

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

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The First Sunday of Lent

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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.



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From the Pastor's Desk

Stations of the Cross as a Spiritual Exercise

The Stations of the Cross also known as the Way of the Cross or Via Crucis, is one of the main spiritual exercises of the Catholic faithful during the Lent. I remember in my childhood, we used to process to a hill station praying the Stations of the Cross on the way. We commemorate Jesus' passion and death starting from Pilate's palace till the burial of his body in the tomb. In recent years, the resurrection of Jesus is also added as the 15th station. These 15 stations each depict a moment on his journey to Calvary, usually through sacred art, prayers, and reflections. Tradition holds that Mary, the mother of Jesus, visited daily these scenes prayerfully to retrace the steps of her son's Passion.

The practice as we see today has evolved over time. The practice began as pious pilgrims traced the path of Jesus through Jerusalem on the Via Dolorosa, visiting the historic sites of the events enroute from Pilate's palace to Christ's tomb at the Church of Sepulcher. Later, when the Turks conquered these Holy sites, for the many who wanted to pass along the same route, they could not make the trip to Jerusalem. They developed the practice to depict the stations at their own Churches which eventually took the form of the fourteen stations that are currently found in almost every church throughout the world. The number of stations varied until Pope Clement XII set the number at 14 in 1731.

The important parts of the stations of the cross are not the ritual prayers, the placement of stations, or even what stations exactly are included. The most important part is remembering Jesus' love, sacrifice, and forgiveness and drawing near to Him. Taking time to think, pray, and meditate at each station can help us intentionally spend time with Christ, thanking Him, praising Him, and learning from Him. It is good to reflect on our own life at the various Stations of the Cross and we will find many events that happened on the way are still happening in our own lives. For example: unjust punishment, meeting our loved ones, a laughing stock, falling on the ground because of the burdens of life, public humiliation, abandoned by all, crucified for unjust reasons, etc. If we start meditating like this through our procession at various stations, they will be more meaningful and spiritually enriching. Next time when you participate in the Stations of the Cross, try to walk with Mary who followed her son on the Via Dolorosa.

Mass Schedule February 25—March 5

Saturday 02/25: <small>1st Sunday of Lent</small>	SA Stations 4:30 p.m.—Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 02/26: <small>1st Sunday of Lent</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. Rev. James Kurtz, OFM Cap. SA Stations 10:00 a.m.—Mass 10:30 a.m. † Nazira Joseph (Mr. & Mrs. J. Guido)
Monday 02/27:	No Mass
Tuesday 02/28:	OLH Mass 5:30 p.m.—Stations 6:00 p.m. Dr. William C. Kuryla
Wednesday 03/01:	SA No Mass
Thursday 03/02:	SA No Mass
Friday 03/03:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. † Virginia Ann Craft (S. Riddle) SA Stations & Benediction 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 03/04: <small>2nd Sunday of Lent</small>	SA Stations 4:30 p.m.—Mass 5:00 p.m. † Frank Nogoda & Amelia Gould Families
Sunday 03/05: <small>2nd Sunday of Lent</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish SA Stations 10:00 a.m.—Mass 10:30 a.m. † Nazira Joseph (Mr. & Mrs. J. Guido)

Stewardship Report for February 18 & 19, 2023

St. Anthony

Offertory	\$ 6,224.50
Easter Flowers	55.00
Other	86.01
Attendance	Saturday—42 Sunday—65

Our Lady of the Hills

Offertory	\$ 950.13
Church Missions within the U.S.	200.00
Other	75.00
Attendance	Sunday—37

Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you!



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.

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—Mary Hanson, Christina Lopez, Michael McCallister, Robin Holly, Michael Bee, Wanda Graham, Chris Newman, David Wuletich, Linda Davis, Ursula Paezold, Melissa Tyler, Christine Hansbarger

Our Lady of the Hills—Bert Zodorozny, Violet Edwards, Wanda Graham, Ursula Paezold, Greg Stodola, Bill & Nancy Audia, Paul Stodola

Please call Father Thomas Kalapurackal at 304-342-2716, if you would like a visit and to receive communion or a home blessing.



