

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

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### Office Hours:

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Friday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm; Closed Wednesday and holidays.

### 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*

### When You Visit a Priest, Please Remember...

That a priest isn't married, nor will he have a family of his own. No wife, no children. His family is his parishioners. He is a spiritual father in faith to the community he serves. His future is in celebrating the Eucharist at mass every day, listening to confessions, anointing the sick, serving those who come to him for help.

A priest may serve a parish only for a minimum of five to seven years. After that he may be transferred to another parish or assigned a different role in the Church. He relies on his team of volunteers, staff and the lay faithful. Don't expect him to be there all the time for you.

When you give money to the Church, you may be surprised to know that the money isn't for him because no priest earns a fixed salary. They receive a stipend to meet their basic expenses of food, clothing, and travel. They save every penny to go for a vacation and much of the money is gifted by friends, relatives and well-wishers as they don't get paid leave like the rest of us who work. While we work for a fixed amount of hours with two days off a week, priests are expected to be on standby 24/7. So don't be angry if they don't respond to you when you need them. They are humans as well with the same frailty as us.

If you hear anyone speaking badly about a particular priest, please correct that person and don't engage in idle gossip without knowing the facts. Remember that they are alone and at times would need company. Pay attention to their emotional, physical, and mental needs. Accompany them if needed or offer a helping hand or even a lift.

It's not easy to go out alone at 2 or 3 in the morning especially in dangerous neighborhoods for counseling or even anointing someone on their death bed. If someone comes to them at such an hour for help, they have to get up from their deep sleep and still be expected to celebrate Mass in the morning. Who is there for them when they are ill or have emergencies in the middle of the night? Yet they are required to perform their duties because if not them, who?

Remember their birthdays, ordination anniversaries and important events in their lives. Celebrate with them, cry with them. Offer a shoulder to lean on. If they fall, don't judge, or criticize. Lift them up and help them on their journey in life. Don't be offended if they don't live up to your expectations. No priest is perfect.

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## Mass Schedule January 28—February 5

Saturday 01/28: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. † Danny Ray Craft (S. Riddle)
Sunday 01/29: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. Stephanie Vaughan (Mosier Family)  SA Mass 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
Monday 01/30:	No Mass
Tuesday 01/31:	OLH Mass 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday 02/01:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. † Nazira Joseph (S. Wyatt)
Thursday 02/02:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. † Virginia Groves (S. Wyatt)
Friday 02/03:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. † Nazira Joseph (Mr. & Mrs. J. Guido)  SA Adoration 9:30 a.m.—10:00 a.m.
Saturday 02/04: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 02/05: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. Shannon Radcliffe (Mosier Family)  SA Mass 10:30 a.m. † Frank Nogoda & Amelia Gould Families

### Stewardship Report for January 21 & 22, 2023

#### St. Anthony

Offertory	\$ 1,266.56
Church in the Developing World	20.00
Votive Candles	58.00
Other	29.00
Attendance	Saturday—34    Sunday—57

#### Our Lady of the Hills

Offertory	\$ 425.13
Attendance	Sunday—27

**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](http://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.

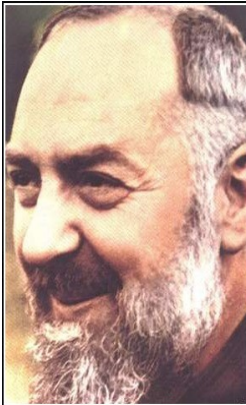
**Mass Intention requests are scheduled in the order they are received.**

### 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

**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.**



Always remain close to the Catholic Church, because it alone can give you true peace, since it alone possesses Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, the true Prince of Peace.

— *Pis of Pietrelcina* —

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### **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 December, 2022, St. Anne's has served 9 children this year.**

Balance as of 12/31/21	\$ 4,748.12
Contributions Received	1,160.00
Less: Expenses	( 1,974.89)
Balance as of 12/31/22	<b>\$ 3,933.23</b>

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## Music for Liturgy



<b>Entrance:</b>	Save Us, O Lord— #667
<b>Gloria:</b>	Mass of Healing — sheet music
<b>Offertory:</b>	Give Me Ears to Listen — #655
<b>Communion:</b>	We Are the Light of the World — #603
<b>Recessional:</b>	Seek The Lord (original text-**b verses)— #666



## January Birthdays

- 2 August Green
- 5 Tobin Arnold
- 5 Jacob Swecker
- 7 Eric Carroll
- 10 Mary Agnes Keener
- 11 Natalie D'Alessio
- 11 Agnes Michaelson
- 12 Maya Clark
- 13 Kayla Jusko
- 15 Pat Lanna
- 15 Brenda Withrow
- 17 Dan Lanham
- 18 Ellen Asbury
- 20 Barbara Ferrell
- 20 Jameson Garton
- 22 Joyce Sweeney
- 24 Mary Ellen O'Farrell
- 25 Mary Arnold
- 27 Joe Akers
- 27 Brenda Cavendish
- 30 Melissa Tyler

**Please notify the office if your birthday is not listed or the date is incorrect. Thank you!**

## Minister Schedule

	January 29, 2023	February 5, 2023
	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b><u>St. Anthony</u></b> <b>5:00 p.m. Mass</b>		
Lector:	R. Stonestreet	M. Doneghy
<b>10:30 a.m. Mass</b>		
Lector:	B. Ashworth	M. Ferguson
Counters:	N. Swecker & S. Bossie-Maddox	K. Layne & S. Spencer
<b><u>Our Lady of the Hills</u></b>		
Lector:	G. Kozera	M. Swecker
Eucharistic Minister:	L. Kozera	T. Lanna

**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!

**First Friday at St. Anthony**—February 3, 2023 is First Friday. After the 9:00 a.m. Mass, Adoration will be from **9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** Father will be available for confessions during this time.

