



St. Alphonsus

Wheeling, WV

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

February 3, 2024



St. Blaise of Sebaste

(martyred in 316 AD)
Physician and Bishop

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 2 and 3
Blessing of Throats
After Mass

February 5
Food Handlers Class
4 pm

Parochial Vicar:
Rev. Joseph Sebastian

Office Hours:

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Mass Schedule

<i>Sunday</i>	9:00 am
<i>Tues, Thur & Fri</i>	8:00 am
<i>Wednesday</i>	6:00 pm
<i>Saturday</i>	5:30 pm

Reconciliation:

Sat 4:30 -5:00 pm
Sun: 8:30 -8:50 am (or by appointment)

Baptisms, Marriage and Anointing of the Sick:
Contact the Parish Office

The Offertory Report

January 28

Envelopes = \$ 2324

Loose = \$625

Votive Candles = \$ 113

Online Giving (January) = \$1030

Mass Attendance

5:30 pm— 48

9:00 am— 49

Minster Schedule

February 10 and 11

Readers:

Sat.- *M. Turner*

Sun.- *M. Kelly*

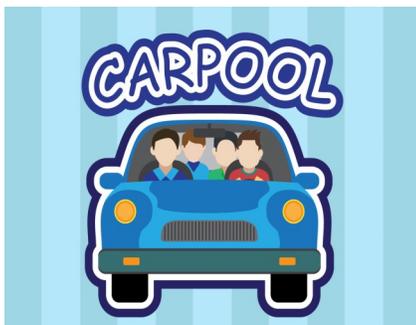
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Sat.- *J. Vindonic*

Sun.- *J. Brensinger*

* For the next 4 weeks, the Holy Eucharist will be offered to the congregation only under the accidents of bread.

If anyone would anyone be interested in providing rides to Mass especially for the 5:30pm to parishioners who are requesting such service, please contact the parish office.



The Christian Mother's Ladies' Guild News

Our next Monthly Mass in which all members are asked to attend and sit together will be **Saturday, February 17.**

FISH FRY NEWS

The first will be Ash Wednesday, February 14 and continue every Friday until and including March 29.

We will be accepting donated supplies for the Fish Fry.

These may include:

canned pop, bottled water, paper towels, napkins & foam plates. These may be left in the back of church or inside the side entrance.

Baked goods will be accepted on the day of the event!

Also, this year we are in need of more volunteers to deliver lunch orders downtown from 11:30 AM till 1:00 PM, and more help is needed on the food serving line for lunch and dinner!

FOOD HANDLERS TRAINING

Fish fry volunteers must have current food handlers certification!

A training will be offered in Columbia Hall on

Monday, February 5 at 4:00 pm

Finding Freedom in Christ, Healing Life's Hurts

with Dr. Matthew Breuninger

A one-day RETREAT @ St. Vincent de Paul Parish \$25 /person

Call (304) 242-0406 to make a reservation.

Dr. Breuninger is an associate professor of psychology at Franciscan University, a husband and father of 6.

Find info on this and other happenings and event notifications in *The Catholic Spirit* : www.thecatholicspirit.org

Ash Wednesday 2024 Masses:

7:30 am and 6:00 pm

Breakfast will be back!

Sunday, February 25 after 9:00 am Mass

SECOND COLLECTION:

February 11: Church Missions within the United States- Black & Indian Missions, Catholic Home Mission Appeal

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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	2/3	5:30 pm	Mary Frances Onofaro Archey+	By Marge Klemm
Sunday	2/4	9:00 am	Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery +	By Family
Monday	2/5		No Mass	
Tuesday	2/6	8:00 am	<i>Celebrant's Intention</i>	
Wednesday	2/7	6:00 pm	Parishioners, Sick & Homebound	
Thursday	2/8	8:00 am	<i>Celebrant's Intention</i>	
Friday	2/9	8:00 am	St. Alphonsus Mass Association	
Saturday	2/10	5:30 pm	Evelyn Ghaphery +	By Nick Ghaphery
Sunday	2/11	9:00 am	Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery +	By Family

Greetings from the Parish Office!

This week's cover photo is a 1740's painting of Saint Blaize that hangs in the Maria Troist Church (Consolation of Mary) in Rohrbach-berg, Austria. It is customary for parishes to offer the "Blessing of Throats" on his Feast Day because this Saint is said to have saved a young boy from choking on a fish-bone at the pleading of his mother, as Blaize was arrested and being led to prison. In this particular piece of art, he is shown holding a crosier because he was a bishop. Sometimes he is depicted with a wolf or other animals because he is said to have cured many domestic and wild animals while in hiding during the persecution during the reign of Licinius. Most commonly, St. Blaize can be identified as holding a candle because the grateful mother of the boy saved from choking is said to have brought a candle along with some food to Blaize while he was confined. In appreciation for her courage and kindness, Blaize is said to have asked this woman to light a candle in his honor every year on the memorial of his martyrdom, and that she and anyone else who piously upheld the tradition would be blessed with prosperity. Sometimes in artwork, St. Blaize is holding an iron felting comb (an instrument of his martyrdom) or a chalice—symbolizing a vision he had of our Lord on the night before his death in which Jesus appeared in his cell and asked Blaize to "drink of My cup" which meant that he was asked to suffer death for the Faith. We can be inspired and comforted by the example and intercession of St. Blaize!

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR TAXES

Are available to parishioners by calling or stopping in the parish office.

Coming Soon! Our own *Evening of Eucharistic Encounter*.
March 6 at St. Alphonsus Parish. Adoration with a homily by Deacon Paul Lim. Plan to come and deepen your faith!

Please pray for:

Continuous Care: J.W. Evans and B. Heller

Mt. St. Joseph: Sr. Ann Marie Cole

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

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



Called to Know, Love and Serve the Lord
Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY, February 4

Reconciliation 8:30-8:50 am
Mass @ 9:00 am

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

(No Mass.)

Food Handlers Class
4 pm

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Mass @ 8:00 am

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Mass @ 6:00 pm
W/ Adoration until 7 pm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Mass @ 8:00 am

St. Josephine Bakhita

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Mass @ 8:00 am
Reconciliation 5:00-5:30 pm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

St. Scholastica