

SAINT ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

1017 JEFFERSON ST * FOLLANSBEE WV

January 26, 2025
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.

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)

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.
- Lk 4:18

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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Readings for the week of January 26, 2025

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (see Jn 6:63c)/
1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

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

Parish Secretary:...Kristen Malinowski
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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

How is Christmas the basis for the Eucharist?

St. Francis of Assisi once wrote that in the Eucharist, “each day Jesus humbles Himself as when He came from the royal throne into the Virgin’s womb; each day He Himself comes to us, appearing humbly; each day He comes down from the bosom of the Father upon the altar in the hands of a priest. He shows himself to us in this sacred bread just as he once appeared to his apostles in real flesh. With their own eyes they saw only his flesh, but they believed that he was God, because they contemplated him with the eyes of the spirit. We, too, with our own eyes, see only bread and wine, but we must see further and firmly believe that this is his most holy Body and blood, living and true. In this way, our Lord remains continually with his followers, as he promised, ‘Behold, I am with you all days, even unto the consummation of the world’” (Matthew 28:20; *Admonitions*, by St. Francis).

THANK YOU to all those who volunteered their time to assist with removing the Christmas decorations from the church. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Special thank you to Joel John for his talent and organization throughout the Christmas season. **THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH!!**

COLLECTION JANUARY 18 - JANUARY 19

• Contribution Envelopes	2,547.00
• Loose Contribution	235.00
• Children’s Dues	0.00
• Debt Reduction	35.00
• Friday Friends	110.00
• Major Improvements	345.00
• First Offering	50.00
• Church in the Developing World	222.00

Total: \$3,544.00

Attendance: 142

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, January 25, 2025	4:00pm	Marguerite Cercone + (Birthday)	Req by	Jacqueline Cercone
Sunday, January 26, 2025	8:00am	Patti Brown+	Req by	John Panza
Sunday, January 26, 2025	10:30am	People of the Parish		
Monday, January 27, 2025		No Mass		
Tuesday, January 28, 2025	6:00pm	Christine Venditti	Req by	Maggie Venditti
Wednesday, January 29, 2025	7:30am	Mark Sapita	Req by	Maggie Venditti
Thursday, January 30, 2025	6:00pm	Pat DiGiacinto+	Req by	Cathy DiGiacinto
Friday, January 31, 2025	7:30 am	Catherine Griffin	Req by	Maggie Venditti
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

Liturgical Minister Schedule February 1-2

Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Server
4pm	Cara Nicolao	Cindy Jeneskee	Jim Boniey
8am	Jennifer Turbanic	Fred Welshans	John Bayardi, Zach Border
10:30am	Carla Morris	Tom Davidson	Mary E Andriano

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, Ray Nicolao, Donna Norman, Ken Norman, Jeff & Ruth Ann Yost. **Please call the office to add & remove**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FR. GERALD WILL BE OUT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY. He will be returning to his home in Nigeria to attend his mother's funeral. Please continue to pray for Fr. Gerald and his family as they go through this difficult time.

Complete the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey today
Don't delay in taking the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey!
 This important survey is essential in helping St. Anthony's assess our greatest strength and opportunities— so that our parish can thrive! If you're a parishioner, take the DMI survey today! We need your response to help strengthen our parish and better prepare us for the future— as we strive to grow as disciples of Christ!

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.

CONTRIBUTION TAX STATEMENTS Your 2024 Statement of Offerings to St. Anthony Parish were mailed this past Tuesday. This statement is provided to you for income tax purposes. Please contact the parish office at (304) 527-2286 should you have any questions. Thank you for your generous contribution to our parish.

MASS INTENTIONS

We are now accepting Mass request for the second quarter (April -June) 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.

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

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 weekend of February 1 and 2.

THANK YOU A very special thank you to Joe Mullenbach–Mullenbach Funeral Home who provided 2025 calendars to our parishioners.

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