



St. Alphonsus

Wheeling, WV

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

December 17, 2023

Calendar

December 21
Parish Council Meeting

December 25
Christmas Day

December 30
Parish Christmas Party

Pastor:

Most Rev. Bishop Mark Brennan

Parochial Vicar:

Rev. Joseph Sebastian

Office Hours:

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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:

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 10

Envelopes = \$ 1458

Loose= \$650

Votive Candles= \$83

Mass Attendance

5:30 pm—

9:00 am—

Minster Schedule

December 23 and 24

Readers:

Sat.- J. Brensinger

Sun.- T. Mathes

Extraordinary Ministers

of Holy Communion:

Sat.- J. Brensinger

L. DeGasperi

J. Vidonic

Sun.- P. Holt

M. Bohlman

J. Brensinger

December 24 and 25

Readers:

Sun. (24)- M. Sofka

P. Holt

Mon. (25) - T. Mathes

Extraordinary Ministers

of Holy Communion:

Sun (24) - J. Brensinger

L. DeGasperi

J. Vidonic

Mon (25) - P. Holt

M. Bohlman

J. Brensinger

The Christian Mother's Ladies' Guild News

All members are asked to attend the **5:30 pm Mass on Saturday, December 16** and sit as a group in the reserved seats.

Bake Sale !!!

in the vestibule after both Masses

THIS WEEKEND

Pick up some goodies, CASH ONLY

The St. Alphonsus Mass Association 2024 Mass Intentions will begin on First Friday, January 5 and continue as an Intention for all First Fridays throughout the year, as well as being the Intention of one or often 2 other Masses of each month. There is still time to enroll your deceased loved ones who can benefit from the graces of these Masses. See the forms in the vestibules or call the parish office.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 23—5:30 pm

Sunday, December 24—9:00 am

Sunday, December 24— 5:30 pm * Christmas Eve

Monday, December 25— 9:00 am * Christmas Day

Monday January 1— 9:00 am * Mary, Mother of God

* These are the special Masses for the season. All other weekday & weekend Masses remain the same as usual. Catholics are obliged to attend one Christmas Mass as well as the usual Sunday obligations.

A special Epiphany Water and chalk blessing will be held at the church on Saturday, Jan 6 at 11 am. More details coming soon.

The St. Alphonsus Parish Christmas Party

Saturday, December 30 @ 6:30 pm

Dinner and Entertainment

In Columbia Hall

Please reserve your tickets by Dec. 22.

Registered parishioners may reserve tickets for themselves and guests for \$5 each. Contact the parish office to make your reservations by phone, mail, email or envelope in the collection basket.

Please include name, number of tickets & a phone number.

SECOND COLLECTION at Christmas Masses

December 24/ 25: Catholic Charities of West Virginia

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	12/16	5:30 pm	Eleanor Baranski +	A friend
Sunday	12/17	9:00 am	People of the Parish	
Monday	12/18		No Mass	
Tuesday	12/19	8:00 am	Jane Murray +	Tanis Travis
Wednesday	12/20	6:00 pm	St. Alphonsus Mass Association	
Thursday	12/21	8:00 am	Cathy Burnet	
Friday	12/22	8:00 am	Rose Gast +	
Saturday	12/23	5:30 pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday`	12/24	9:00 am	Kasunic Family +	Rebecca Kasunic

There will be a Parish Council Meeting on Thursday, December 21 at 6 pm. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Our **Christmas Raffle WINNERS** were:

1st– Charle Bursee, 2nd– Barb Hart, 3rd– Robert Hetzel

Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Al's: In addition to the times listed on the front of the bulletin, you may arrange for a priest to administer this sacrament at a convenient time by calling: (304)780-3625.

Greetings from the Parish Office!

This week's cover photo is our Advent Wreath. The third candle, which is rose-colored is lit for Gaudete Sunday. "Gaudete" comes from the first word in this Sunday's Introit. It is Latin for "Rejoice!" We are asked to pause at the half-way point from a more reserved, penitential state of expectancy for Christmas in favor of a day of rejoicing that Christmas is very soon to come. This year, we will see Advent over even sooner than usual as next Sunday will double as both the 4th Sunday of Advent as well as being Christmas Eve!

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

GIVING TREE UPDATE:

Items for the Giving Tree should be returned to the church wrapped and bundled, with the name tag attached by December 16.

The Wheeling Area Latin Mass Society will host a Missa Cantata (Traditional Latin Mass) on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 3:00 pm at Our Lady of Seven Dolors Chapel in Triadelphia, WV. A potluck supper will follow. For more information go to: www.wheelinglatinmass.com

The decorating of the church for Christmas will take place **this Sunday, December 17 after the 9 am Mass**. Please join us. Many hands make lighter work!

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, December 17

Mass @ 9:00 am

Third Sunday of Advent

Jesse Tree Devotion: **Elijah** Read 1 Kings 19:11-13

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

(No Mass.)

**St. Gratian, Pray that we
may be ever more thankful
no matter what comes to us!**



Jesse Tree Devotion:

Jonah

Read Jonah 1, 2, & 3

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

Mass @ 8:00 am

Jesse Tree Devotion:

Micah

Read Micah 5: 1-4

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

Mass @ 6:00 pm

W/ Adoration until 7 pm

Bible Study 7 pm

Jesse Tree Devotion:

Judith

Read Judith 13: 1-28

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

Mass @ 8:00 am

Parish Council Meeting 6 pm

Jesse Tree Devotion:

Daniel

Read Read: the Book of Daniel

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

Mass @ 8:00 am

**St. Frances Xavier Cabrini,
Pray for us!**

Jesse Tree Devotion:

Isaiah

Read: the Book of Isaiah

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

Mass @ 5:30 pm

Jesse Tree Devotion:

Zechariah

Read: Luke 1: 5-25, 57-80