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The Most Holy Trinity

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From the Pastor's Desk

Baptism

Hi friends,

I am using this column as a means of adult catechism. Some people may have questions about the subjects I am writing about in this column. Many people may already know what I am writing about, but I request you to be a little tolerant towards those who do not know many things relating to our faith. Today, I wanted to write about sacrament of Baptism.

Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist are known as “sacraments of initiation” because they enable a person to enter into full Christian life. Baptism is the foundational Christian sacrament, the basis of whole Christian life. Our life in Christ, in the spirit, in the church begins with the reception of the sacrament of Baptism and it is required before the reception of other sacraments. The reception of Baptism cleanses us from sins, including original sin, which we inherited from the sin of our first parents Adam and Eve, and we come in communion with the Triune God. By the reception this sacrament of Baptism, we become the living members of Christ’s body, the Church, and share in her mission.

“To Baptize” literally means “to plunge into” or “immerse.” Water, the primary sign of Baptism symbolizes refreshment and life. Immersion in water symbolizes our death with Christ and rising from water indicates our resurrection with Christ (Rom 6:3-4). Jesus told Nicodemus that “unless one is born of water and the spirit, he can not enter the kingdom of God” (Jn 3:5).

After his resurrection, Jesus commissioned his disciples, “go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father, and of the son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Mt 28:19-20). The Apostles started this mission on the very day of Pentecost preaching “to repent and be baptized.”

Mass Schedule June 3—11

Saturday 06/03: <small>The Most Holy Trinity</small>	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 06/04: <small>The Most Holy Trinity</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Bryan Spencer (Mosier Family) SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Raymond Keener, Jr. (M. & A. Kawash Families)
Monday 06/05:	No Mass
Tuesday 06/06:	OLH Mass 5:30 p.m. †Hans Robinson
Wednesday 06/07:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift)
Thursday 06/08:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †Reparation to Divine Justice (prayer gift)
Friday 06/09:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift)
Saturday 06/10: <small>Corpus Christi</small>	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 06/11: <small>Corpus Christi</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Donovan Sisler SA Mass 10:30 a.m. followed by Benediction †Frank Nogoda & Amelia Gould Families

Stewardship Report for May 27 & 28, 2023

St. Anthony

Offertory	\$ 2,303.16
Catholic Relief Services	370.00
Other	60.50

Attendance Saturday—31 Sunday—72

Our Lady of the Hills

Offertory	\$ 435.13
Catholic Relief Services	145.00

Attendance Sunday—28

**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, Chris Newman, David Wuletich, Linda Davis, Ursula Paezold, Melissa Tyler, Christine Hansbarger

Our Lady of the Hills—Violet Edwards, 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. Catherine of Siena —

O Trinity, eternal Trinity! Fire, abyss of love... Was it necessary that you should give Even the Holy Trinity as food for souls?... You gave us not only your Word Through the Redemption and in the Eucharist, But you also gave yourself In the fullness of love for your creature.

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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 April, 2023, St. Anne's has served 5 children this year.

Balance as of <u>12/31/22</u>	\$ 3,933.23
Contributions Received	455.00
Less: Expenses	(39.08)
Balance as of <u>04/30/23</u>	\$ 4,349.15

Thank you for your generosity!

Music for Liturgy



- Entrance:** Holy, Holy, Holy — #212
- Gloria:** Mass of Spirit & Grace — #924
- Offertory:** God, We Praise You — #208
- Communion:** Eye Has Not Seen — #473
- Recessional:** Holy God, We Praise Thy Name — #197



June Birthdays

- 1 Elizabeth Isabella
- 1 Marjorie Kirkhope
- 11 Evelyn Ferguson
- 11 Jacqueline Pitchford
- 13 Catherine Stodola
- 14 Kathy Scalise
- 16 Jeremy Mosier
- 16 Mary Wuletich
- 22 Sidney Hicks
- 23 Rachael Tucker
- 25 Michael Leonoro
- 26 Joe Mosier
- 29 Sheila Prettyman
- 30 Debbie Armstrong
- 30 Judy Polak

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

Thank you!

Minister Schedule

	June 4, 2023 The Most Holy Trinity	June 11, 2023 Corpus Christi
<u>St. Anthony</u> 5:00 p.m. Mass		
Lector:	R. Stonestreet	M. Doneghy
Eucharistic Minister:	W. Leach	M. Ferguson
10:30 a.m. Mass		
Lector:	B. Ashworth	J. Bowles
Eucharistic Minister:	B. Ashworth	J. Polak
Counters:	C. Joseph & S. Bossie-Maddox	K. Layne & S. Spencer
<u>Our Lady of the Hills</u>		
Lector:	C. Stodola	G. Kozera
Eucharistic Minister:	T. Stodola	L. Kozera

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!



