

SAINT ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

1017 JEFFERSON ST * FOLLANSBEE WV

December 8, 2024
Second Sunday of Advent

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Readings for the week of December 8, 2024

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
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

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. 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

Las Posadas Christmas Novena

You are welcome to join the Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus as they celebrate Las Posadas Christmas Novena from December 16th - 23rd in their Novitiate Chapel at 700 Lovers Lane, Steubenville, Ohio at 7:00 pm. The Novena is a beautiful way to make cherished memories living Advent to prepare for Christmas as a family or on one's own. For more information call the Sisters at 740-346-2625.



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. It is not too late; please consider a donation and thank you to those who have already contributed.

COLLECTION NOVEMBER 23-24

Contribution Envelopes	3,652.00
Loose Contributions	524.00
Debt Reduction	1.00
Friday Friends	80.00
Major Improvements	56.00
Archdiocese for Military Services	5.00
St. Anthony Bread	50.00
All Saints	20.00

Total: \$4,388.00

Attendance: 190

***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 under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

MASS INTENTIONS

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
Monday, December 09, 2024	8:00 am	CMA		
Monday, December 09., 2024	6:00pm	People of the Parish		
Tuesday, December 10, 2024	6:00pm	Emma Barnabei +	Req by	Elsie Pompa
Wednesday, December 11, 2024	7:30am	Marguerite Cercone +	Req by	Pam & John Cucarese
Thursday, December 12, 2024	6:00pm	D.J. (Dennis) McDaniel +	Req by	Family
Friday, December 13, 2024	7:30 am	Michael DiPasquale+	Req by	Daughters
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		

Liturgical Minister Schedule December 14 - 15

Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Server
4pm	Carla Morris	Carolyn DiPasquale	John Cipriani
8am	Sarah Bayardi	Chris Welshans	Makayla Mowery David Velegol
10:30am	Tina Owen	Kathy Andreozzi	Mary E. Andriano

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION has been transferred to **Monday, December 9th** due to December 8th 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 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.

CONFESSIONS after each of the weekend Masses during the Season of Advent.

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

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

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

D.J. McDaniel

This lamp will burn from:
December 7 – December 13
Requested by Marie Chiodo



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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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