

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

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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 August 16—24, 2025

Saturday 08/16	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish	
Sunday 08/17	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. † Nancy Audia SA Mass 10:30 a.m. † Thomas Gallagher	(C. & T. Stodola) (S. Gallagher)
Monday 08/18	No Mass	
Tuesday 08/19	OLH Mass 5:30 p.m. Erin Gallagher	(S. Gallagher)
Wednesday 08/20	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. Erin Gallagher	(S. Gallagher)
Thursday 08/21	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. Erin Gallagher	(S. Gallagher)
Friday 08/22	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. Shirley Kim	(S. Kim)
Saturday 08/23	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. Erin Gallagher	(S. Gallagher)
Sunday 08/24	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish SA Mass 10:30 a.m. Special Intention	(F. & C. Mosier)

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 August 09-10, 2025

St. Anthony

Offertory	\$1524.00
St. Anthony Caring	\$40.00
Poor Box/Votives	\$91.00
Flowers	\$300.00
Attendance: Saturday—28	Sunday— 60

Our Lady of the Hills

Offertory	\$735.00
Lerma	\$100.00

Attendance Sunday—35

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, Fr. Thomas' Father, Sarah McDougall

Our Lady of the Hills—Violet Edwards, Ursula Paezold, Audia Family, 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 OPPORTUNITY:

St. Anthony Parish, located at 1000 Sixth St. West Side of Charleston, has current part-time positions for a financial/bookkeeper and a maintenance position. Interested individuals may contact Father Thomas at 304-437-2781 or Nancy Swecker at 304-543-5482. Please share with family and friends. Thank you!

Music For Liturgy



Entrance:	#443 All Are Welcome
Gloria:	#897 Mass of Christ the Savior
Offertory:	#574 Seek Ye First
Communion:	#350 Spirit and Grace
Recessional:	#639 River of Glory

Lord, come to my aid!

Psalm 40



Father Thomas' Message Corner

God understands that we are living in difficult times. He has sent our Savior, Jesus, to help us through the trials of this life. He wants us to have perseverance in faith, in prayer, and in service to Him. His mercy is endless and He is waiting to bestow it on those who ask for it. Likewise we should show mercy to those who have wronged us, showing to them the same mercy God shows us. Jesus never said it would be easy, rather quite the opposite. Families will be divided, there will be division in the world, but for those of us who persevere in faith there is the promise of eternal salvation. With that knowledge we should not be afraid or grow weary or lose heart, but rather we should pick up our crosses and suffering and walk confidently toward Jesus.



Prayer for the Jubilee Year of Hope:

Father in Heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

(Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, adapted from the Jubilee Prayer by Pope Francis.)

SACRED SILENCE IN CHURCH

Please remember to maintain a sacred silence when you are in the main body of the church, especially before Mass. This allows others to pray and sets a very important example for the younger members of our community who are still learning about the sacred nature of the church. If you need to talk with someone, simply move to the vestibule, or into one of the side areas and make sure that the door is closed behind you.

You may converse with each other after the completion of the mass in sanctuary. Thank you.



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: Do you want to be on fire for God? Jesus shocked his disciples when he declared that he would cast fire and cause division rather than peace upon the earth. What kind of fire did Jesus have in mind here?

The fire of God's purifying love and cleansing word—The image of fire in biblical times was often associated with God and with his action in the world and in the lives of his people. God sometimes manifested his presence by use of fire, such as God's revelation to Moses through the burning bush in the wilderness which was not consumed by the flames (Exodus 3:2). God assured the Hebrew people of his continual presence, guidance, and protection for them through the wilderness for forty years with the pillar of fire by night and a pillar of cloud by day (Exodus 13:21-22). The prophet Elijah called down fire from heaven to reveal God's presence and power and to purify the people of false idols (1 Kings 18:36-39). The image of fire was also used as a sign of God's glory (Ezekiel 1:4, 13) and holiness (Deuteronomy 4:24), his protective presence (2 Kings 6:17), and his righteous judgment (Zechariah 13:9) and holy wrath against sin (Isaiah 66:15-16).

Fire is also a sign and symbol of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. John the Baptist said that Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire (Matthew 3:11-12 and Luke 3:16-17). When the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the disciples at Pentecost "tongues of fire" appeared above their heads (Acts 2:3). We can see from both the Old and New Testament Scriptures that God's fire purifies and cleanses to make us clean (sins washed away) and holy (fit to offer him acceptable praise and worship), and it inspires a reverent fear (awe in God's presence) and respect (obeying and giving God his due) for God and for his holy word.

Loyalty unites - division separates—Why did Jesus link fire from heaven with costly division on the earth? Did he expect his followers to take his statement of "father against son and son against father" and "mother against daughter and daughter against mother" literally? Or was he intentionally using a figure of speech to emphasize the choice and cost of following him above all else? Jesus used a typical Hebrew hyperbole (a figure of speech which uses strong language and exaggeration for emphasis) to drive home an important lesson. We often do the same when we want to emphasize something very strongly. Jesus' hyperbole, however, did contain a real warning that the Gospel message does have serious consequences for our lives.

When Jesus spoke about division within families he likely had in mind the prophecy of Micah: a man's enemies are the men of his own household (Micah 7:6). The essence of Christianity is loyalty to Jesus Christ - the Son of God and Savior of the world - a loyalty that takes precedence over every other relationship. The love of God compels us to choose who will be first in our lives. To place any relationship (or anything else) above God is a form of idolatry.

Who do you love first and foremost?—Jesus challenges his disciples to examine who they love first and foremost. A true disciple loves God above all else and is willing to forsake all for Jesus Christ. Jesus insists that his disciples give him the loyalty which is only due to God, a loyalty which is higher than spouse or kin. It is possible that family and friends can become our enemies if the thought of them keeps us from doing what we know God wants us to do. Does the love of Jesus Christ compel you to put God first in all you do (2 Corinthians 5:14)?

The Gospel message is good news for those who seek pardon, peace, and the abundant life which God offers us through his Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus offers true freedom to those who believe in him - freedom from slavery to sin, Satan, and the oppressive forces of hatred and evil that can destroy body, mind, and spirit. Do you listen to the voice of your Savior and trust in his word? Commit your ways to him, obey his word, and you will find true peace, joy, and happiness in the Lord your God.

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Minister Schedule

Week of	August 17, 2025	August 24, 2025
<u>St. Anthony</u>		
5:00 p.m. Mass		
Lector:	M. Doneghy	M. Tyler
Eucharistic Minister:	D. Hess	J. Polak
10:30 a.m. Mass		
Lector:	B. Ashworth	S. Wyatt
Eucharistic Minister:	C. Arnold & M. Hamilton	J. Bowles & B. Ashworth
Counters:	C. Joseph & J. Burdette	S. Bossie-Maddox & N. Swecker
<u>Our Lady of the Hills</u>		
Lector:	C. Stodola	D. Sisler
Eucharistic Minister:	T. Stodola & T. Lanna	G. Kozera & L. Kozera
Gifts:	D. & C. Sweeney	Volunteer
Counters:	T. Lanna & C. Stodola	T. Lanna & J. Felber
Host:	Stodola	Chrobak