

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 6-14

- Saturday 12/06 SA Mass 5:00 p.m.
People of the Parish
- Sunday 12/07 OLH Mass 8:30 a.m.
People of the Parish
SA Mass 10:30 a.m.
Frank Nogoda & Amelia Gould Families
- Monday 12/08 HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
St. Anthony 5:00 p.m. Our Lady of the Hills 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday 12/09 OLH Mass 5:30 p.m.
† Holy Souls in Purgatory
(St. Francis de Sales Mass Fund)
- Wednesday 12/10 SA Mass 9:00 a.m.
† Hon. Tim Armstead
- Thursday 12/11 SA Mass 9:00 a.m.
† Paulette Leonard
- Friday 12/12 SA Mass 9:00 a.m.
† Barbara Thomas
- Saturday 12/13 SA Mass 5:00 p.m.
People of the Parish
- Sunday 12/14 OLH Mass 8:30 a.m.
People of the Parish
SA Mass 10:30 a.m.
† Eli & Virginia Kawash
(M. & A. Kawash Families)

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 stanthonyywv.com or ourladyofthehills.com to learn more about the activities happening in our parish and diocese.

Stewardship Report for November 29-30

St. Anthony

Offertory		\$1228.75
St. Anthony Caring		\$16.00
Votives		61.00
Attendance:	Saturday—28	Sunday—60

Our Lady of the Hills God Bless You for Your Support

Offertory		\$477.00
Christmas Flowers		\$75.00
Attendance:		Sunday—36

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 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!

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

St. Anthony - Mass 5:00 pm

Our Lady of the Hills - Mass 8:00 pm

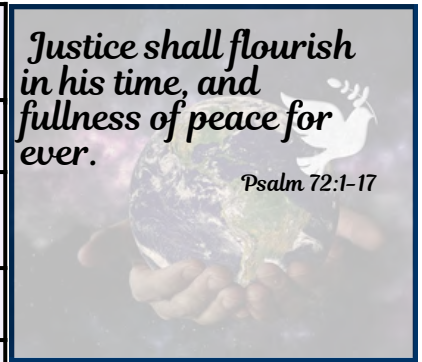
Christmas Day

Our Lady of the Hills - Mass 8:30 am

St. Anthony Mass 10:30 am



Music for Liturgy		St. Anthony		Our Lady of the Hills
Entrance	#41	On Jordan's Bank	#41	On Jordan's Bank
Offertory	#60	Comfort, Comfort My People	#46	A Voice Cries Out
Holy	#831	Belmont Mass	#831	Belmont Mass
Communion	#332	Taste and See	#332	Taste and See
Recessional	#62	Come, Emmanuel	#62	Come, Emmanuel



Father Thomas' Message Corner

John the Baptist does not mince words to placate the people, including the Pharisees. He tells of the coming of Jesus with a clear message of what people must do - repent and be baptized. John is not concerned about what others think of him, only about the message he carries to them from God. The fervor with which he delivers the message reflects that it is urgent for time is short. When John conveyed the message to the Pharisees, he saw them as they were - a brood of vipers. He proclaims the significance of those too foolish to heed his words to repent and be baptized, for the consequences of indifference will be to burn with unquenchable fire. Let us give glory to God for His saving words. For the grace of salvation to all those who hear them. May we look to Him with repentant, humble hearts acknowledging our own failings and seeking his unending forgiveness, and may we learn to convey that message with the same fervor that John did.

St. Anthony
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Monday December 8th is the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass will be held at
St. Anthony at 5:00 p.m.
Our Lady of the Hills at 7:00 p.m.

Advent Communal Penance Services
St. Anthony
December 15, 2025 6:30pm



Advent Communal Penance Services
Our Lady of the Hills
December 9, 2025 Mass 4:30pm followed by
Penance Service and Individual confessions



DWC Collection for Retirement fund for Religious is next weekend. For those who have answered the call to serve God faithfully, let us prayerfully consider a gift that will help ensure that they can age with dignity. Please help their communities to meet the basic care, medication, and daily living needs of their aging community.



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

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

Meditation: What kind of Messiah did God promise to send to his people and how would he bring God's kingdom to them? The prophet Isaiah foresaw the day when God would raise up a Messianic King long after King David's throne had been overthrown and vacant for centuries. God promised that he would raise up a new king from the stump of Jesse, the father of King David (Isaiah 11:1). This messianic king would rule forever because the Spirit of God would rest upon him and remain with him (Isaiah 11:2).

Isaiah's prophecy of the Messiah: Isaiah prophesied that the Messiah would be equipped with the gifts of the Spirit - with wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, and fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2 - for an explanation of the gifts see this helpful article). This king would establish the kingdom of God, not by force of human will and military power, but by offering his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sin of the world. Through his death on the cross, Jesus, the true Messiah King, would defeat Satan, overcome death, and win pardon and reconciliation for sinners. God's plan of redemption included not only the Jewish people but all the nations of the earth as well. Through his death and resurrection Jesus makes us citizens of heaven and friends of God. The Lord Jesus wants us to live in joyful hope and confident expectation that he will come again to fully establish his kingdom of righteousness and peace. Jesus tells us that John the Baptist was more than a prophet (Luke 7:26). John was the voice of the Consoler who is coming (John 1:23; Isaiah 40:1-3). He completed the cycle of prophets begun by Elijah (Matthew 11:13-14). What the prophets had carefully searched for and angels longed to see, now came to completion as John made the way ready for the coming of the Messiah, God's Anointed Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. With John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit begins the restoration to the human race of the "divine likeness", prefiguring what would be achieved with and in the Lord Jesus.

John's baptism was for repentance - turning away from sin and taking on a new way of life according to God's word. Our baptism in Jesus Christ by water and the Spirit results in a new birth and entry into God's kingdom as his beloved sons and daughters (John 3:5). The Lord Jesus gives us the fire of his Spirit so that we may radiate the joy and truth of the Gospel to a world in desperate need of God's light and truth. His word has power to change and transform our lives that we may be lights pointing others to Christ. Like John the Baptist, we too are called to give testimony to the light and truth of Jesus Christ. Do you point others to Christ in the way you live, work, and speak?

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<u>Ministry Schedule</u>	Week of: December 7th	Week of: December 14th
<u>St. Anthony</u>		
5:00 p.m. Mass		
Lector	R. Stonestreet	D. Hess
Eucharistic Minister	J. Polak	M. Doneghy
10:30 a.m. Mass		
Lector:	M. Ferguson	J. Bowles
Eucharistic Ministers	M. Hamilton & C. Arnold	R. Sklar & J. Bowles
Counters	S. Bossie-Maddox & S. Kawash	K. Layne & S. Spencer
<u>Our Lady of the Hills</u>		
Lector	G. Kozera	C. Stodola
Eucharistic Ministers	T. Lanna & D. Sisler	T. Stodola & T. Lanna
Gifts	M. & D. Sisler	E. Asbury
Counters	J. Felber & T. Lanna	C. Stodola & J. Felber
Host	Kozera	Brady