



St. Alphonsus

Wheeling, WV

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

November 26, 2023

*Our Lord Jesus Christ
King of the Universe*

Pastor:

Most Rev. Bishop Mark Brennan

Parochial Vicar:

Rev. Joseph Sebastian

Office Hours:

Mon, Tues & Thurs 8:30 am – 12:30

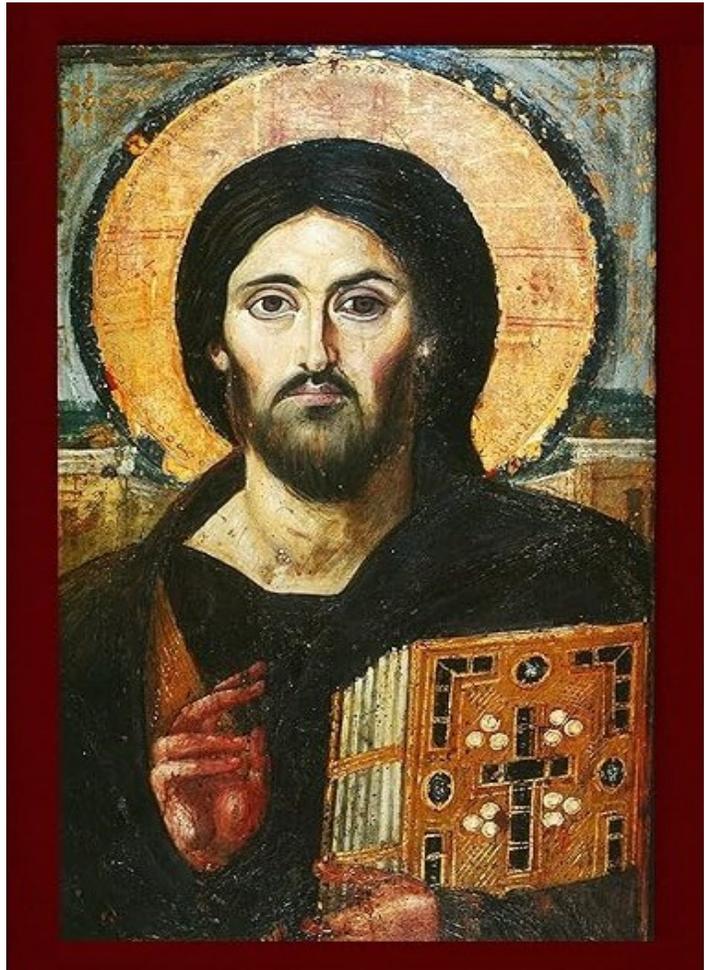
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Mass Schedule

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| <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

November 19

Envelopes = \$ 1537

Loose = \$736

Votive Candles = \$65

Mass Attendance

5:30 pm— 90

9:00 am— 77

Minster Schedule

December 2 and 3

Readers:

Sat.- **M. Turner**

Sun.- **T. Mathes**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Sat.- **J. Brensinger**

L. DeGasperis

J. Vidonic

Sun.- **M. Bohlman**

P. Holt

J. Brensinger

Daily Readings

Sun: Ez 34: 11-17
1 Cor 15: 20-28
Matt 25: 31-46

Mon: Dn 1: 1-6, 8-20
Luke 21:1-4

Tues: Dn 2: 31-45
Luke 21:5-11

Wed: Dn 5: 1-6, 13-14, 16-28
Luke 21: 12-19

Thur: Romans 10: 9-18
Matt 4: 18-22

Fri: Dn 7: 2-14
Luke 21:29-33

Sat: Dn 7: 15-27
Luke 21: 34-36

The Christian Mother's Ladies' Guild News

On November 18, a nice showing of Christian Mothers were in attendance together in the front pews for the 5:30 pm Mass. Our next Confraternity Mass will be on **Saturday, December 16 at 5:30 pm.**

The Christian Mothers Ladies Christmas Dinner **Tuesday, December 12 .**

A catered meal of baked steak, sides and dessert will be followed by a gift exchange. Plan to bring a wrapped gift (\$15-20) and please contact Barb Janektski at (304)312-8178 or the parish office by **Dec. 1** to make your reservation!

