

Catholic Parishes of St. Anthony and Our Lady of the Hills

March 23, 2025

Third Sunday of Lent

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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

St Anthony: Saturday 4:15 p.m.—4:45 p.m. Our Lady of the Hills: Tuesday 5:00 p.m.—5:15 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

St Anthony: First Friday of the month 9:30 a.m.—10:00 a.m. Our Lady of the Hills: Tuesday 4:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.



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Mass Schedule March 22—30, 2025

- Saturday 03/22 SA Mass 5:00 p.m.
People of the Parish

- Third Sunday of Lent
Sunday 03/23 OLH Mass 8:30 a.m.
People of the Parish
SA Mass 10:30 a.m.
People of the Parish

- Monday 03/24 SA Mass 9:00 a.m.
Baby Berkley & the Leonard Family

- Tuesday 03/25 OLH Mass 5:30 p.m.
† Frances Leonoro Scheirman (R & N Swecker)

- Wednesday 03/26 SA Mass 9:00 a.m.
Kristen Cailey

- Thursday 03/27 SA Mass 9:00 a.m.
† Lynn Sheer

- Friday 03/28 SA Mass 9:00 a.m.
† Holy Souls in Purgatory

- Saturday 03/29 SA Mass 5:00 p.m.
People of the Parish

- Fourth Sunday of Lent
Sunday 03/30 OLH Mass 8:30 a.m.
Bonnie Starling (M & D Sisler)
SA Mass 10:30 a.m.
People of the Parish

NEW TO THE PARISH? Welcome! We would like to extend a special welcome to all our new parishioners. Please feel free to come by the office to meet the parish staff. Please also visit both of our parish websites at stanthonywv.com or ourladyofthehills.com to learn more about the activities happening in our parish and diocese.

Stewardship Report for 03/15—16/2025

St. Anthony

Offertory	\$1621.50
Dioc. Priests' Retirement	\$40.00
Easter Flowers	\$135.00
St. Anthony Caring Fund	\$50.00
Attendance: Saturday—44	Sunday— 57

Our Lady of the Hills

Offertory	\$930.00
Easter Flowers	\$30.00

Attendance Sunday—31

Thank you for your generosity! God Bless You!

Mass Intentions—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.**

The current suggested level of giving is **\$20 for a weekend Mass or \$10 for a daily Mass.** Any offering, however, is most welcome, and, if you do not have funds to offer, you are encouraged to request your Mass intention.

Mass Intention requests are scheduled in the order they are received.

Prayer List for the Sick & Homebound

St. Anthony—Michael McCallister, Robin Holly, Michael Bee, Chris Newman, Linda Davis, Ursula Paezold, Christine Hansbarger, Mary Beth Abbot, Deborah McDougall, John Tomblin, Colton Gulfport

Our Lady of the Hills—Violet Edwards, Ursula Paezold, Bill & Nancy Audia, Killough Family, John Caroli, Paul Stodola, Sharon Flanery

Please call Father Thomas Dharelli H.G.N. at 304-342-2716, if you would like a visit and to receive communion or a home blessing.



To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.



**St. Anne's Outreach Center
Our Lady of the Hills**

Serving families and young expecting single mothers in Big Chimney, Clay, Clendenin, Elkview and Pinch areas.

Children—newborn to 4 yrs.

Call 304-965-7670 to schedule an appointment.

Thank you for your generosity!



Employment Opportunities Available

St. Anthony Parish, located at 1000 Sixth St., West Side of Charleston, currently has a part-time maintenance position open. Interested individuals may contact the Parish Office at 304-342-2716 or Secretary@stanthonywv.com

Music For Liturgy



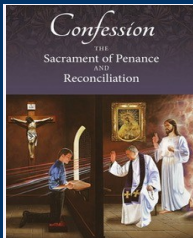
Entrance:	#655 Seek the Lord
Offertory:	#481 As the Deer Longs
Holy:	#834 Belmont Mass
Communion:	#393 Here I am, Lord
Recessional:	#705 Lift High the Cross

The Lord is kind and merciful.



