



# St. Alphonsus

Wheeling, WV

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

**February 11, 2024**

*6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Our Lady of Lourdes,  
Pray for us!*

*February 14  
Ash Wednesday*

**Parochial Vicar:  
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## Mass Schedule

<i>Sunday</i>	9:00 am
<i>Tues, Thur &amp; 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

**January 28**

Envelopes = \$ 2054

Loose= \$918

Votive Candles= \$ 80

### Mass Attendance

5:30 pm— 72

9:00 am— 63

## Minster Schedule

February 17 and 18

### Readers:

Sat.- *M. Sofka*

Sun.- *P. Holt*

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Sat.- *Judy B.*

Sun.- *Mark B.*

\* For the next 4 weeks, the Holy Eucharist will be offered to the congregation only under the accidents of bread.

### **NOTE:**

## **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

### **SATURDAYS**

5:00 pm until Mass

### **SUNDAYS**

8:30am until Mass

### **WEDNESDAYS**

6:30— 7:00 pm



## The Christian Mother's Ladies' Guild News

Our next Monthly Mass in which all members are asked to attend and sit together will be **Saturday, February 17.**

### FISH FRY NEWS

### FISH FRY THIS WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY

11:00—6:00 pm

**Baked goods will be accepted on the day of the event!**

**NEW FISH FRY PHONE NUMBER:**  
**(304) 559-9964**

Many of you may remember a few years ago we had a dangerous problem of **votive candles** being lit by matches that were dropped into the candles which caused the plastic to burn. Lately, boxes of matches have been appearing and you will notice we are having the problem again of burning plastic inserts and even glass globes broken by the excessive heat. Please use the lighters provided to light the candles, not matches! Those kind persons who donated boxes of matches may collect them in the sacristy.

### **Ash Wednesday 2024 Masses:**

**7:30 am and 6:00 pm**

**The Lord is near, here!** As you arrive at Mass this weekend, you will find the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar before Mass begins. Fr. Joseph wants to make this grace of the Lord's special Presence available to you. This is your time to adore, and to pour out all your concerns to Jesus! You can be sure that He will be totally attentive to you. Will you be attentive to Him?

### **Finding Freedom in Christ, Healing Life's Hurts**

**with Dr. Matthew Breuninger— February 24**

A one-day RETREAT @ St. Vincent de Paul Parish \$25 /person

Call (304) 242- 0406 to make a reservation.

Dr. Breuninger is an associate professor of psychology at

Franciscan University, a husband and father of 6.

### **Breakfast will be back!**

**Sunday, February 25 after 9:00 am Mass**

### **SECOND COLLECTION:**

**February 11: Church Missions within the United States-  
Black & Indian Missions, Catholic Home Mission Appeal**

### 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

<b>Saturday</b>	2/10	5:30 pm	<b>Evelyn Ghaphery +</b>	By Family
<b>Sunday</b>	2/11	9:00 am	<b>Richard Henning +</b>	By Henning Family
<b>Monday</b>	2/12		No Mass	
<b>Tuesday</b>	2/13	8:00 am	<i>Celebrant's Intention</i>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	2/14	7:30 am	<b>People of the Parish</b>	
		6:00 pm	<b>People of the Parish</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	2/15	8:00 am	<b>Nicholas &amp; Nimnoom Ghaphery+</b>	By Family
<b>Friday</b>	2/16	8:00 am	<i>Celebrant's Intention</i>	
<b>Saturday</b>	2/17	5:30 pm	<b>People of the Parish</b>	By Nick Ghaphery
<b>Sunday</b>	2/18	9:00 am	<b>People of the Parish</b>	By Family

*Greetings from the Parish Office!*

*This week's cover photo depicts the Apparition of Our Lady of Lourdes to Bernadette Soubirous. This occurred on February 11, 1858 in Lourdes, France. Bernadette was only 14 years old when she along with her sister and a friend were out gathering firewood about a mile from town. Suddenly a "beautiful lady" appeared to her dressed in white and wearing a blue sash and a yellow rose on each foot. This Lady carried a golden rosary. She introduced herself to Bernadette as the "Immaculate Conception" and asked that a church be built on the site of a healing spring that suddenly gushed from the ground. The Lady encouraged the recitation of the rosary. An interesting point, in fact, was that our Lady appeared that year with a similar pleas in at least 17 other locations around the world. She affirmed her identity at each as the Immaculate Conception, a dogma of the church declared 4 years prior by Pope Pius IX in 1854. We can consider this event with the history of St. Alphonsus Parish which was founded in 1856. The dogma was proclaimed 2 years prior and the apparition 2 years after. It was a golden time for the Catholic Church in the world and in Wheeling, and yet society was at the brink of the American Civil War. Blessings and trials walk side by side through history. Our time is no different, nor is our mission from the Blessed Mother any different than it was for Catholics in the time of St. Bernadette— pray more, build the Church, and pursue the amazing blessings that God continually sends so that others might know the reason for our joy.*

### **CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR TAXES**

Are available to parishioners by calling or stopping in the parish office.

**Coming Soon!** Our own *Evening of Eucharistic Encounter*.

March 6 at St. Alphonsus Parish. Adoration with a homily by Deacon Paul Lim. Plan to come and deepen your faith!

### *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, February 11**

Reconciliation 8:30-8:50 am  
Adoration @ 8:30 am  
Mass @ 9:00 am  
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

(No Mass.)

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

**Mass @ 8:00 am**

This year we should invoke the intercession of

***Saint Valentine***

*3rd century priest, bishop and martyr.  
Patron of married and betrothed couples.*

and treat your sweetheart little early as this February  
14th feast has been over shadowed by the  
observance of Ash Wednesday.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

**Mass @ 7:30 am**

***Ash Wednesday!***  
**(FAST AND ABSTINENCE)**

***Fish Fry 11 :00 am- 6:00 pm***  
*Phone: (304) 559-9964*

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

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

**Mass @ 8:00 am**

**LENTEN WEEKDAY**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

**Mass @ 8:00 am**

**(ABSTINENCE)**

***Fish Fry 11 :00 am- 6:00 pm***  
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**Stations of the Cross 7 pm**

**LENTEN WEEKDAY**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

**Adoration @ 5:00 pm**  
**Confessions @ 5:00 pm**  
**Mass @ 5:30 pm**

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