



# St. Alphonsus

Wheeling, WV

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

**January 21, 2024**

*3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

January 22

*Day of Prayer for the Unborn*

February 2

*Presentation of the Lord  
Candle Blessing*

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### **Protection of the Unborn: Praying Against Abortion**

Father, I come before You on behalf of every unborn baby in the United States of America. Proverbs 31:8 tells us to speak up for the helpless and for those who have no voice, so I plead the powerful blood of Jesus over each and every one of these precious babies and I declare that no weapon formed against any one of them will prosper.

I decree that they'll not be aborted nor harmed in any way.

Lord I ask you to open the eyes of any parent who's considering an abortion so that they will not believe the lies of the enemy but instead will see their baby as a precious gift. Lord, I ask You to protect and keep each baby safe in the womb and after birth.

Surround them with godly people who will love them and teach them Your ways so that they may be brought up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. I declare that they will grow up and boldly speak Your word and do those things You have called them to do.

Proverbs 31:8, Isaiah 54:17, Mark 11:23, Job 22:28, Ephesians 6:4, Acts 9:28

[www.Faith-Tools.com](http://www.Faith-Tools.com)

### **Mass Schedule**

<i>Sunday</i>	9:00 am
<i>Tues, Thur &amp; 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 14**

Envelopes = \$ 1314

Loose= \$482

Votive Candles= \$ 61

### Mass Attendance

5:30 pm— 65

9:00 am— 48

## Minster Schedule

January 27 & 28

### Readers:

Sat.- **P. Romanek**

Sun.- **T. Mathes**

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Sat.- **J. Brensinger**

Sun.- **M. Bohlman**

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

**We are collecting any  
Blessed Palms  
You may have to donate  
to be burned into ashes  
for  
Ash Wednesday!**



## 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.

You can be of help for this major fundraiser! We are in need of volunteers willing to serve and/or make deliveries. At this time, we are also requesting monetary donations to offset the cost of supplies that are being ordered. You can find envelopes for this purpose in the vestibules. Please start spreading the word!

### 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

## Special Mass for The Presentation of the Lord

**February 2, 2024**

At St. Alphonsus Parish

We will begin at 6:00 pm with the

### **Blessing of Candles**

Followed by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Bring candles that you wish to have blessed and place them on the tables provided.

This feast also happens to be the First Friday of February! The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available 5-5:30 pm.

Parishioners can reserve candles for the Candle Blessing through the parish office this week, or while supplies last:

3 -day 100% beeswax in glass are \$17 each

6- day mixed wax in glass are \$7 each

## Ash Wednesday 2024 Masses:

**7:30 am and 6:00 pm**

### SECOND COLLECTION:

**January 21: Church in the Developing World: Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, and Africa.**

### 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

<b>Saturday</b>	1/20	5:30 pm	<b>Members of Christian Mother's Ladies Guild</b>	By J. Vidonic
<b>Sunday</b>	1/21	9:00 am	<b>Irene Knoll +</b>	By Family
<b>Monday</b>	1/22		No Mass	
<b>Tuesday</b>	1/23	8:00 am	<b>Nicholas &amp; Nimnoom Ghaphery</b>	By Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	1/24	6:00 pm	<b>Celebrant's Intention</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	1/25	8:00 am	<b>Celebrant's Intention</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	1/26	8:00 am		
<b>Saturday</b>	1/27	5:30 pm	<b>Richard Yankovich +</b>	By Phyllis & Family
<b>Sunday</b>	1/28	9:00 am	<b>Nicholas &amp; Nimnoom Ghaphery</b>	By Family

*Greetings from the Parish Office!*

*This week's cover photo is a prayer for the unborn. We must never underestimate the power of prayer or the value of a human life!*

*There is a box in the elevator vestibule for old palms!*

### Lost and Found:

There is a high-powered Duracell Flashlight that was found several months ago in a rear pew of the church, Our Blessed Mother's side. The owner can call the office to retrieve it.!

**Visit our lending library for some fascinating and informative winter reading selections!**

In January,  
We honor the  
Most Holy Name  
of  
**JESUS**

The Wheeling Area Latin Mass Society will host a Missa Cantata (Traditional Latin Mass) on Sunday, January 28 at 3:00 pm at Our Lady of Seven Dolours Chapel in Triadelphia, WV. A potluck supper will follow. For more information go to: [www.wheelinglatinmass.com](http://www.wheelinglatinmass.com)

### CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR TAXES

Are available to parishioners by calling or stopping in the parish office. Remember to file by April 15!

### *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, January 21**

**Mass @ 9:00 am**  
*3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*Repent and Follow*

**MONDAY, JANUARY 22**

*(No Mass.)*

**Day of Prayer for the Unborn**



**TUESDAY, JANUARY 23**

**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, JANUARY 24**

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

**St. Francis de Sales**  
**(1567-1622)**

***Bible Study 7 pm***

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 25**

**Mass @ 8:00 am**

**The Conversion of Saint Paul**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 26**

**Mass @ 8:00 am**

**Sts. Timothy and Titus**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27**

**Mass @ 5:30 pm**

**St. Angela Merici**  
**(1474- 1540)**