

# SAINT ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

1017 JEFFERSON ST \* FOLLANSBEE WV

December 1, 2024  
First Sunday of Advent

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**ADVENT**



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Readings for the week of December 1, 2024  
Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/  
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36  
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: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31  
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: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/  
Lk 3:1-6

## 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 6:00PM

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

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

**Bookkeeper...**[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.*

### Holy Orders

Any man exploring the possibility of becoming a Priest or Deacon or anyone contemplating Religious Life should contact Fr. Gerald.

### Baptism

Parents should contact Fred & Chris Welshans to make arrangements.

### Reconciliation and Penance

Celebrated on Saturdays from 3 pm – 3:30 pm at the parish.

### Holy Eucharist First

Communion is celebrated every year in the spring for children in the second grade

### Matrimony

Engaged couples should contact Father Gerald at least six months before the desired wedding date.

### Confirmation

Scheduled every two years

### Anointing of the Sick

Please contact Father Gerald. Catholics are encouraged to receive this sacrament before surgery.

### Becoming Catholic (RCIA)

Any non-Catholic interested in becoming a Catholic Christian can contact Fred & Chris Welshans for information regarding The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

CCD/PSR Sundays 9:30-10:45 during the school year.

### PARISH EVENTS

- Dec. 9 - Immaculate Conception Mass 8am & 6pm
- Dec. 19 - Advent Reconciliation at 6:30
- Dec 22 - Parish Christmas Breakfast after 8am Mass

### MASS INTENTIONS

We are now accepting Mass request for the first quarter (January - March) of 2025. Suggested cost is \$10 for weekday and \$20 for weekend and Holidays. The Sanctuary Lamp will also be available for the entire year of 2025 for a suggested cost of \$10 per week.

### DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS

- Dec 8 - Retirement Fund for Religious
  - Dec 25 - Catholic Charities West Virginia/CCWVa
- Please be as generous as possible. Thank You*

### PARISH VOLUNTEERS

**For your convenience, copies of the monthly Virtus bulletin have been made available and placed in the church vestibule. Please feel free to take your copy so you can remain current with that portion of the Virtus program.**

**Thank You**

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2024 CONFIRMANDI

**TARYN SCHWERHA  
VIKTOR THOMPSON  
SOPHIA TURBANIC  
SOPHIA WILKERSON**

*Please continue to pray for our young people and their growth in faith.*

## ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST



**TUESDAY:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Tuesdays from 5:30-6pm.

### WEDNESDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

O Come let us adore Him! Jesus said to the apostles in the garden on the night before He died for us, "Could you not watch one hour with Me." (Mt 26:40). He is now asking each of us to open our hearts and come spend 1 hour with Him in Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday here at St Anthony's between 8am and 2pm. Our Lord deserves that we spend time with Him and He is waiting. Worshiping the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is a powerful prayer with many blessings. Sign up sheets are available in the entry of the church.

### DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

Friday after 7:30am mass

### ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY

Meetings have resumed on the 3rd Sunday of the month following the 8am Mass. Any questions call Marge Gaudio at (304) 527-1323 (Next meeting is November 17th)

### HOLY NAME

Meets on the 2nd Sunday of every month after the 8am mass.

### CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

St. Anthony's CSA goal for 2024 is 21,920. We have collected 9,700 from 53 gifts. We are currently at 44% of our goal. Please consider a donation and thank you to those who have already contributed.

### COLLECTION NOVEMBER 16-17

Contribution Envelopes	2,362.00
Loose Contributions	409.00
Children's Dues	2.00
Debt Reduction	.00
Friday Friends	105.00
Major Improvements	.00
Archdiocese for Military Services	20.00

Total: 2,898.00

Attendance: 204

*\*Due to upcoming holidays, the weekly collection totals are being submitted as available. This is due to early transmission of the bulletin.*

*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.*

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 30, 2024	4:00pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday, December 01, 2024	8:00am	Marguerite Cercone +	Req by: Jacqueline Cercone
Sunday, December 01, 2024	10:30am	Sam Bjelac +	Req by: Susan Nolan & Family
Monday, December 02, 2024		No Mass	
Tuesday, December 03, 2024	6:00pm	George DiPasquale +	Req by: DiPasquale Children
Wednesday, December 04, 2024	7:30am	Ricky Casini	Req by: Mother
Thursday, December 05, 2024	6:00pm	Patrick DiGiacinto +	Req by: Cathy DiGiacinto
Friday, December 06, 2024	7:30 am	CMA	
Saturday, December 07, 2024	4:00pm	Marguerite Cercone+	Req by: Mary Lee Pellegrino
Sunday, December 08, 2024	8:00am	People of the Parish	
Sunday, December 08, 2024	10:30am	Patty Micucci +	Req by: Lora Spagno -Weis

Liturgical Minister Schedule December 7 - 8

Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Server
4pm	Mary Kay Olashuk	Cindy Jeneskee	Mary E. Andriano
8am	Marge Gaudio	Fred Welshans	Z. Border - D. Velegol
10:30am	Jill Mazzella	Tom Davidson	Andrew Macdonald

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** has been transferred to **Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** due to December 8<sup>th</sup> falling on the Second Sunday of Advent. Mass times will be at 8AM and 6:00PM. **This is a Holy Day of Obligation.** There will be no vigil Mass for the Solemnity because Sunday evening is still considered the Second Sunday of Advent.

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION** Tuesday, December 19, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY** St. Anthony Parish in Follansbee is seeking an experienced office assistant. Duties include bookkeeping, correspondence, general office duties, and administration of parish records. Qualified applicant will be trusted with confidential information. General accounting experience preferred along with general office experience. If you are interested, please send your applications to manackstover@yahoo.com.

**COLLECTION** The Altar & Rosary will be collecting personal care items and blankets for the Nursing Homes and the homeless for Christmas. Please be generous. Collection ongoing until December 15<sup>th</sup>. Containers by the church doors.

**CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST** The parish Christmas Breakfast will be held in the church hall on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> after the 8am Mass. The cost is \$10.00 at the door. Food is provided by Jim DeMundo. A sign up sheet can be found by the church door until December 15. Join us for food, fellowship and prizes.

**HOME VISITS** Fr. Gerald is available for home visits all Fridays with the exception of First Friday. If you are interested in scheduling an appointment, please call the parish office. He would love to visit with you.

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**CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL WINDOW** Window candles are sold out. Still available are two wreaths for the outside of the church for an \$80 donation (two families can sponsor one wreath). Please call the office to reserve a wreath.

**LECTORS** Please pick up your 2025 Workbook for Lectors in the church vestibule. Thank you for your ministry.

**ALL MINISTERS** If you have not received your 2025 minister schedule for the first six months, please pick them up in the church vestibule. They are in an envelope with your name. Thank you for your ministry and service to our parish.

Prayer Intentions

Michael Burd, Linda Cipriani, Lorraine Durante, Bill McFadden, Ed Nutter, Ray Nicololoan, Donna Norman and Ken Norman  
**Please call the office to add & remove names.**

*Sanctuary Lamp is burning in memory of*

*Mary Llda DiPasquale*

This lamp will burn from:  
 November 30– December 6  
 Requested by Daughters



**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

*Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>*

*\*No 6:00 Mass*

*4:00 pm - Vigil*

*Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>*

*12:00 am - Midnight Mass*

*9:00 am - Christmas Day Mass*

*New Years Eve, Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>*

*\*No 6:00 Mass*

*4:00 pm - Vigil*

*New Years Day, Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>*

*9:00 am - Solemnity of Mary*

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