

St. Anthony Catholic Church

1017 Jefferson Street • Follansbee,
WV 26037

February 19, 2023



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.

Sacramental Schedule

Sunday Masses

Saturday	.....	4:00 pm
Sunday	.....	8:00 am
Sunday	.....	10:30 am

Weekday Masses:

Monday	.....	No Mass
Tuesday	.....	6:00 pm
Wednesday	.....	7:30 am
Thursday	.....	6:00 pm
Friday	.....	7:30 am

Holy Days:

Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m.

Confessions:

Saturday at 3:00p.m. - 3:30p.m. 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:

If you are in need of prayers, please call Mary Lou Mirasola (304-527-2261) or Mary Catherine Croce (304-527-3150)

Contact the Parish Staff

Office Hours - M - T- TH- F- 9:00 - 3:00

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Men's Priestly Discernment Retreat Do you desire a life of service to God? Are you open to giving yourself completely to God in a life of consecration and sacrifice in building up the kingdom of God here in West Virginia? Could the Lord be calling you to be a Priest of Jesus Christ in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston? The annual diocesan Men's Priestly Discernment Retreat will be held on March 3-5 at the Priest Field Pastoral Center (4030 Middleway Pike, Kearneysville, WV 25430). This event is open to men 18 years and older who are simply open to reflecting on God's will for them in their lives. The weekend will consist of Holy Mass, prayer, reflections on the diocesan priesthood, and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession. For any men interested in attending, please sign up at wvpriests.org. **Anyone who wishes to attend this retreat will receive a reimbursement for gas from the parish.**

FISH FRY

Join us Fridays of Lent for our annual Fish Fry! Kicking off on Ash Wednesday, there will be a range of food that you can choose from. **See Flyer for more details**
11:00 am - 6:00 pm

If you would like to volunteer, sign up sheets are located in the vestibule of the Church.

Eucharistic Retreat Weekend As Part of the Diocesan Year of the Eucharistic Revival in the United States, the Diocese of Wheeling/Charleston will host a Eucharistic Retreat. Faithful around the state are invited to attend a weekend to bring our hearts closer to Christ in the Eucharist. Keynote speaker: Fr. John Finnell. Cost per person is \$100. For more information email the retreat center director Gerri Wright at gwright@dwc.org. **Anyone who wishes to attend this retreat will receive a reimbursement for gas from the parish.**

Ash Wednesday Special Collection On February 6, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake devastated large areas of southern Turkey and northwest Syria. The death toll has surpassed 20,000 and continues to climb. Thousands of people have been injured and many are trapped beneath the rubble. The earthquake is the worst to strike Turkey this century. Within the subsequent 24 hours, the region experienced multiple aftershocks and a second 7.5 magnitude quake. Catholic Relief Services is supporting local partners in their efforts to provide urgent relief and assistance for long-term recovery. CRS has partnerships with Caritas Turkey and Caritas Syria, as well as other local partners. To support the efforts of these organizations, **Most Rev. Mark Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, has approved a special collection to be held on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023,** and for collection baskets to remain available for the collection through the first Sunday of Lent. Bishop Brennan appreciates your generosity this past summer to those affected by the severe storms and flooding in Eastern Kentucky and Southern West Virginia. But he feels impelled once again to ask you to do what you can to help those affected by this most recent disaster. All funds collected in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will be given to Catholic Relief Services with the special designation for use in the Turkey/Syria Earthquake Recovery Effort.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Feb 18	4:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, Feb 19	8:00am	Helen and Ed Wilkerson+
Sunday, Feb 19	10:30am	Dominic Rocini +
Monday, Feb 20	NO MASS	
Tuesday, Feb 21	6:00pm	John Nazionale +
Wednesday, Feb 22	7:30am	Priest Intention
Thursday, Feb 23	6:00pm	Ryan Cipriani +
Friday, Feb 24	7:30am	Priest Intention
Saturday, Feb 25	4:00pm	Priest Intention
Sunday, Feb 26	8:00am	People of the Parish
Sunday, Feb 26	10:30am	Mario, Pauline, & Tony Cocco+

Liturgical Minister Schedule for Feb 25th & Feb 26th

MASS	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	SERVER
4:00	Mary Kay Olashuk	Chris Manak-Stover	Ed Smurda
8:00	David Velegol	Jim Cavalier	Mike Highfield
10:30	Jill Mazzella	Anna Divenanzo	Mary E Andriano

Sanctuary Lamp

is burning in memory of **Retton & Sistilli Family**. The lamp will burn from February 18, 2023 to February 24, 2023.

