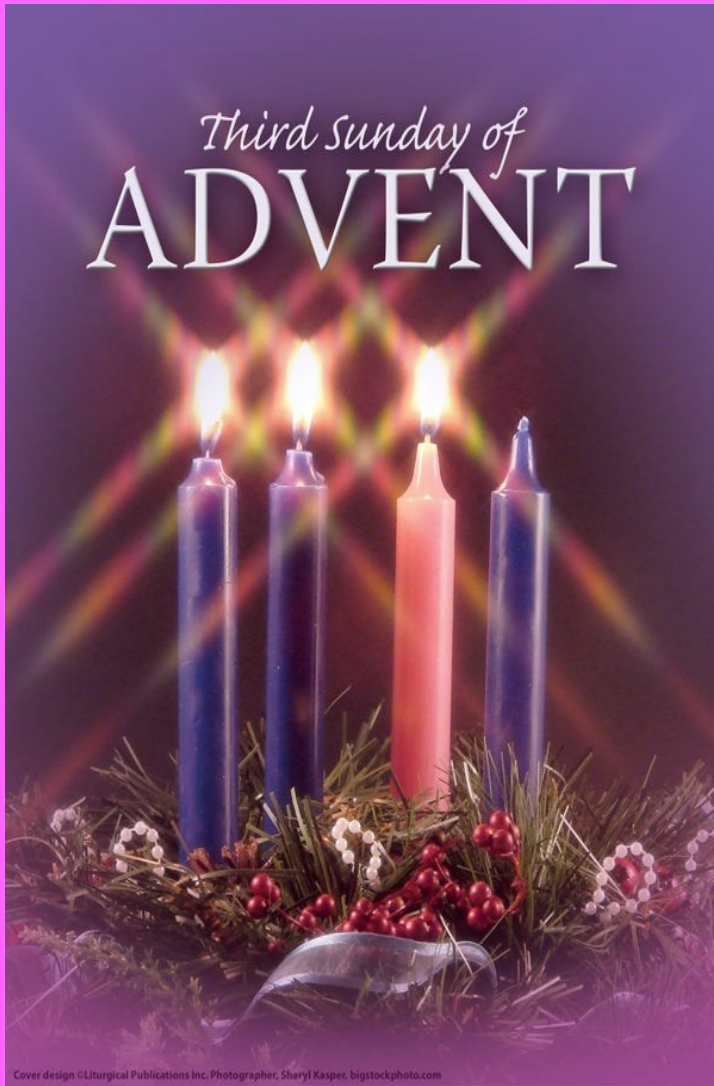


SAINT ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

1017 JEFFERSON ST * FOLLANSBEE WV

December 15, 2024
Third Sunday of Advent



Readings for the week of December 15, 2024
Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45
Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

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 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

Parish Secretary:..... stanthonychurch@comcast.net

Bookkeeper...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.

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. 19, 2024 - Advent Reconciliation at 6:30pm**
- Dec 22 - Parish Christmas Breakfast after 8am Mass

DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS

- Dec 25 - Catholic Charities West Virginia/CCWVa

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

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.

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 manackstov-er@yahoo.com.

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.

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 will resume on the 3rd Sunday in April 2025 following the 8am Mass. Any questions call Marge Gaudio at (304) 670-7027.

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 13,025 from 58 gifts. We are currently at 59% of our goal. Please consider a donation and thank you to those who have already contributed.

COLLECTION NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 1

Contribution Envelopes	2,813.00
Loose Contributions	168.00
Children's Dues	.00
Debt Reduction	145.00
Friday Friends	262.00
Major Improvements	63.00
Christmas Flowers	613.00

Total: \$4,064.00

Attendance: 183

****During the Holiday Season, our bulletin publisher request early submission of the bulletin. The weekly collection will be published as available.***

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.

MASS INTENTIONS			
Saturday, December 14, 2024	4:00pm	Patty Micucci +	Req by Shirley Guida
Sunday, December 15, 2024	8:00am	Marca Gaudio-Renkel +	Req by Martin & Cathy Gaudio
Sunday, December 15, 2024	10:30am	People of the Parish	
Monday, December 16, 2024		No Mass	
Tuesday, December 17, 2024	6:00pm	Tony Nazionale (Br. Mary Joseph Guisepp) +	Req by Carl Martino
Wednesday, December 18, 2024	7:30am	Joseph & Mary Boniey +	Req by Greg, Emily & Maryelle Olenic
Thursday, December 19, 2024	6:00pm	Michelle DiGiacinto +	Req by Cathy DiGiacinto
Friday, December 20, 2024	7:30 am	Marguerite Cercone +	Req by Pam & John Cucarese
Saturday, December 21, 2024	4:00pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday, December 22, 2024	8:00am	Dolfo Ficca +	Req by Rita Ficca & Family
Sunday, December 22, 2024	10:30am	DeEtta Bertucci	Req by Connie Bertucci

Liturgical Minister Schedule December 21– 22

Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Server
4pm	Dennis Carulli	Chris Manack-Stover	Jim Boniey
8am	Jennifer Turbanic	Lynn Wright	John Bayardi
10:30am	Tom Davidson	Angie Thompson	Mary E. Andriano

I Publish **Wedding Banns** Between (1st)
Ricky R. McCoy & Shelby L. Tenaglio
 If any of you know cause, or just impediment, why this couple should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, ye are to declare it.

SECRET ANGEL Altar & Rosary members participating in the Secret Angel prayer activity, please remember to mail a card during the Christmas season to reveal your Secret Angel identity to the one you have been praying for.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION will be available after each of the weekend Masses during the Season of Advent.

FR. GERALD is out of town from December 11th through December 17th. There will be no change to the Mass schedule. Fr. Cyprian Osuegbu will be celebrating our Masses.

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

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 15th. Containers by the church doors.

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST The parish Christmas Breakfast will be held in the church hall on Sunday, December 22nd 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.

HYMN SING On December 29th at 2:00 pm at St. Anthony Church. Come request your favorite song. Refreshments following. All are welcome!

HOLIDAY MINISTRY SIGN UP SCHEDULE is in the church vestibule. Please sign up as soon as possible. Thank you for your ministry.

Prayer Intentions
 Michael Burd, Linda Cipriani, Lorraine Durante, Bill McFadden, Ed Nutter, Ray Nicolaoan, Donna Norman, Ken Norman, Jeff & Ruth Ann Yost. **Please call the office to add & remove names.**

Sanctuary Lamp is burning in memory of
Vince Croce
 This lamp will burn from:
 December 14 – December 20
 Requested by Mary Catherine Croce &



 **HOLIDAY SCHEDULE** ©LPI

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th
 *No 6:00 Mass
 4:00 pm - Vigil

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th
 12:00 am - Midnight Mass
 9:00 am - Christmas Day Mass

New Years Eve, Tuesday, December 31st
 *No 6:00 Mass
 4:00 pm - Vigil

New Years Day, Wednesday, January 1st
 9:00 am - Solemnity of Mary

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