We will be holding a **Bake Sale** in the vestibule after Masses on **December 16 and 17!**

Members are asked to bake and wrap some goodies!

*All ladies are invited to join the Confraternity of Christian Mothers at the parish to share in the spiritual and corporeal works of the organization as well as in the fun of their social events. *

Our Giving Tree will be going up soon and benefit several residents at Peterson Rehab. Pick up your tags next weekend!

On the 6th Day of Christmas...

The St. Alphonsus Parish Christmas Party

Saturday, December 30 @ 6:30 pm

Columbia Hall will be decked for festivities including a Classy Soup Supper with tasty extras and fine desserts. A candlelit concert of traditional Christmas music by Faire May will entertain beginning at 7:00pm

There will be favorite carols as well as many surprises that celebrate the rich cultural heritage of the Wheeling area.

Plan to join us, and look forward to lots of holiday fun!

Reservations are required by Dec. 22. Registered parishioners and their family guests are \$5 per person. Contact the parish office to make your reservations by phone, mail, email or envelope in the collection basket. Please include names and phone number with your payment and reservation in case the event is postponed for weather.

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.

Christmas Raffle

Tickets are now on sale and going fast!

First prize is \$500, second \$300, and third is \$200. The winning tickets are \$5 each and will be pulled on December 10!

You can pick some up in the vestibules or stop in the parish office!

Greetings from the Parish Office!

This week's cover photo is the Christos Pantocrator, the worlds oldest known icon of Christ as "Ruler of All." It dates back to the 6th century and has been kept at St. Catherine's Monastery on Mount Sinai. Yes! the Mount Sinai where Moses received the 10 Commandments! Icons are more than simple portraits. Icons tell deep truths in their symbolism. You can notice that the face of Christ in this icon is almost disturbingly unsymmetric. This visual device shows that Christ has a human nature portrayed in the kindly features of the left side of the icon; and also a divine nature, described in the more mysterious and powerful looking right side of the icon. Yet, He is one Person. Christ has one hand raised like a priest in a blessing position, and in the other of His divine nature is holding an ornate book of Scripture which reveals that He is the Word of God Himself. This Divine nature is covered with a robe of authority as well. There are 2 faint 8-pointed stars in the upper corners of the icon which suggest the 8th Day of Creation which is the time in which we live started at the Resurrection, and in which Christ is King.

In addition to the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, this Sunday St. Alphonsus Parish also celebrates the 119th Anniversary of the Consecration of the current Church which occurred on November 26, 1904 with much ceremony and celebration. This event is where when we received the gold crosses with candles that surround us on the walls which indicate the places where the very walls were anointed for liturgical use. It is also where we received the proclamation that is on the front of our bulletins: All those who will ever pray here in any trial whatsoever will be consoled. We invite you to take a moment to think of how much we have to be thankful for at St. Alphonsus. We are utterly surrounded by such a "cloud of witness" of Holy Saints in this historic Church that we are reminded to invoke by our beautiful images and relics. These saints enjoy the glories of the Kingdom of Heaven and stand at the ready help us and to lead us to Christ, the King of the Universe.

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 25

5:30 pm-

Lawrence Reed+

By Maureen Hill

Sunday, November 26

9:00 am -

People of the Parish

Monday, November 27

(No Mass)

Tuesday, November 28

8:00 am-

The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, November 29

6:00 pm-

Thomas D'Zmura

By Marg Klemm

Thursday, November 30

8:00 am-

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, December 1

8:00 am-

St. Alphonsus Mass Association

Saturday, December 2

5:30 pm-

Jack DiCocco +

By his Mother, Anne

Sunday, December 3

9:00 am-

Nettie Shia Hage +

By the Shia Family

Advent starts next Sunday!

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, November 26

Mass @ 9:00 am
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

(No Mass.)

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Mass @ 8:00 am

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

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

Bible Study 7 pm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Mass @ 8:00 am

St. Andrew, Apostle

Begin the traditional St. Andrew Novena from today until Christmas Day.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

Mass @ 8:00 am

First Friday

Jesse Tree Devotion:
Creation
Read Genesis 1 & 2

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

Mass @ 5:30 pm

First Saturday

Jesse Tree Devotion:
Adam and Eve
Read Genesis 2: 7-9, 18-24