

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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Mass Schedule Dec. 7—13

Sunday 12/07: Rosary 10:00 am—Mass 10:30 am

Monday 12/08: Mass 7:30 am
Mass 5:30 pm
Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday 12/09: Mass 7:30 am

Wednesday 12/10: Mass 6:30 pm

Thursday 12/11: Mass 7:30 am

Friday 12/12: Mass 7:30 am

Saturday 12/13: 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 6 & 7, 2014

Serving for December 13 & 14, 2014

5:30 Vigil Mass

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

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

10:30 Mass

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

Cleaning:

Dec. 7—13 Jennifer & Jonathan Burdette

Cleaning:

Dec. 14—20 Nancy & Ray Swecker



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Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;

he will prepare your way.

A voice of one crying out in the desert:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,

make straight his paths.”

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 7, 2014



The Immaculate Conception – December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America, will be celebrated this Monday, December 8th. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a holy day of obligation and Masses for the holy day, Monday, December 8, are: **St. Anthony's 7:30 AM and 5:30 PM** and **Our Lady of the Hills 7:30 PM**.

Pope Pius IX in 1854 proclaimed: *“The Most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by the virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin.”* Yes, Mary was the sinless Virgin, preserved from original sin at her conception in her mother’s womb. She remained sinless, immaculate, throughout her entire life. She was as the angel Gabriel declared: “full of grace.” She was the sinless, the Immaculate Virgin, who bore our Savior.

Prayer to Mary Immaculate, Patroness of the United States

Blessed Mother Mary, we turn to you in prayer for all the people of these United States. We again place ourselves in your care, in the gentle hands that cradled the child Jesus. We ask you to make us more alive in your faith, more generous in your love, more trusting in your hope. Teach us to imitate Jesus, as you did, and always to follow him with courage.

Mother Mary, help us to become a people who hunger for justice and burn with compassion for those who suffer in our midst. Pray that we may be made a people who cherish and defend the dignity of every human person, and a people free from all selfishness and self-interest.

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who turn with confidence to you. 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 Heder Evans,
Mary Hanson, Joyce Vickers, David Dodd, Joe &
Nazira Joseph, Teresa Campbell, Rose Corey,
Carmen Lopera, Jackie Canterbury, Pauline Wyatt,
Alan Cottrill

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MUSIC FOR LITURGY

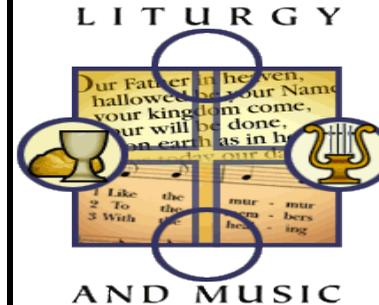
Entrance: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel — #20 (TM)

Offertory: Creator of the Stars of Night — #43 (TM)

Holy: Mass of Healing

Communion: Like a Shepherd — #617

Recessional: On Jordan’s Bank — #22 (TM)



LORIE'S MUSIC NOTES

We continue our songs of watchful waiting and anticipation in this Advent season. During my preparation for today's liturgy, I found this Advent Prayer: *God, source and summit of our deepest longings, help us burn with the fire of your love. Let the light of Christ break through the darkness of sin and despair and shine through us in our acts of kindness and courage. With the help of him whom we await, we are confident that you will provide all that we need to be bearers of the hope that leads to you. Amen.*



THANK YOU to all who participated in the Salvation Army Angel Tree drive!



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.

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.

Give thanks for the religious. A parishioner writes, “We thank God today and every day for the religious sister who taught us in school, not only our ABCs, but also to love God.” Share your gratitude for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Be a Part of Our Future—The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston’s Catholic Schools are a vibrant and growing educational community. Some of our schools have a few seats in selected classes. Please accept this invitation to explore our Catholic Schools and see if we are the fit for your family. We are offering, in our schools that have open seats, a “gift price” of \$1,000 for the second semester. If you are not currently enrolled in our Catholic Schools, we encourage you to be part of our faith-filled future and join us.