#### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

For December 13 & 14, 2014, St. Anthony parishioners and friends contributed \$1,879.00 to the regular collection.

Thank you for your generosity!

#### RECONCILIATION

There will be a Communal Penance service at Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, December 21, at 3:00 pm.

On Tuesday, December 23, Father Jim will be available at St. Anthony's for confessions from 3:00 – 4:00 pm

### Mass Schedule Dec. 21—27

**Sunday 12/21:** Rosary 10:00 am—Mass 10:30 am

Monday 12/22: No Mass

**Tuesday 12/23:** Mass 7:30 am

Wednesday 12/24: Mass 5:30 pm—Christmas Eve

Thursday 12/25: Mass 10:00 am—Christmas Day

Friday 12/26: Mass 7:30 am

† Grace & Otis Slavin

**Saturday 12/27:** Mass 8:00 am

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 due to Christmas is **Tuesday at 5:30 p.m**. Thank you!!

### Serving for December 20 & 21, 2014 Serving for December 27 & 28, 2014

5:30 Vigil Mass 5:30 Vigil Mass

Lector: Dottie Hess Lector: Rich Stonestreet

Eucharistic Moya Doneghy & Eucharistic Deborah McDougall &

Ministers: Jackie Canterbury Ministers: Dottie Hess

Acolytes: Patricia Booker, Evelyn Acolytes: Bev Scarpelli, Matthew

Ferguson & Matthew Ferguson Ferguson & Patricia Booker

<u>10:30 Mass</u> <u>10:30 Mass</u>

Stephen Kawash Lector: Janie Bowles Lector: Eucharistic Monica Hamilton & Chris Newman & **Eucharistic Ministers:** Judy Polak Brenda Ashworth **Ministers:** Connie Vaughn, Nathaniel **Acolytes: Acolytes:** Dawn Kushner, Mark

Burdette & Chris Joseph Isabella & Monica Hamilton

Cleaning: Cleaning:

Dec. 21—27 Clark & Christine Hansbarger Dec. 28—Jan. 3 Dottie Hess, Sue Spencer

& Kathy Scalise & Wanda Leach



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And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing is impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord, May it be done to me according to your word."

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 21, 2014

"God is so great that he can become small. God is so powerful that he can make himself vulnerable and come to us as a defenseless child, so that we can love him." (Pope Benedict XVI, December 24, 2005)

Christmas is a feast of love, a feast on which we celebrate God's great love for us by becoming like us in all things but sin. Yes, on Christmas we celebrate the mystery of God becoming man and dwelling among us so that we can love him and learn from him how to love others.

I recommend a prayer called *The Angelus* that can be prayed on the remaining days of Advent and throughout the Christmas season and, for that matter, throughout the year.

### The Angelus

- V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
- R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary...

- V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
- R. Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

Hail Mary...

- V. And the Word was made Flesh.
- R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

- V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
- R. That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let Us Pray

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of his Resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

- 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

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### MUSIC FOR LITURGY

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

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia — #50 (TM)

Offertory: The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came — #75 (TM)

**Holy:** Mass of Healing — handout

**Communion:** Hail Mary: Gentle Woman — #703

**Recessional:** People Look East — #31 (TM)

### LORIE'S MUSIC NOTES

As the Feast of Christmas draws near, we take one more Advent Sunday to prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. We are getting very close! It's time for us to "look East" and do our final preparations. I wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas!

### **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

<u>December 24, 2014:</u> There will be a 5:30 pm Mass at Saint Anthony and an 8:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of the Hills.

**December 25, 2014:** There will a 10:00 am Mass at Saint Anthony.

Thank you! "We can certainly call you friends because of the way you care for our retired members," writes a religious brother. Your gift to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for the Religious benefits some 35.000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests. May God bless you for your generosity!

### **Change a World Annual Appeal**

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AND MUSIC

Please give to Catholic Charities West Virginia's annual appeal 2014. Proceeds will directly support the outreach services of CCWVa throughout West Virginia. Regional staff will promote the appeal locally to reach their target amount. The traditional second collection at Christmas Mass is anticipated to help the appeal reach its goal. Donations marked Annual Appeal can be made at your local CCWVa office, by mail at 2000 Main Street, Wheeling, WV 26003, or online at www.CCWVa.org.

