



St. Alphonsus

Wheeling, WV

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

January 5, 2025

Epiphany of the Lord

Pastor:
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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

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“They were overjoyed at seeing the star,
and on entering the house
they saw The Child with Mary His mother.
They prostrated themselves and did Him homage.
Then they opened their treasures
and offered Him gifts of
gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”

Matthew 2: 10-11

The Offertory Report

December 29

Envelopes = \$ 1542

Loose= \$ 724

Votive Candles= \$

Mass Attendance

5:30 pm— 70

9:00 am— 76

Every contribution matters!

Minster Schedule

Jan 11 and 12

Readers:

Sat.- Mike S.

Sun.- Mike K.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Sat: Lynn D.

Judy B.

Mary Ellen P.

Sun: Tom M.

Phyllis H.

Mark B.

Fish Fry Planning Meeting

Thursday, January 9

6:00 pm

in Columbia Hall.

Everyone interested in being a part of this fun fundraiser is asked to please attend!

My Enjoy COUPON BOOKS

Are now available!

\$40 each

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

Jesus is born poor in a stable; the angels of heaven indeed acknowledge Him, but men abandon and forsake Him on earth. Only a few shepherds come and pay Him homage. But our Redeemer was desirous of communicating to us the grace of His redemption, and begins therefore to manifest Himself to the Gentiles, who knew Him least. Therefore He sends a star to enlighten the holy Magi, in order that they may come and acknowledge and adore their Savior. This was the first and sovereign grace bestowed upon us, our vocation to the faith; which was succeeded by our vocation to grace, of which men were deprived.

Behold the wise men, who immediately, without delay, set off upon their journey. The star accompanies them as far as the cavern where the holy Infant lies: on their arrival they enter; and what do they find? They found the Child with Mary. They find a poor maiden and a poor Infant wrapped in poor swaddling-clothes, without any one to attend on Him or assist Him. But, lo! on entering into the little shed these holy pilgrims feel a joy which they had never felt before; they feel their hearts chained to the dear little Infant which they behold. The straw, the poverty, the cries of their little Savior, oh, what darts of love! oh, what blessed flames are they to their enlightened hearts! The Infant looks upon them with a joyful countenance, and this is the mark of affection with which He accepts them amongst the first-fruits of His redemption.

The holy kings then look at Mary, who does not speak she remains silent; but with her blessed countenance that breathes the sweetness of paradise she welcomes them, and thanks them for having been the first to come and acknowledge her Son (as indeed He is) for their Sovereign Lord. See also how, out of reverence, they adore Him in silence, and acknowledge Him for their God, kissing His feet, and offering Him their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Let us also with the holy Magi adore our little King Jesus, and let us offer Him all our hearts.

-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.

All Parishioners are invited to the

Epiphany Party

Saturday, January 4

In Columbia Hall at St. Alphonsus starting at 6:30 pm
Reservations were required.

An Epiphany Concert will be held at the Cathedral on Sunday, January 5 at 3:00 pm, featuring various musicians in the local vicariate.

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, January 16

6:45 pm

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

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.

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.

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.

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

CHALKING THE DOOR

The Epiphany House Blessing

"Chalking the door" is a centuries-old custom in which Christians gather on the feast of the Epiphany to ask God's blessing on their home.

A traditional way of doing this is to take a piece of blessed chalk and inscribe above the entrance door to the home.

20+C+M+B+22

The "20" and "22" refer to the actual year. The "+" between the letters symbolizes the cross of Christ.

The "C M B" initials have two meanings:

1. The initials represent the three Magi: Casper, Melchior and Balthazar.
2. Also, the initials abbreviate the Latin "Christus mansionem benedict" (May Christ bless this house).]

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:

Dates in our 2025 Mass Intention

Book are available!

Suggested stipend per intention is \$10.



January

SAT 4	5:30 pm Mass for James U. Greene (<i>Requested by his wife, Barbara</i>)
SUN 5	9:00 am Mass for The People of the Parish
MON 6	No Mass
TUE 7	8:00 am Mass for Beverly Heller + (<i>Requested by Fritz and Linda Leithe</i>)
WED 8	6:00 pm Mass for St. Alphonsus Mass Association
THU 9	8:00 am Mass for Beverly Heller + (<i>Requested by the Chris Heller Family</i>)
FRI 10	8:00 am Mass for Elizabeth Smith + (<i>Requested by her son, Richard</i>)
SAT 11	5:30 pm Mass for People of the Parish
SUN 12	5:30 pm Mass for Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery + (<i>Requested by Family</i>)

Events

- January 4 Epiphany Party 6:30 pm Columbia Hall
- January 7 St. Gianna Pro-Life Rosary 6:00 pm, Meeting 6:30 Columbia Hall
- January 8 St. Monica Prayer Group 7:00 om, Columbia Hall
- January 9 Fish Fry Volunteers' Meeting 6:00 pm Columbia Hall
- January 12 Baptism of the Lord (Take Christmas decorations down after 9 am Mass)
- January 16 Finance (6:00 pm) and then Parish Council Meeting (6:45 pm)