



# St. Alphonsus

Wheeling, WV

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

March 30, 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



“I came into this world for judgment,  
so that those who do not see might see,  
and those who do see might become blind.”

John 9: 39

## The Offertory Report

March 23

Envelopes = \$ 1909  
Loose= \$ 656  
Votive Candles= \$ 109  
Priest Retirement Fun:  
\$951

### Mass Attendance

5:30 pm— 86  
9:00 am— 95

## Minster Schedule

April 5-6

### Readers:

Sat.- Judy B.  
Sun.- Paul R.

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Sat: Mary Ellen P.  
Lynn D.  
Judy B.  
Sun: Phyllis H.  
Tom. M.  
Mark B.

April 12 -13

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Sat.- Mike S., Jeanne V.  
Sun.- Tom M., Chuck G.

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## The Christian Mothers' Confraternity Ladies' Guild News

**Celebrating 140 Years! (1885-2025)**

**The next meeting will be  
Tuesday, April 8 at 6:00 pm  
St. Alphonsus Columbia Hall  
There will be a special presentation about  
the Miraculous Medal.**

## St. Alphonsus Parish FISH FRY

**Fridays of Lent 11 am -6 pm  
Good Friday 11am- 2 pm**

**NEW: Phone in orders: (304) 650-8123**

Fish Sandwiches are \$8.00 Most Sides are \$2.00  
Drinks and desserts are \$1.00

Donations of desserts to sell are requested.  
Deliver on Thursday before 12 noon,  
or on Friday morning before 10 am!



## Stations of the Cross

**Every Friday in Lent 6:30 pm  
Good Friday @ 3:30 pm**

*Our cover photo this week is the "Healing of the Blind Man by Jesus Christ: by the painter Carl Bloch (1834-1890). This work hangs in the Museum of Natural History of Frederiksborg in Castle Denmark.*

*"Fix your minds on the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Inflamed with love for us, He came down from heaven to redeem us.*

*For our sake He endured every torment of body and soul and shrank from no bodily pain.*

*He Himself gave us an example of perfect patience and love. We, then, are to be patient in adversity."*

*-St. Francis Paola (Feast Day- April 2)*

### Parish Office hours:

Mon. and Thur. 8:30-12:30, Tuesday 8:30-4:30 (lunch 11:45-12:45 pm)

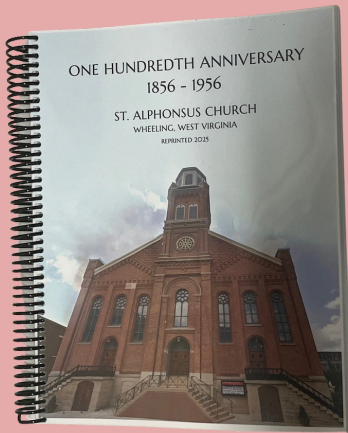
***We have reached 25% of our CSA goal of 11,400 dollars. Thank you!***

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

**April 6: Maintenance and Preservation of St. Alphonsus Church (pink)**

### 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.



Looking for an Easter basket filler? The Saint Alphonsus History book is a great place to start!

History of the Parish 1856-1956

FOR  
SALE!  
\$20



Sunday  
Giggles



What is the number one reason not to lose your Rosary?

you will be searching for "decades!" - Darby M.

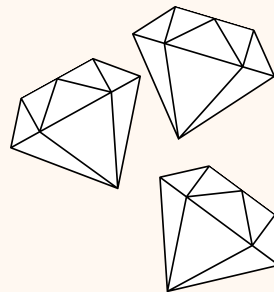
**ATTENTION!**



For a chance to be featured in the bulletin for Sunday Giggles, e-mail your best church jokes to [office@stals.org](mailto:office@stals.org)!

## Catholic Jewels

Adorn your knowledge with Catholic Trivia!



1. What is considered the shortest Liturgical Season?
2. What saint supposedly tamed a wild wolf?
3. What snack originated during Lent because it contains only flour, water and salt?

Answers: 1. The Holy Triduum 2. Saint Frances 3. Pretzels!



YOU ARE INVITED TO

# MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

**11** May  
2024

**Columbia Hall**

2111 Market Street

Free Brunch for Mothers and their  
Families!

Reservations Required! Call parish office or email to make a reservation. Further details are TBD

## *The Seven Last Words of Jesus*

Join the Cathedral of Saint Joseph  
on April 18th at 12:45 for a  
meditation of the seven last words of  
Jesus Christ.



Join us for an

# EASTER

## BASKET BLESSING

**12:00 Noon , April 19th**

**Bring your Easter Baskets full of candy,  
meat, bread, wine, butter, eggs, and salt  
for a blessing!**



Why are the priests wearing Rose (again, not pink)?