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.

As of January, 2023, St. Anne's has served 1 child this year.

Balance as of 12/31/22	\$ 3,933.23
Contributions Received	210.00
Less: Expenses	(0.00)
Balance as of 01/31/23	\$ 4,143.23

Thank you for your generosity!

Music for Liturgy



Entrance:	Led by the Spirit — #126
Offertory:	Be Not Afraid — #438
Holy:	Sanctus — #859
Communion:	On Eagle's Wings — #440
Recessional:	Beyond the Days — #127

Minister Schedule

	February 19, 2023 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	February 26, 2023 1st Sunday of Lent
St. Anthony 5:00 p.m. Mass		
Lector:	M. Tyler	R. Stonestreet
10:30 a.m. Mass		
Lector:	S. Kawash	B. Ashworth
Counters:	C. Joseph & S. Bossie-Maddox	K. Layne & S. Spencer
Our Lady of the Hills		
Lector:	G. Kozera	T. Stodola
Eucharistic Minister:	L. Kozera	J. Felber

Bulletin & Mass Announcements—The deadline this week for bulletin announcements is **Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.** & for Mass announcements is **Friday at 9:00 a.m.** Thank you!

Office Announcement: On Monday, February 27, Appalachian Power will have a planned outage from 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. As a result, the office will be closed on Monday.



February Birthdays

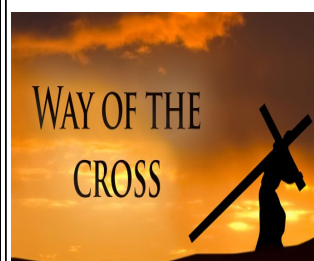
- 1 Nathan Bowles
- 1 Beverly Scarpelli
- 6 Rodney Bailey
- 7 James Namey
- 7 Rachel Rollins
- 7 Debra Jo Romano
- 11 Monica Hamilton
- 11 Thomas Kirkhope
- 12 Debra Kleinberger
- 12 Virginia Leonoro
- 13 Frank Mosier
- 14 Colin Hart
- 17 Joe Armstrong
- 17 Rebecca Hoh
- 20 Jacqueline Canterbury
- 20 Barbara Williams
- 24 Charles Stodola
- 26 Susan Jarvis

Please notify the office if your birthday is not listed or the date is incorrect.

Thank you!

The 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony is cancelled on Wednesday, March 1, and Thursday, March 2.

Schedule for Stations of the Cross during Lent



St. Anthony (beginning February 24)

Fridays: Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Saturdays: Stations of the Cross at 4:30 p.m. followed by Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays: Stations of the Cross at 10:00 a.m. followed by Mass at 10:30 a.m.

Our Lady of the Hills (beginning February 28)

Tuesdays: Mass at 5:30 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m.

Spaghetti Dinner for HOPE—Charleston Catholic's HOPE Project will host a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, 5:30-7:30, on Sunday, Feb. 26th and the CCHS Commons. Tickets are \$10 a plate. Children, age 5 and under, eat for free. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time at the school office or at the door on Feb. 26th. All of the proceeds from the dinner will go toward the costs for the week-long project in June. HOPE participants commit to raise \$25,000 so that the Cabwaylingo Appalachian Mission can build a house for a family in need. Students and adult volunteers spend the week repairing homes and helping with the new construction. HOPE has the dual purpose of improving the quality of housing for low income folks in need and instilling the habit of service in students with a commitment to living the works of mercy.

Camp Carlo in Huttonsville, West Virginia: June 25 – July 29, 2023—This camp is open to students in grades 3 through 12. The rate is \$325.00 per child with scholarships available. Early Bird Special Rate of \$275 applicable through June 1, 2023. There are 5 one-week camps from which to choose. Please contact Camp Carlo Director, Deacon Raymond Godwin at rgodwin@frontiernet.net or Camp Carlo Assistant Director, Maggie Moran at mmoran@dwc.org for more information.

