

St. Anthony Catholic Church

1017 Jefferson Street • Follansbee, WV 26037



February 19, 2017

Seventh 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.

DIVINE WISDOM

The Lord's message, through Moses, was to "take no revenge and cherish no grudge . . . love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). We might think, "Great in theory, but not always realistic!"

Then Jesus in today's Gospel goes even further. Take a slap in the face and then turn the other cheek? Treat enemies the same as friends? Again, we're tempted to think that those are nice ideals, but not very practical in the "real world."

Paul echoes Jesus when he tells the Corinthians that what passes for human wisdom is absurdity to God. Divine wisdom casts sunshine on the good and the bad, showers rain on the honest and the dishonest—without distinction. We must examine our wisdom and common sense to see how they compare to the wisdom of God, and make adjustments accordingly.

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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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“But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...” Matthew 5:44
Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from “me” and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for “our enemy”. When we pray for others, even “our enemies”, maybe it softens their hearts as well.

LENTEN EVENTS AT ST. ANTHONY PARISH

- ◆ March 1st - Ash Wednesday - Mass times 7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
 - ◆ 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. Mass 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 21st 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 Greg Rees and Anna Fante from February 18th to March 3rd.

REMINDER With the onset of Lent, now would be the appropriate time to remove all Christmas and artificial decorations from the cemetery.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE BY BUD OZAR

Giving the shirt off your back, turning the other cheek or walking / driving the extra mile is normal stuff in families. We do that for one another. Today’s Gospel reminds us all people, even those we don’t like, are our brothers and sisters. Our family should prepare us to be FAMILY to others.

THE HEAVIEST LOAD

A chip on the shoulder is the heaviest load anyone can carry.
—Anonymous

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

Both meetings will begin with the Rosary at 6:30

General Meeting: March 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Officer Meeting: March 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	\$4,467.00
Children's Dues	\$4.00
Loose Change	\$93.25
Debt Reduction	\$25.00
Friday Friends	\$342.00
Major Improvements	\$25.00
First Offering	\$30.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$50.00

Total \$5,036.25

Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$6,800.00

Attendance: 293

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