Help Wanted! Part time Maintenance help needed. If you are interested in helping your parish or know someone who might be willing to assist with light maintenance around the church and/or the centre please send resume to the parish office. Duties include grass cutting, painting, light repairs along with table set up and take down.

Upcoming Pilgrimage St. Agnes Church and Father Jim Dunfee, Pastor, invite you to join us on a four day, three night pilgrimage to the Shrine of the North American Martyrs and other wonderful sites, from Tuesday, August 15 to Friday, August 18. Mass will be celebrated every day. For a brochure with itinerary and registration form, kindly contact the parish offices (740-535-1491 or email - offices@stagnesmingo.org). We hope you can join us!

History of Mardi Gras

As Catholic Christianity spread throughout Europe during the first millennium, different cultures celebrated the last day before Lent in their own ways, adapting the practices to suit their cultures. Mardi Gras was brought to the United States by the French, and the words themselves mean "Fat Tuesday." The idea was that the day before Ash Wednesday is the final day to eat meats and fatty foods before the penitential season of Lent, back when Lenten regulations regarding fasting from meat were much stricter than they are today. Mardi Gras ends abruptly at midnight, as Ash Wednesday and Lent begin. Then it's time for confession and penance.



Stations of the Cross

will begin Friday, February 24 at 6:00 pm and continuing every Friday of lent.

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.

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.

THOSE WHO HAVE REQUESTED PRAYER

Thea Breen, Ricky Casini, Lorraine Durante, Suzette Gallagher, Joann Klakos, Marlene Lastoria, Anthony Martino, Alan McCreary, Bill McFadden, Tom McFadden, Allen Negri, Niko Nemeth, Frank Notni, Ed Nutter, Paul Nutter, Juliana Petruccioli, Rich Puskarich, Margaret Durante Rateau, Kelsey Rees, Daniel Taczozza, Natalie Teaff, Alexander Thompson, Carolyn Velegol, Jeff Yost, Sr., and Ruth Ann Yost. *Please call the office to add or remove names from the list.*

BETHLEHEM OLIVEWOOD On February 25th & 26th, our church will have visitors displaying Olive Wood Carvings which are made by Christians of the Holy Land. By your support through the purchasing of these carvings 200 families will be helped to remain in the Holy land. The display will be available after all the weekend Masses. Please plan to stop by and browse through these beautiful religious carvings. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

February 19, 2023 at 1:00 pm
 Gym cleaning- St. Anthony Parish has come to an agreement with a basketball coach to rent out the gym all year. We need your awesome skills to help us beautify the gym and clean it up for the safety of the children. As always, any minute of your time is appreciated!

Priest Health and Retirement Association (PHRA)

A special second collection is scheduled for **March 11-12, 2023**, to support the **Priests' Health and Retirement Association (PHRA)**, a fund that provides health insurance and retirement benefits to retired priests of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Please take a moment to reflect on the many years of service by our priests and how we can take this opportunity to thank them in a very particular way with a gift to the PHRA collection.

HOLY NAME will meet on the 2nd Sunday of the month after the 8:00 Mass.

ALTAR & ROSARY will not meet in January, February, and March. Meetings will resume in April, on the 3rd Sunday of the month, after the 8:00 am Mass. Questions can be directed to Dorene Wilkerson at 304-527-0806.

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

PALMS A basket has been placed in the church vestibule for last year's palms. The palms will be burned and the ashes will be used on Ash Wednesday.

Readings for the week of February 19, 2023

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48
 Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29
 Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32 Mt 4:1-11
 Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

MASS INTENTIONS are being accepted *for the 1st quarter of 2023 (January - March)*. You must complete the Mass envelope in its entirety. Please include your phone number in the event we are not able to comply with your requested date. All Masses are subject to availability. Please do not send in a request for a Monday Mass as there are no Masses on that day of the week. The suggested donation is \$10.00 for a weekday Mass and \$20.00 for weekend Masses, Holy Day and Holidays. Also available is the Sanctuary Candle for the year 2023. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per week.

Men's Lenten Retreat The men of Weirton Catholic parishes are hosting a Men's Lenten Retreat for 100 men from the tristate area at St. Joseph the Worker Grade School in order to cultivate a spirit of active male engagement in our community by focusing on the virtues of service and suffering for God and family. For inquiries please contact Mark (304) 723-2054.

Saturday, March 4th from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

UPCOMING DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS

- Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund
- Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

LAST WEEK COLLECTION - February 11 & 12

Offertory	4593.00
Loose Contributions	41.00
Children's Due	2.00
Debt Reduction	40.00
First Offering	00.00
Friday Friends	185.00
Major Improvements	60.00
Catholic Charities	00.00
Church Missions within the US	266.00

Total \$5,187.00
 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$6,600.00
 Attendance: 149

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!