

SAINT ALPHONSUS PARISH

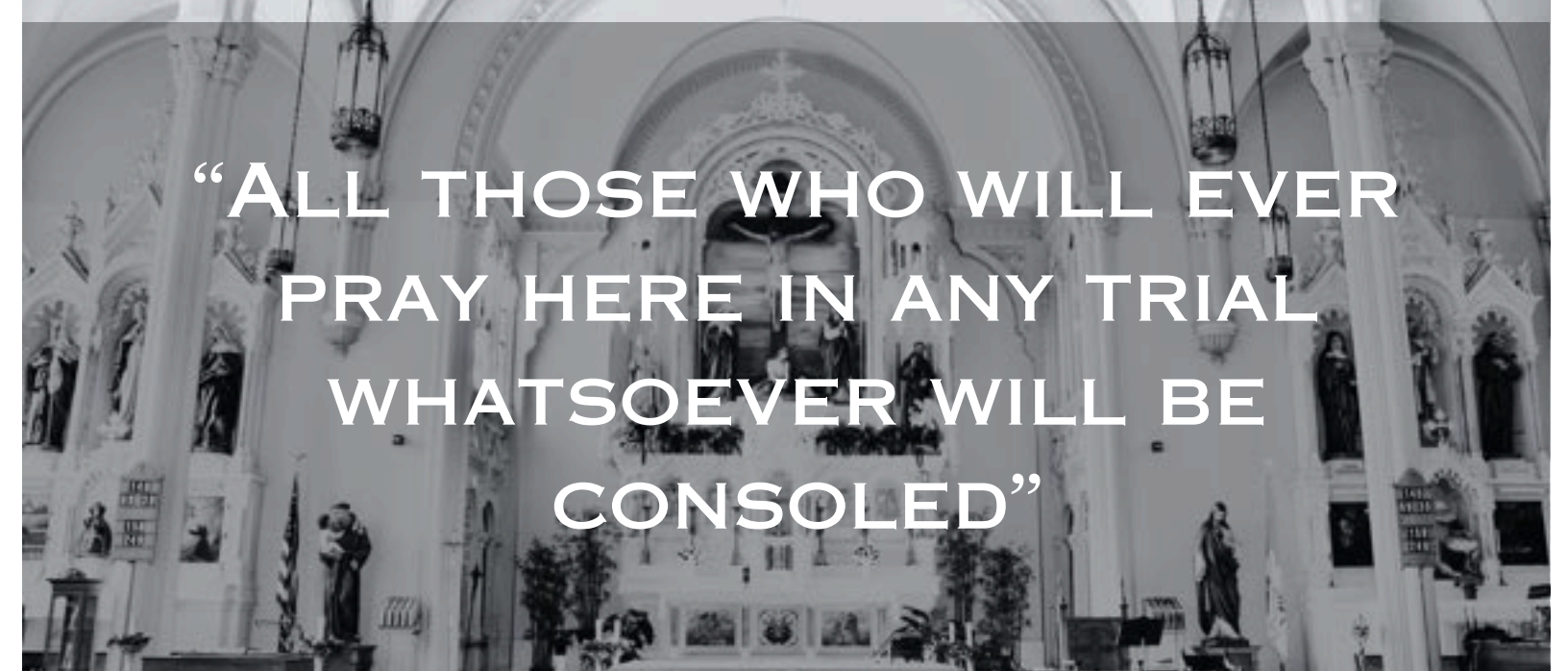
WEEKLY BULLETIN

MARCH 1, 2026



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SECOND SUNDAY DURING LENT
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY



“ALL THOSE WHO WILL EVER
PRAY HERE IN ANY TRIAL
WHATSOEVER WILL BE
CONSOLED”

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday: 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.
Thursday: 8:00 a.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m.
Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday: 3:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30-8:50 a.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Due to Stations of the Cross being celebrated on Fridays in Lent, the Healing Mass will be held on the last Wednesday of February and March at 6:00 p.m.

STAY CONNECTED

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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 case of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling Charleston to the diocese, please contact the diocese at 304-232-0880.

PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On this Second Sunday of Lent, we hear the Gospel of the Transfiguration. Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up the mountain, where His glory is revealed before them. For a moment, they see who He truly is. This experience strengthens them for the difficult journey ahead.

Lent is like a journey up the mountain. Sometimes the path is not easy, and we may feel tired or discouraged. But just as the disciples were given a glimpse of Christ's glory, we are reminded that our sacrifices and efforts in Lent are leading us toward something greater.

The Father's voice says, "This is my beloved Son... listen to Him." During this holy season, we are invited to listen more closely to Jesus in prayer, in Scripture, and in the quiet moments of our daily lives.

May this Lenten journey help us to grow in faith and trust, knowing that Christ walks with us and leads us toward new life.

