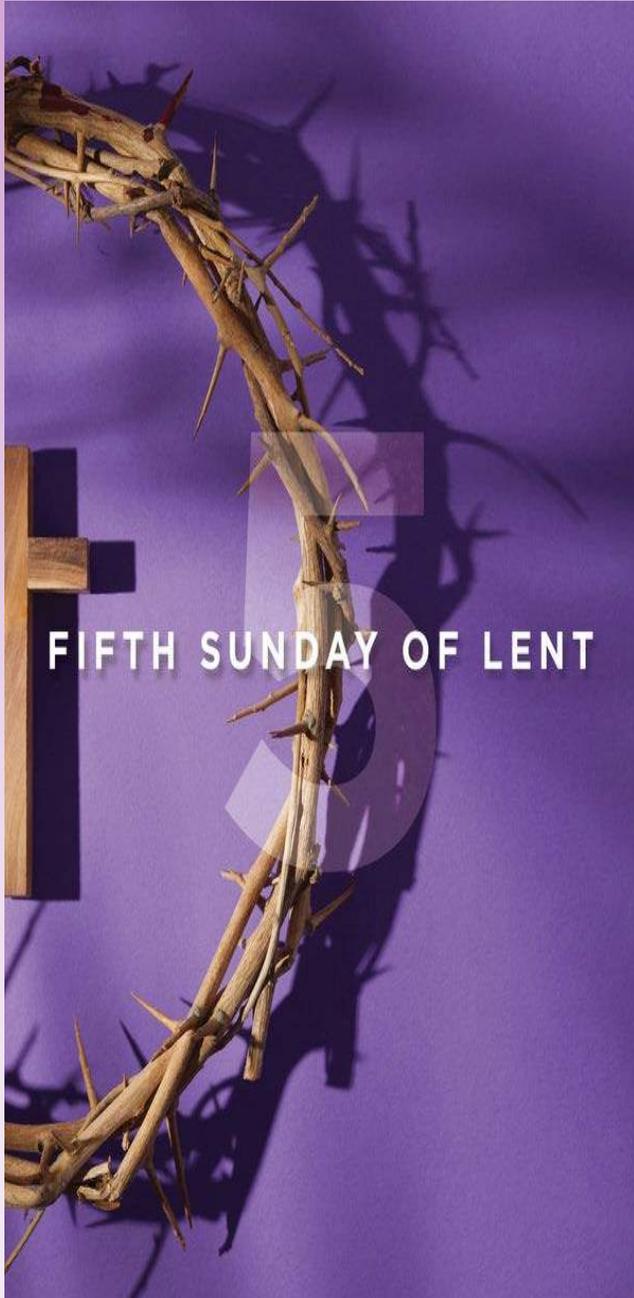


SAINT ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

1017 JEFFERSON ST * FOLLANSBEE WV

March 17, 2024



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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)

Administrator... Rev. Gerald Muoka.... gmuoka@dwc.org

Parish Secretary: DeEtta Bertucci -stanthonychurch@comcast.net

Bookkeeper... Susan Makara-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

Saturday, March 16	4:00 pm	Sam Taibi +	Req by: family
Sunday, March 17	8:00am	John Puskarich +	Req by: Mitch & Laura Fuscardo
Sunday, March 17	10:30am	People of the Parish	
Monday, March 18	NO MASS		
Tuesday, March 19	6:00 pm	Kristyn Brindley +	Req by: V. Smith
Wednesday, Mar 20	7:30am	Maurine Mazezka +	Req by: friends & family
Thursday, March 21	6:00pm	DeEtta Bertucci +	Req by: family
Friday, March 22	7:30am	Priest Intentions	
Saturday, March 23	4:00 pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday, March 24	8:00 am	Cheryl Ann Rosso +	Req by: Louis & Barbara Julio
Sunday, March 24	10:30am	Marty Kaczmarek +	Req by: family

Liturgical Minister Schedule

March 23 & 24

Mass	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Server
4:00pm	Janet McFadden	Carolyn DiPasquale	John Cipriani
8:00am	Sarah Bayardi	Chris Bayardi	David Velegol
10:30am	Paul Macdonald	Patti Retton	Andrew Macdonald



The Liturgical Environment needs You!

