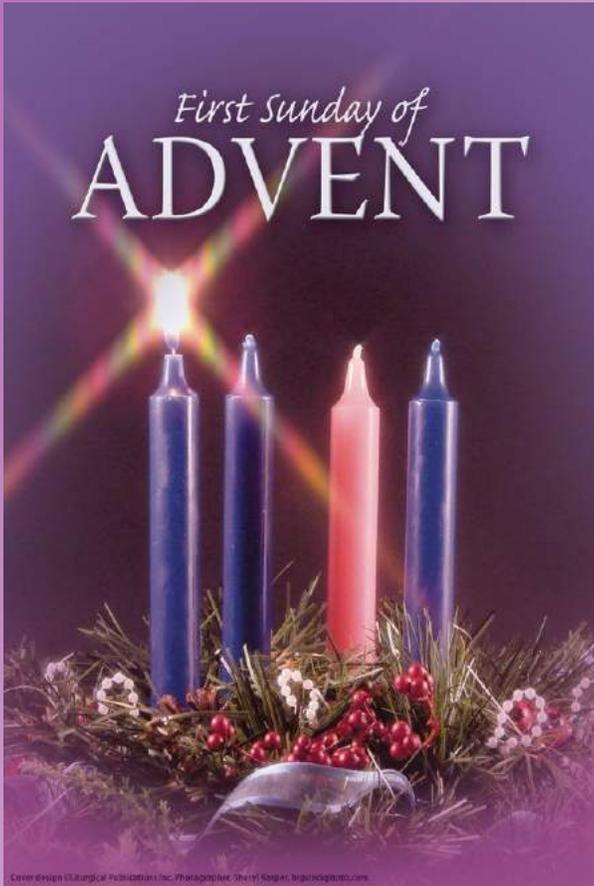


# SAINT ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

1017 JEFFERSON ST \* FOLLANSBEE WV

December 3, 2023



*"The days are coming, says the Lord when  
I will fulfill the promise I made to the  
house of Judah & Israel"*  
—Jeremiah 33:14

## Sacramental Schedule

### Sunday Masses

Saturday .....4:00 PM  
Sunday ..... 8:00AM &  
10:30AM

### Weekday Masses

Monday .....NO Mass  
Tuesday ..... 6:00PM  
Wednesday .....7:30AM  
Thursday ..... 6:00 PM  
Friday .....7:30AM

**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](mailto:jperera@dwc.org)

**Parish Secretary:** DeEtta Bertucci -[stanthonychurch@comcast.net](mailto:stanthonychurch@comcast.net)

**Bookkeeper.....**Susan Targoss—[stanthonychurch@comcast.net](mailto:stanthonychurch@comcast.net)

**Music Director ....**Attilio Boni - 304-670-2745

**Sacramental Prep, Adult Formation, RCIA—**Fred & Chris Welshans - [sacdre@comcast.net](mailto:sacdre@comcast.net)

**Director of Religious Education & Youth Ministry** - [stanthonysistersdre@comcast.net](mailto:stanthonysistersdre@comcast.net) & [stanthonysistersyouth@comcast.net](mailto: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

Saturday, December 2	4:00 pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday, December 3	8:00 am	Dolfo Ficca +	Req by: Rita Ficca
Sunday, December 3	10:30 am	Michael Reale +	Req by: Debra Reale
Monday, December 4	NO MASS		
Tuesday, December 5	6:00 pm	Annie Berardi +	Req by: Mary E. Andriano
Wednesday, Dec 6	7:30am	John Nazionale +	Req by: Mike & Angie Kendrach
Thursday, Dec 7	6:00pm	Emma Barnabei +	Req by: Elsie Pompa
<b>Friday, December 8</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	People of the Parish	<b>Holy Day of Obligation</b>
Saturday, December 9	4:00 pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday, December 10	8:00 am	Marca Runkel Gaudio +	Req by: the family
Sunday, December 10	10:30 am	Fred Canei +	Req by: Yolanda Canei

### Liturgical Minister Schedule

December 9 & 10

Mass	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Server
4:00pm	Cara Nicolaoan	Carolyn DiPasquale	Jim Boiney
8:00am	Sarah Batardi	Chris Bayardi	David Velegol John Velegol
10:30am	Jill Mazzella	Angie Thompson	Mary E. Andriano

O Mary conceived without sin,  
pray for us who have recourse to Thee.

### Readings for the Week

**Sunday:** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

**Monday:** Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Next Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

**“For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him”  
-Psalm 62:5**

**Homebound...** On the First Friday of each month, we will be distributing Communion to the homebound. If you are in need or know someone who is in need, please call the parish office.

**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 4 @ 5:30PM, December 11 @ 5:30pm, December 18 @ 5:30pm, December 24 @ 11:45am.** Thank you for helping create a prayerful environment for the Christmas season.

Sanctuary Lamp is burning in memory of

Nina Meca

This lamp will burn from:  
December 2 to December 8

Requested by Jim Meca



1ST 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



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](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A day of reconciliation** will be held on December 7th at 6:30pm

**December 8th** is a Holy Day of Obligation to honor Our Lady's Immaculate Conception.

### Upcoming Events

- \* December Wednesday nights—Encounter Nights
- \* December 8 - Immaculate Conception Mass at 6pm (Holy Day of Obligation)
- \* December 13—Caroling
- \* December 17—Christmas Breakfast

### 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: Christmas Day Mass (only Mass of the day)  
**\*There is no regular Mass schedule on December 24**

**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. Examples of items could include: personal care kits, body wash, shampoo & conditioner, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, perfume, lotion, cologne, hand wipes, hair brushes, toothpaste/toothbrushes, etc. Please place your items in the containers located near the Church doors. The final day for holiday collection is 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."

### **ATTN BELL RINGERS..**

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

**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 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 on Sunday, December 17 following 8am Mass. The cost is \$10 at the door. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church. Please note the number attending beside your name. 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.

## 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 10,610 from 54 gifts. We are currently at 42% of our goal. Please consider a donation and thank you to those who have already contributed to this appeal.

## UPCOMING DIOCESAN COLLECTION

- **December 10— Retirement Fund for Religious**
- **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.

## NOVEMBER 19TH COLLECTION

Offertory	2202.00
Loose Contributions	93.00
Children's Due	2.00
Friday Friends	135.00
Debt Reduction	20.00
Major Improvements	55.00
Second Collection for Military Services	20.00

Total: \$2527  
Attendance: 168

*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!*

## NOVEMBER 26TH COLLECTION

Offertory	1980.00
Loose Contributions	118.00
Children's Due	2.00
Friday Friends	55.00
Second Collection for Military Services	5.00
All Saints	20.00
All Souls	20.00

Total: \$2200  
Attendance: 154

*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!*

*Thanksgiving Mass attendance—45*

*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.*