Father Thomas' Message Corner

We are being called by God to be His faithful children, yet in our humanity we falter and fail. We are all sinful creatures. God has given us a wonderful gift in Jesus. If we believe in Him and repent of our sins, we will not die but have eternal life. You would think this would be something every human being would want, but sadly it is not. People are consumed by the materialism of this world. They are filled with bitterness and hatred. God is calling us to love one another. He is calling on us to repent when we fall, even if it seems like we are constantly falling for the same thing. He is there to forgive us time and again as long as we valiantly try not to make that mistake again. His love for us gives us the opportunity to seek forgiveness and be granted it. We also must grant forgiveness to those who have wronged us, giving to them what God has so freely given to us. Be kind and merciful like Christ.



Lenten Penance Service:

St. Anthony— March 25, 2025 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM



Palm Sunday:

Our Lady of the Hills: Parishioners will meet outside (weather permitting) and process in

St. Anthony: Parishioners will meet in the Parish Center and Process to Church.

Holy Thursday: Service is at 7:00 PM at St. Anthony—co-celebrated with Our Lady of the Hills. Father would like 6 people from each parish for the foot-washing.

Good Friday:

Our Lady of the Hills: Stations of the Cross 3:00 PM led by C. Stodola
St. Anthony: Stations of the Cross 3:00 PM Service at 6:30 PM

Easter Vigil: St. Anthony 8:00 PM Fire Outside

Easter Sunday:

Our Lady of the Hills: Mass 8:30 AM
St. Anthony: Mass 10:30 AM with a First Holy Communion



Bulletin & Mass Announcements — The deadline this week for bulletin announcements is **Wednesday at 12:00 p.m.** & for Mass announcements is **Friday at 9:00 a.m.** Thank you!

Meditation: *The sign of the barren fig tree*

Jesus' parable of the barren fig tree illustrates his warning about the consequences of allowing sin and corruption to take root in our hearts and minds. Fig trees were a common and important source of food for the people of Palestine. A fig tree normally matured within three years, producing plentiful fruit. If it failed, it was cut down to make room for more healthy trees. A decaying fig tree and its bad fruit came to symbolize for the Jews the consequence of spiritual corruption caused by evil deeds and unrepentant sin.

The unfruitful fig tree symbolized the outcome of Israel's indifference and lack of response to God's word of repentance and restoration. The prophets depicted the desolation and calamity of Israel's fall and ruin - due to her unfaithfulness to God - as a languishing fig tree (see Joel 1:7,12; Habbakuk 3:17; and Jeremiah 8:13). Jeremiah likened good and evil rulers and members of Israel with figs that were either good for eating or rotten and wasteful (Jeremiah 24:2-8). Jesus' parable depicts the patience of God, but it also contains a warning that we should not presume upon God's patience and mercy. God's judgment will come in due course - very soon or later.

Why God judges

Why does God judge his people? He judges to purify and cleanse us of all sin that we might grow in his holiness and righteousness. And he disciplines us for our own good, to inspire a godly fear and reverence for him and his word. God is patient, but for those who persistently and stubbornly rebel against him and refuse to repent and change their course, there is the consequence that they will lose both their soul and body to hell. Are God's judgments unjust or unloving? When God's judgments are revealed in the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness (Isaiah 26:9). To pronounce God's judgment on sin is much less harsh than what will happen if those who sin are not warned to repent and turn back to God.

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Minister Schedule

Week of	March 23, 2025 Third Sunday of Lent	March 30, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Lent
<u>St. Anthony</u>		
5:00 p.m. Mass		
Lector:	M. Doneghy	M. Tyler
Eucharistic Minister:	J. Polak	D. Hess
10:30 a.m. Mass		
Lector:	S. Wyatt	R. Sklar
Eucharistic Minister:	J. Bowles & R. Sklar	B. Morton & B. Ashworth
Counters:	N. Swecker & Volunteer	K. Layne & S. Spencer
<u>Our Lady of the Hills</u>		
Lector:	G. Kozera	M. Swecker
Eucharistic Minister:	Volunteer & T. Lanna	C. Lothes & Volunteer
Gifts:	Volunteer	J. & M. Akers
Counters:	T. Lanna & J. Felber	C. Stodola & D. Sweeney
Host:	Chrobak	Felber