In Christ,
Father Pen

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 2nd

6:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's
Supper
Altar of Repose until Midnight

Holy Saturday, April 4th

1:00 p.m. Easter Basket Blessing
8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

Good Friday, April 3rd

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
6:30 p.m. Celebration of the
Passion of the Lord

Easter Sunday, April 5

9:00 a.m. Mass



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Saint Alphonsus Catholic Church



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Get updates on Parish Events through the Flocknote App

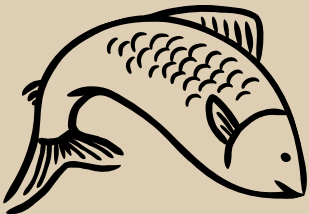
You can also visit us online at
www.stalswheeling.org

ST ALPHONSUS PARISH EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Christian Mothers' Confraternity and Ladies Guild** are still selling their last few enjoy books.
- During the continued renovations, the Cathedral of St. Joseph's **12:05 Daily Mass (M-F) will be held at Saint Alphonsus**. This will include **Friday Confessions** beginning at **11:00 a.m. (starting Feb. 7)**. Saturday and Sunday Masses will still be held at the Cathedral.
- First Friday Mass Join Us for First Friday Mass at the Bishops' Chapel at 5:30 pm at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Wheeling, WV. 2026 Schedule: March 6th April 16^{th*}, May 1st, June 5th, July 3rd, August 7th, September 4th, October 2nd, November 6th, December 4th, 2026
- The Knights of Columbus are doing their annual Baby Bottle drive. Bottles have been placed in a box in the vestibule as well as in the church. Please take these bottles home, fill them with spare change, and return them on Palm Sunday. Proceeds go to charities that support motherhood related costs.

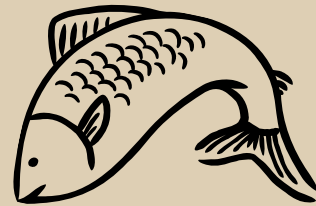
VOLUNTEER DOCENT

Learn the history and special features of the church, and discover the roles for sharing faith through this history. Docent is a Latin root word meaning to teach, to conduct, or take care of. There are docent roles for those who are comfortable speaking and leading small crowds -tour guides, but also for those who would rather take care of things in the background such as setting up refreshments, creating signs, and distributing brochures. We will also need porters and knowledgeable gift/book shop attendants. Email valgordon02@comcast.net if you're interested.



2026

Saint Alphonsus Fish Fry



Our Lenten fish fry is held every Friday during Lent. Hours will be from 11:00 am to 5:30 pm, except Good Friday, which will be from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Volunteers are always needed for various tasks such as: preparing food, taking orders, serving food, delivering lunch orders, washing dishes/pans, cleanup, and filling take-out orders. Sit down jobs are available. Our busiest times are 11:00 am - 1:00 pm and 4:00 - 5:30 pm.

Also, Fish Fry donation envelopes will be placed in the back of the church. Please place these in the collection basket. We will be accepting donated supplies such as drinks (pop/water), paper towels, napkins, 9 and 6-inch foam plates. We request that any donated drinks be 12 oz or less. These items may be left in the back of the church or the side entrance. Baked goods will be accepted on the day of the event.

Most of the prices will remain the same, such as deserts, drinks, pierogis, haluski (cabbage and noodles), potato salad, and fries. Other items, such as soup and coleslaw, will be raised due to increased supply costs. At this time, we do not know the cost of the fish will be.

This is St. Al's biggest fundraiser. Last year we raised \$19,000. Thanks in advance for your generosity and support.

Our Lady of Peace Parish
Invites you to find rest and restoration at our
Lenten Healing Retreat

Saturday, March 7
9:00 AM–12:00PM

Step away from the noise of the world and open your heart
to a morning of grace, peace, and prayer.



We welcome **Rev. Sunil Thomas**

Former Director of the St. Vincentian Retreat Center, New Jersey
As he leads in

Lenten Retreat and Talk
Benediction

Eucharistic Adoration
Anointing of the Sick

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will
give you rest."*

We look forward to sharing this morning of healing with you.

GROUPS AND MINISTRIES

THE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST IS BACK!

Join us after 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 22nd, for a community breakfast. All are welcome!



CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS AND LADIES GUILD

What is the Confraternity of Christian Mothers Ladies' Guild at St. Alphonsus Parish? We are a group of Catholic Women who desire to put our faith in action. We meet monthly, usually the **second Tuesday** in Columbia Hall at **6:00 p.m.** Meetings include prayer, discussion and the planning of events and are followed by a social with refreshments. We hold an annual Rummage Sale and a Card Party as well as other fund Raisers to assist the parish. We host funeral luncheons. Most of all, we encourage each other in the faith. If you are a Catholic woman, consider joining by contacting the parish office! If you're interested, please stop by one of our meetings and see what we are about!

NEXT MEETING MARCH 10

CATHOLICS IN RECOVERY MEETING TIME CHANGE

Beginning on Thursday, March 5, CIR will now meet at Saint Alphonsus at 7:00 p.m. (previously 7:30 p.m.) on Thursdays.

