

SAINT ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

1017 JEFFERSON ST * FOLLANSBEE WV

January 28, 2023



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25

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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 4:00PM

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)

Pastor...Rev. Jude Perera, TOR - jperera@dwc.org

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The Sisters of "The Daughter of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus"

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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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 27	4:00 pm	Priest Intentions
Sunday, January 28	8:00am	People of the Parish
Sunday, January 28	10:30am	Priest Intentions
Monday, January 29	NO MASS	
Tuesday, January 30	6:00 pm	Priest Intentions
Wednesday, January 31	7:30am	Priest Intentions
Thursday, February 1	6:00pm	Priest Intentions
Friday, February 2	6:00pm	CMA
Saturday, February 3	4:00 pm	Priest Intentions
Sunday, February 4	8:00 am	Michael Reale+
Sunday, February 4	10:30am	People of the Parish

Req by: Neff family

Liturgical Minister Schedule

February 3 & 4

Mass	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Server
4:00pm	Dennis Carulli	Carolyn DiPasquale	John Cipriani
8:00am	Antoinette Perkins	Fred Welshans	John Bayardi Dave Velegol
10:30am	Carla Morris	Jill Mazzela	Mary E. Andriano

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-3

Sanctuary Lamp is burning in memory of

Sistilli Retton Family

This lamp will burn from:
January 27 to February 2



Requested by the family

NEWLY BAPTIZED!! Congratulations to **Caleb Border** on his baptism into the Catholic Church and congratulations to his parents, Shawn & Melissa. May God bless Caleb abundantly throughout his life.

NOW WITH CHRIST— May all the souls through the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

ESTHER ROCINI
JANUARY 20, 2024

Gospel Meditations

I love movies about exorcisms. Apparently, so do many others. The 2023 movie “Nefarious” features a possibly possessed inmate on death row. Critics were not impressed, but audiences scored it at 97% on the website Rotten Tomatoes. Most people have an appreciation for the demonic realm, even if cultural elites are generally embarrassed about it. As is standard in exorcism movies, the afflicted person (in this case, a man named Edward Brady) thinks and acts like multiple persons. He is someone besides himself. We know what that is like. We feel fake sometimes, not ourselves.

The same dynamic is on dramatic display this week in the Gospel. Jesus the Exorcist approaches a possessed man who utters, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?” Notice the plural, us. The basic effect of the demonic is division. The man’s identity is fractured, divided, and thus many. Jesus powerfully expels the spirit by saying, “Quiet! Come out of him!” Jesus’ word has the power to restore the man’s singularity — him — and indeed it does.

All this helps us to dismiss childish images of demons sporting red goat tails. Equally, it overcomes the cultured aloofness that dreams demons are mere metaphors for evil. We see instead that fallen angels are conscious and intelligent beings who orient their agency toward division. They bring about schism where there should be unity, e.g., in persons, families, communities, politics, and so on. Thankfully, Jesus commands demons to flee from all these places to restore wholeness and peace. What if we made room for his word where we need it?

— Father John Muir

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Prayer Intentions

Penne Buchmelter, Ricky Casini, Darlene Cortez, August (Gus) DiMarzio, Lorraine Durante, Suzette Gallagher, Joann Klakos, Susan Karcina, Marlene Latoria, Anthony Martino, Bill McFadden, Mary Lou Marisola, Allen Negri, Niko Nemeth, Ray Nicoloan, Ed Nutter, Paul Nutter, Juliana Petruccioli, Margaret Duante Rateau, Kelsey Rees, Daniel Taczozza, Natalie Teaff, Alexander Thompson, Marlene Warman Jeff Yost Sr, and Ruth Ann Yost.

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.

Parish Announcements

The Friday Mass on February 2nd has been moved to **6pm on that day only** for the Solemnity of Candlemas.

Upcoming Events

- February 2, 2024: "Candlemas" - Rosary at 5:30pm, Mass at 6pm.
- February 2, 2024: Social gathering to welcome our new priest following Mass
- February 3 & 4: Blessing of Throats after all Masses (Feast of St. Blaise)
- February 10: Mardi Gras party at 6pm
- February 14: Ash Wednesday
- Fridays of Lent: Fish Fry 11am-6pm; Stations of the Cross at 6pm

Join us for Mardi Gras on February 10th! Beginning with 4pm Mass and the burning of the palms. Dinner reception opens at 5:30pm. Tickets are \$30 a person. Purchases can be made at the conclusion of Mass this weekend and next weekend from Attilio. Limited seating available, reserve your table.

GATHER YOUR PALMS!!! Bring your palms from last year to church. Place them in the baskets in the vestibule or bring them to the Mardi Gras celebration on February 10th. They will be burned at the beginning of Mass.

