



# 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



## Our Lady of Lourdes (February 11)

“But by the grace of God I am what I am,  
and his grace to me has not been ineffective.  
Indeed, I have toiled harder than all of them;  
not I, however, but the grace of God that is with me.”  
1 Corinthians 15:10

## The Offertory Report

**February 2**

Envelopes = \$ 2127

Loose= \$ 779

Votive Candles= \$ 105

### Mass Attendance

5:30 pm— 82

9:00 am— 76

*Every contribution matters!*

## Minster Schedule

*Feb 8 and 9*

### Readers:

*Sat.- Judy B.*

*Sun.- Mike K*

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

*Sat: Jeanne V.*

*Mary Ellen P.*

*Lynn D.*

*Sun: Judy B.*

*Paul R.*

*Mark B.*

## 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**

**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.**

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

Do we think first to turn to God for our needs and desires? We celebrate Saint Scholastica on Monday, February 10. She once said to her brother, St. Benedict, "I asked you and you would not listen, so I asked God and He did listen." God is reliable!

***This week's cover photo*** is a vintage image of Our Lady of Lourdes appearing to St. Bernadette Soubirous in 1858. This event was contemporary to the founding of this parish in 1856. Our Blessed Mother made a total of 18 appearances to Bernadette over a 6 month time span starting with the first on February 11. During the visits the Blessed Virgin Mary revealed a spring of water that provided the grace of healing, a gift that continues for visitors to this day. Our Blessed Mother under the title of Our Lady of Lourdes also encouraged the daily recitation of the rosary and confirmed the Dogma of her Immaculate Conception that had been proclaimed by Pope Pius IX on December 8, 1854.

A new second collection...**Coming Soon**, you will see envelopes in your packet with the title "Social Concerns of St. Alphonsus Parish." This collection will happen typically on the first weekend of each month and will be used toward the restoration and maintenance of the more historic features of our church, especially those features that draw, educate and evangelize. We are proud to be caretakers of so many treasures of art, history, architecture and faith. Your support of this monthly collection, which stays at St. Alphonsus Parish, allows us to better maintain this special parish and its ministries, as well as to keep up with the unique needs of our historic building and relic collections.

Welcome to our new parish Office Assistant- Juliana Kepple!

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

**February 9 & 10: Church Missions within the United States**

#### 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.



**Blessing of Homes**

Make an appointment with Fr. Pen or Fr. John to have your home blessed this year. It only takes 10-20 minutes! He can pray in any or all rooms of your house. There is no cost except your welcoming smile. A house blessing dismisses evil and invites the Holy Trinity to dwell with you. Your home will become a more peaceful place for family and friends to gather.

**Call the parish office!**



**St. Gianna Prayer Group**

Please join us for our next meeting Tuesday, March 4th at St. Alphonsus. 6:00 pro-life rosary in the church; 6:30 meeting downstairs.

We will be trying to recognize and offer a special blessing for those celebrating birthdays just before the final blessing on the first Saturday/Sunday of every month and, doing the same for those celebrating a wedding anniversary on the second Saturday/Sunday of the month.

**Need to update your Virtus Training? Come see us in the Parish Office. We can help you with online training or you can complete a paper version of the training! We need everyone, especially fish fry volunteers compliant by March 1.**

**Your opinions are requested: (This is the final week to submit your survey!)**

The diocese is asking all parishioners to complete a survey prepared by the Catholic Leadership Institute either online, in which a link will appear on our website, or on paper, which will be available in the vestibules beginning on January 7. This survey should be completed by **February 9**


This is the link for your browser for St. Alphonsus Parishioners or use the button on our website.

**<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/xd47b6>**

**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.*





# February

<b>SAT 8</b>	5:30 pm Mass for <b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>SUN 9</b>	9:00 am Mass for <b>Nicholas &amp; Nimnoom Ghaphery</b> <i>+(Requested by family)</i>
<b>MON 10</b>	No Mass
<b>TUE 11</b>	8:00 am Mass for <b>Lou Comer</b> <i>+(Requested by Brenda and Bob Kohler)</i>
<b>WED 12</b>	6:00 pm Mass for <b>Violet Pavilky</b> <i>+(Requested by her husband, Richard)</i>
<b>THU 13</b>	8:00 am Mass for <b>Elizabeth Smith</b> <i>+(Her son, Richard)</i>
<b>FRI 14</b>	8:00 am Mass for <b>Louis Gary</b> <i>(Requested by Sr, Jeanne)</i>
<b>SAT 15</b>	5:30 pm Mass for <b>Lou Comer</b> <i>+(Requested by Brenda and Bob Kohler)</i>
<b>SUN 16</b>	5:30 pm Mass for <b>People of the Parish</b>

## Events

- February 11 Mass with Anointing of the Sick at Cathedral 6:00 pm
- February 11 Young Adult Bible Study @ Cathedral Offices 7:30 pm
- February 18 Food Handlers Class 5:00 pm Columbia Hall
- February 23 Community Breakfast after 9:00 am Mass
- March 5 Ash Wednesday Mass at 6 pm / Fish Fry 11-6 pm