ST. GIANNA PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

How you can help

- Monthly sponsorships of specific items, to ensure our inventories are stocked;
- Pray for this work! In addition to meeting material needs, we'll be praying with these parents and inviting them to church!
- Contact: Amy Carlson Miesel (304) 312-9051
Jennie Adams (304) 281-1349

SAINT MONICA PRAYER GROUP

Saint Monica Group- The Saint Monica Group is a support group for Catholics dealing with family and friends who have left the Faith. This support group is open to all Ohio Valley Catholics. The Saint Monica Group normally meets on the first Wednesday of the month and will be held in the basement of Saint Alphonsus Parish (2111 Market St., Wheeling, WV 26003). The time of the meeting will begin approximately at 7:00 p.m., because it will follow the 6:00 p.m. Evening Mass and Adoration. You are all invited to Mass, Adoration, and the group meeting. The next Saint Monica Group Meeting is going to be held on Wednesday, March 4th at 7:00 p.m., in the basement of Saint Alphonsus Parish. Please consider coming to Mass at 6:00 p.m. and joining us for fellowship.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, please reach out to Deacon Jacob Manning about joining the **O.C.I.A.** program (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults).

If you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic, inviting them to church is a great way to plant a seed. We also encourage you to invite your brothers and sisters in Christ who have fallen away from the church to come back home.

"To become Catholic is to become a student of history."

For more information please contact:

Deacon Jacob Manning: jmanning@dwc.org

You can also contact the **parish office:**

304-232-4353

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FINANCES AND GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

SAINT ALPHONSUS MAINTENANCE FUND

Saint Alphonsus is Wheeling's most historic Catholic church. Our beautiful church has over 360 saints' relics, and has religious and cultural history. To help preserve and maintain the historical nature of the church, consider donating to one of our important restoration projects.

Saint Alphonsus Window Project: All proceeds go toward protecting and preserving our stained glass windows.

LEAVING A LEGACY

Leaving a bequest for Saint Alphonsus in your will is an excellent way to ensure the future health and preservation of the church. The process is uncomplicated and does not impact your household budget!

Your First Steps:

1. Make the Church a POD (payable on death) or TOD (transfer on death) recipient of a bank account that you own. This can also be done on brokerage accounts
2. In your Will or Trust, make a specific bequest to the Church for \$__ dollars on brokerage accounts
3. In your Will or Trust, make specific bequest of __ percent of the residue of your estate or of your trust to the church.

Quote by Venerable Fulton Sheen

"Happiness does not come to those who want to know all, or to possess all, or to enjoy all; rather, it comes to those who set limitations upon the satisfaction of self. A man, for example, cannot get the whole world into his hands, but he can wash himself of the world. Our powers of dispossession are greater than our powers of possession; there is no limit to what we can renounce. In the end, the man who wants nothing is the man who has everything, for there is nothing that he desires. To deny self is to refuse indulgence to lower desires, to put a restraint upon ourselves, to act differently from the way the sensual in our nature would leave us. Self-denial is the test of love, whether it be human or divine. There may be pain in self-denial for a moment, but pain in the pursuit of the highest is certainly more joyful than ease in the neglect of duty."

FINANCIAL REPORT

March 1 Second Collection: Maintenance Fund

ATTENDANCE February 21-22

4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass: 105
9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass: 86

COLLECTIONS February 21-22

Envelopes: \$2067
Loose: Contributions: \$ 627
Votive: \$ 219
St. Alphonsus M&P: \$480
Ash Wednesday: \$1087

MINISTER SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

Reader: Mike S.
EMHC:
Judy B.
Lynn D.
Mary Ellyn P.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

Reader: Paul R.
EMHC:
Jeanne V.
Tom M.
Mark B.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 28 at 4:30 p.m. ----- People of the Parish
Sunday, March 1 at 9:00 a.m. ----- Neil Marra + (The Morgan Family)
Tuesday, March 3 at 8:00 a.m. ----- Leona Miller + (Travis Zeik)
Wednesday, March 4 at 6:00 p.m. ----- Special Intention (Lou Werner)
Thursday, March 5 at 8:00 a.m. ----- Edward Flading + (Pon Kirsch)
Friday, March 6 at 8:00 a.m. ----- St. Alphonsus Mass Association
Saturday, March 7 at 4:30 p.m. ----- Joseph Tomczyk +
Sunday, March 8 at 9:00 a.m.----- People of the Parish

2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements for the year 2025 will be sent to parishioners by email. If you do not have access to email, please contact the parish office at 304-232-4353 or email office@stalswheeling.org to request a printed copy. We would be happy to mail your statement to you or have it available for pickup at the parish office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Janet Platt, Bill Flading at Good Shepherd, **Eileen Duffy** in Continuous Care,
Leah Reinhardt in Morgantown,
all those recovering, and all those in their homes:

L. Griffin, M.K. Heller, N. Klamut, J. Gavarkavich, B. Henry, Donald and Roberta Henning, Roxanne Geleski, Dorothy Jagaczweski, Bob Pavilky, Marlene Albanese