



St. Alphonsus

Wheeling, WV

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

March 10, 2024



*4th Sunday in Lent
Laetare Sunday*

*March 15
Fish Fry 11 am- 6 pm*

**Parochial Vicar:
Rev. Joseph Sebastian**

Office Hours:
Mon Tues & Thurs 8:30am – 11:30am

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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

March 3

Envelopes = \$ 2007
Loose = \$595
Votive Candles = \$ 83

Mass Attendance

5:30 pm— 79
9:00 am— 60

Minster Schedule

March 16 and 17

Readers:

Sat.- *Monica T.*

Sun.- *Phyllis H.*

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Sat.- *J. Vidonic*

L. DeGasperis

J. Brensinger

Sun.- *Mark B.*

Mary Ellen P.

Judy B.

NOTE:

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SATURDAYS
4:30 pm until Mass

SUNDAYS
8:30am until Mass

WEDNESDAYS
6:30— 7:00 pm



The Christian Mother's Ladies' Guild News

Our next Meeting will be this Tuesday, **March 12!**

Our next Monthly Mass in which all members are asked to attend and sit together will be **Saturday, March 16.**

FISH FRY NEWS

EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT

11:00—6:00 pm

NEW FISH FRY PHONE NUMBER:

(304) 559-9964

MENU is the website under BULLETINS or on our Facebook page



Holy Thursday Pilgrimage:

Bus transportation provided to 6 local churches of Adoration on Holy Thursday from 8 pm-12 midnight. Reserve a seat by **March 25** by calling (304) 233-0880 Ext. 261 or emailing: kstillion@dwc.org

The Catholic Sharing Appeal is underway. See the enclosed flyer provides you with information on the campaign and how to send your donation. Addressed envelopes are in the vestibules.

Our parish goal this year is \$10,075.

Stations of the Cross

every Friday in Lent at 6:30 pm (new time)

GOOD FRIDAY: Stations will be at 2:30 pm

SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK/ EASTER

Holy Thursday— Mass at 6:00pm followed by Adoration until 9:00 pm

Good Friday— Stations of the Cross 2:30 pm
Passion of Our Lord Liturgy 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday- Blessing of Easter Foods/Baskets 12:00 noon
Easter Vigil -Mass 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday -Mass— 9:00 am

SECOND COLLECTION:

March 29: Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

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	3/9	5:30 pm	Joseph P. Tomczyk	By Family
Sunday	3/10	9:00 am	Kenneth Hart +	By Barb Hart
Monday	3/11		No Mass	
Tuesday	3/12	8:00 am	St. Alphonsus Mass Association	
Wednesday	3/13	8:00 am	Helen Shemon +	
Thursday	3/14	8:00 am	Trudy Forster +	By J. Vidonic
Friday	3/15	8:00 am	Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaperhy+	By Family
Saturday	3/16	5:30 pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday	3/17	9:00 am	Helen Shemon +	By J. Vidonic

Greetings from the Parish Office!

*Our cover photo this week is Rembrandt's famous painting **The return of the Prodigal Son**. He completed this great work around 1662, and it is considered by many to be the greatest painting ever made. This encounter with such an inspiring image, as well as the hopeful liturgy of Laetare Sunday reminds us to rejoice that Our Father welcomes us back with an abundance of love. We can take this new hope and persevere 3 more weeks with our penances, acts of charity and multiplied prayers until Easter!*

As we get closer to Holy Week, we would like to remind you that the Knights of Columbus Baby Bottles will be collected on Palm Sunday. Note that there will be special liturgies and devotions during Holy Week as listed on the facing page. Another special event to remember will be the Blessing of Easter Baskets and foods (eggs, meats, butter, cheese, wine, baked goods, salt...) on Holy Saturday at 12 noon in Columbia Hall. Finally, our next Holy Ghost Café Breakfast will be on Palm Sunday, March 24 following the 9:00 am Mass.

At this time the parish welcomes monetary donations for Easter flowers that will decorate the church. You can include the name of a loved one in memorial dedication with your donation.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR TAXES

Are available to parishioners by calling or stopping in the parish office.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment. Just call the parish of office to schedule.

Return to the Lord with all your heart and find rest for your soul.

Please pray for:

Continuous Care: J.W. Evans and B. Heller

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

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, March 10

*Reconciliation 8:30-8:50 am
Adoration @ 8:30 am
Mass @ 9:00 am
4th Sunday of Lent*

MONDAY, MARCH 11

(No Mass.)

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

Mass @ 8:00 am

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

Mass @ 6:00 pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

Mass @ 8:00 am

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

Mass @ 8:00 am

Fish Fry 11 :00 am- 6:00 pm
Phone: (304) 559-9964

Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

***Adoration @ 4:30 pm
Confessions @ 4:30 pm
Mass @ 5:30 pm***

HOW SHOULD WE ACT WHEN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IS EXPOSED ON THE ALTAR?

During these years when our American bishops are reminding us of the inestimable value of Christ's Real Presence in the Blessed Eucharist, our priests are trying in many ways to help us deepen our love for this great Sacrament. For the past few weeks here at St. Alphonsus, upon entering the church before our weekend Masses, the Blessed Sacrament has been exposed upon the altar for our Adoration. The Church's rubrics for this devotion are very specific:

GENUFLECTION ON ONE KNEE UPON ENTERING OUR PEW OR PASSING IN FRONT OF THE MONSTRANCE OR, FOR THOSE OF US WHO ARE OLDER, A PROFOUND BOW IS ACCEPTABLE.

ABSOLUTE SILENCE IN THE PRESENCE OF OUR LORD IN THE MONSTRANCE.

This means, of course, that we are being reminded to avoid the temptation to chat with friends in the sanctuary. In fact, whether the Blessed Sacrament is exposed or not, it is always impolite to carry on a running conversation in the church while waiting for a liturgy to begin. It is a suitable time to greet the Lord in prayer and allow those around us to do the same. Not that our dear friends should be neglected. It is simply the proper practice to meet our dear friends outside the sanctuary before or after Mass. There is a right time and place for conversation with Jesus, and a time and place for conversation with each other. May this extended time with Our Lord in His Blessed Sacrament enliven your faith and bring you special blessings as we continue the Lenten journey.