



St. Alphonsus

Wheeling, WV

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

November 19, 2023



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*November 21
Presentation of Mary*

*November 23
Thanksgiving Day*

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

<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 12

Envelopes = \$ 2283

Loose = \$ 529

Votive Candles= \$86

Utilities= \$40

Mass Attendance

5:30 pm— 74

9:00 am— 81

Minster Schedule

November 25 and 26

Readers:

Sat.- *J. Vidonic*

Sun.- *C. Griffin*

Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion:

Sat.- *J. Brensinger*

L. DeGasperis

P. Romanek

Sun.- *M. Bohlman*

P. Holt

J. Brensinger

Daily Readings

Sun: Proverbs 31: 10-31
1 Thes 5: 1-6
Matt 25: 14-30

Mon: 1 Mac 1: 10-63
Luke 18: 35-43

Tues: 2 Mac 6: 18-31
Luke 19:1-10

Wed: 2 Mac 7: 1, 20-31
Luke 19: 11-28

Thur: 1 Mac 2: 15-29
Luke 19: 41-44

Fri: 1 Mac 4: 36-37, 52-59
Luke 19: 45-48

Sat: 1 Mac 6: 1-13
Luke 20: 27-40

Most people know the basic story of the first Thanksgiving: the Pilgrims arrived at Plymouth Rock, the Native Americans helped them grow food, and they all gathered together in a feast of thanksgiving. But what most versions leave out is the crucial role played by Squanto.....the English-speaking, Catholic, Native American hero!

Amazing Historical Facts

Wait, what? Why was there an English-speaking, Catholic, Native American near Plymouth when the Pilgrims landed? Here's the amazing story:

In the early 17th century, Squanto's tribe came in contact with some of the earliest English colonists in the Americas. He was captured and taught English so he could serve as an interpreter. But in 1614, as he was being transported by John Smith (of Pocahontas fame), one of Smith's lieutenants, Thomas Hunt, kidnapped him.

Hunt took Squanto to Spain to sell him as a slave. But some Franciscan friars saw what was happening and saved Squanto. The Franciscans taught Squanto the Catholic faith and he was apparently baptized. A free man, Squanto wanted to return home, so he went to London to try to get a place aboard a ship going back to the Massachusetts colony. In the mean time, he worked as a shipbuilder and greatly improved his English.

In 1619, Squanto was finally able to return home on a ship led by John Smith. Tragically, upon arrival he discovered that most of his tribe had died of a plague the year before. It was almost as though God had prepared him perfectly for what happened next.

Saved by a Catholic

Just a year later in 1620, the Pilgrims arrived. They were English Calvinists who were seeking to build a new religious community apart from the Church of England. Little did they know that they would end up being saved by a Catholic!

The Pilgrims had little food and were unprepared for survival in the Americas. Squanto, who spoke great English and had a lot of experience with English culture, reached out to help, teaching them how to grow food in the new landscape. It must have seemed like a miracle to the Pilgrims! He befriended the Pilgrims and became an important part of their community. At one point, Squanto was kidnapped by another tribe and a team of Pilgrims saved him.

(Taken from the "Missionaries of the Holy Family" website)

Be thankful and proud of our Catholic faith!

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.

Let us remember
Our Dearly Departed 11/1/22 to 11/1/23

*Charles Vidonic, Trudy Forster, Genevieve Fisher,
Clara DiClemente, Louanne Blazier, and Linda Jasko*

Christmas Raffle

Tickets are now on sale!

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!

**Please remember in your prayers the souls of 2 Parishioners:
Rose Lewandowski and Jane Murray who passed this week.**

***May their souls and those of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.***

Greetings from the Parish Office!

This week's cover photo is our statue of St. Monica, the mother of St. Augustine and the patron saint of our Christian Mother's Confraternity. We are reminded as the holiday season comes upon us of the members of our family who seem uninterested in practicing the Catholic Faith that was handed down to them. Some may be living lifestyles that are causing them spiritual harm and hurting those who love them most. We should still try to connect with them in what ever good conversation we can share in common. We may not be able to control their actions, but we can control ours. We can also turn with confidence to St. Monica ! She was "a worthy wife" and mother who prayed for many years that her husband and her son would embrace true Christianity. In both cases, her prayers were answered in her favor! In fact, her son, came to be one of the most holy and influential Christian writers of all times. He had so much positive influence in salvation history that he is one of the Doctors of the Church. Never give up on prayer for your loved ones. Someone you think is lost may simply need your prayers to be the next great Saint! In all things let us be thankful and joyful.

** Our 2024 Mass Intention book is now open and dates are available to have said for your deceased or living loved ones!*

** The 2024 St. Alphonsus Mass Association register is also open. Enroll your deceased loved ones!*

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 18
5:30 pm-

Kenneth Hart +
By B. Hart

Sunday, November 19
9:00 am -

Gerald Werner +
By Family

Monday, November 20
(No Mass)

Tuesday, November 21
8:00 am-

Elizabeth Smith +
By her Children

Wednesday, November 22
6:00 pm-

Tom & Lois Breiding +
By Dorene

Thursday, November 23
8:00 am-

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, November 24
8:00 am-

Celebrant's Intention

Saturday, November 25
5:30 pm-

Lawrence Reed +
By Maureen Hill

Sunday, November 12
9:00 am-

People of the Parish

***Jesus, Mary and Joseph:
I love you! Save souls!***

*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 19

Mass @ 9:00 am
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

(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 21

Mass @ 8:00 am

***Presentation
of the
Blessed Virgin Mary***

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

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

"Arise, soldiers of Christ, throw away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light"

St. Cecilia

Bible Study 7 pm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Mass @ 8:00 am



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

***Bless us, O Lord,
And these Thy gifts, which we are about
to receive, from Thy bounty, through
Christ Our Lord. Amen***

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Mass @ 8:00 am

***"My heart is full of peace, like a tranquil
lake or a cloudless sky."***

**St. Andrew Dung-Lac, martyr
(1795-1839)**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Mass @ 5:30 pm

***"If you are ruled by the mind you are king,
if by the body you are a slave."***

St. Catherine of Alexandria