Please consider lending a helping hand as we prepare the church for the holiest time of the year. Even if you have not helped in the past, we'd gladly welcome you! We have tasks for all skill levels; many hands make light work! Anyone interested, call Joel.740-275-7993.

Dates we need help:

- March 22 following 7:30am Mass veiling
- March 22 after 6pm Stations: Palm Sunday Prep
- March 25 at 9am: clean the church
- March 27 @9am: prepare the Church & Adoration Chapel
- March 29 after 6p: prepare the church for Easter

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33/Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

EASTER MEMORIAL CANDLES & SWAGS are available to purchase for the entire Easter season of 50 days. 10 candles are available . The cost is \$50 per candle. These lights are lit in memory of loved ones as a reminder of the joyful resurrection. Also available are six swags that will adorn the walls of the church between the Stations of the Cross. The cost is \$100 each. Two families may sponsor one swag at the price of \$50 a family. Kindly, one name per family. Please contact the parish office to make a donation in memory of a loved one for these items that will adorn the church for years to come.

NEXT SUNDAY IS PALM SUNDAY—THE BEGINNING OF HOLY WEEK -Passion Sunday, also known as “Palm Sunday” gets its name from the palm branches that were placed on the ground to welcome Jesus, He who comes in the name of the Lord, into the holy city, Jerusalem. The narrow streets were filled with those paving the way for Christ with their garments and branches from their surroundings. Palm fronds. This Palm Sunday, we invite you to notice the festive but somber atmosphere. The bright red, a regal and royal color, calls to mind the blood shed by Christ, our redeemer and King. The cut palms are symbolic of the palms cut from the trees in Jesus time. Tradition says the cross on which Christ was crucified was constructed from three materials. The cross itself was made from cedar, the foot of the cross was made of palm and the sign with the inscription made of olive wood. For that reason the palm arrangements include Myrtle, boxwood, and mixed palms native to the Mediterranean. Also included in the environment are pussy willow branches that are often carried in Palm Sunday processions throughout Europe. We invite you to wear something red to Mass next weekend. May you pave the way for Christ to be welcomed into your heart as we enter the Holiest week of the Year.

Lenten Virtue Week

Virtue: Hope

“The confident expectation of what God has promised and its strength is in its fullness.” - Romans 8:24-25

Things may have looked absolutely hopeless to the followers of Christ as they witnessed his Passion and Death on the cross, but it was in this act of absolute love and total surrender that we now find our hope. The fullness of God’s promised Messiah has been fulfilled through the Passion. As we walk the road of Calvary this Lent, we do so with the confident hope in God’s timing.

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 under “Accountability” for additional information and reporting methods.

Parish Announcements

There will be confessions after each weekday Mass during the entire Lenten season. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Tuesdays from 5:30-6pm

Holy Week Schedule:

March 23 & 24 (Palm Sunday)

4pm: Vigil Mass with Solemn Procession with Palms (*incense*)

8am: Mass without the Procession

10:30am: Solemn Mass with Solemn Procession with Palms (*incense*)

***Monday, March 25** ***Tuesday, March 26** **Wed March 27:**
7:30am Mass 7:30am Mass 7:30am Mass

*please note there is Mass on Monday March 25 and a time change for Tuesday March 26

Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday, March 28:

Solemn Mass and Washing of the Feet at 6pm following with a Eucharistic Procession & Adoration until Midnight (*incense*)

Good Friday, March 29:

3pm Stations of the Cross/ Divine Mercy

6pm Good Friday service with veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

Holy Saturday, March 30:

8pm Mass (*incense*)

Easter Sunday, March 31:

8am & 10:30am (*incense*)

Upcoming Events

- Fridays of Lent: Fish Fry 11am-6pm; Stations of the Cross at 6pm
Please call 304-527-7801 to make an order.

