

St. Anthony Catholic Church

1017 Jefferson Street • Follansbee, WV 26037

September 24, 2017

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sacramental Schedule

Sunday Masses:

Saturday	5:30 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.

CALL UPON THE LORD

The very first line of today's first reading summons us to seek the Lord and to call upon God. This sentiment is echoed in the refrain for today's responsorial psalm: "The Lord is near to all who call upon him" (Psalm 145:18a). Saint Paul is the embodiment of someone who constantly sought the Lord. In the excerpt we read today from his letter to the Philippians, we find Saint Paul toward the end of his life, a life he describes as completely consonant with Christ. He writes, "For to me life is Christ" (Philippians 1:21). To find out what it means to live life completely in accord with Christ we need look no further than today's Gospel. There we find that God's love and mercy are immeasurable for all those who seek and call upon the Lord.

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“So the last will be first and the first last” - MATTHEW 20:16

You’ve heard the saying “it’s not where you start, but how you finish.” This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our gratitude and generosity helps us live “God-centered” lives and not “self-centered” lives.

Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Today Jesus is saying to us: “Why are you idle? Go into my vineyard.” Family, where “the last will be first,” is the “vineyard” entrusted to us in today’s Gospel. Successful families are constructed by “laborers,” who work hard on family relationships, and not by couch potatoes.

I Publish **Wedding Banns** Between (3rd)
Emily Anna Boyd & Anthony Stephen Perna
If any of you know cause, or just impediment,
why this couple should not be joined together in
Holy Matrimony, ye are to declare it.

BLUE MASS In anticipation of the Feast of the Archangels we will celebrate a Blue Mass on Thursday, September 28th at 6:00 p.m. All first responders and members of the Military along with their families are invited to join us. We encourage you to dress in uniform and be at the church at 5:45. All members of Saint Anthony Parish as well as the surrounding community are encouraged to join us as we pray for the safety of those who serve and protect us. A reception will follow in the church hall.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS The Officers of St. Anthony Council #11919 encourage the members attending the October 3rd council meeting to bring some fruit (or small monetary donation to purchase fruit) to be distributed to the CCD students on October 8th. Contact Eric Mowry at 412-916-1283 or Eric.Mowry@kofc.org with questions or to make a contribution.



BIBLE STUDY John DiGiacinto will lead Bible Study on Tuesday, September 26th at 10 a.m. in the Emmaus Room. All are welcome.

MASS TIME CHANGE Due to upcoming weddings, the *Saturday Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. on the following dates: September 23, 2017 and October 7, 2017.* Please remember our young couples in your prayers.

RCIA will be held every Thursday evening at 6:30 pm in the Emmaus Room. If you know of anyone interested in learning about the Faith or interested in joining the Church, please encourage them to contact us. All are welcome.

THANK YOU David & Carolyn Velegol for refinishing the table in our 9th grade classroom. It is absolutely beautiful and greatly appreciated by both the students and staff. Thank you for your time and talent.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Ten Dollar West Virginia State Council 2017 Football Frenzy Fundraising Tickets will be available from St. Anthony Knights of Columbus after all Masses on September 30th and October 1st. A three dollar rebate from each ticket will stay with the Council. Contact Will Sleever, Grand Knight, at 740-219-2489 should you have any questions.

CONFIRMATION The Chancery has notified us that His Excellency, Bishop Bransfield, will be here on Sunday, November 26th (Solemnity of Christ the King) at 10:30 to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers as they prepare for this special Sacrament.

THREE DAY RETREAT - TEC Teens Encounter Christ will be held here at St. Anthony Church on November 4 -6. TEC weekends are open to high school juniors and seniors. All interested teens can contact Chris Welshans for an application. All applications are due by October 21st. Live your best life with a weekend of fellowship and fun.

INFANT OF PRAGUE NOVENA The Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Wheeling, West Virginia will celebrate the Novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague beginning this year on Monday, September 25 at 7:00 p.m. The Novena will be prayed for nine consecutive Monday evenings concluding on November 20. Each week consists of Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, a homily given by a guest priest, music, and prayers to the Infant of Prague. The theme for this year’s novena is “Encountering Christ in His Miracles”. Many prayers have been answered through this powerful devotion. We encourage you to join us.

SANCTUARY LAMP is burning in memory of Michael & Angeline Kurcina from September 16th to September 29th.

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

- December 31, 2017 - New Years Eve Celebration at St. Francis Centre.

THOSE WHO HAVE REQUESTED PRAYERS

Crissy Cambell, Johnny Chiarello, Roxanne Davis, Jim DeMundo, Margaret DiPasquale, Dom Frio, Suzette Gallagher, Dustin Hall, Loreto (88) Iafate, Bernie Kobily, Donna Norman, Kenny Orlando, Cathy, Julie, John, & Michael Petruccioli, Tina Sisinni, Shannon Stewart, Jim Sutak and Cassy Toney.

NOW WITH CHRIST Remember in your prayers Shelley Puskarich Brown who passed away on September 3rd in Winter Springs, FL. Shelley is the sister of Rich (Debbie) Puskarich and John (Cathy) Puskarich. May her soul and all souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Weirton Madonna High School Class of 2021 will be holding a TRIVIA NIGHT on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, at 7:00PM in the school gymnasium. Doors open at 6:30PM. Grab your favorite beverage and snacks and get ready for a night filled with fun and facts! Admission is \$10.00 per person and tickets may be purchased from any class member or contact the school for information on purchasing a ticket. You can have up to 10 people per trivia team. First place prize is \$500!! For more information or to purchase a ticket please call the school at 304-723-0545 or email sfournier@weirtonmadonna.org.



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: October 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Officer Meeting: October 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Meetings will be held in the church hall.

Contact: Will Sleever 740-219-2489

ALTAR & ROSARY

Next Meeting: October 15, 2017

After 8:00 a.m. Mass

Contact: Carolyn Bruno 304-919-3217

HOLY NAME

Meeting: December 3, 2017

After 8:00 a.m. Mass

Contact: Joe Settimio 304-527-1605

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

UPCOMING DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS

- September 24 –Catholic University
- October 22 –Universal World Mission

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS Parishioners must renew each year as your registration expired in April. If you are interested in being enrolled contact Barbra Milewsky at 740-264-7581. Please consider enrolling in this program as it is an excellent way of contributing to your parish.

CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL 2017

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

This years overall CSA goal is 1.8 million. St. Anthony Parish goal is \$23,475. We are currently at 54% of our goal with 55 gifts. We have received a total of \$12,684.00 in donations. Every dollar raised over 50% of our goal will come back to our parish. For more information on this appeal please visit www.dwc.org/csa. Pledge cards are available in the church vestibule for your convenience. Thank you for your consideration to this appeal.

THANK YOU CATHOLIC CHARITIES St. Anthony Parish has received their first quarterly check from Catholic Charities West Virginia in the amount of \$1,800.00. This donation was made to our Friday Friends Backpack Program. The people of St. Anthony and Jefferson Primary School thank you for your very generous donation.

Last Week Collection:

Offertory	\$3,871.50
Children’s Dues	\$4.00
Loose Change	\$178.68
Debt Reduction	\$7.00
Friday Friends	\$182.00
Major Improvements	\$7.00
Diocesan Scholarships	\$37.00
Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund	\$2,344.08

Total \$6,631.26

Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$6,800.00

Attendance: 264

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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