

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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Mass Schedule Dec. 14—20

Sunday 12/14: Rosary 10:00 am—Mass 10:30 am

Monday 12/15: No Mass

Tuesday 12/16: Mass 7:30 am
† Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday 12/17: Mass 6:30 pm

Thursday 12/18: Mass 7:30 am

Friday 12/19: Mass 7:30 am

Saturday 12/20: 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 December 13 & 14, 2014

Serving for December 20 & 21, 2014

5:30 Vigil Mass

Lector: Moya Doneghy
Eucharistic: Sue Spencer &
Ministers: Wanda Leach
Acolytes: Matthew Ferguson, Bev Scarpelli & Sr. Fran Kirtley

10:30 Mass

Lector: Brenda Ashworth
Eucharistic: Matthew Ferguson &
Ministers: Alicia McIntire
Acolytes: John Casey, Neil Rajapaske & Romaine Casey

Cleaning:

Dec. 14—20 Nancy & Ray Swecker

5:30 Vigil Mass

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

10:30 Mass

Lector: Janie Bowles
Eucharistic: Monica Hamilton &
Ministers: Judy Polak
Acolytes: Connie Vaughn, Nathaniel Burdette & Chris Joseph

Cleaning:

Dec. 21—27 Clark & Christine Hansbarger & Kathy Scalise



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They asked him, “Why do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.”

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2014



Gaudete Sunday

Today, the Third Sunday of Advent, is known as **Gaudete Sunday**. **Gaudete** comes from the Latin word for **rejoice**. On this Sunday we rejoice and light the rose colored candle on the advent wreath to show that the Lord is near. We have a joyful expectation for the Lord's birth. In his letter to the Philippians, St. Paul wrote, "**Rejoice in the Lord always. I say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near.**"

During this Advent season God has been calling us to turn away from our sins because they prevent him from coming to us and entering more fully into our hearts and our lives. Prepare for the Coming of the Lord on Christmas by making a good Confession. Confessions will be heard at **Our Lady of the Hills** today after Mass and next Sunday after Mass and on Monday, December 15 and 22, after the 11:00 AM Mass. At **St. Anthony's**, Confessions will be heard from 4:45 to 5:15 PM on Saturday before the 5:30 PM Mass. Confessions will also be heard from 3:00 to 4:00 PM on Tuesday, December 16, and Tuesday, December 23, and on Wednesday, December 16, at 6:00 PM before the 6:30 PM Mass and also after that Mass.

Christmas Masses at St. Anthony's are at **5:30 PM on December 24**, and at **10:00 AM on December 25**.

Christmas Mass at Our Lady of the Hills is at **8:00 PM on December 24**.

- Fr. Jim

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, Zachariah Kushner

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MUSIC FOR LITURGY

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

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia — #50 (TM)

Offertory: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming — #75 (TM)

Holy: Mass of Healing — handout

Communion: My Soul Rejoices — #830

Recessional: Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates — #57 (TM)

LORIE'S MUSIC NOTES



As we continue to sing songs of the Advent Season, I wanted to share the meaning of the Advent wreath candles. The first Sunday of Advent symbolizes Hope with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming. The second Sunday symbolizes Faith with the "Bethlehem Candle" reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. The third Sunday symbolizes Joy with the "Shepherd's Candle" reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus. Finally, the fourth Sunday symbolizes Peace with the "Angel's Candle" reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."



Men's Socks & Gloves
We are now collecting **men's socks and gloves** to be donated to the Veterans Center. Please donate only **new** socks and gloves. There are baskets located in the back of the church for your donation.

Support religious communities. "Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital support for the retirement needs of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure that younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

The final Evening of Reflection at St. Agnes Parish will be at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, December 16.

Youth Ministry Night: On January 14, 2015 at Sacred Heart from 7:00 - 8:30 pm, the Diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry and the missionaries from the Bishop Hodges Pastoral Center will be offering a program entitled *True God—True Man*. The evening will be a fun, action-packed, faith-filled explosion of faith for students in the 7th-12th grade. We also invite parents and other adults interested in helping with youth ministry to join us. The evening is FREE.

Camp Bosco Information Meeting: On January, 14, 2015 at Sacred Heart at 6:00 pm, the staff from Camp Bosco will be here to present information about the diocesan camp which is for children 7-15 years old. Come and learn about our amazing Catholic youth camp. It will be your child's best week of summer!