It is Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent. A couple of interesting notes beyond the color of the vestments. The sanctuary may have flowers for this Sunday, unlike the other Sundays of Lent which call for a lack of any adornment. Also, the organ may play pieces which do not require singing.

Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday is on the calendar to give a reminder of the glory that we will celebrate in a few weeks. The glory of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Like the Transfiguration in the Gospel, where Christ is preparing His apostles for the trials they will face after His ascension to the Father, Laetare Sunday invites us to remember the promise of Easter; the promise that the suffering done on Christ's behalf will be rewarded with a joy not known to humankind.

Hopefully, the sacrifices we have intended to carry out this Lent are going well. If not, it is not too late to begin anew. Lent offers a myriad of opportunities to go to Confession. We have begun offering time on Saturdays at 11:00AM at the Cathedral. Penance Services for both the Cathedral (Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>) and St. Alphonsus (Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>) will be held at 6:00PM.

We cannot give what we have not received. May we ask the Lord's forgiveness, so that we in turn can give it away to others we encounter. Happy Laetare Sunday, and may God Bless and Keep You!

-Fr. John Soplinski

### The next Parish Council Meeting:

**Thursday, April 3 at 7:00 pm**

**Columbia Hall**

**(Finance Council Meets at 6:00 pm that evening.)**



The Window Project Phase 1 will begin this spring! Thank you to all of our donors! Please know that we continue to need support to continue and finish this necessary project.

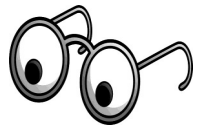
### St. Monica Group

Please join us for our next meeting

**Wednesday, April 2 @ 7:00 pm**

Mass @ 6 pm, Adoration @ 6:30 pm,  
**7 pm meeting downstairs**

If you have lost a pair of prescription eye glasses over the weekend of March 22-23, please contact the parish office. We have found them!



### St. Gianna Pro-life Prayer Group

**NEXT MEETING: April 1 @ 6:00 pm, St. Al's**

**Join us for the this Friday, April 4 at the Cathedral for a Pro-Life Rosary! Our special intention will be the Aim Women's Center in Steubenville, OH.**

**-Consider becoming a volunteer! Aim needs people to: Help with evening meals, provide transportation for appointments & group outings, become Mom Mentors, teach life skills classes, assist staff around the house, and serve on their home advisory council.**

**The Bereavement Gathering for this month will be Monday, March 31 from 6:00-7:00 pm at the St. John Parish Center in Benwood, WV.**

*May she rest in peace.*

*Please keep the soul of*

*Sr. Anna Marie Cole*

*in your prayers*

*as she has recently passed away.*

*Our condolences to her families and friends.*

### St. Alphonsus Parish Communal Penance Service

Thursday, April 10

6:00 pm

### Please pray for:

*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,*

*Dorothy Jagaczewski, and Charlotte Jacovetty,*

*and Robert Pavilky, Sr. Jeanne Vidonic*

*Dates in our*  
**2025 Mass Intention**

*Book are available!*

*Suggested stipend per*  
*intention is \$10.*



## March

<b>SAT 29</b>	5:30 pm Mass for <b>Joseph A. Tomczyk</b> + <i>(Requested by family)</i>
<b>SUN 30</b>	9:00 am Mass for <b>Beth Fragale</b> + <i>(Requested by the Jebbia Family)</i>
<b>MON 31</b>	No Mass
<b>TUE 1</b>	8:00 am Mass for <b>Lou Comer</b> + <i>(Requested by John &amp; Cathy Dalek)</i>
<b>WED 2</b>	6:00 pm Mass for <b>Violet Pavilky</b> + <i>(Requested by her husband, Richard)</i>
<b>THU 3</b>	8:00 am Mass for <b>Robert Hill</b> + <i>(Requested by Maureen)</i>
<b>FRI 4</b>	8:00 am Mass for <b>St. Alphonsus Mass Association</b>
<b>SAT 5</b>	5:30 pm Mass for <b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>SUN 6</b>	9:00 am Mass for <b>David Trubiano</b> + <i>(Requested by Eruan &amp; Nancy Trubiano)</i>

## Events

April 1	St. Gianna Pro-Life Rosary 6 pm/ Meeting 6:30 pm
April 2	St. Monica Prayer Group
April 3	Finance council Meeting 6 pm/ Parish Council Meeting 7 pm
April 4	Fish Fry 11-6 pm/ Stations of the Cross 6:30
April 8	Christians Mothers Confraternity Meeting 6:00 pm
April 10	Communal Penance Service 6:00 pm
April 11	Fish Fry 11-6 pm / Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm
April 17	Holy Thursday Mass 7:00 pm
April 18	Fish Fry until 1 pm/Stations 3:30/ Passion 4:00 pm
April 19	Basket Blessings @ 12 noon/ Vigil Mass 8:30 pm
April 20	Easter Mass 9:00 am