

St. Anthony Catholic Church

1017 Jefferson Street • Follansbee, WV 26037



December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

Sacramental Schedule

Sunday Masses:

Saturday	4:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
.....	10:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

Monday	7:30 a.m.
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	No Mass
Thursday	6:00 p.m.
Friday	7:30 a.m.

Holy Days:

Masses at 7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Confessions:

Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - Noon or by appointment.

Baptism & Marriage:

Please contact the parish office as soon as possible to begin Sacramental Preparation and scheduling.

RCIA:

Please contact Fred Welshans at the parish office for more information.

Parish Prayer Line:

If you are in need of prayers, please call Mary Lou Mirasola (304-527-2261) or Mary Catherine Croce (304-527-3150)

Our parish is dedicated to ministering to the sick, the hospitalized, the homebound and those in nursing homes. Please call the parish office if you would like to receive the Sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick or Holy Communion. Please inform the parish staff if you are aware of a member of our community who is seriously ill.

NEWS OF COMFORT

In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, / says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation.

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“Prepare the way of the Lord...” - MARK 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, does just that – it puts us on the path to holiness and it invites others to be holy, too.

Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Like John the Baptist, every parent “prepares the way of the Lord” in the hearts of their children. Advent is a good time to ask; “Do I help or hinder my children to know Jesus?”

PARISH DIRECTORY PHOTOS *Pictures will be taken in the church hall. We are in need of volunteers to work at the registration desk during photography sessions on December 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th from 2-9 p.m. and on December 16th from 10-5 p.m. Please contact Nancy Deters at (304-527-4603) or Chris Manack-Stover (919-210-7538) to volunteer your services.*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 after the 6 p.m. Mass. The event is open to Knights, their families and people interested in Christmas fellowship. Chicken will be provided along with plastic ware, coffee and water. People with the last name A-M can bring a side dish or salad and N to Z can bring a beverage or dessert to share with at least 8 people. Please RSVP by Tuesday, December 12th to Will Sleever at (740) 219-2489.

ALTAR & ROSARY CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST will be held on Sunday, December 17th, after the 8:00a.m. Mass in the church hall. It will be catered by St. Francis Centre. Cost is \$10.00 per person payable at the door. Everyone is invited. Please sign the reservation form in the church vestibule if you plan to attend.

MINISTERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES we are in need of Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Servers and Ushers for the Christmas Masses. Please feel free to sign up for a ministry by placing your name on the schedule in the vestibule.

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

The Great Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Eve - (We will have our normal week-end Masses) and The Vigil of the Nativity Mass at 4:00 p.m.

The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Day– Sunday, December 25th, Midnight Mass and 10:30 a.m. Mass.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

- St. John Church –Wellsburg– Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
- St. Joseph the Worker –Weirton-Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
- St. Anthony Church - Sunday, December 17, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.



This Sunday, December 10, we have a number of musical events here at St. Anthony's. At 4pm, Beatus, a professional choral ensemble, will present a concert "Sleep" featuring choral music and vocal solos. Following this concert at 4:30pm, the St. Anthony choir, joined by Beatus, will lead a service of Lessons and Carols for Advent, singing many well-known carols of the season with meditations from the prophets foretelling the Messiah, followed by the psalms of Evening Prayer. All are welcome to attend and sing congregationally this festival of music; a reception will follow in the church hall.

BIBLE STUDY John DiGiacinto will lead Bible Study on Tuesday, December 12th at 10 a.m. in the Emmaus Room. All are welcome.



JESSE TREE Thank you for your generosity! Please tape your Jesse Tree Ornament to your package(s) and return them to the church or the parish office (during normal business hours) by Monday, December 18, 2017. Any high school student needing volunteer hours can assist with distribution on Friday, December 22nd at 3:00p.m. at the parish office. Contact Nancy Deters at 304-527-4603 with questions.

RCIA will be held every Thursday evening at 6:30 pm in the Emmaus Room. All are welcome.