### **When You Visit a Priest, Please Remember...** *(continued from page 1)*

So, take care of your priests, remember the ones who baptized, confirmed, married and anointed you. The ones who offer masses for your intentions and pray for you. May God bless our priests in Jesus' name, our eternal High Priest. Amen. *(From Facebook page by Toby Kenobe)*

**ATTENTION OLH PARISHIONERS**—PLEASE DO NOT ADJUST ANY OF THE THERMOSTATS IN THE CHURCH. Our HVAC technicians have strongly recommended that the building should be kept at a constant temperature to ensure the optimal operation and longevity of our equipment.

**Employment Opportunity at St. Anthony**—St. Anthony has a position open for a part-time Facilities Maintenance/Groundskeeper. Responsibilities include performing maintenance and minor repairs to the church facilities (e.g. painting, plumbing, etc.) and upkeep of the church grounds. This position is limited to 20 hours each week. Successful candidate must be able to pass a background check prior to hiring. St. Anthony is an equal opportunity employer. If you are interested in this position, please contact the church office at 304-342-2716.

**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](http://wvpriests.org).

## Rejoice and Be Glad, for Your Reward Is Great in Heaven

**Meditation:** What is the good life which God intends for us? And how is it related with the ultimate end or purpose of life? Is it not our desire and longing for true *happiness*, which is none other than the complete good, the sum of all goods, leaving nothing more to be desired? Jesus addresses this question in his sermon on the mount. The heart of Jesus' message is that we can live a very happy life. The call to holiness, to be saints who joyfully pursue God's will for their lives, can be found in these eight beatitudes. Jesus' beatitudes sum up our calling or vocation - to live a life of the beatitudes. The word *beatitude* literally means "happiness" or "blessedness".

Is God enough for you? God offers us the greatest good possible - abundant life in Jesus Christ (John 10:10) and the promise of unending joy and happiness with God forever. Do you seek the *highest good*, the total good, which is above all else?

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**2022 Tax Contribution Statements**—To save money on postage, paper and ink for our parishes, your 2022 tax contribution statements will not be automatically mailed to you. **Please contact Michele at the office (email: [secretary@stanthonywv.com](mailto:secretary@stanthonywv.com) or phone: 304-342-2716)** if you would like to receive your tax contribution statement.

### **WV Catholic Schools Continue to be High Achieving January 29 to February 4**

As West Virginia Catholic school students continue to outperform their public-school counterparts on the state and national levels, Catholic school administrators are aiming to do even better.

This fall the U.S. Department of Education National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) reported public schools' standardized assessments are "appalling and unacceptable." While education experts attribute increasing rates in decline as a snowball effect to the COVID-19 pandemic, Catholic school administrators are able to tout steady increases in student achievement. During and since the pandemic Catholic schools in West Virginia have been able to continue to move forward instead of catching up.

NCES and The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), a congressionally authorized project sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, reported that math and reading results for the nation are down, and like many of the states, West Virginia's public school scores are lower than the national average. Meanwhile Catholic schools scores remain higher than the state and national averages according to the Nation's Report Card reported by NAEP.

"Private and Catholic schools are expected to outperform public schools, so that is not the grabbing headline, but what is important to highlight is that when we faced a crisis situation, we were ready from the top down to quickly work together to problem solve – turn a challenge into an opportunity, because we did that and continue to do so – our students have not fallen through the cracks," Superintendent of Catholic Schools in West Virginia Mary Ann Deschaine, Ed.S. said. "Our principals and teachers turned on a dime to provide lessons remotely, while reaching out to our students and families to monitor progress and their well-being. We responded without hesitation and then put our heads together on how to safely get back into the classroom as soon as possible."

It was that swift and decisive faith filled decision making to prioritize our students' academic progress, as well as mental and physical health that set them apart, she said.

"We are not perfect, nor do we pretend to be, but with a steadfast focus on our faith we trust God will continue to guide us to help our children reach their full potential," Deschaine said.

To learn more about Catholic education in West Virginia go to: <https://wvcatholicschools.org>.



## **TOGETHER IN HOLINESS™** CONFERENCE SERIES

Join us for the **second annual Together in Holiness marriage conference** presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation and Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. This one-day conference provides an opportunity for quality time with your spouse and includes dynamic presentations, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, on-site childcare, and more.

**February 11, 2023 | 10:30 AM – 5:30 PM**

**St. Michael Church | Wheeling, WV**

Mass Celebrant: Most Rev. Mark E. Brennan

Speakers: Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers and more!

Registration: \$27/couple and \$18/individual. Early Bird discount available through January 9.  
Scholarships available upon request. On-site childcare (2-12yrs) available with pre-registration.  
For more information, please visit [togetherinholiness.org](http://togetherinholiness.org) or email [TH@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:TH@forlifeandfamily.org).