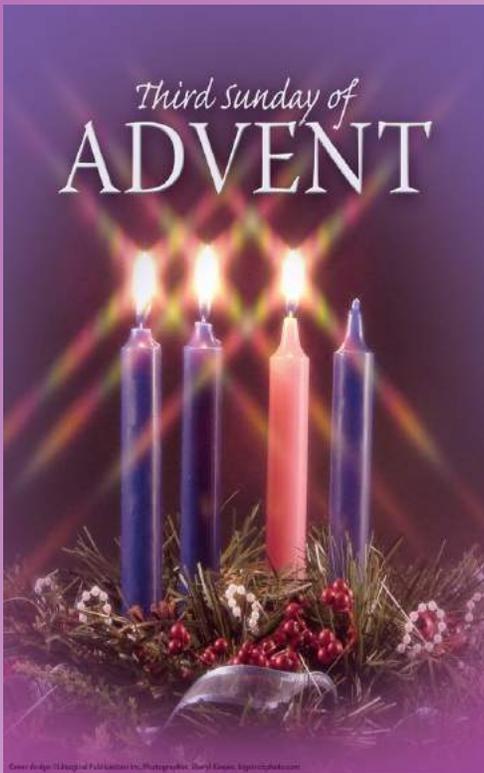


SAINT ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

1017 JEFFERSON ST * FOLLANSBEE WV

December 17 2023



*"The Lord, your God, is in your midst; a
A mighty savior
He will rejoice over you with gladness
And renew you in His love"
- Zephaniah 3:17*

Sacramental Schedule

Sunday Masses

Saturday4:00 PM
Sunday 8:00AM &
10:30AM

Weekday Masses

MondayNO Mass
Tuesday 6:00PM
Wednesday7:30AM
Thursday 6:00 PM
Friday7:30AM

Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Mass 4:00PM

Confessions: Saturday 3pm-3:30PM or by appointment

Baptism & Marriage: Please contact the parish office as soon as possible to begin Sacramental Preparation and scheduling.

RCIA: Please contact the parish office for more information.

Parish Prayer Line: Please call Mary Lou Mirasola (304-527-2261) or Mary Catherine Croce (304-527-3150)

Pastor...Rev. Jude Perera, TOR - jperera@dwc.org

Parish Secretary: DeEtta Bertucci -stanthonychurch@comcast.net

Bookkeeper.....Susan Targoss—stanthonychurch@comcast.net

Music DirectorAttilio Boni - 304-670-2745

Sacramental Prep, Adult Formation, RCIA—Fred & Chris Welshans - sacdre@comcast.net

Director of Religious Education & Youth Ministry - stanthonysistersdre@comcast.net & stanthonysistersyouth@comcast.net
The Sisters of "The Daughter of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus"

St. Francis Centre Manager.....Jim DeMundo - 304-559-7454

St. Francis Centre - 304-527-1279

Parish Staff & Office Hours
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
8:30am - 3:30pm
304-527-2286
304-527-2548 (fax)

St. Anthony Catholic Church Mission Statement:

We as a parish family strive to be a vibrant Catholic Community supporting and nurturing each person on his or her faith journey with Christ.

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Saturday, December 16 | 4:00 pm | Emma Barnebei + | Req by: Elsie Pompa |
| Sunday, December 17 | 8:00 am | People of the Parish | |
| Sunday, December 17 | 10:30 am | Fred Canei + | Req by: Yolanda Canei |
| Monday, December 18 | NO MASS | | |
| Tuesday, December 19 | 6:00 pm | Annie Berardi + | Req by: Pam & Rich Ferguson |
| Wednesday, Dec 20 | 7:30am | Fred Canei + | Req by: Yolanda Canei |
| Thursday, Dec 21 | 6:00pm | Concezio "Jack" & Theresa Cercone + | Req by: |
| Friday, December 22 | 6:00pm | William & Angline Needham | Req by: Dan Needham |
| Saturday, December 23 | 4:00 pm | Andrew & Aubrey Prekup | Req by: Ruth & Larry Prekup |
| Sunday, December 24 | 9:00 am | Priest Intentions | |
| Sunday, December 24 | 4:00pm | CMA | |
| Sunday, December 24 | Midnight | People of the Parish | |

Liturgical Minister Schedule
December 23

| Mass | Lector | Extraordinary Minister | Server |
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| 4:00pm | Mary Kay Olashuk | Kathi Rodgers | John Cipriani |

Liturgical Minister Christmas

| Mass | Lector | Extraordinary Minister | Server |
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| 4pm | Jennifer Turbanic | NEEDED | NEEDED |
| 12mid | Mary Kay Olashuk | Lynn Wright | David Velegol |
| 9am | Jill Mazzella | NEEDED | NEEDED |

New Years Schedule

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| 9am (Jan1) | Mary Kay Olashuk | NEEDED | David Velegol |
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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Prayer Intentions

Penne Buchmelter, Ricky Casini, Lorraine Durante, Suzette Gallagher, Joann Klakos, Susan Kurcina, Marlene Lastoria, Anthony Martino, Bill McFadden, Mary Lou Marisola, Allen Negri, Niko Nemeth, Ed Nutter, Paul Nutter, Juliana Petruccioli, Margaret Duante Rateau, Kelsey Rees, Daniel Taczozza, Natalie Teaff, Alexander Thompson, Marlene Warman Jeff Yost Sr, and Ruth Ann Yost.