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

St. Anthony Caring Fund: June 4, 2023

The St. Anthony Caring Fund was created in May 2019, to provide direct aid to our parishioners and neighbors in our West Side Community in need. Since its establishment, funds contributed to the St. Anthony Caring Fund have aided our brothers and sisters in a variety of helpful ways including purchasing groceries, buying furniture and clothing, and paying utility bills and rent payments/deposits. Aid is provided as approved by our pastor.

Many of our parishioners have and continue to generously donate to this fund through the monthly yellow envelopes received in their offertory envelope mailings or through money deposited in the Poor Box. Beginning this weekend and following on the first Sunday of each month, we will take up a second collection to support the St. Anthony Caring Fund. Thank you for your support of our local brothers and sisters through this collection.

Peter's Pence: June 10 & 11—On June 10 & 11, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

Solemnity of Corpus Christi—After the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony on Sunday, June 11, there will be Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Literacy Volunteers of Kanawha County—LVKC teaches reading and writing as well as English as a Second Language (ESL) to ADULTS for FREE. Tutoring is one-on-one with flexible hours. To register, please call: 304-898-9481 or email: brperrone@aol.com.

Quo Vadis Retreat

Priestfield Pastoral Center
12pm June 26th - 1pm June 29th

Prayer Ropes Course
Kayaking Discernment
Camp Fires Games
Priestly Olympics

Opportunities for
Charitable and Spiritual
Works of Mercy

Boys from 6th to
8th Grade are
welcome!



**WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE
WHEN YOU GROW UP?**
(REGISTER AT WVPRIESTS.ORG)



2023 Diocesan Quo Vadis Camp

Please join us for our **2023 Diocesan Quo Vadis Camp**! This event is open to boys from 6th to 8th grade. It will take place at Priestfield Pastoral Center on June 26th to June 29th. There will be games, kayaking, camp fires, and discernment talks to name a few! This is a camp that is centered around talking about the idea of discerning a future vocation while having a blast at the same time. Registration can be found at wvpriests.org. Email Ross Semler (rsemler@dwc.org) for more information or call the Vocations Office at 304-233-0880, ext. 442.

God's Incredible Gift of Love for the World

Meditation: What does Scripture tell us about God and how he relates to us? When God met with Moses on Mount Sinai and made a covenant with the people of Israel, he revealed the nature of his character and his personal love for them:

"The LORD passed before him, and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy and faithfulness" (Exodus 34:6).

God is all-loving, faithful, merciful, and forgiving by nature. God's love is supreme because it directs, orders, and shapes everything he does.

Love and judgment

Scripture tells us that God is all just and all loving. How does his love and justice go together? God opposes sin and evil with his just wrath (his righteous anger) and right judgment - and he approaches sinful people and evil doers with mercy ("slow to anger" and "ready to forgive") and discipline ("fatherly correction" and "training in righteousness"). John the Evangelist tells us that the Father sent his Son into the world - not to condemn but to redeem - not to destroy but to heal and restore. Paul the Apostle tells us that "the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23). God does not desire the death of anyone (Ezekiel 18:23,32, Ezekiel 33:11, Wisdom of Solomon 1:13). Instead he gives us the freedom to choose between life and death - good and evil.

When we choose to sin and to go our own way apart from God, we bring condemnation upon ourselves. Sin draws us away from God and leads to a spiritual death - a death that is worse than physical loss of life because it results in a hopeless life of misery and separation from God's peace and joy. Jesus was sent on a rescue mission to free us from slavery to sin and death and to bring us the abundant life which will never end. His death brought us true freedom and abundant new life in his Spirit - as well as pardon, reconciliation and adoption as sons and daughters of God.

Jesus took upon himself all of our sins and nailed them to the cross (Colossians 2:14). His death was an atoning sacrifice for our sins and a perfect offering to the Father on our behalf. We can find no greater proof of God's love for fallen sinful humanity than the cross of Jesus Christ. "To ransom a slave God gave away his Son" (from an early Christian hymn for the Easter vigil liturgy). Jesus' mission was motivated by love and obedience. That is why he willingly laid down his life for us. Jesus told his disciples that there is no greater love than for a person to willingly lay down his or her life for a friend (John 15:13). Jesus loved us first - even while we were captives to sin and Satan - in order to set us free and make us friends and beloved children of God.

We can know God personally

How can we grow in our understanding and experience of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? It is the Holy Spirit who reveals the Father and the Son to us and who gives us the gift of faith to know and understand the truth of God's word. Through baptism we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Lord renews the gift of the Spirit in each one of us as we open our hearts with expectant faith and yield to his work in our lives. Jesus promised his disciples that he would send them the Spirit of truth who would be their Teacher and Guide. Ask the Lord Jesus to renew in you the gift of the Holy Spirit who strengthens us in the seven-fold gifts of wisdom and understanding, right judgment and courage, knowledge and reverence, and holy fear in God's presence (Isaiah 11:2-3).

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