

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve 5:30 pm SA
Christmas Eve 8:00 pm OLH
Christmas Day 10:30 am SA

Solemnity of Mary Mass Schedule

New Year's Day 9:00 am SA
New Year's Day 11:00 am OLH

Religious Give Thanks

“We cannot begin to repay all who contribute,” writes a Catholic sister. “So we pray to God, who is never outdone in generosity, to reward you.” Heartfelt thanks for your donation to last week’s collection for the Retirement Fund for the Religious. May God bless you for your goodness!

Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy

All of us know well the experience of sin. We are called to perfection, yet we feel the heavy burden of sin. Reconciliation with God is made possible through the paschal mystery and the mediation of the Church. The mercy of God is stronger than the negative effects of sin. Through the Bride of Christ, His Church, He reaches the pardoned sinner and frees him from every residue left by the consequences of sin, enabling him to work with charity, to grow in love rather than to fall back into sin (Misericordiae Vultus). During this season of preparing, let us approach the Father’s mercy with the certainty that His forgiveness extends to the very depths of our sinfulness.

CCWV’s ‘Be With Us’ Appeal

Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWV) is inviting all people to join in its vision of hope for West Virginia by contributing to its ‘Be With Us’ appeal. Proceeds from the annual appeal will directly support the outreach services of CCWV throughout West Virginia. The traditional second collection at Christmas Mass will contribute to this appeal. Donations can also be made online at CatholicCharitiesWV.org, by mail at 2000 Main Street, Wheeling, WV 26003, or by calling 1-888-900-2989.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Mary was excited about her first pregnancy and rushed to tell her cousin. Sadly children are often seen as a liability, “another mouth to feed” or an “obstacle to my career.” It is said “Christmas is for children.” It is more accurate to say “Christmas is for adults to appreciate the gift of children!”

Father Babu Joseph’s Vacation

Father Babu Joseph will be leaving on Monday, Dec. 28, to travel to India for his vacation. He will return on Thursday, Feb. 4. During this time, different priests will cover the Solemnity of Mary and the weekend masses. There will not be any daily masses. For Sacramental emergencies, please call Father Thomas Kalapuraackal of Holy Trinity at 304-755-0791. Let us pray for Father Babu Joseph to have a safe and wonderful vacation.



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“Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.”

Our administrator, Fr. Babu Joseph Elamthuruthil can be reached by cell phone at (304)207-2585 or email at efrbabu52@gmail.com.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2015

Mass Schedule December 20—27

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sunday 12/20: | OLH Mass 8:30 am—Faith Formation People of the Parish SA Rosary 10:00 am—Mass 10:30 am †Deceased of the Wuletich Family |
| Monday 12/21: | No Mass |
| Tuesday 12/22: | SA Mass 6:30 pm Sheila Kearns |
| Wednesday 12/23: | OLH Rosary 10:30 am—Mass 11:00 am Katherine Vaughn SA Mass 6:30 pm Timothy Fisher |
| Thursday 12/24: | SA Mass 5:30 pm People of the Parish OLH Mass 8:00 pm Special Intention |
| Friday 12/25: | SA Mass 10:30 am Special Intention |
| Saturday 12/26: | SA Mass 5:30 pm People of the Parish |
| Sunday 12/27: | OLH Mass 8:30 am Sue & Tina Stodola and Karen Leigh (Birthdays) SA Rosary 10:00 am—Mass 10:30 am †Deceased of the Iannarelli Family |

If you would like to request a Mass intention, you can fill out a Mass intention envelope at the church or you can create an envelope with the following information: who the Mass intention is for and whether the person is living or deceased, the date you are requesting, your name and a telephone number where you can be reached during the day, and the amount you are offering. You may drop your Mass intention envelope in the collection basket or send it to the office. **If the date you request is unavailable, your intention will be scheduled for the next open date available unless you request otherwise.**

In accordance with the guidelines from the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, Mass stipends are deposited in a separate checking account. If you are writing a check, please make it payable to St. Anthony Mass Account.

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Mary Canterbury, Stephanie Merenda, Richard Diggs, Mary Hanson, Joyce Vickers, David Dodd, Nazira Joseph, Teresa Campbell, Carmen Lopera, Jackie Canterbury, Pauline Wyatt, Alan Cottrill, Zachariah Kushner, Virginia Hederi-Evans, Mary Yunis, Maryellen Wiepper, Barbara Gastineau, Frances Hale

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

December 12 & 13, 2015 \$5,618.50
Thank you for your generosity!



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MUSIC FOR LITURGY



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| Entrance: | Come, Lord Maranatha (week 4 verses) — #47 (TM) |
| Offertory: | Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming — #75 (TM) |
| Holy: | Mass of Renewal — #869 |
| Communion: | Hail, Mary: Gentle Woman — #711 |
| Recessional: | People, Look East — #31 (TM) |

LORIE'S MUSIC NOTES

On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we light the Angel's Candle. It symbolizes Peace, reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men." We will also sing the week 4 verses of Come, Lord! Maranatha. "Come to us, O Emmanuel! Come ransom Israel." Note that the words to the refrain are different this week too. We sing "Come, now Emmanuel!"

Office Hours: This week, December 20—26, the office will only be open on Monday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Tuesday from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm and Wednesday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. The office will be closed Thursday and Friday.

Bulletin & Mass announcements—call the St. Anthony parish office at 304-342-2716 or send an email to secretary@stanthonywv.com. **The deadline this week for bulletin and mass announcements is Tuesday at 12:00 pm.** Thank you!!

| | December 19 & 20, 2015 | December 26 & 27, 2015 |
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| 5:30 Vigil Mass | | |
| Lector: | R. Stonestreet | M. Doneghy |
| E. M.: | W. Leach & D. McDougall | M. Ferguson & S. Spencer |
| Acolytes: | M. Ferguson & E. Ferguson | B. Scarpelli & P. Booker |
| 10:30 Mass | | |
| Lector: | S. Kawash | J. Polak |
| E. M.: | J. Polak & B. Ashworth | B. Kushner & A. McIntire |
| Acolytes: | M. Isabella & C. Vaughn | M. Hamilton & N. Burdette |
| Counters: | S. Kawash & M. Isabella | S. Wyatt & S. Maddox |
| | <i>December 20—26, 2015</i> | <i>December 27, 2015—January 2, 2016</i> |
| Cleaning: | C. & C. Hansbarger & K. Scalise | D. Hess, S. Spencer & W. Leach |