

# SAINT ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

1017 JEFFERSON ST \* FOLLANSBEE WV 26037

May 10, 2026  
SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER

MOTHER'S DAY  
WE ARE  
NURTURED  
IN LOVE



### Readings for the week of May 10, 2026

**Sunday:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

**Next Sunday:** Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

### Sacramental Schedule

#### Sunday Masses

Saturday .....4:00 PM  
Sunday ..... 8:00 AM & 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 Catherine Croce (304-527-3150)

**Pastor.....** Rev. Gerald Muoka.... gmuoka@dwc.org.

**Parish Secretary:...** Cindy McDaniel  
stanthonychurch@comcast.net

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

**Sacramental Prep, Adult Formation, OCIA—**Fred & Chris Welshans  
- sacdre@comcast.net

**Director of Religious Education & Youth Ministry**  
Jen Turbanic— jturbanicyouth@st-anthonyfwv.org

**St. Francis Centre Manager.....**Jim DeMundo - 304-559-7454  
Or Nikki 304-527-4577

**St. Francis Centre Hall - 304-527-1279**

**Parish Staff & Office Hours**  
**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday**  
**8:30am - 3:30**  
304-527-2286  
304-527-2548 (fax)

**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.

**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 9:15-10:15 during the school year.

*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.*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday May 09, 2026 3-3:30pm	Confessions	
Saturday May 09, 2026 4pm	Jim Rodgers+	Req by Rosalie Micucci
Sunday May 10, 2026 8am	Mary Ann Cavalier+	Req by her Family
Sunday May 10, 2026 10:30am	First Communion/May Crowning	
Monday May 11, 2026	No Mass	
Tuesday May 12, 2026 5:30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday May 12, 2026 6pm	Mary Lou Mirasola+	Req by Harry Garlough
Wednesday May 13, 2026 7:30am	Connie DiBello+	Req by Dave & Clara Parker
Wednesday May 13, 2026 8am-12pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration	
Thursday May 14, 2026 6pm	Joseph & Mary Boniey	Req by Greg, Emily & Maryelle Olenic
Friday May 15, 2026 7:30am	Julie Elkinton (Healing)	Req by Virgil Elkintom
Saturday May 16, 2026 3- 3:30pm	Confessions	
Saturday May 16, 2026 4pm	Geraldine Taibi+	Req by Lola McDaniel
Sunday May 17, 2026 8am	Eleanor Elliott+	Req by Altar & Rosary Society
Sunday May 17, 2026 10:30am	People of the Parish	

**May 16th & 17th**

**Eucharistic  
Minister**

<u>Mass</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Minister</u>	<u>Server</u>
4pm	Mary Kay Olashuk	Kathi Rodgers	
8am	Sophia Turbanic	Penny Withers	Makayla Mowry
10:30am	Sandy Casinelli	Kathi Andreozzi	Guy Casinelli

**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 12pm. Our Lord deserves that we spend time with Him and He is waiting. Worshipping 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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- May 10 First Communion/May Crowning
- May 10th Mother's Day Brunch 12pm-3pm  
Saint Francis Centre
- May 17th Our next Pancake Breakfast  
Following the 8am Mass. Sign up in vestibule
- May 24th Catholic Relief Services
- June 12th & 13th St. Anthony Church 120th Anniversary  
Anniversary Jubilee. Sign up in vestibule

**SAINT FRANCIS CENTRE**

is looking for a dedicated, reliable part-time custodian.  
Prior similar work is helpful but not necessary. Applicant  
must pass background check & complete Virtus training.  
Bring resume to the church office or send to  
stanthonychurch @comcast.net

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ANOINTING WITH OIL SERVICE**

Every **First Friday** of the month after the 7:30am Mass

**HOME VISITS**

Fr. Gerald is available every Friday for home visits. Please contact the office to schedule your visit.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Suggested cost is \$10 for weekday and \$20 for weekend and holidays. The Sanctuary Lamp is also available for a suggested cost of \$10 per week.

**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS**

If you are a family member or are requesting a Mass and would like to take the gifts to the Altar, please inform the ushers prior to the Mass.

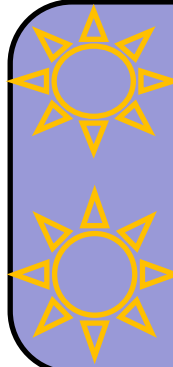
**ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY**

Meetings will be held on the **3rd Sunday of the month following the 8am Mass**. All women are welcome. Any questions call Marge Gaudio at (304) 670-7027. **Meetings will resume on May 17, 2026**

**HOLY NAME**

Meetings are held every **2nd Sunday of the month**  
**Meetings will resume on April 12 after the 8am Mass**

**Mission Appeal June 20 & 21**  
**Our visiting Missionary is**  
**Sponsored by the**  
**Vincentian Congregation**  
**of Marymatha Province**



