



St. Alphonsus

Wheeling, WV

May 7, 2023

Calendar
AED Training- after Masses
this weekend
5/ 9 -Christian Mothers 6 pm

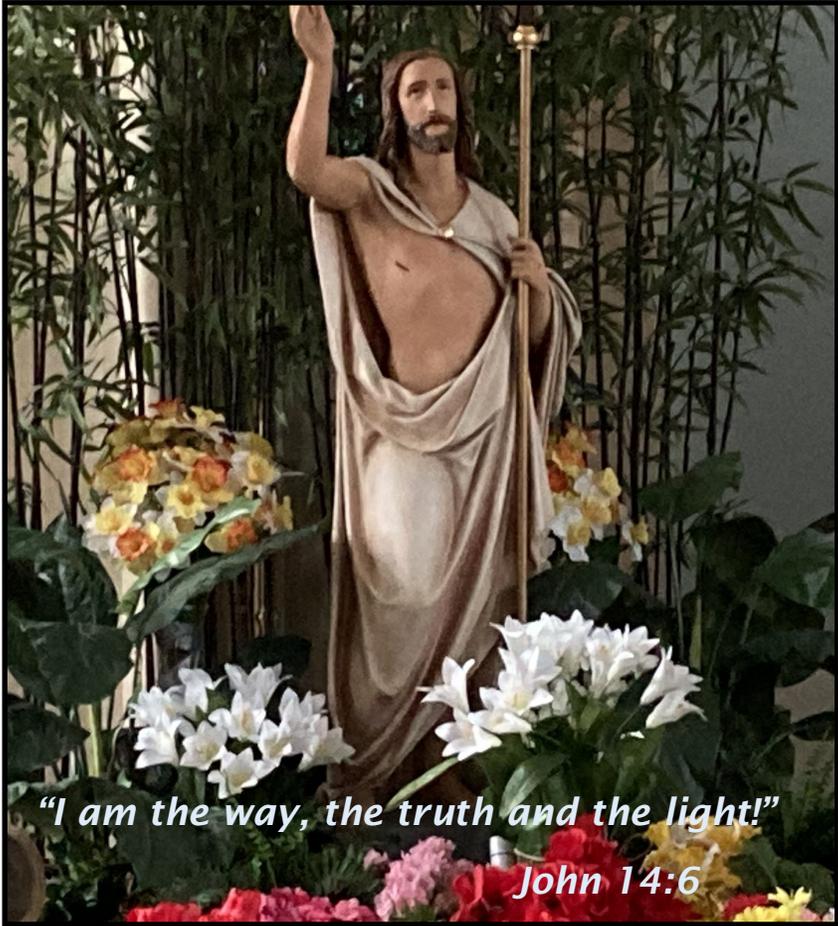
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Mass Schedule

Sunday	9:00 am
Tues, Thur, Fri	8:00 am
Wednesday	6:00 pm
Saturday	5:30 pm

Reconciliation:
Sun 8:30-8:50 am
Sat 4:30-5:00 pm (or by appointment)

Adoration:
Wednesday 6:30-7:00 pm

The Offertory Report

April 29 & 30

Envelopes = \$1330

Loose = \$860

Second Collection = \$5

Mass Attendance

5:30 pm— 85

9:00 am— 78

Minster Schedule

May 13 and 14

Readers:

Sat.- **M. Turner**

Sun.- **T. Mathes**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Sat.- **J. Brensinger**

L. DeGasperis

L. Blazier

Sun.- **P. Holt**

M. Bohlman

P. Romanek

Readings

Sun: Acts 6: 1-7
1 Peter 2: 4-9
John 14: 1-10

Mon: Acts 14: 5-18
Jn 14: 21-26

Tues: Acts 14: 19-28
Jn 14: 27-31

Wed: Acts 15: 1- 6
Jn 15:1-8

Thurs: Acts 15: 7-21
Jn 15: 9-11

Fri: Acts 15: 22-31
Jn 15: 12-17

Sat: Acts 13: 44-52
Jn 14: 7-14

From: UNIFORMITY WITH GOD'S WILL by St. Alphonsus de Liguori

1. Excellence of this Virtue.

Perfection is founded entirely on the love of God: "*Charity is the bond of perfection,*" and perfect love of God means the complete union of our will with God's: "*The principal effect of love is so to unite the wills of those who love each other as to make them will the same things.*"

It follows then, that the more one unites his will with the divine will, the greater will be his love of God. Mortification, meditation, receiving Holy Communion, acts of fraternal charity are all certainly pleasing to God -- but only when they are in accordance with his will. When they do not accord with God's will, he not only finds no pleasure in them, but he even rejects them utterly and punishes them.

To illustrate: -- A man has two servants. One works unremittingly all day long -- but according to his own devices; the other, conceivably, works less, but he does do what he is told. This latter of course is going to find favor in the eyes of his master; the other will not. Now, in applying this example, we may ask: Why should we perform actions for God's glory if they are not going to be acceptable to him? God does not want sacrifices, the prophet Samuel told King Saul, but he does want obedience to his will:

"Doth the Lord desire holocausts and victims, and not rather that the voice of the Lord should be obeyed? For obedience is better than sacrifices; and to hearken, rather than to offer the fat of rams. Because it is like the sin of witchcraft to rebel; and like the crime of idolatry to refuse to obey."

