

St. Anthony Catholic Church

1017 Jefferson Street • Follansbee, WV 26037



December 25, 2016

Nativity of the Lord

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.
Saturday	No Mass

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.

THE GIFT OF GOD'S WORD

On this day of gifts and gift giving, it seems appropriate that we take a moment to reflect on the great gift of God's Word. Because it is creative, God's Word always points to its author, always calls us to respond. Because it is powerful, God's Word can link the sublime with the ridiculous, the transcendent with the immanent, the divine with the human. Because it is graceful, God's Word establishes a relationship of deep intimacy between us and God.

At the heart of God's Word lies a tantalizing tension between the mysterious and the mundane. In our liturgical celebration, this unresolved tension both reveals the meaning of life for us and calls us to respond, to act upon that meaning.

Once accepted and opened, the gift of God's Word is a gift that keeps on giving and keeps on calling us to give in return. It dares us to be like the gift giver and to become gifts for others, not only at Christmas, but at every moment of life.

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Contact the Parish Staff Office Hours - M T TH F - 9:00 - 3:00 Office Closed Wednesday

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“And the Word became flesh” John 1:14

Jesus is God’s ultimate gift of love to us. The countless other blessings that God showers upon us are nothing compared to the gift of His only Son. The only appropriate way for us to respond to such generous love is with our own generous love. When we dedicate our lives to sharing all the gifts God has placed in our hands, the peace of Christ truly will control our hearts and we will know Christmas joy every day.

HOLIDAY & HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

The Great Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Eve - Saturday, December 24th, The Vigil of the Nativity Mass at 4:00 p.m. and Midnight Mass at 12:00 a.m.

The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Day— Sunday, December 25th, Mass at 10:30 a.m. ***There will be no 8:00 a.m. Mass.***

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation) -Saturday, December 31st, Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m. ***New Year’s Day*** - Sunday, January 1st, Mass at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. ***(Normal week-end Mass Schedule).***

LEARNED AT HOME

The mind of Christ is to be learned in the family. Strength of character may be acquired at work, but beauty of character is learned at home.

—Henry Drummond



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BIBLE STUDY There will be no bible study class on Tuesday, December 27th.

HOLIDAY OFFICE SCHEDULE The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 26th in observance of Christmas.

MASS CHANGE ***Mass on Monday, December 26th has been changed from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.***

CCD classes will be held from 9:15a.m. to 10:25a.m. in our school building. If you should have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Fred or Chris Welshans.

RCIA classes are held every Thursday in the Emmaus Room. Class begins with 6:00 p.m. Mass. These classes of preparation are open to all. For more information contact Fred Welshans.

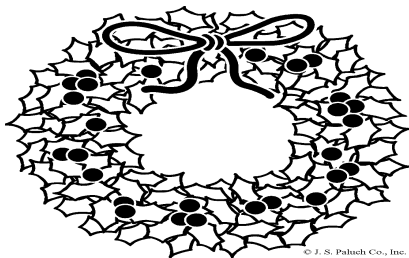
ST. ANTHONY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS is sponsoring a month long raffle throughout the month of January. Tickets will be available after each Mass now through December 18th and through members until December 31st. A \$5 donation provides 52 chances to win and is a great stocking stuffer! Proceeds will benefit the council and local charities. Thank you for your support and good luck! Contact Will Sleever at 740-219-2489 with questions.

CONGRATULATIONS AND HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY to Don & Kathleen Layburn who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Thursday, December 29th.

SANCTUARY LAMP is burning in memory of Joe Boniey from December 24^h to January 6th.

NOW WITH CHRIST Remember in your prayers Tillie (Tomaselli) Comissio who passed away on Sunday, December 11, 2016. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

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 Cincinnati, 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.



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Today's Gospel says Joseph "made his home in Nazareth." A "home" is built on the foundation of love, commitment and a shared history and is decorated with forgiveness, acceptance, rituals, discipline and mutual support. The Holy Family challenges us today: Don't live 'anyplace', live at HOME!

ST ANTHONY'S MUSIC MINISTRY

The Adult Choir (14 years+) is always looking for new voices. They practice on Wednesdays from 6 - 7p.m.

MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT

Will be held at Priestfield Retreat Center in Kearneysville, WV on March 3,4,5th or April 7,8,9th. The Retreat Master's name is Fr. Rick Kramer from the Office of Family Life in Washington, D.C. and he will lead both retreats. For more information call: Elaine Galeone at 410-252-5355.



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

General Meeting: January 4, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
 Officer Meeting: January 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
 Meetings will be held in the church hall.
 Contact: Will Sleever 740-219-2489

ALTAR & ROSARY

Meeting: January 15, 2017
 After 8:00 a.m. Mass
 Contact: Carolyn Bruno 304-919-3217

HOLY NAME

Meeting: March 5, 2017
 After 8:00 a.m. Mass - Refreshments will be served.
 Contact: Joe Settimo 304-527-1605

THOSE WHO HAVE REQUESTED PRAYERS

Baby Jude, Fred Cercone, Johnny Chiarello, Vince Chiodo, Kady (Andrew) Chivington, Larry Cohen, Nick Conti, Frank Cortez, Penny Davis, Jim DeMundo, Michael DiPasquale, Sherie Highfield, Shannon Stewart Hunter, Geno Iafrate, Joe Ierise, Diane Jackson, June Kelly, Adalynn Kimball, Brittany Murphy, Julia Paradise, John (Pepe) Petruccioli, Juliana Prekup Petruccioli, Jim Sutak, Dan Tenaglio, Doug Wagstaff, Roseann and Warren Watt

CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

Pledge cards are available for you to take home and mail in a pledge or donation to the Diocese. The theme of this year's appeal is *Opening the Door of His Mercy*. This year's overall CSA goal is 1.7 million and our parish goal is \$20,325. We are currently at 89% of our goal with 80 gifts. We have received a total of \$18,147.00 in donations. Every dollar raised over 50% of our goal will come back to our parish. For more information on this important diocesan appeal, please visit www.dwc.org/csa. St. Anthony parishioners thank you for your generous donations and for your continued support.

DISCERNMENT ON THE MOUNTAIN

A spiritually intense experience for both high school and college age young men. Join us for Mass, prayer, adoration, discernment talks, and one full day of skiing at Snowshoe Mountain Resort. The retreat is based in Huttonsville Pastoral Center on January 2-5, 2017. To register contact Rick Teachout at rteachout@dwc.org, phone 304-233-0880 ext 442 or at www.wvpriest.org. Cost for this retreat is \$50.00

Last Week's Collection:

Offertory	\$4,079.50
Children's Dues	\$3.00
Loose Change	\$69.00
Debt Reduction	\$5.00
Christmas Flowers	\$175.00
Friday Friends	\$290.00
Major Improvements	\$5.00
Immaculate Conception	\$27.00
Advent Collection	\$3,815.00

Total \$8,468.50

Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$6,800.00

Attendance: 254

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