*please contact the office to add/remove names

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



Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/
1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45
Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66
Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-3

Gaudete Sunday

“Those who sow in tears shall reap with joyful shouting”
-Psalm 26:5

Why is joy synonymous with Advent? Advent is known as the joyful expectation. Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent reminds us to joyfully wait on God as the birth of our Savior is near. Joy is also a fruit of the Spirit. Jesus who is our comfort and the Prince of Peace will soon come to us as a baby.



Sanctuary Lamp is burning in memory of

Robert & Amy DeCeasre



This lamp will burn from:
December 16 to December 22

Requested by George & Joanne Slancik

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

- * December 17—Altar & Rosary Christmas Breakfast
- * January 5: 9am Mass, Adoration & Anointing

Christmas Schedule

December 23: 4pm Mass
 December 24: 9am Sunday Mass (4th Sunday of Advent)
 December 24: 4pm Christmas Eve Mass (*incense used*)
 December 24: 11:30pm—carols and Midnight Mass (*incense used*)
 December 25: 9am Christmas Day Mass (only Mass of the day) ***There are no 8am & 10:30am Masses on December 24th***

New Years Schedule

December 30: 4pm Mass(Vigil) Feast of the Holy Family
 December 31: 8am & 10:30 Sunday Masses
 December 31: 11:30pm—Benediction for the New Year
 January 1st: 9am New Years Mass & Blessings of Vehicles

Christmas Memorial Wreaths Four (4) wreaths are available to be donated in memory of a loved one. Wreaths are \$80 each. Two (2) families can sponsor a wreath for \$40 each. Contact the parish office to grab yours.

Nursing Home Christmas Collection - Altar & Rosary is collecting personal care items for Brightwood & Golden Oaks residents for Christmas. The final day for holiday collection is TODAY Sunday, December 17th. Any donation is greatly appreciated especially at Christmas time. As Mother Theresa said, "it is not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving."

Secret Angel—The Altar & Rosary members are reminded to mail their cards to let their Secret Angels know that you have been praying for them. Thank you.

St. Anthony's Christmas Spirit—The Jesse Tree envelopes will be posted on the bulletin boards in the vestibule by Saturday, December 2, 2023. **Gifts will be due TODAY December 17, 2023.** Please leave wrapped gifts with the **numbered side** on the card attached to the gifts in the vestibule after any of the weekend Masses. Gifts will be distributed December 20, 2023.

Christmas Breakfast—The Altar & Rosary Christmas breakfast is open to all parishioners. It will be held in the church hall TODAY, Sunday, December 17 following 8am Mass. The cost is \$10 at the door. The food by Jim DeMundo includes: cheese omelet, sausage, breakfast potatoes, waffle bar, orange juice & coffee. Come & enjoy the holiday fellowship and get a free ticket on our door prizes.

A very merry thank you to those who came out to assemble the nativity and decorate our church. Everything is beautiful.

MASS INTENTIONS

For 2024

ARE NOW ACCEPTED!!

All spaces are filled for the 2023 year for both Mass intentions and sanctuary candles. The calendar has opened to schedule Mass intentions for the first quarter of 2024 (**January, February & March**). At that time, sanctuary candles for the entire year will also be scheduled.

Thank you.

CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

St. Anthony's CSA goal for 2023 is 23,295. We have collected 11,475 from 56 gifts. We are currently at 49% of our goal. Please consider a donation and thank you to those who have already contributed to this appeal. At 50 % we can apply for a grant and every amount donated after comes back to the church.

UPCOMING DIOCESAN COLLECTION

- **December 25 - Catholic Charities West Virginia**
- **January 21 - Church in the Developing World**

FRIENDLY REMINDER ..All Commemorative Mass fees are due before the end of the year. Any unpaid members will be removed for 2024. Contact the office at 304-527-2286 if you have questions or concerns. Thank you.

ATTN BELL RINGERS..

Christmas rehearsals will be today, December 17th after 10:30am Mass. We will play at 4pm Mass on Christmas Eve.

Christmas decorating...The Liturgical Environment Committee is in need of your help to prepare the Church for the Christmas Advent seasons. We need help on: **December 18 @ 5:30pm, December 24 @11:45am**. Thank you for helping create a prayerful environment for the Christmas season.



DECEMBER 10TH COLLECTION

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| Offertory | 0.00 |
| Loose Contributions | 0.00 |
| Children's Due | 0.00 |
| Friday Friends | 0.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | 0.00 |
| Debt Reduction | 0.00 |
| Major Improvements | 0.00 |

Total: N/A
 Attendance:

*Thank you for your stewardship! 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! **Note: Due to early transmission, totals will be submitted later***

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.