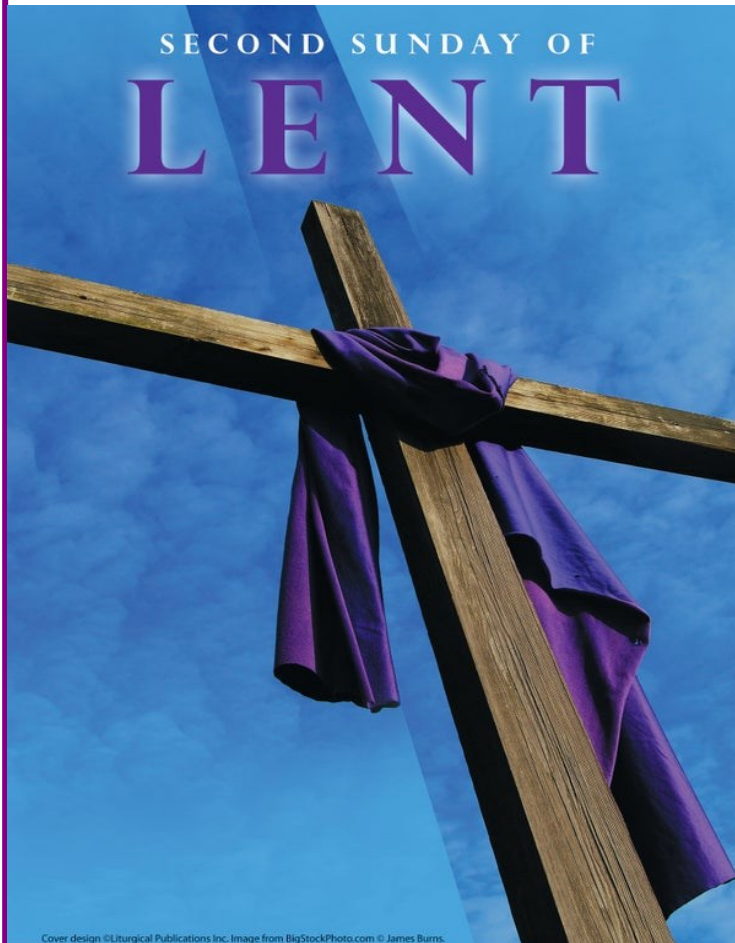


# SAINT ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

1017 JEFFERSON ST \* FOLLANSBEE WV

March 16, 2025  
Second Sunday of Lent



## 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)

## Readings for the week of March 16, 2025

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36  
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38  
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12  
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/  
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31  
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/  
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9  
Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

*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

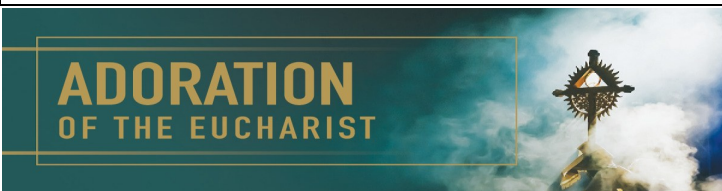
### Anointing of the Sick

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

◆ March 23 - Diocesan Priests’ Retirement Fund

### March 16. Why don’t we sing Alleluia during Lent?

There are many reasons, but one is that Easter is a celebration of Pascha/Passover, and “alleluia,” which means, “praise the Lord,” is appropriate AFTER Jesus saves us at Passover/Easter. When the first Passover brought the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt, God saved them from Pharaoh at the Red Sea. Afterwards, Moses and Miriam led the people in singing praise to God for saving them (Genesis 15). Then Moses led the people to Mount Sinai, where they made a covenant with God and built a special tent where they could offer sacrifices to God. Their highest priority after being saved from slavery and death was to worship God their Savior and Redeemer. Likewise, Christ’s Passover comes with a special way to thank our Savior and Redeemer through singing and sacrifice – the Mass, which He gave us the night before he died as the Passover lamb. So as you miss singing “alleluia,” take time to appreciate that the Paschal Mystery is about worship, and build up in your heart lots of thankfulness to be ready to be released at the Easter “alleluia!”

### **COLLECTION MARCH 8– MARCH 9**

• Contribution Envelopes	3,097.00
• Loose Contribution	463.00
• Children’s Dues	2.00
• Debt Reduction	15.00
• Friday Friends	140.00
• Major Improvements	55.00
• Easter Flowers	609.00

Total: \$4,381.00

Attendance: 174

*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, March 15, 2025	4:00pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday, March 16, 2025	8:00am	Pasquale Marchetti+	Req by Gina Marchetti
Sunday, March 16, 2025	10:30am	Patricia Muoka+	Req by Josie Cekinovich
Monday, March 17, 2025		No Mass	
Tuesday, March 18, 2025	6:00pm	David Burch+	Req by Julie Elkinton
Wednesday, March 19, 2025	7:30am	Patricia Piccirilli+	Req by Julie Elkinton
Thursday, March 20, 2025	6:00pm	Michael Finney+	Req by Julie Elkinton
Friday, March 21, 2025	7:30 am	In Thanksgiving of Our Lady of Lourdes	Req by Karen Highfield
Saturday, March 22, 2025	4:00pm	Juliana Petruccioli+	Req by St. Anthony Class of 1964
Sunday, March 23, 2025	8:00am	People of the Parish	
Sunday, March 23, 2025	10:30am	Susie Kurcina+	Req by The Wilkersons

**Liturgical Minister Schedule March 22-23**

Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Server
4pm	Mary Kay Olashuk	Kathi Rodgers	Mary E Andriano
8am	Antoinette Perkins	Chris Bayardi	David Velegol Makayla Mowry
10:30am	Sandy Casinelli	Anna DiVenanzo	Needed

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PHONE NUMBERS** We are unable to contact many parishioners due to disconnected phone numbers. If you have changed your phone number, address, etc., please contact the parish office as soon as possible so we can update your information.

**FISH FRY** Our fish fry will be held every Friday in Lent from 11-6. Call (304) 527-7801 to order. You may still sign up to volunteer in the church vestibule.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be every Friday in Lent at 6pm.

**SACRED HEART OF MARY EASTER KIELBASA AND HOMEMADE BREAD SALE** Sacred Heart of Mary will be taking orders for Jacob & Sons Kielbasa from Martins Ferry, OH. Kielbasa choices are smoked \$6/lb. or fresh unsmoked \$6/lb. To order, call the church office at 304-723-7175 during office hours.

**EASTER MEMORIAL WINDOW CANDLES** Memorial candles are available for the donation of \$50. Eight windows are available. Also available are the Blessed Mother, St Joseph and the Holy Family. Candles are lit from the Paschal candle- the light that destroys death itself.

Also available are two wreaths for the inner vestibule doors at \$50 each.

Please contact the parish office to have an item in the church reserved in memory of a loved one.

**ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY** Meetings will resume on the 4th Sunday in April 2025 following the 8am Mass. All women are welcome. 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 (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

**Sanctuary Lamp is burning in memory of**

*James and Nina Meca*

This lamp will burn from:  
March 15- March 21  
Requested by Family



Remember in your prayers **Mary Lee Pellegrino** who passed away on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 and **Rose Homono** who passed away Tuesday, March 4, 2025. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed rest in peace.**

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