**TODAY  
MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH**

**SAINT FRANCIS CENTRE  
MAY 10TH 12PM - 3PM  
\$30 Adult \$12 Child/under 10**

**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

Michael Burd, Linda Cipriani, Lorraine Durante,  
Bill McFadden, Ed Nutter, Carmel Esposito, Ken Norman,  
Antoinette Perkins, Adynn (Boo) Wood, Jeff & Ruth Ann Yost,  
Marie Reck, LaVerne Sutak, Leonard Henline, Dave Owens,  
Mark Wagner, Diane DeGarmo, Lynn Givens,  
Paul DiGiacinto

**Please call the office to add or remove names.**

Homily for the 5th Sunday of Easter Year A -  
Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

A priest sent to a new parish asked a little boy in the main street how he could get to his new church. The boy gave him directions. The priest in appreciation thanked him and further said, "If you come to the church on Sunday, I'll show you the way to Heaven, God the Father's house." The boy replied, "No thanks. You don't even know the way to the church, and you are going to teach me how to go to Heaven?!"

My dear friends, we hear another great 'I am' statement of Jesus in today's Gospel, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). These 'I am' statements of Jesus are self-revealing of his divine identity as God the Son, echoing God's self-disclosure to Moses in Exodus, "I am that I am" (Exodus 3:14).

The way, the truth, and life are three most basic concepts in life, especially among the Jewish people. All of life's goals and pursuits are to find the surest way to success, discover the ultimate truth about our existence and having a good life here and hereafter. Thomas Akempis wrote, "Without the Way, there is no going. Without the truth, there is no knowing. Without life, there is no living." In other words, life without Christ is crisis and meaningless.

1. Jesus the Way. Jesus is the surest and safest way to the Father, who is the truth and life. This is because he is God the Son, and the son of man. As son of God, he represents God in the realm of man, and as son of man, he represents man's interest in the realm of God so that we can have a stake before God. Jesus' surest way to the Father is narrow, not broad. It is the way of the cross that exemplifies humility, obedience, self-giving, and service.

2. Jesus the Truth. The biblical concept of the truth used in the Gospel of John does not define the truth as merely a theory or a philosophical concept but a person. The truth is no more and speculation but a revelation. God is the truth revealed in Christ. Hence, all seekers of the truth should go to Jesus, who reveals the whole truth about God. This truth is found in the pages of the scripture, the lamp for the feet, and the light for my path (Psalm 119:105).

3. Jesus the Life. The life spoken of is not mere existence but communion with God. It transcends biological existence to a participation in the very life of God. Hence, living outside God's presence, fellowship, and communion is a life that is not worth living. Jesus is the life who possesses and gives eternal life. That is why he said, "I came that they may have life and have it in abundance" (John 10:10). To have abundant and eternal life, we must commit to following Jesus.

#### Take Home Messages

1. Jesus is all you need. Life without Him is crisis and frustrations. He is the way, the truth, and the life.

2. The way of Jesus is narrow, the truth is discovered in the teachings of Jesus in the scripture, and he gives us life through the Eucharist and participation in the life and sacraments of the church.

God bless you - Fr. Gerald Muoka



Sanctuary Lamp is burning in memory of  
SAM & HELEN TAIBI  
May 9 - May 15  
Mazzone Family

#### What is Special About Motherhood?

Pope St. John Paul II wrote, "Motherhood implies a special openness to the new person... The mother accepts and loves as a person the child she is carrying in her womb. This unique contact with the new human being developing within her gives rise to an attitude towards human beings - not only towards her own child, but every human being - which profoundly marks the woman's personality. ... Mary's words at the Annunciation - 'Let it be to me according to your word' - signify the woman's readiness for the gift of self and her readiness to accept a new life.

According to the Bible, the conception and birth of a new human being are accompanied by the following words of the woman: 'I have brought a man into being with the help of the Lord' (Genesis 4:1). This exclamation of Eve is repeated every time a new human being comes into the world. It expresses the woman's joy and awareness that she is sharing in the great mystery of eternal generation. The spouses share in the creative power of God!... Although both of them together are parents of their child, *the woman's motherhood constitutes a special 'part' in this shared parenthood*, and the most demanding part. It is the woman who 'pays' directly for this shared generation, which literally absorbs the energies of her body and soul. It is therefore necessary that *the man* be fully aware that in their shared parenthood he owes a *special debt to the woman*." (John Paul II, *On the Dignity and Vocation of Women*, 18)

#### COLLECTION May 3, 2026

Contribution Envelopes	\$4096.00
Loose Contribution	\$468.00
Children's Dues	\$2.00
Debt Reduction	\$2.00

Total for Oper. Acct: \$4568.00  
Attendance: 211

St. Anthony Bread	\$0.00
Friday Friends	\$242.00
Major Improvements	\$157.00

#### CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

Saint Anthony Parish's Catholic Sharing Appeal Goal for 2026 is \$24,030. We have raised \$5275.00 with 29 gifts and are at 22% of our goal. Pledge cards and envelopes are in the rear of the church.  
Please remember to give generously.

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](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and