

# SAINT ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

1017 JEFFERSON ST \* FOLLANSBEE WV

February 2, 2025  
The Presentation of the Lord



## PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

### Readings for the week of February 2, 2025

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11// Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

### 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.

**OCIA:** 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:**...Kristen Malinowski  
[stanthonychurch@comcast.net](mailto:stanthonychurch@comcast.net)

**Music Director** ....Attilio Boni - 304-670-2745

**Sacramental Prep, Adult Formation, OCIA**—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 (OCIA)

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

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



**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

### **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**

### DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS

- ◆ February 9 - Church Missions within the United States
  - Black and Indian Missions {Native American}
  - Catholic Home Missions Appeal

### Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Today’s readings are about Jesus being brought to the temple as a baby, but they provide several clues about what this baby will do as an adult. The second reading from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus was born human to “become like his brothers and sisters in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God to expiate the sins of the people.” In the Old Testament reading, the prophet Malachi promises that “The Lord whom you seek... will come to the temple” as “the messenger of the covenant.” In the temple, “he will purify the sons of Levi,” that is, the priests, so “that they may offer... sacrifice” that “will please the Lord.” This directly looks forward to Jesus turning his final Passover supper into the Eucharist, as a meal of the covenant and a sacrifice pleasing to God, offered by a priesthood cleansed by the sacrifice Jesus offers as high priest. In the Gospel reading from Luke, Simeon and Anna see the baby Jesus in the temple, and recognize that Jesus will bring God’s salvation and redemption, bringing “glory for... Israel” and “a light for revelation to the Gentiles.” They thus hint that the Eucharist will be for all people all over the world.

### Vocational Discernment Retreat

Vocational Discernment Retreat with the Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus: February 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. – February 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. at Marian Fountain of Living Faith Novitiate, 700 Lovers Lane, Steubenville, Ohio 43952. All young women are invited to come and see the beauty of our vocation in the Church. Give Our Lady a chance to show you Her Son’s infinite Love through, Mass and Adoration, Vocational talks, Testimonies of the Sisters and Free time. Please call the Sisters at 740-346-2625 if you are interested in participating .

### **COLLECTION JANUARY 25 - JANUARY 26**

• Contribution Envelopes	2,636.00
• Loose Contribution	517.00
• Children’s Dues	0.00
• Debt Reduction	0.00
• Friday Friends	35.00
• Major Improvements	10.00
• First Offering	20.00
• Solemnity of Mary Offering	5.00
• Church in the Developing World	42.00
• St. Anthony Bread	50.00

Total: \$3,315  
Attendance: 155

*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, February 1, 2025	4:00pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday, February 1, 2025	8:00am	Susan Kurcina+	Req by Patti Retton
Sunday, February 2, 2025	10:30am	Jack & Theresa Cercone+	Req by Jacqueline Cercone
Monday, February 3, 2025		No Mass	
Tuesday, February 4, 2025	6:00pm	Christian Griffin	Req by Maggie Venditti
Wednesday, February 5, 2025	7:30am	Joseph Venditti	Req by Maggie Venditti
Thursday, February 6, 2025	6:00pm	Joseph & Mary Boniey+	Req by Greg, Emily & Maryelle Olenic
Friday, February 7, 2025	7:30 am	Commemorative Mass Association	
Saturday, February 8, 2025	4:00pm	Susie Kurcina+	Req by Susan Nolan & Family
Sunday, February 8, 2025	8:00am	People of the Parish	
Sunday, February 9, 2025	10:30am	DeEtta Bertucci+	Req by Bertucci Family

**Liturgical Minister Schedule February 8-9**

Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Server
4pm	Janet McFadden	Carolyn DiPasquale	Needed
8am	Antoinette Perkins	Lynn Wright	David Velegol, Makayla Mowry
10:30am	Sandy Casinelli	Anna DiVenanzo	Needed

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Complete the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey today**

**Time is running out to complete the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey** in order to strengthen and better prepare us for the future! We need your perspective as a parishioner as we work to identify our greatest strengths and opportunities. Complete the survey today and help St. Anthony thrive!

For the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey link, please visit <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/xd5g1x>  
For a paper copy, please see or call Nancy Deters @ 304-527-4603 or call the office.

*Please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.*

**MARDI GRAS**

Mark your calendar for the Parish Mardi Gras celebration, following the 4 PM Mass on Saturday, March 1. Tickets will be sold by the table of 8 at \$280 (\$35 each). So gather your friends, and enjoy the evening!

Tickets will be on sale beginning February 1/2 after the weekend Masses only while supplies last. Tickets must be paid when reserving a table. See Attilio after Masses for tickets

**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.

**Prayer Intentions**

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

We are now accepting Mass request for the second 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.

***Sanctuary Lamp is burning in memory of***

*Rich Puskarich*

**This lamp will burn from:**

**February 1 – February 7**

**Requested by Debbie Puskarich**



**CANDLEMASS CANDLE BLESSING**

Parishioners are invited to bring a candle from their home to be blessed and use throughout the year for prayer, special occasions, and other events. Please bring your candle to mass on the week-end of February 1 and 2.

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