Bible Study—You are invited to Bible Study led by Deacon David on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in the SA Parish Center.

Jesus Faster and Was Tempted by the Devil

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.

How can we overcome sin and gain freedom over our unruly desires and the lies of Satan and the world? The Lord Jesus gives us his Holy Spirit to help us in our weakness (Romans 8:26) and to be our guide and consoler in temptation and testing (1 Corinthians 10:13). The Lord gives grace to the humble who acknowledge their dependence on him (James 4:6) and he helps us to stand against the lies and attacks of our enemy, Satan, who seeks to destroy us (1 Peter 5:8-10; Ephesians 6:10-18). The Lord Jesus is ever ready to pour out his Spirit upon us that we may have the strength and courage we need to resist sin and to reject the lies and deceits of Satan. God wants us to "fight the good fight of the faith" (1 Timothy 6:12) with the power and strength which comes from the Holy Spirit. Do you rely on the Lord for your strength and help?
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Disaster Relief Collection for Turkey/Syria Earthquake Recovery Effort: Ash Wednesday

On February 6, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake devastated large areas of southern Turkey and northwest Syria. The death toll has surpassed 20,000 and continues to climb. Thousands of people have been injured and many are trapped beneath the rubble. The earthquake is the worst to strike Turkey this century. Within the subsequent 24 hours, the region experienced multiple aftershocks and a second 7.5 magnitude quake.

Across affected areas, apartment buildings and schools have been leveled. Telecommunications are disrupted, preventing families from identifying and accounting for missing loved ones. In Syria, displaced people are seeking shelter in schools and community centers in areas already devastated by years of war. Across southern Turkey, schools are closed, airport transportation is impaired and hospitals have been declared unusable.

Catholic Relief Services is supporting local partners in their efforts to provide urgent relief and assistance for long-term recovery. CRS has partnerships with Caritas Turkey and Caritas Syria, as well as other local partners. To support the efforts of these organizations, Most Rev. Mark Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, has approved a special collection to be held on **Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023, and for collection baskets to remain available for the collection through the first Sunday of Lent.** Bishop Brennan appreciates your generosity this past summer to those affected by the severe storms and flooding in Eastern Kentucky and Southern West Virginia. But he feels impelled once again to ask you to do what you can to help those affected by this most recent disaster.

All funds collected in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will be given to Catholic Relief Services with the special designation for use in the Turkey/Syria Earthquake Recovery Effort.

Checks can be made out to your respective parish with "Disaster Relief" on the memo line. Donations can also be made on the diocesan website at <https://dwc.org/disaster-relief/>.

As we hold the victims and first responders in our prayers during these critical days, let us also spend time in prayer and discernment as we prepare for this upcoming collection. Let us come together now to support our brothers and sisters in Christ who are suffering this horrible loss.

Men's Priestly Discernment Retreat—Do you desire a life of service to God? Are you open to giving yourself completely to God in a life of consecration and sacrifice in building up the kingdom of God here in West Virginia? Could the Lord be calling you to be a Priest of Jesus Christ in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston? The annual diocesan Men's Priestly Discernment Retreat will be held on March 3-5 at the Priest Field Pastoral Center (4030 Middleway Pike, Kearneysville, WV 25430). This event is open to men 18 years and older who are simply open to reflecting on God's will for them in their lives. The weekend will consist of Holy Mass, prayer, reflections on the diocesan priesthood, and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession. For any men interested in attending, please sign up at wvpriests.org.

Permanent Diaconate Formation Program 2023-2028—The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is currently accepting applications for the **Permanent Diaconate Formation Program 2023-2028**. Applications will be accepted until **April 15, 2023**. The application and additional information may be found at <https://dwc.org/directory-listing/permanent-diaconate-formation-office-of/2275/>. For questions, please feel free to contact the diocesan Office of Permanent Diaconate Formation: Deacon John Yaquinta, Coordinator, jyaquinta@dwc.org, or Tina High, Secretary, thigh@dwc.org or (304) 233-0880, ext. 271.