

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

For November 22 & 23, 2014, St. Anthony parishioners and friends contributed \$1,688.75 to the regular collection.

Thank you for your generosity!



Catholic Charities West Virginia is in need of personal care items, especially toilet tissue, laundry detergent, and deodorant for women. Food stamps may not be used to pay for these items. Your donations may be dropped off in the baskets at the rear of the church.

Mass Schedule Nov. 30—Dec. 6

Sunday 11/30: Rosary 10:00 am—Mass 10:30 am

Monday 12/01: No Mass

Tuesday 12/02: Mass 7:30 am

Wednesday 12/03: Mass 6:30 pm

Thursday 12/04: Mass 7:30 am

Friday 12/05: Mass 7:30 am
Adoration 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Saturday 12/06: Mass 8:00 am, Rosary, Devotions
Mass 5:30 pm

Bulletin announcements—contact the St. Anthony parish office at 304-342-2716 or send an email to secretary@stanthonywv.com. The announcement deadline for the bulletin this week is **Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.** Thank you!!

Serving for November 29 & 30, 2014

Serving for December 6 & 7, 2014

5:30 Vigil Mass

Lector: Dottie Hess
Eucharistic Moya Doneghy &
Ministers: Jackie Canterbury
Acolytes: Evelyn Ferguson, Matthew
Ferguson & Bev Scarpelli

10:30 Mass

Lector: John Polak
Eucharistic Brenda Ashworth &
Ministers: Bob Kushner
Acolytes: Chris Joseph, Connie
Vaughn & Nathaniel Burdette

Cleaning:

Nov. 30—Dec. 6 Dottie Hess, Sue Spencer
& Wanda Leach

5:30 Vigil Mass

Lector: Rich Stonestreet
Eucharistic Deborah McDougall &
Ministers: Dottie Hess
Acolytes: Sr. Fran Kirtley, Patricia
Booker & Evelyn Ferguson

10:30 Mass

Lector: Paul Franklin
Eucharistic Tom Resler &
Ministers: Mary Wuletich
Acolytes: Monica Hamilton, Dawn
Kushner & Mark Isabella

Cleaning:

Dec. 7—13 Jennifer & Jonathan Burdette



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Jesus said to his disciples: “Be watchful! Be Alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’”

Our pastor, Fr. James Kurtz, OFM Cap. can be reached by email at kurtzwv@gmail.com To make an appointment for personal business please contact him at 304-342-2716 x 406



Advent

At this time of year we prepare to celebrate the great feast of Christmas. During this month many shop for presents to give to family and friends on Christmas. Some decorate the outside of their homes with lights and many decorate the inside of their homes with flowers, wreaths and trees. Many send out Christmas cards. Yes, at this time of the year almost everyone is preparing to celebrate Christmas.

However, unfortunately, we can easily fail to make the most important preparation for Christmas by failing to enter into the Advent season.

Advent simply means “**Coming**.” During this four week period, which begins today, we prepare to celebrate both the first Coming of Christ, when he was born into our world over two thousand years ago, and we also prepare for his Second Coming at the end of time, when he will come to judge the living and the dead. We prepare for the Coming of Christ through prayer, the celebration of the sacraments, especially Reconciliation (Confession) and the Holy Eucharist, and by loving others as Jesus loved us. Pope St. John Paul II wrote: “*Every year Advent reminds us that grace – and that is God’s will to save man – is more powerful than sin.*”

- Fr. Jim

When we meet a person truly in need, do we see the face of God? — Pope Francis

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

† Barbara Carey, Francis Nagoda, Jr.,
Catherine Layne Fugere, Vincent Smolder,
James White, Dolores Conner, Sue Murin, Maria
O’Dell, Regina Richardson, Bernice Endres,
Kathleen Wise, Audra Kushner

Mary Canterbury, Stephanie Merenda, Connie
Vaughan, Richard Diggs, Virginia Hederi Evans,
Mary Hanson, Joyce Vickers, David Dodd, Joe &
Nazira Joseph, Teresa Campbell, Rose Corey,
Carmen Lopera, Jackie Canterbury, Pauline Wyatt,
Alan Cottrill

MUSIC FOR LITURGY

Entrance: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel — #20 (TM)

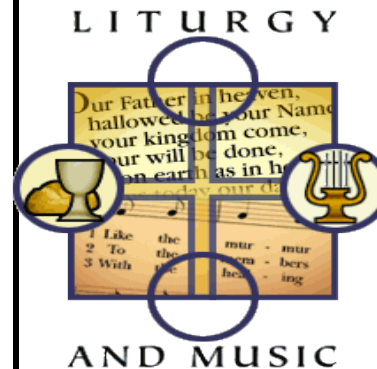
Advent Gospel Acclamation — #50 (TM)

Offertory: Save Us, O Lord — #666

Holy: Mass of Healing

Communion: Taste and See (Hurd) — #347

Recessional: The King of Glory — #738



LORIE’S MUSIC NOTES

Welcome to the first Sunday of Advent, and the first Sunday in the new liturgical year! Today, we begin Year B in the 3-year cycle, and will hear gospel readings from Mark over the next 12 months. We begin this season of Advent by lighting the first candle on the wreath. It is a solemn season where we examine and prepare our hearts to receive the miracle of Jesus reborn in us again. Let us start this celebration with that familiar tune...O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!



Salvation Army Angel Tree

Have you picked your angel yet? If not, please consider choosing one today. All gifts must be returned by Thursday, December 4th to the Church or directly to the Salvation Army.

If you have any questions, call Katy Layne at (304)344-3495. Thank you!

Individuals, couples, and families are invited to three Evenings of Reflection at St. Agnes Parish at 6:00 pm on Tuesdays, December 2, 9, and 16. Rebecca Royse, Diocesan Coordinator of Marriage and Family Life, will lead these reflections on the Advent themes of *waiting, preparing, and light in the darkness*. Please join us for any or all of these evenings. There will be activities for children in the parish house and a session for teens and adults in the church.

SHARE THE JOY ON GIVING TUESDAY!

Black Friday...Cyber Monday...Giving Tuesday

Share the Joy of the Holiday Season with your Parish, Catholic Education, Catholic Charities West Virginia, and Diocesan Ministries! Make a gift to the Catholic Sharing Appeal on Giving Tuesday, December 2, 2014. Visit the Catholic Sharing Appeal website:

www.ShareTheJoyWV.org

FIRST FRIDAY & FIRST SATURDAY

December 5, 2014 is First Friday. There will be Adoration and Benediction from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Confessions will be heard from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

December 6, 2014, is First Saturday. There will be a Mass at 8:00 am, followed by the Rosary and other devotional prayers.