

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

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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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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 September 13-21, 2025

Saturday 09/13	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish	
Sunday 09/14	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish SA Mass 10:30 a.m. † Thomas Gallagher	(S. Gallagher)
Monday 09/15	No Mass	
Tuesday 09/16	OLH Mass 5:30 p.m. † Thomas Gallagher	(S. Gallagher)
Wednesday 09/17	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. † Thomas Gallagher	(S. Gallagher)
Thursday 09/18	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. † Thomas Gallagher	(S. Gallagher)
Friday 09/19	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. † Thomas Gallagher	(S. Gallagher)
Saturday 09/20	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. † Barbara & Jeff Ferrell (M. & A. Kawash Families)	
Sunday 09/21	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish 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 stanthonylv.com or ourladyofthehills.com to learn more about the activities happening in our parish and diocese.

Stewardship Report for September 6-7, 2025

St. Anthony

Offertory	\$1696.88
Gaza Relief	\$664.00
St. Anthony Caring	\$106.00
Other (Votives, Poor Box)	\$80.25
Attendance: Saturday—24	Sunday— 49

Our Lady of the Hills

Offertory	\$820.00
Gaza Relief	\$236.00
LERMA	\$100.00

Attendance Sunday—41

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 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@stanthonylv.com

Music For Liturgy



Entrance:	#147 Glory in the Cross
Gloria:	#907 Mass of Spirit and Grace
Offertory:	#484 Only This I Want
Communion:	#419 Jesus, the Lord
Recessional:	#717 To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King

Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Psalm 78

Father Thomas' Message Corner

When life seems exceedingly hard, we should kneel at the foot of the cross and humble ourselves before our God, thanking Him for all that He has done for us, despite the trials of this life. Without His precious gift of His only begotten Son, we would have perished... died. Yet God sent His Son to save us from ourselves, from our own sinful ways. God has every right to be angry with us, and yet He chooses to forgive us through Christ. When we are in the midst of trials and suffering, we lose our focus, which should be that of Christ. To us, in our humanity our trials are excruciating, but they are nothing compared to the cross of Jesus. Jesus didn't come to condemn us, but rather to save us. To bring to us the gift of eternal life for those who believe in Him. And He did so willingly although He was blameless, sinless. The cross reminds us of the ultimate sacrifice of Christ out of love for us. The cross reminds us too, of the great gift that God bestowed on us. So when the trials of life seem unbearable, kneel before the cross and remind yourself of God's gracious gift to us in Jesus' sacrifice for our salvation, then pick up your cross and follow Him.



A warm welcome to Very Rev. Donald Higgs for Saturday Evening Mass at St. Anthony and to Fr. Prakash Kerketta for the Sunday masses at Our Lady of the Hills and St. Anthony's. We humbly thank you for stepping in during Fr. Thomas' convalescence. May God richly bless you for your service to Him.



Our Lady of the Hills will have adult small group faith discussion after mass today. All are welcome to join us.



Let us pray for Father Thomas who is suffering with covid, that his case is mild and he will recuperate quickly. Let us pray for all who were exposed that they will be protected against the virus, turning as we should to our Lord for protection.



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 know the healing transforming power of the cross of Jesus Christ? The Lord Jesus came to unite earth with heaven and to raise those on earth to the glory of heaven. Jesus explains to Nicodemus, one of the chief leaders of the Jewish nation, that he is the "Son of Man" sent by the Father in heaven to restore our broken relationship with God. The "Son of Man" is a key Old Testament title for the Messiah who comes from heaven to establish God's kingdom on the earth (see the prophecy of Daniel 7:13-14).

Moses delivers his people from death in the wilderness

What does Jesus mean when he says the "Son of Man must be lifted up?" Jesus links this expression with Moses who "lifted up" the bronze serpent in the wilderness in order to bring about healing and restoration of life to those who were bitten by deadly serpents. This plague of death was the result of the peoples' stubborn refusal to follow God's counsel and direction for their welfare. God in his mercy heard the prayer of Moses to free his people from this curse. God instructed Moses to "make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and every one who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live" (Numbers 21:8). Moses lifted high the image of a bronze serpent fixed to the wood of the pole, which resembled a cross. Those who put their faith in God by repenting of their disobedience were healed and restored to wholeness of life.

Jesus links his victory on the cross with Moses' act of deliverance—Jesus clearly links Moses' act of deliverance in the wilderness with his own impending sacrificial death when he will be "lifted up" on the wood of the cross at Calvary. Unlike Moses' deliverance in the wilderness which only resulted in temporary relief for the people, Jesus' atoning death on the cross brought decisive victory over sin, Satan, and death. Jesus' victory on the cross cancels the debt of our sin, and releases us from guilt and condemnation. His death and victory brings us new life - the new abundant life in his Holy Spirit which lasts forever.

Jesus' victory on the cross also brought about his glorious bodily resurrection to new unending life and his ascension to the right hand of the Father in heaven, where he now rules and intercedes for us. The result of Jesus "being lifted up on the cross," and his rising and ascending to the Father's right hand in heaven, is our "new birth in the Spirit" and adoption as sons and daughters of God. God not only has redeemed us from sin in Christ, he also fills us with his own divine life through the gift of his Spirit that we might share in his own glory.

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Minister Schedule

Week of	September 14, 2025	September 21, 2025
<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:	J. Bowles	B. Ashworth
Eucharistic Minister:	B. Ashworth & J. Bowles	B. Morton & M. Hamilton
Counters:	K. Layne & S. Spencer	C. Joseph & J. Burdette
<u>Our Lady of the Hills</u>		
Lector:	D. Sisler	B. Ragnauth
Eucharistic Minister:	R. Stodola & T. Stodola	T. Lanna & R. Stodola
Gifts:	E. Asbury	D. & C. Sweeney
Counters:	D. Sweeney & C. Stodola	T. Lanna & C. Stodola
Host:	L. Collingwood	Brady