



St. Alphonsus

Wheeling, WV

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

January 7, 2024

Epiphany Of the Lord

Parochial Vicar:
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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

December 31

Envelopes = \$ 1231

Loose= \$686

Votive Candles= \$ 45

Online giving (Dec)= \$1033

Mass Attendance

5:30 pm— 85

9:00 am— 56

Minster Schedule

January 12 and 13

Readers:

Sat.- *M. Sofka*

Sun.- *M. Kelly*

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Sat.- *J. Brensinger*

L. DeGasperis

J. Vidonic

Sun.- *P. Holt*

M. Bohlman

P. Romanek

Catholics are Pro-Life!

In conjunction with the
Walk for Life in Washington, DC:

St. Michael Church will have
Eucharist Adoration
and an hourly Pro-Life rosary

Friday, January 19th

8:00 am – 8:00 pm

All are welcome to come and
pray for unborn babies, their
mothers, and your own special
intentions!



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, January 20**

Greetings and Happy New Year,

I would like to share some more ways and means for you to consider to
strengthen the bonds of your family. Parents, you are the head of your
family, having the responsibility to lead the family in faith and holiness.
You must do all you can to remain committed to your marital vow.

There are various stages in a person's faith formation. First, in the moth-
er's womb— When a child is conceived, the prayer life of the mother and
father is most important. The next stage, when a child is born, the family
is the new world for the child. Let the child experience and learn every-
thing good from the parents. Parents are the primary teachers of the
faith for a child, and the home is the first university.

A third stage is the parish community where a child can see a larger
world. The priests and religious and all the faithful have responsibilities
to help form the faith of the youth in the parish by their example of
Catholic giving and by their prayers.

-Fr. Joseph Sebastian

Fish Fry Planning Meeting

Monday, January 8 @ 6:00 pm

LENDING LIBRARY: There is a collection of fine Catholic books
available in the "elevator vestibule" steps for you to borrow that you may
grow in faith, knowledge and inspiration. This is also where you will find
our bulletin board of upcoming events. Consider taking a book home for
evening reading, and trying to get more involved with the activities going
on at St. Alphonsus and nearby parishes.

Greetings from the Parish Office!

*This week's cover photo is our own Nativity scene now filled with
the presence of Christ and being visited by our Wise Men. As we
wrap-up the Christmas Season liturgically, may all be blessed to
keep Christ in our daily lives ever more in 2024!*

SECOND COLLECTION:

**January 14, 2024: Catholic Near East Welfare Association for
the Holy Land. Make checks payable to St. Alphonsus.
Memo line: CNEWA**

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	1/6	5:30 pm	Mary Rose Reed +	By Maureen Hill
Sunday	1/7	9:00 am	Robin Abercrombie	
Monday	1/8		No Mass	
Tuesday	1/9	8:00 am	Elizabeth Smith +	By Her son Richard
Wednesday	1/10	6:00 pm		
Thursday	1/11	8:00 am	Evelyn Ghaphery +	By Nick Ghaphery
Friday	1/12	8:00 am		
Saturday	1/13	5:30 pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday	1/14	9:00 am	Mary Manning	By Rebecca Stricklen

“THE WISE MEN” BY G. K. CHESTERTON

Step softly, under snow or rain,
To find the place where men can
pray;
The way is all so very plain
That we may lose the way.

Oh, we have learnt to peer and
pore
On tortured puzzles from our youth,
We know all the labyrinthine lore,
We are the three wise men of yore,
And we know all things but truth.

We have gone round and round the
hill
And lost the wood among the trees,
And learnt long names for every ill,
And serve the made gods, naming
still
The furies the Eumenides.

The gods of violence took the veil
Of vision and philosophy,

The Serpent that brought all men
bale,
He bites his own accursed tail,
And calls himself Eternity.

Go humbly ... it has hailed and
snowed...
With voices low and lanterns lit;
So very simple is the road,
That we may stray from it.

The world grows terrible and white,
And blinding white the breaking day;
We walk bewildered in the light,
For something is too large for
sight,
And something much too plain to say.

The Child that was ere worlds
began
(... We need but walk a little way,
We need but see a latch undone...)
The Child that played with moon
and sun
Is playing with a little hay.

The house from which the heavens
are fed,

The old strange house that is our
own,
Where trick of words are never said,
And Mercy is as plain as bread,
And Honour is as hard as stone.

Go humbly, humble are the skies,
And low and large and fierce the Star;
So very near the Manger lies
That we may travel far.
Hark! Laughter like a lion wakes
To roar to the resounding plain.
And the whole heaven shouts and
shakes,

For God Himself is born again,
And we are little children walking
Through the snow and rain.



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 7

Mass @ 9:00 am
Epiphany of the Lord

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

(No Mass.)

Baptism of the Lord



TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

Mass @ 8:00 am

Blessed Gregory X, Pray for us!
(1210-1276)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

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

Bible Study 7 pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

Mass @ 8:00 am

Pray for the unborn!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

Mass @ 8:00 am

**St. Bernard of Corleone, pray that there
will be an end of war and violence!**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

Mass @ 5:30 pm

***St. Hillary of Poitiers, Bishop and Doctor of the
Church, pray for us!***