



St. Alphonsus

Wheeling, WV

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

January 12, 2025

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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



“And a voice came from heaven,
“You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased.”

Luke 3: 22

The Offertory Report

January 5

Envelopes = \$ 2179

Loose= \$ 726

Votive Candles= \$ 152

Utilities+ \$ 786

Mass Attendance

5:30 pm— 91

9:00 am— 74

Minster Schedule

Jan 18 and 19

Readers:

Sat.- Jeanne V.

Sun.- Phyllis H.

Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion:

Sat: Lynn D.

Judy B.

Mary Ellen P.

Sun: Paul R

Tom M.

Mark B.

The Christian Mothers' Confraternity Ladies' Guild News

Enjoy books are available for \$40.
Lots of great restaurants, auto and theater coupons!

Help would be appreciated on Sunday, January 12 as we put
Christmas decorations away for the season after the 9:00 am Mass!

St. Alphonsus Parish would like to extend condolences to the friends and families of:

Samuel Cerra

(March 17, 1947 to December 15, 2024)

Laura Teachout

(August 12, 1933– December 15, 2024)

and

Charles Kline

(March 29, 1942–December 24, 2024)

Who were buried from this parish.

Please take a moment to say a prayer for these
souls and for their loved ones.

**May the souls of the Faithful departed through the
mercy of God, rest in peace.**

“We have loved them during life; let us not
abandon them until we have conducted them by
our prayers into the house of the Lord.”

–St. Ambrose

This week's cover photo is "Baptism of Christ." It was completed in 1475 in Florence, Italy, in the studio of Renaissance painter Andrea del Verrocchio and one of his pupils at the time- Leonardo Da Vinci. The work depicts the Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist as recorded in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. The angel to the left is attributed to da Vinci as well as most of the landscape in the background. The scroll by St. John's left hand contains the Latin, "Ecce Agnus" meaning, "Behold the Lamb." At the top of the painting you can see the hands of the Father and the Holy Spirit descending as a dove, which indicated the divine nature of Jesus. The painting was commissioned by Verrocchio's brother Don Simone, the head of the monastic Church of San Salvi. It became an altar piece much like the paintings on our St. Alphonsus altars. It now can be admired in the Uffizi Gallery in Florence Italy along with other great masterworks of Western Art.

“O Sacred Heart of Jesus, living and life-giving fountain of eternal life, infinite treasure of the Divinity, and glowing furnace of love, Thou art my refuge and my sanctuary. O adorable and glorious Savior, consume my heart with that burning fire that ever inflames Thy Heart. Pour down on my soul those graces which flow from Thy love. Let my heart be so united with Thine that our wills may be one, and mine may in all things be conformed to Thine. May Thy Will be the rule of both my desires and my actions.”

–St. Alphonsus Liguori

SECOND COLLECTIONS

January 18 and 19: Church in the Developing World

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.

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, January 16

6:45 pm

*This meeting is preceded by a meeting of the Finance Council at 6:00 pm beginning at 6:00 pm

All parishioners are encouraged to attend!

Photo of the Members of each Council will be taken.

There is still an opportunity to enroll deceased loved ones in the **Saint Alphonsus Mass Association 2025** until the end of January. Call the parish office to make arrangements! First Friday Masses as well as at least one other Mass per month is offered for these souls who may yet be in need of the most holy prayer of the Church– the Sacrifice of the Mass. A \$50 donation per list is appreciated.

Committed to serve when it matters most!

Catholic
Gentlemen!

YOU can
Become a
Knight
Before AFTER
Christmas!



**Free Membership!
Promo Code
blessedmcgivney
Use at kofc.org/join**



From the **St. Gianna Pro-life Group:**

The Ignite Hope Charity Event will be held Friday, January 18 at the White Palace from 6:00–9:00 pm. Ignite Hope is a group of local people working to prevent human trafficking. There will be food stations, live music, dancing, a silent auction, 50/50 raffles and a special video. Help build a culture of life by supporting their work. Tickets are \$60 each and are available at zeffy.com (Ignite Hope Charity Event) or at the door.

Your opinions are requested:

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 21, 2025.

This is the link for your browser for St. Alphonsus Parishioners

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

St. Jude Catholic Church

in Glen Dale will be hosting a
Blood Drive
Wednesday, January 15
12 noon–5:00 pm
in the Parish Hall

Appointments Recommended:

Call 1-877-25VITAL

Or go to vitalant.org

And search Account Code:
100560909

There will be a **Healing Mass** on Friday, **January 31 at 6:00 pm**

in St. Alphonsus Church. The relics will be exhibited and the Mass intentions will be for those parishioners of St. Alphonsus and St. Joseph Cathedral Parishes suffering chronic or serious sickness. The ***Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick*** will be available under the approved conditions which includes for persons suffering acute illness or awaiting upcoming surgery due to a serious condition. There will still be an 8:00 am Mass that Friday.

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,

Bob Comer, & Dorothy Jagaczewski, Charlotte Jacovetty,

and Robert Pavilky

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



January

SAT 11	5:30 pm Mass for People of the Parish
SUN 12	9:00 am Mass for Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery + <i>(Requested by Family)</i>
MON 13	No Mass
TUE 14	8:00 am Mass for Terry Williamson <i>(Requested by J. Henthorn)</i>
WED 15	6:00 pm Mass for Evelyn Ghaphery <i>(Requested by Family)</i>
THU 16	8:00 am Mass for Woodrow O'Neil <i>(Requested by Mary Petros)</i>
FRI 17	8:00 am Mass for Charles Kline + <i>(Requested by a friend)</i>
SAT 18	5:30 pm Mass for People of the Parish
SUN 19	5:30 pm Mass for David Trubiano+ <i>(Requested by Eruan + Nancy Trubiano)</i>

Events

- January 12 (Undecorating after the 9 am Mass)
January 16 Finance (6:00 pm) and then Parish Council Meeting (6:45 pm)
February 23 Community Breakfast after 9:00 am Mass