

St. Anthony Catholic Church

1017 Jefferson Street • Follansbee, WV 26037



February 12, 2017

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

CHOICE

“If you choose you can keep the commandments,” Sirach tells us. God “has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand” (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today’s reading from Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

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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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“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:20

The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it’s the love that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee.

LENTEN EVENTS AT ST. ANTHONY PARISH

- ◆ March 1, 2017 (Ash Wednesday): Fish Dinner at St. Francis Centre - 11a.m.-2p.m. and 4p.m.-7p.m. Event is open to the public. All are welcome!
 - ◆ A 7:30 a.m. Masses will be added on Saturday’s during Lent.
 - ◆ Confessions at 5:00 p.m. every Friday prior to Stations of the Cross.
 - ◆ Stations of the Cross, Friday’s at 6:00 p.m. followed by a simple supper at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall.
Simple Suppers provided by:
 - March 3 - Holy Name Society
 - March 10 - St. Francis Centre
 - March 17 - Choir
 - March 24 - Knights of Columbus
 - March 31 - Altar & Rosary Society
 - April 7 - CCD & Youth Group
- * Thank you to all the above named groups for your participation in providing the simple suppers.*
- ◆ Lenten Reflection March 13 –15 with Jim Conroy and Fr. Gallagher.
 - ◆ Diocesan Pilgrimage at St. Joseph Cathedral, Wednesday, March 29th at 6:00 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY John DiGiacinto will lead Bible study on Tuesday, February 14th at 10 a.m. in the Emmaus Room. All are welcome.

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.

PARENT MEETING FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION CHILDREN will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 after 6:00 p.m. Mass.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEST VIRGINIA’S 7TH ANNUAL IMPRESSIONS OF HOPE GALA, a Mardi Gras Celebration The event will be held Saturday, February 25 at 6:00 p.m. at the White Palace. Purchase a seat for \$75 per person, or take advantage of the special group rate of \$250 for four people. Visit CatholicCharitiesWV.org or call (304) 905-9860. All proceeds benefit the vital work that CCWVa does to alleviate, prevent and reduce poverty in West Virginia and in the Ohio Valley area.

A LENTEN RETREAT: OVERSHADOWED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT The Franciscan Sisters, T.O.R. invite you be immersed in the Holy Spirit at our Lenten retreat on Saturday, March 25th from 8:30am to 4:00pm. The retreat includes Mass, Adoration, lunch, talks, testimonies, and more. The retreat will be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Monastery in Toronto, Ohio. Registration is required by Monday, March 13th. Suggested donation is \$25. Register online at www.franciscansisterstor.org/lenten-retreat-2017 or call (740) 544-5542 ext. 112.

SANCTUARY LAMP is burning in memory of the Dominic Rocini from February 4th to February 17th.

NOW WITH CHRIST Remember in your prayers Mary (Adams) Sistilli who passed away on February 1, 2017. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE BY BUD OZAR
To experience the peace which Christ promises we must shed our grudges, jealousy and feelings of being misunderstood, unappreciated or ignored. Peace and anger don’t mix. Today’s Gospel warns, if you want peace in your heart and home, get rid of your anger. Anger is too costly.

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.

2017- SCHEDULED EVENTS

- April 24, 2017 - Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at St. Francis Centre at 5:30 p.m.
- June 11, 2017 - St. Anthony Day Celebration
- August 20, 2017 - Parish Picnic at Follansbee Community House.
- December 31, 2017 - New Years Eve Celebration at St. Francis Centre.

ST. ANTHONY MUSIC MINISTRY

The St. Anthony Music Ministry is beginning preparation for the Lenten / Easter Season. Anyone interested in being a part of the St. Anthony Handbell Ensemble, Youth or Senior Choir for the Easter season is asked to attend the following practice sessions. For more information, please contact Carol June at 304-527-1492.

Handbell Practice Schedule 8 years old+

Sundays 8:30 - 9:10 a.m. (Music Room) February 19 orientation) February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2.

Youth Choir 6 years old+

Sunday—11:30 –12:30 p.m. (Church) - March 19, 26 and April 2.

Senior Choir 14 years+

Every Thursday 6:30 p.m. (Church)

We will play and sing at the Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday 10:30 Mass.

THOSE WHO HAVE REQUESTED PRAYERS

If you or a loved one is in need of prayers, please contact the office to have your name added to the prayer list.

CAMP BOSCO HUTTONSVILLE, WV, JULY 2017

This camp is open to students in grades 3rd-12th. Cost is \$315.00 per child (Scholarships are available) 4 weeks to choose from! (July 2-8, July 9-15, July 16-22, July 23-29. Registration is online at www.campbosco.com: Any questions e-mail hbise@dwc.org or call 1-888-434-6237, ext. 311.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

UPCOMING DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS

- March 1 – Church in Central and Eastern Europe
- March 5 - Catholic Missions among Black & Native Americans
- March 19 – Diocesan Priests’ Retirement Fund
- March 26 – Catholic Relief Services

CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

We thank everyone who has contributed to the CSA for 2016. We have not yet met our parish goal of \$20,325 but we are close and you still have time to donate. We still need \$1,254.00 to reach our goal. We are currently at 94% of our goal with 82 gifts. We have received a total of \$19,071.00 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.



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: March 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Officer Meeting: February 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
 Meetings will be held in the church hall.
 Contact: Will Sleever 740-219-2489

ALTAR & ROSARY

Meeting: February 19, 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

Last Week’s Collection:

Offertory	\$5,479.00
Children’s Dues	\$2.00
Loose Change	\$93.00
Debt Reduction	\$236.00
Friday Friends	\$588.00
Major Improvements	\$263.00
First Offering	\$40.00
Church in Latin America	\$10.00
Advent	\$70.00

Total \$6,781.00

Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$6,800.00

Attendance: 287

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Transmit: Tuesday, noon

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