

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

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### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

### Eucharistic Adoration:

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



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## Mass Schedule Week of December 20-28

Saturday 12/20 SA Mass 5:00 p.m.  
People of the Parish

Sunday 12/21 OLH Mass 8:30 a.m.  
People of the Parish  
SA Mass 10:30 a.m.  
Isaiah & Family (F. & C. Mosier)

Monday 12/22 No Mass

Tuesday 12/23 OLH Mass 5:30 p.m.  
† Holy Souls in Purgatory  
(St. Francis de Sales Mass Fund)

Wednesday 12/24 SA Mass 9:00 a.m.  
People of the Parish

Thursday 12/25 SA Mass 9:00 a.m.  
People of the Parish

Friday 12/26 SA Mass 9:00 a.m.  
† Holy Souls in Purgatory  
(St. Francis de Sales Mass Fund)

Saturday 12/27 SA Mass 5:00 p.m.  
People of the Parish

Sunday 12/28 OLH Mass 8:30 a.m.  
People of the Parish  
SA Mass 10:30 a.m.  
† Bianca Leonoro (Family)

**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](http://stanthonywv.com) or [ourladyofthehills.com](http://ourladyofthehills.com) to learn more about the activities happening in our parish and diocese.

### Stewardship Report for December 13-14, 2025

#### St. Anthony

Offertory		\$1383.00
Retirement for Religious		\$649.00
St. Anthony Caring		\$20.00
Other - Votives, Poor Box, Hol. Flowers		\$128.00

Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday— 35      Sunday— 21

#### Our Lady of the Hills      God Bless You for Your Support

Mass Canceled		
Attendance:		Sunday—

### 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 \$20.00 for a weekend Mass or \$10.00 for a daily Mass offering, however, any amount 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, Melissa Tyler, Mary Jo Zsoldos, Suzette Gallagher, Noah, Truman, Sue Spencer

**Our Lady of the Hills**—Violet Edwards, Ursula Paezold, Bill Audia, Killough Family, John Caroli, Sharon Flanery, Martha Hacala, Pat Lanna

**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](http://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 expectingsingle 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!**

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,  
and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let  
the earth be opened and bring forth a savior.

Isaiah 45:8

St. Anthony			Our Lady of the Hills	
Entrance	#464	Christ, Be Our Light	#39	O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Offertory	#97	Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming	#56	Come, Lord! Maranatha (Week 4 Verses)
Holy	#858	Belmont Mass	#858	Belmont Mass
Communion	#76	Bread of Life	#76	Bread of Life (Advent Version)
Recessional	#64	Let the King of Glory Come	#43	People, Look East



### Father Thomas' Message Corner

*There is not a lot written about Joseph's role in the life of Jesus, but today's reading reminds us of his yes to God. We are reminded, too, of his own turmoil before he ultimately accepted the role of protector to both Mary and Jesus. In our own lives we are faced with turmoil, indecision and conflict more often than not. We should turn to our Lord in these times seeking His guidance and direction. The path is not always clear, but like Joseph we should be receptive to God's call. As we await the joyful birth of Jesus, we should reflect on the people who said yes to God so that God's gift to us, His only begotten Son, could become our Savior. How can we mirror their lives of obedience to God? Do we hear the voice of our Lord and say yes when he calls us? While there is great uncertainty in many things there is one thing we can be certain of - He is calling.*

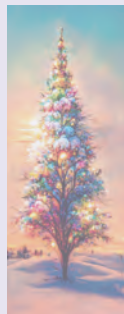
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### *Christmas Services*



#### ***Christmas Eve***

*St. Anthony - Mass 5:00 p.m.*

*Our Lady of the Hills - Mass 8:00 p.m.*

#### ***Christmas Day***

*Our Lady of the Hills - Mass 8:30 a.m.*

*St. Anthony - Mass 10:30 a.m.*



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the Angel tree gifts, and the hats & gloves for our veterans. May God richly bless you for your gifts to others in need.



The Deadline for Bulletin submissions is Wednesday at Noon. The Deadline for Mass Announcements is Friday by 9:00 a.m. Thank you.



**Please remember Sacred Silence in the Sanctuary to allow others personal reflection and prayer time at the start of mass.**

**Meditation:** Do you hold on to the promises of God at all times, especially when you are faced with uncertainty or adversity? The prophet Isaiah spoke words of hope in a hopeless situation for Israel. When Ahaz, the apostate king of Judah and heir to the throne of David (735 B.C.) was surrounded by forces that threatened to destroy him and his people, God offered him a sign to reassure him that God would not abandon the promise he made to David and his descendants. King Ahaz, however, had lost hope in God and refused to ask for a sign of favor. God, nonetheless, gave a sign to assure his people that he would indeed give them a Savior who would rule with peace and righteousness (Isaiah 7:11ff). Like the prophet Isaiah we are called "in hope to believe against hope" (Romans 4:18) that God can and will fulfill all his promises.

Joseph believed the angel's message "that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit" Joseph, a just and God-fearing man, did not wish to embarrass or punish his espoused wife, Mary when he discovered that she was pregnant. To all appearances she had broken their solemn pledge to be faithful and chaste to one another. Joseph, no doubt took this troubling matter to God in prayer. He was not hasty to judge or to react with hurt and anger. God rewarded him not only with guidance and consolation, but with the divine assurance that he had indeed called Joseph to be the husband of Mary and to assume a mission that would require the utmost faith, confidence, and trust in Almighty God. Joseph believed in the divine message to take Mary as his wife and to accept the child in her womb as the promised Messiah.

A model of faith for us- Like Mary, Joseph is a model of faith for us. He is a faithful witness and servant of God's unfolding plan of redemption. Are you ready to believe in the promises of God, even when faced with perplexing circumstances and what seems like insurmountable problems? God has not left us alone, but has brought us his only begotten Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us celebrate Christmas, the feast of the Incarnation, with joyful hearts and let us renew our faith and hope in God and in his redeeming work.

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<u>Ministry Schedule</u>	Week of: December 21	Week of: December 28
<b><u>St. Anthony</u></b>		
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. Kawash
Eucharistic Ministers	C. Arnold & M. Hamilton	J. Bowles & R. Sklar
Counters	C. Joseph & J. Burdette	K. Layne & S. Spencer
<b><u>Our Lady of the Hills</u></b>		
Lector	M. Swecker	G. Kozera
Eucharistic Ministers	T. Lanna & L. Kozera	T. Stodola & T. Lanna
Gifts	D. & C. Sweeney	M. & D. Sisler
Counters	T. Lanna & C. Stodola	T. Lanna & J. Felber
Host	B. Ragnauth	Stodola