

St. Anthony Catholic Church

1017 Jefferson Street • Follansbee, WV
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December 5, 2021

2nd Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 5, 2021



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SECOND Sunday OF *Advent*

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance
for the forgiveness of sins.

Luke 3:3

ur 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.

Sacramental Schedule

Sunday Masses

Saturday	.....	4:00 pm
Sunday	.....	8:00 am
Sunday	.....	10:30 am

Weekday Masses:

Monday	.....	No Mass
Tuesday	.....	6:00 pm
Wednesday	.....	7:30 am
Thursday	.....	6:00 pm
Friday	.....	7:30 am

Holy Days:

Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m.

Confessions:

Saturday at 3:00p.m. - 3:30p.m. 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)

Contact the Parish Staff

Office Hours - M - T- TH- F- 9:00 - 3:00

OFFICE CLOSED WEDNESDAY

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NURSING HOME The Altar & Rosary has placed a basket in the vestibule of the Church to collect items for Brightwood Nursing Home at Christmas time. The recommended list includes: ladies & men's socks, body wash, shampoo, ladies hand lotion, men's after shave, soft Kleenex tissues, simple large print crossword puzzle books, simple word search books, adult coloring books, crayons, colored pencils, low number jigsaw puzzles, any craft such as paint by number needlepoint, etc. Your generosity is appreciated, especially during the Christmas Season. As St. Francis said, "It is in giving that we receive".

BLESSINGS OF THE BLESSED MOTHER STATUES
Please bring your homes' image, statue or picture of the Blessed Mother to Mass on Tuesday, December 7th at the 6:00 Mass for the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Blessed Mother images will be carried in procession and blessed at the Tuesday evening Mass. They will remain in the sanctuary, on display, until the weekend Masses. You may take your Blessed Mother home with you at the weekend Mass.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY The Holy Name men of St. Anthony Church invite all men of the parish to attend the 4:00 Mass on Saturday, December 11, 2021. A brief meeting will follow after Mass with a light meal of salad and pizza.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT Join the parish and choir as we join the community with a Christmas carol sing and blessing of the outdoor nativity on Monday, December 13th, the Feast of St. Lucy. Bring a flashlight and dress for the weather. The event is weather pending. Please bring a friend. All voices are welcome.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS A special Knights of Columbus Meeting will be held on December 14th in the church hall at 7:00 pm. A state advocate will be on site to discuss the reorganization of the Follansbee Knights of Columbus Council 11919. All Knights are ask to attend this meeting. Any parishioner that may be interested in becoming a Knight is also welcome to attend. Questions can be directed to Will Sleever at 740-409-1439.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY Breakfast on Sunday, December 19th in the church hall following the 8:00 am Mass. The food prepared by Jim DeMundo includes: Eggs Strada, Breakfast Potatoes, French Toast, Sausage Patties, Biscuits & Gravy, Orange Juice, Coffee & Tea. The cost is \$10.00. Come and get a free ticket on our door prizes! All parishioners are welcome to join us for breakfast and fellowship. A sign-up sheet can be found in the church vestibule.

THANK YOU to the volunteers who assisted with the deep cleaning of the church this past Monday. Also, a very special thank you to the team lead and the volunteers who put up the lights on the front of church building. Your hard work and dedication to the parish is very much appreciated.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Dec 4	4:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, Dec 5	8:00 am	Larry Casinelli+
Sunday, Dec 5	10:30 am	Bill McDonald+
Monday, Dec 6	No Mass	
<i>Vigil Mass Immaculate Conception:</i>		
<i>Tuesday, Dec 7</i>	<i>6:00 pm</i>	Emma Barnabei+
<i>Wednesday, Dec 8 (No 7:30 am Mass)</i>		
<i>Wednesday, Dec 8</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>	People of the Parish
Thursday, Dec 9	6:00 pm	Yolanda Mannella+
Friday, Dec 10	7:30 am	David Zaninella+
Saturday, Dec 11	4:00 pm	John Julio+
Sunday, Dec 12	8:00 am	People of the Parish
Sunday, Dec 12	10:30 am	Dominic Micucci+

****PLEASE NOTE MASS CHANGES***

Liturgical Minister Schedule for Dec 11th & Dec 12th

<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY</u>	<u>SERVER</u>
<u>MINISTER</u>			
4:00	Carla Morris	Kathi Rodgers	Ed Smurda
8:00	Sarah Bayardi	Lynn Wright	Needed
10:30	Tom Davidson	Patti Retton	Sophie Wilkerson

SANCTUARY LAMP is burning in memory of ***Larry Lee***. The lamp will burn from December 4, 2021 to December 10, 2021.

HELPING HANDS NEEDED Calling all families and youth! Help is needed to set up and assemble the outdoor nativity scene Saturday, December 11th at 2:30 pm. Please dress for the weather. We welcome anyone to bring the following materials: short 4ft to 6ft extension cords, sets of clear lights, fresh pine branches or even small trees, or bales of straw.

