



St. Alphonsus

Wheeling, WV

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

December 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

December 8

Immaculate Conception

December 12

Christian Mothers Dinner

December 30

Parish Christmas Party

Pastor:

Most Rev. Bishop Mark Brennan

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Mass Schedule

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>
<i>Tues, Thur & Fri</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>6:00 pm</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>5:30 pm</i>

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 26

Envelopes = \$ 1374

Loose= \$909

Votive Candles= \$95

Online giving
(November)=\$830

Mass Attendance

5:30 pm— 93

9:00 am— 70

The Christian Mother's Ladies' Guild News

Our next Confraternity Mass will be on **Sat, 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 for reservations.

CMLG Bake Sale after Masses on **December 16 and 17!**

Members are asked to bake and wrap some goodies!

Minster Schedule

December 9 and 10

Readers:

Sat.- **P. Romanek**

Sun.- **M. Kelly**

Extraordinary Ministers

of Holy Communion:

Sat.- **J. Brensinger**


L. DeGasperi

J. Vidonic

Sun.- **M. Bohlman**

P. Holt

J. Brensinger



An Evening
of Eucharistic
Encounter

with Sr. Agnes Thérèse Davis, T.O.R.

Thursday, December 14, 2023
7:00 pm

Confessions at 6pm

Cathedral of St. Joseph
1300 Eoff Street
Wheeling, WV 26003

Cathedral of St. Joseph

EUCCHARISTIC
REVIVAL
2023

Daily Readings

Sun: Is 63: 16-19, 64: 2-7

1 Cor 1: 3-9

Matt 13: 33-37

Mon: Is 2: 1-5

Matt 8: 5-11

Tues: Is 11: 1-10

Luke 10: 21-24

Wed: Is 25:6-10

Matt 15: 29-37

Thur: Is 26:1-6

Matt 7: 21, 24-27

Fri: Gen 3:9-15, 20

Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12

Luke 1: 26-38

Sat: Is 30: 19-21, 23-26

Matt 9: 35-10: 1, 5-8

Christmas Eve Mass

5:30 pm

Christmas Day Mass

9:00 am

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 candlit concert of traditional Christmas music by Faire May will entertain beginning at 7:00pm

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.

SECOND COLLECTION:

December 10: Retirement Fund for Religious

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Saturday	12/2	5:30 pm	Jack DiCocco +
Sunday	12/3	9:00 am	Nettie Shia Hage +
Monday	12/4	(no Mass)	
Tuesday	12/5	8:00 am	Elizabeth Smith +
Wednesday	12/6	6:00 pm	Richard Serafin, Sr.
Thursday	12/7	8: 00 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Friday	12/8	8:00 am	<i>Celebrant's Intention</i>
Saturday	12/9	5:30 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	12/10	9:00 am	Dawn Lynn Vannest
			J. Vidonic

As the days darken into longer evenings, the season of Advent calls us to take shelter in the light of more spiritual reading and prayer, savoring the silence and the extra time at rest. In the anticipation, let us not allow this confused world to lure us to a festival too soon and rob us of this holy time given for preparation. Prayer and fasting along with the opportunities for extra Sacraments and generosity are the gifts of Advent. Let us calmly and quietly engage in the struggle to fulfil those holy duties faithfully so that our souls may be exceedingly joyful at Christ's Mass!

Christmas Raffle

Last call to get a ticket! We still have a few envelopes left!
First prize is \$500, second \$300, and third is \$200. The winning tickets are \$5 each and will be pulled on December 10!



Greetings from the Parish Office!

This week's cover photo is a lovely statue in our conference room, St. Barbara. She is one of the 14 Holy Helpers and one of the saints remembered on December 4. Born in 273 AD, she is said to have been such a beautiful girl that her pagan father built a tower to keep her hidden away until she was of the age to marry. During her time confined, she came to know the Lord through the beauty of the countryside surrounding her tower. She spent much time in prayer. It is said she was sent a priest in disguise who helped her learn the Christian faith and become baptized. She convinced her father to allow her to leave the tower and with her courageous spirit she boldly spread the faith as much as she could in a short amount of time before her father found out that she had become a Christian. Barbara's father martyred her with his own sword. A violent storm erupted at her death, and lightening killed her father and another one of her torturers immediately. She is often invoked to guard against a sudden death without the Last Sacraments, thus St. Barbara is depicted as coming to the faithful holding a chalice and host.

Our **Giving Tree** is up and will benefit residents at the Peterson Rehab Center. Consider taking a tag and bringing love & joy to someone who is not able to enjoy the holiday at home. Items should be returned to the church wrapped and bundled, with the name tag attached by December 16.

Prepare the way of the Lord!

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

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

*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 3

Mass @ 9:00 am

First Sunday of Advent

Jesse Tree Devotion: **Fall of Man** Genesis 3: 1-24

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

(No Mass.)

St. Barbara, pray for us!

Jesse Tree Devotion:

Noah

Read Genesis 6-9

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Mass @ 8:00 am

Jesse Tree Devotion:

Abraham

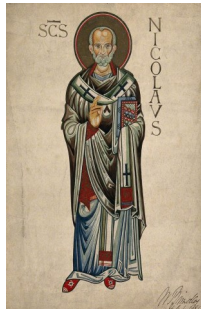
Read Genesis 12-21

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Mass @ 6:00 pm

W/ Adoration until 7 pm

St. Nicholas



Jesse Tree Devotion:

Sarah

Read Genesis 18-21

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

Mass @ 8:00 am

St. Ambrose

Jesse Tree Devotion:

Melchizedek

Read Genesis 14: 17-20

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

Mass @ 8:00 am

Immaculate Conception of Mary

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Jesse Tree Devotion:

Isaac

Read Genesis 22 and 26

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Mass @ 5:30 pm

Christmas Raffle Tickets due!

St. Juan Diego

Jesse Tree Devotion:

Jacob

Read Genesis 28