



# St. Alphonsus

Wheeling, WV

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

**January 7, 2024**

## Epiphany Of the Lord

**Parochial Vicar:**  
**Rev. Joseph Sebastian**

### Office Hours:

Mon, Tues & Thurs 8:30 am – 12:30

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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 31**

Envelopes = \$ 1231

Loose= \$686

Votive Candles= \$ 45

Online giving (Dec)= \$1033

### Mass Attendance

5:30 pm— 85

9:00 am— 56

## Minster Schedule

January 12 and 13

### Readers:

Sat.- **M. Sofka**

Sun.- **M. Kelly**

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Sat.- **J. Brensinger**

**L. DeGasperi**

**J. Vidonic**

Sun.- **P. Holt**

**M. Bohlman**

**P. Romanek**

## Catholics are Pro-Life!

In conjunction with the  
Walk for Life in Washington, DC:

St. Michael Church will have  
**Eucharist Adoration**  
and an hourly Pro-Life rosary

**Friday, January 19th**

8:00 am – 8:00 pm

All are welcome to come and  
pray for unborn babies, their  
mothers, and your own special  
intentions!



## 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, January 20**

Greetings and Happy New Year,

I would like to share some more ways and means for you to consider to  
strengthen the bonds of your family. Parents, you are the head of your  
family, having the responsibility to lead the family in faith and holiness.  
You must do all you can to remain committed to your marital vow.  
There are various stages in a person's faith formation. First, in the moth-  
er's womb— When a child is conceived, the prayer life of the mother and  
father is most important. The next stage, when a child is born, the family  
is the new world for the child. Let the child experience and learn every-  
thing good from the parents. Parents are the primary teachers of the  
faith for a child, and the home is the first university.  
A third stage is the parish community where a child can see a larger  
world. The priests and religious and all the faithful have responsibilities  
to help form the faith of the youth in the parish by their example of  
Catholic giving and by their prayers.

-Fr. Joseph Sebastian

### Fish Fry Planning Meeting

Monday, January 8 @ 6:00 pm

**LENDING LIBRARY:** There is a collection of fine Catholic books  
available in 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. Consider taking a book home for  
evening reading, and trying to get more involved with the activities going  
on at St. Alphonsus and nearby parishes.

### Greetings from the Parish Office!

*This week's cover photo is our own Nativity scene now filled with  
the presence of Christ and being visited by our Wise Men. As we  
wrap-up the Christmas Season liturgically, may all be blessed to  
keep Christ in our daily lives ever more in 2024!*

### SECOND COLLECTION:

**January 14, 2024: Catholic Near East Welfare Association for  
the Holy Land. Make checks payable to St. Alphonsus.  
Memo line: CNEWA**

### 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>	1/6	5:30 pm	<b>Mary Rose Reed +</b>	By Maureen Hill
<b>Sunday</b>	1/7	9:00 am	<b>Robin Abercrombie</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	1/8		No Mass	
<b>Tuesday</b>	1/9	8:00 am	<b>Elizabeth Smith +</b>	By Her son Richard
<b>Wednesday</b>	1/10	6:00 pm		
<b>Thursday</b>	1/11	8:00 am	<b>Evelyn Ghaphery +</b>	By Nick Ghaphery
<b>Friday</b>	1/12	8:00 am		
<b>Saturday</b>	1/13	5:30 pm	<b>People of the Parish</b>	
<b>Sunday`</b>	1/14	9:00 am	<b>Mary Manning</b>	By Rebecca Stricklen

### “THE WISE MEN”

BY G. K. CHESTERTON

Step softly, under snow or rain,  
To find the place where men can  
pray;

The way is all so very plain  
That we may lose the way.

Oh, we have learnt to peer and  
pore  
On tortured puzzles from our youth,  
We know all the labyrinthine lore,  
We are the three wise men of yore,  
And we know all things but truth.

We have gone round and round the  
hill  
And lost the wood among the trees,  
And learnt long names for every ill,  
And serve the made gods, naming  
still  
The furies the Eumenides.

The gods of violence took the veil  
Of vision and philosophy,

The Serpent that brought all men  
bale,  
He bites his own accursed tail,  
And calls himself Eternity.

Go humbly ... it has hailed and  
snowed...  
With voices low and lanterns lit;  
So very simple is the road,  
That we may stray from it.

The world grows terrible and white,  
And blinding white the breaking day;  
We walk bewildered in the light,  
For something is too large for  
sight,  
And something much too plain to say.

The Child that was ere worlds  
began  
(... We need but walk a little way,  
We need but see a latch undone...)  
The Child that played with moon  
and sun  
Is playing with a little hay.

The house from which the heavens  
are fed,

The old strange house that is our  
own,  
Where trick of words are never said,  
And Mercy is as plain as bread,  
And Honour is as hard as stone.

Go humbly, humble are the skies,  
And low and large and fierce the Star;  
So very near the Manger lies  
That we may travel far.

Hark! Laughter like a lion wakes  
To roar to the resounding plain.  
And the whole heaven shouts and  
shakes,

For God Himself is born again,  
And we are little children walking  
Through the snow and rain.



### 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, January 7**

**Mass @ 9:00 am**  
***Epiphany of the Lord***

**MONDAY, JANUARY 8**

**(No Mass.)**

***Baptism of the Lord***



**TUESDAY, JANUARY 9**

**Mass @ 8:00 am**

***Blessed Gregory X, Pray for us!***  
***(1210-1276)***

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10**

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

***Bible Study 7 pm***

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 11**

**Mass @ 8:00 am**

***Pray for the unborn!***

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 12**

**Mass @ 8:00 am**

**St. Bernard of Corleone, pray that there  
will be an end of war and violence!**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 13**

**Mass @ 5:30 pm**

***St. Hillary of Poitiers, Bishop and Doctor of the  
Church, pray for us!***