SANCTUARY LAMP is burning in memory of Richard Traubert from December 9th to December 22nd.

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. The Diocese complies with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* by maintaining an 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 the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families/Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 888.434.6237 (toll free) or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Msgr. Frederick Annie, ext. 267, or Msgr. Anthony Cincinatti, 270. For more information on the Diocese's Office of Safe Environment, please go to www.dwc.org, then click the "Diocese" tab, then click "Office of Safe Environment" under the "Offices" menu. To learn more about the Catholic Church's efforts in preventing sexual abuse of children in the United States, please visit <http://www.usccb.org>. Under "Issues and Action," click "Child and Youth Protection" from the drop down menu.

NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION

December 31, 2017

**St. Francis Centre -Lee Road -Follansbee, WV
304-527-1279**

**Tickets are \$80 per couple / \$50 per person
The evening begins with a Dinner Buffet from
7:30p.m. -9:00 p.m.**

Dancing from 9:00p.m. -12:30 a.m.

Music provided by P-K the D.J.

**The evening will end with a Midnight Buffet
Draft Beer, Mixers, Hats & Noise Makers Included.
B.Y.O.B.**

**Ticket Sales and Reservations will be offered after the
4:00p.m. & 10:30a.m. Masses on December 9th & 10th
and December 16th & 17th. Tickets will also be available
at the office on the following dates: Thursday, Dec 14th,
Dec 21st, and Dec 28th from 12 noon till 3:00p.m. Pay-
ment will be due at the time of purchase. Checks are
made payable to St. Francis Centre. Anyone wishing
to volunteer their services to work at the Centre can
contact Jim DeMundo.**

CUSTODIAN-MAINTENANCE POSITION

We have an immediate opening for a custodian/ maintenance position to work at both St. Anthony Church and at St. Francis Centre. The job description can be found in the church vestibule. If you are interested or if you know someone that may be interested, please contact the parish office to complete a job application and background check.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to clean and decorate the church on Monday, December 18th at 10 a.m. for Christmas. Lunch will be provided.



DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS:

Friday, 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and Prayer of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Both meetings will begin with the Rosary at 6:30

General Meeting: January 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Party: December 19, 2017 after 6:00 Mass.

Meetings will be held in the church hall.

Contact: Will Sleever 740-219-2489

ALTAR & ROSARY

Next Meeting: December 17, 2017

After 8:00 a.m. Mass

Contact: Carolyn Bruno 304-919-3217

HOLY NAME

Meeting: March 4, 2018

After 8:00 a.m. Mass

Contact: Joe Settimio 304-527-1605

THOSE WHO HAVE REQUESTED PRAYER

Crissy Cambell, Johnny Chiarello, Roxanne Davis, Jim DeMundo, Dom Frio, Suzette Gallagher, Dustin Hall, Loreto (88) Iafrate, Bernie Kobily, Donna Norman, Julie, John, & Michael Petruccioli, Shannon Stewart, Jim Sutak and Cassy Toney.

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Beginning in January 2018, the daily Mass on Monday's at 7:30 a.m. will be moved to Wednesday's at 7:30 a.m. Those who want to attend daily Mass on Monday's are welcome at St. Johns in Wellsburg at 8:30 a.m.

UPCOMING DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS

- *December 10 -Retirement Fund for Religious*
- *December 25 -Catholic Charities WV*

HELP RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES

“ Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry,” writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL 2017

“Give your Hands to Serve and your Hearts to Love”

St. Anthony Parish goal is \$23,475. We are currently at 61% of our goal with 64 gifts. We have received a total of \$14,384.00 in donations. Every dollar raised over 50% of our goal will come back to our parish. Thank you for your consideration to this appeal.

Last Week Collection:

Offertory	\$5,085.50
Children's Dues	\$2.00
Loose Change	\$89.00
Debt Reduction	\$191.00
Friday Friends	\$312.00
Major Improvements	\$121.00
Christmas Flowers	\$488.00

Total \$3,578.50

Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$6,800.00

Attendance: 269

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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