

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

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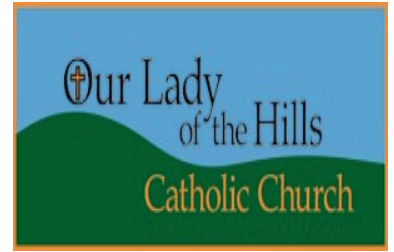
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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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 Week of February 22-March 1

Saturday	02/21	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday	02/22	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish SA Rosary 9:50 a.m. Mass 10:30 a.m. Skorich Family (E. Skorich)
Monday	02/23	No Mass
Tuesday	02/24	OLH Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Wednesday	02/25	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. † Mr. Hayes
Thursday	02/26	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. Skorich Family (E. Skorich)
Friday	02/27	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. Batog Family (E. Skorich)
Saturday	02/28	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday	03/01	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish SA Rosary 9:50 a.m. Mass 10:30 a.m. Batog Family (E. Skorich)

Stewardship Report for February 14-15, 2026		
St. Anthony		
Offertory		\$1709.40
Easter Flowers		71.00
Poor Box		13.00
Votives		74.00
Attendance:	Saturday - 40	Sunday - 48

Our Lady of the Hills		God Bless You for Your Support
Offertory		\$1245.00
Church Missions in the US		\$200.00
LERMA		\$75.00
St. Anne's Outreach		\$50.00
Easter Flowers		\$60.00
Attendance:		Sunday - 44

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. 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, Dcn. David Wuletich, Pam Burton White

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

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!

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.

	Entrance	#140	Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days
	Offertory	#527	Be Still and Know that I am God
	Holy	#831	Belmont Mass
	Communion	#390	Here I Am, Lord
	Recessional	#712	Lift High the Cross



Father Thomas' Message Corner

Temptation is all around us in everyday life, the pull of good versus evil, constantly in the forefront. Even Jesus was subjected to the temptations of the devil. We are not confronted by the demon in red with horns, but by the wily serpent in sheep's clothing who takes on the image of one most likely to sway us. He will appeal to your wants and desires, but he is not acting in your best interest. So how do we combat such evil? We do so in prayer before our Lord, seeking His wisdom, love, and guidance. When we kneel in prayer before our Lord and open our mind and heart for His truth we can lean on Him for the strength, courage and fortitude to prevail for the sake of His holy name. Stand firm in your faith and trust in Jesus.

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LENTEN OFFERINGS

Let's get every Parishioner involved this Lenten Season. Lent is not about just giving up something but it's about giving of ourselves. This Lenten Season St. Anthony Parish will be asking all of you to fill the Lenten Boxes with your spare change. The boxes will be provided. The money collected will go to the "Family Life Center Pantry" which we actively support. This should be an easy task! The Pantry will still accept grocery gift cards and **checks made payable to Regional Family Resource Network**, In the memo line please write Family Life Center Pantry.

Adult Program Resumes:

"Grow Closer to God. One of the biggest challenges people have in relationships is effective communication. Failure to communicate is the biggest reason for divorce and unhappy relationships. If we struggle to communicate with people who we can see, it is no surprise we struggle to communicate with God who we can't see. Our adult program after mass resumes on Sunday, February 22. Come and see ways we can overcome this."

OLH **Lenten coin box** funds will be given to LERMA. Boxes are available on the central table in the gathering space.



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: Are you ready to follow the Lord Jesus and to go with him wherever he leads you? Jesus did not choose his own course or path in life, but followed the will of his Father in heaven. After Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist at the River Jordan, he was led by the Spirit of God to withdraw into the wilderness of Judea - a vast desert wilderness that was mostly uninhabitable and full of danger. Danger from scorching heat by day and extreme cold at night, danger from wild animals and scorpions, plus the deprivation of food and scarcity of water.

Preparing mind, heart, and will to serve God: Why did Jesus choose such a barren, lonely place for a sustained period of prayer and fasting? Matthew, Mark, and Luke tell us in their Gospel accounts that Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness. Mark states it most emphatically: "The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness" (Mark 1:12).

What compelled Jesus to seek solitude, away from his family and friends, for such a lengthy period? Was it simply a test to prepare him for his mission? Or did Satan want to lure him into a trap? The word tempt in English usually means to entice someone to do what is wrong or forbidden. The scriptural word used here also means test in the sense of proving and assessing someone to see if they are prepared and ready for the task at hand. We test flight pilots to see if they are fit to fly under all conditions, including times of adverse turbulence, storms, and poor visibility. In like manner God tests his people to see if they are ready to follow and serve him without reservation or compromise.

Strength from God in resisting temptation: Jesus was tempted like us and he overcame sin not by his own human effort but by the grace and strength which his Father gave to him. He had to renounce his will for the will of his Father. He succeeded because he wanted to please his Father and he trusted that his Father would give him the strength to overcome the obstacles that stood in the way. Luke says that Jesus was "full of the Holy Spirit" (Luke 4:1). When tempted by the devil Jesus did not try to fight his adversary on his own human strength. He relied on the power which the Spirit gave him. Jesus came to overthrow the evil one who held us captive to sin and fear of death (Hebrews 2:14). His obedience to his Father's will and his willingness to embrace the cross reversed the curse of Adam's disobedience. His victory over sin and death won for us not only pardon for our sins but adoption as sons and daughters of God.

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<u>Ministry Schedule</u>	Week of: February 22, 2026	Week of: March 1, 2026
<u>St. Anthony</u>		
5:00 p.m. Mass		
Lector	D. Hess	M. Doneghy
Eucharistic Minister	M. Doneghy	D. Hess
10:30 a.m. Mass		
Lector:	S. Kawash	M. Tyler
Eucharistic Ministers	C. Arnold & B. Ashworth	M. Hamilton & B. Morton
Counters	S. Spencer & K. Layne	S. Bossie-Maddox & N. Swecker
<u>Our Lady of the Hills</u>		
Lector	C. Stodola	M. Swecker
Eucharistic Ministers	T. Stodola & R. Stodola	D. Sisler & L. Kozera
Gifts	M. & D. Sisler	E. Asbury
Counters	C. Stodola & J. Felber	D. Sweeney & C. Stodola
Host	Stodola	L. Collingwood