A PARISH FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE As you begin to decorate your home in anticipation of Christmas, consider setting aside an ornament or two that represents your family, or perhaps a loved one who has passed. Bring these items to church and place them in one of the baskets in the vestibule. We will decorate this tree as a parish, Sunday, December 19th following the 10:30 Mass. Please join us for this family friendly parish activity. A Christmas tree, a symbol of God's everlasting love, has deep roots and symbolism. The trees' evergreen color is a symbol of hope, the tradition red decorations, once red apples, are a symbol of the sacrifice of Christ and the apples a parallel to the garden of Eden. The star is a symbol of the start of the Magi followed. The gold and gifts under the tree representing the gift of Christ to the world and the gifts of the Magi.

ST. ANTHONY'S CHRISTMAS SPIRIT The Jesse Tree **Gifts are due December 15, 2021.** Please leave wrapped gifts with tags attached in the vestibule after any of the weekend masses. We will also be gathering personal care products to fill gift bags for the 10 retired priests that reside at Welty House in Wheeling. A box will be placed in the Vestibule to collect those items (shampoo, body wash, shaving cream, razors, soap, deodorants, candy). Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, 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 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues, Dec 07 - 6:00 Vigil Mass-Immaculate Conception
Community Event- City Advent Reflec-
tions & Carols at St. Francis Centre 6:00
pm.
Wed, Dec 08 - Mass 9:00 am (No 7:30 am Mass)
Mon, Dec 13 - Christmas Caroling in the Church 6:00

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24th
4:00 p.m. Vigil

Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25th
12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass
9:00 a.m.

No 4:00 Mass on Saturday, December 25th
Normal Masses on Sunday, December 26th 8:00 & 10:30

New Years Eve, Friday, December 31st
4:00 pm
Midnight Benediction

Normal Weekend Masses, January 1st & 2nd 8:00 & 10:30

God has commanded
that every lofty mountain be made low.
— Baruch 5:7

THOSE WHO HAVE REQUESTED PRAYER

Lorraine Durante, Suzette Gallagher, Joann Klakos, Charles Lancaster, Marlene Lastoria, Anthony Martino, Larry Mazzella, Alan McCreary, Allen Negri, Niko Nemeth, Ed Nutter, Paul Nutter, Juliana Petruccioli, Tony Pietro, Margaret Durante Rateau, Kelsey Rees, Daniel Taczozza, Alexander Thompson, Fred Welshans, Sr., Richard Wieloh, Jeff Yost, Sr. and Ruth Ann Yost. **Please call the office to add or remove names from the list.**

CHRISTMAS WINDOW MEMORIAL CANDLES are now available for the Christmas season for \$30 per window. Candles will be lit Christmas Eve until January 9th, the Baptism of the Lord. We only have eight available.

UNUSED CHRISTMAS TREES NEEDED If anyone has an extra Christmas tree they are no longer using, please bring it to the church office. We will be collecting trees for a “forest” around the outdoor nativity scene. Trees with or without lights, in any shape, color or condition will be used.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ Maintenance position available for St. Anthony Church.
- ◆ Maintenance position available at St. Francis Centre.
- ◆ Office assistant position available.

For more information, please contact the parish office if you are interested in any of these positions. If you know of someone seeking employment, feel free to let them know these jobs are available.



DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS
Friday after 7:30 a.m. Mass

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;
Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16,
18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6;
Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

ATTENTION LECTORS If you were unable to attend the Lector Meeting held on November 18th, you will need to schedule a time to meet with Fr. Jude to review minister instructions and to get your workbook. Thank you for volunteering to assist with this ministry.

CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL 2021

Our CSA goal is \$19,520. We have reached 62% of our goal with a total of \$12,024 donations from 69 gifts. **Now that we have reached 50% of our goal, every dollar raised will come back to our parish!** For more information on this appeal, please visit www.dwc.org/csa. Thank you!

UPCOMING DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS

- December 12 - Retirement Fund for Religious
- December 25 - Catholic Charities West Virginia

11-21-21 Collection

Offertory	2,886.00
Loose Contributions	413.00
Children’s Dues	2.00
Debt Reduction	5.00
Friday Friends	95.00
Major Improvements	5.00
All Souls	20.00
Archdiocese for Military Services	10.00
Campaign for Human Development	188.00
World Mission Sunday	5.00
Total: 3,629.00	

Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$6,600.00
Attendance: 180

Last Week Collection

Offertory	2,775.00
Loose Contributions	385.00
Children’s Dues	2.00
Debt Reduction	5.00
Friday Friends	65.00
Major Improvements	65.00
Universal Missions	20.00
Campaign for Human Development	20.00
Total: 3,337.00	

Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$6,600.00
Attendance: 171

Thank you for your stewardship at this most difficult time! Your generous donations will help to keep our obligations current. Reminder: please use the contribution envelopes provided to ensure the appropriate credit to your account. Thank you, stay safe and God Bless!

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Thank You

