Bob Kohler</i> )
<b>SUN 16</b>	9:00 am Mass for <b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>MON 17</b>	No Mass
<b>TUE 18</b>	8:00 am Mass for <b>Rose Breiding +</b> ( <i>Requested by Family</i> )
<b>WED 19</b>	6:00 pm Mass for <b>Evelyn Ghaphery +</b> ( <i>Requested by Family</i> )
<b>THU 20</b>	8:00 am Mass for <b>Lou Comer +</b> ( <i>Mickey &amp; Linda Duffy</i> )
<b>FRI 21</b>	8:00 am Mass for <b>Eleanor Benline +</b> ( <i>Requested by M. Klemm</i> )
<b>SAT 22</b>	5:30 pm Mass for <b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>SUN 23</b>	5:30 pm Mass for <b>Michelle Romanek</b> ( <i>Requested by Family</i> )

## Events

- February 18 Food Handlers Class 5:00 pm Columbia Hall
- February 23 Community Breakfast after 9:00 am Mass
- March 4 St. Gianna Pro-Life Group 6 pm rosary, 6:30 pm Meeting
- March 5 Ash Wednesday Mass at 6 pm / Fish Fry 11-6 pm
- March 7 Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm / Fish Fry 11-6 pm