The man who follows his own will independently of God's, is guilty of a kind of idolatry. Instead of adoring God's will, he, in a certain sense, adores his own. The greatest glory we can give to God is to do his will in everything. (*Reading will continue next week.*)

Weekly Bible Study

Everyone is welcome to join our Bible Study in Columbia Hall on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 pm. This follows the 6 pm Mass and Adoration. The study will pick up this Wednesday, May 10, with the Acts of the Apostles.

Holy Hour for Mothers at Corpus Christi

Pray for your mother and all mothers!

Monday, May 15 at 6:30 pm

Corpus Christi Parish in Warwood

Holy Ghost Café Breakfast

Join us for a delicious breakfast in Columbia Hall following the 9:00 am Mass on **Sunday, May 28 !**

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 88-352-6513. 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.

Called to Know, Love and Serve the Lord
Weekly Calendar:

SUNDAY: (5/7) 5th Sunday of Easter. Mass at 9:00 am. AED Training 10-11 am.

MONDAY: (5/8) *Feast of the Apparition of St. Michael the Archangel of Gargano*

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls, Amen.

TUESDAY: (5/9) 8:00 am Mass. Christian Mothers meeting 6:00 pm.

WEDNESDAY: (5/10) 6:00 pm Mass followed by Adoration & Benediction.
Bible Study 7:00 pm.

St. Damien Molokai (1840-1889) was a priest who served the leper colony on the Kalaupapa Peninsula of the Hawaiian Islands. He provided the Sacraments, education, comfort and order to those forced to stay there. Although the disease is not highly contagious, Fr. Damien did succumb to the disease and offered his sufferings along with prayer and adoration for 5 years before he died. "It is at the foot of the altar that we find the strength we need in our isolation," he wrote.

THURSDAY: (5/11) 8:00 am Mass.

St. Ignatius of Laconi: Patron Saint of Students and Beggars (1701-1781) was a Franciscan friar who begged for food and donations to support his order. He daily walked for miles, and most of his supporters were kind and generous. He avoided homes where he knew the residents were dishonest. However, one day at his superior's direction, Ignatius sought the donation of a moneylender who had been taking advantage of the poor. This moneylender donated a large sack of food. When the contents were emptied, the sack began to drip blood. "This is the blood of the poor," Ignatius explained softly. "That is why I never ask for anything at that house." The friars began to pray that the moneylender would repent.

FRIDAY: (5/12) 8:00 am Mass.

SATURDAY: (5/13) 5:30 pm Mass. ***Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!***

SUNDAY: (5/14) 9:00 am Mass. **Happy Mother's Day!**

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The **Christian Mothers Ladies' Guild** will meet on Tuesday, May 9 at 6:00 pm in Columbia Hall to hold election of officers. We pray, we work, we learn, and we share our life of faith. All ladies are invited to join and participate in this active group of fine women as they serve the church and grow in holiness!

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston has started the 2023 Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA). Bishop Brennan encourages parishioners to prayerfully consider discern a gift to this appeal. This year, our parish goal is \$9,985. The first 50% of our goal raised will support various ministries throughout the diocese such as Evangelization, Education, Schools, Food Pantries, and Camp Carlo. **All monies raised by our parishioners over 50% of the parish goal will return to the parish to be used for St. Alphonsus parish needs.**

AED TRAINING– this WEEKEND !

Let's save a life!

FOLLOWING

5:30 pm Mass on **May 6**

and after the

9:00 am Mass on **May 7**

@ St. Alphonsus for any one age 12 or older who would like to become familiar with using our new Automatic Defibrillator System. The training will take approximately 1 hour. Please contact Chuck Griffin for more details.

LENDING LIBRARY: There is a collection of fine Catholic books available under 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.

ALL VOLUNTEERS: The Catholic Church in WV has recently expanded its Safe Environment process to include all volunteers, **even those who may not directly work with children**-volunteers at Mass, social events and fundraisers. There are 2 ways to complete this new requirement. **You can go online to: www.virtusonline.org and complete the Safe Environment process yourself from start to finish.** A "How to Guide" is available in the parish office. Or secondly, you may find it online at www.dwc.org Need help? Call the office.

Greetings from the secretary! Hello, I am Val Gordon, your new secretary. My position will be part-time and I will only be serving St. Alphonsus Parish. The new office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 8:30 am– 12:30 pm. You can reach the office by calling (304) 232-4353 or by emailing: saintalphonsuswheeling@gmail.com You can also leave a message, question, or Mass intention request in the collection basket, or office "mail" box which is downstairs near the office door. Please leave your name and phone number on all correspondence so I can get back to you if needed. I look forward to serving you!

*Mass
Intentions*

Saturday, May 6

5:30 pm- **JEAN FISHER +**

Sunday, May 7

9:00 am - **BERNARD MORGAN SR. +**

Monday, May 8

(No Mass)

Tuesday, May 9

8:00 am– **IRENE KNOLL +**

Wednesday, May 10

6:00 pm– **ELIZABETH SMITH +**

Thursday, May 11

8:00 am– **ROBERT B KLEMM JR +**

Friday, May 12

8:00 am– **People of the Parish**

Saturday, May 13

5:30 pm– **EDWARD DUFFY +**

Sunday, May 7

9:00 am– **People of the Parish**

*Dates in our
2023 Mass Intention Book are*

OPEN!

Stipends are \$10 / weekdays

\$15 / Sat. or Sun.

per Mass request

Please pray for:

(If you would like to be placed on our published prayer list, please let the office know in writing or by phone.)