A **bake less Bakesale** will be held again this year by the Altar & Rosary group. This project enables us to continue helping our parish here at St. Anthony Church and we ask for your support if you are able to help. It's easy! Save time and effort & mail your donations to: Mary Catherine Croce, Altar & Rosary Treasurer, 113 Randall Ave, Follansbee. Write your checks to: St Anthony Altar & Rosary and note "bake sale" in the memo. Thank you for your kindness and prayers.

St. Anthony Bread Account... In 2023, we helped 14 families keep their utilities on for a total of \$4,698.93. We thank you for your donations to this account and have extra St. Anthony Bread envelopes in the back of the church for your convenience. Your continued donations are much needed and appreciated.

St. Anthony All-School reunion will be held on Saturday June 22, 2024 in Follansbee, WV. A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at 4pm in St. Anthony's Church followed by a banquet at 6pm at St. Francis Centre, Hooverson Heights. While honoring the Class of 1964, the final graduating class of St. Anthony High School on their 60th anniversary, this reunion is intended for all students and their guests who attended or graduated from the former St. Anthony grade and high schools. Special memorial ceremonies and tributes are earmarked for the deceased members of the Sisters of the Poor Child Jesus of Holland who staffed both schools and also for deceased members of all classes. For further information/reservations, please contact Fr. Joe D'Aurora at josephdaurora1@gmail.com or 434-906-1183 or call Vickey Sciarretti Ross at aross174@comcast.net or 304-527-3235.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will meet on the 4th Sunday of every month after Mass.

HOLY NAME will meet on the 2nd Sunday of every month

ALTAR & ROSARY Meetings will resume Sunday, April 21, 2024 following the 8am Mass. Any questions: call Dorene Wilkerson at 304-527-0806.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS ARE NOW ACCEPTED!!

Scheduling for Masses has now opened for April & May & June. Sanctuary candles for the entire year are also open for scheduling.

Please call the office for availability and/or drop your Mass Requests in the collection basket. Please include a second date if first request is not available.

Thank you.

CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

St. Anthony's CSA goal for 2024 is 21,920. We have collected \$1,130 from 10 gifts. We are currently at 5% of our goal. Please consider a donation and thank you to those who have already contributed to this appeal.

Can you help? We are looking for a maintenance person to clean the bathrooms, sweep and empty the trash in the parish office, school, church and church hall. Please contact the parish office if you can assist on a voluntary basis until someone is hired.

UPCOMING DIOCESAN COLLECTION

- **March 29—Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land**

Thank you to the parishioner and the company who have donated their time and talents to the replacement of the sidewalk of the church and school. May God bless you.

WHY ARE THE CROSSES AND STATUES COVERED? At one time during the Middle Ages, the Cross was depicted as a jeweled sign of victory. During the penitential season of Lent, and the days once known as Passiontide, the glorious cross was exiled and hidden from view. This first Lenten veil parallels the exile of Adam & Eve. In some churches, a covering was set in place that hid the entire main altar, separating the priest and the people. Just as Christ hid himself in the days before his passion, today's Lenten veils allow us to search for Christ in our hearts. The "veil of veils" is removed when Christ, resurrected from the dead, destroyed death itself. Death no longer has the victory! Our own veils will be removed when we enter into eternity with Christ in His Heavenly kingdom. The reasoning for veiling images today calls us to visually removed any distractions from the liturgy, but most importantly urges us to focus on our parish community and fervent prayer.

MARCH 10TH COLLECTION

• Offertory	3352.00
• Loose Contributions	123.25
• Children's Due	2.00
• Friday Friends	75.00
• Major Improvements	10.00
• Debt Reduction	10.00
• Easter Flowers	479.00
• Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund	328.00
• Religious Retirement	10.00

Total: 4389.25

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!