Can you help? We are looking for a maintenance person to clean the bathrooms, sweep and empty the trash in the parish office, school, church and church hall. Please contact the parish office if you can assist on a voluntary basis until someone is hired.

If you are interested in attending "Introduction to the Liturgy" class by Shirley Carter, please see Fred & Chris Welshans. There is still room in the class. Likewise, Shirley will be offering "Let this be the Time: A Class on Aging". Please see the Welshans if you are interested in joining that class. Dates TBD. Thank you.

Fiction for Lent? Grow in your faith as you read this exciting novel and ponder Lenten themes through personal reflection questions/group discussions (ages 14-114). Suzanna MacDonald will introduce this program at 7pm on Monday, January 29 at Bookmarx Bookstore in Steubenville.

This year, as we celebrate the 800th anniversary of St Francis' creation of the first nativity scene, our outdoor creche will remain in place until the feast of the Presentation on February 2nd. This feast, 40 days after the celebration of Christmas was the official end of the Christmas-tide in the early church. As we celebrate the 'passing of light' with a new administrator let us reflect on the joy that Jesus, the light of the world has brought to us. Mass will be held with a blessing of the candles. Please bring a candle of your own to be blessed.

ALTAR & ROSARY will not meet during the winter months-January, February & March. Meetings will resume Sunday, April 21, 2024 following the 8am Mass. Consider joining us this year and help us help our church. Any questions: call Dorene Wilkerson at 304-527-0806.

Contribution Statements are currently being mailed out. If you have any questions regarding your statement, please call the parish office. Additionally, if you contribute online, your statement can be found online. Thank you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will meet on the 4th Sunday of every month after Mass. This will begin in February.

Our parish is dedicated to ministering to the sick, the hospitalized, the homebound and those in nursing homes. Please call the parish office if you would like to receive the Sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick or Holy Communion. Please inform the parish staff if you are aware of a member of our community who is seriously ill.

MASS INTENTIONS ARE NOW ACCEPTED!!

The calendar has opened to schedule Mass intentions for the first quarter of 2024 (**January, February & March**). Sanctuary candles for the entire year are also open for scheduling.

Please call the office for availability and/or drop your Mass Requests in the collection basket. Please include a second date if first request is not available.

Thank you.

A Note From our Pastor: Yes! Time has come to say good-bye to St. Anthony's Follansbee... There is always sadness in parting. When friends have been together for almost 5 years and one has to go, it always creates some emotions. As I am leaving Saturday, Feb. 03rd I take this opportunity to express my gratitude and thankfulness! First of all I thank God, the Father for the gift of your faith and I pray that he may continue our faith journeys in different ways. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to bear witness to Jesus in my homilies and to exercise my priesthood and offer the sacrifice of the mass and administering sacraments. I would like to thank **Rev. Fr. Nicholas Polichnowski, TOR** who encouraged to come over here for the foreign missions in 2018. I would like to thank **Rev. Msgr. Tony Cincinnati**, former vicar for clergy and **Very Rev. Fr. Dennis Schuelkens**, the present Vicar for clergy in the diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. I have a special thank to **Most Rev. Mark Brennen**, the bishop of our Diocese for his graciousness and his generous favor towards me. I thank all the members of the parish council, the members of the finance council, the pastoral staff, staff of St. Francis Centre and catechists for the collaboration that we have had in the exercise of the Mission of Jesus in the parish. I never forget the wonderful ladies at the Altar & Rosary Society, all the men of Holy Name Society, all the members of the Knights and Columbus, all the members of liturgy environmental committee, all the liturgical ministers for your wonderful & helpful contributions towards the parish family and your enormous support to me. I thank each and every one of you in the parish family, for all what you have been for me during the time of COVID pandemic and our time together. I thank you all for your kindness and generosity that you have demonstrated not only to me but also to my family and specially to my mom and to the members of my Franciscan Community in Sri Lanka. I have enjoyed my time here in Follansbee and I will always have happy memories of my stay in the USA. As I am leaving, I ask you to forgive me for anything I might have said or done, any attitude which might have offended you. We will remain spiritually near to each other in our mutual prayers. God Bless you! Fr. Jude, TOR

UPCOMING DIOCESAN COLLECTION

- February 11—Church Missions within the USA

JANUARY 21ST COLLECTION

Offertory	2675.00
Loose Contributions	51.00
Friday Friends	60.00
2nd Collection (Church in Latin America)	266.00
Major Improvements	10.00
Immaculate Conception	10.00
Debt Reduction	10.00
First Offering	49.00

Total: 3131.00

Attendance: 147

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!