

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

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The Third 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

Repentance and Reconciliation

Today I would like to write something about the sacrament of reconciliation. Lent is the best season to reflect on our past life and approach the confessional to make a good confession of our past sins and reconcile with God and our fellow beings.

Sacrament of reconciliation is a wonderful sacrament. Once a young man while sharing his experience in the confessional said, “I was a great sinner and went to the confessional with full of guilt feeling and I was shivering while I was confessing my sins. To my great surprise after a while, I heard a very soft voice from the other side of the confessional, ‘Dear son, don’t be depressed. You go and recite one Our Father and one Hail Mary, in other words, if God has forgiven you, why should I condemn you. I simply let you free.’” He added “I couldn’t control myself when I heard these words and that made me burst into tears.”

Our God is so compassionate and a merciful loving father. To the woman caught in adultery, Jesus said, “neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more.” St. John’s gospel says that Jesus knew what is in man. Man’s nature is wounded by sin and Our Lord has come not to condemn but to save the world, and there is great joy in heaven over one repentant sinner than ninety-nine who do not need forgiveness. Jesus revealed that as Son of God he has the power and authority to forgive sins. He was so generous and compassionate with sinners. He shared this authority with his apostles “receive the Holy spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven, for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.” He made it part of the Church’s visible ministry in order to give human beings that comfort and support which we human beings need in our earthly Pilgrimage. Confessional is the place where we experience this mercy of God. I have seen people coming out of the confessional relieved and rejoicing. Jesus encountered those whom others called ‘sinners’ and welcomed their friendship and offered God’s forgiveness. Where there is love there is forgiveness. Jesus now encounters the sinners through his body on earth, the Church, and her ministry of the sacrament of reconciliation.

Mass Schedule March 11—19

Saturday 03/11: <small>3rd Sunday of Lent</small>	SA Stations 4:30 p.m.—Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 03/12: <small>3rd Sunday of Lent</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. Rev. Dennis Klemash, OFM Cap. SA Stations 10:00 a.m.—Mass 10:30 a.m. † Mark Scarpelli (B. Scarpelli)
Monday 03/13:	No Mass
Tuesday 03/14:	OLH Mass 5:30 p.m.—Stations 6:00 p.m. † Charles Roy
Wednesday 03/15:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. † James & Joyce Harrison (M. Tyler)
Thursday 03/16:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. † Tom Kerner (prayer gift)
Friday 03/17:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. † Edward Zsoldos (prayer gift) SA Stations & Benediction 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 03/18: <small>4th Sunday of Lent</small>	SA Stations 4:30 p.m.—Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 03/19: <small>4th Sunday of Lent</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. † William Joseph Thompson, Jr. (F. & C. Mosier) SA Stations 10:00 a.m.—Mass 10:30 a.m. † Nazira Joseph (M. & A. Kawash Families)

Stewardship Report for March 4 & 5, 2023

St. Anthony

Offertory	\$ 2,140.50
Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund	100.00
Other	158.00

Attendance Saturday—42 Sunday—62

Our Lady of the Hills

Offertory	\$ 1,515.13
St. Anne's Outreach	60.00
Easter Flowers	5.00

Attendance Sunday—41

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.

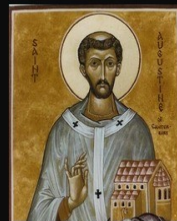
Prayer List for the Sick & Homebound

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.

Saint Augustine



Hope has two beautiful daughters; their names are Anger and Courage. Anger at the way things are, and Courage to see that they do not remain as they are.

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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 February, 2023, St. Anne's has served 3 children this year.

Balance as of 12/31/22	\$ 3,933.23
Contributions Received	300.00
Less: Expenses	(0.00)
Balance as of 02/28/23	\$ 4,233.23

Thank you for your generosity!

Music for Liturgy



Entrance:	I Heard the Voice of Jesus — #462
Offertory:	Come to the Water — #619
Holy:	Sanctus — #859
Communion:	Loving and Forgiving — #664
Recessional:	Seek the Lord — #666

Minister Schedule

	March 12, 2023 3rd Sunday of Lent	March 19, 2023 4th Sunday of Lent
St. Anthony 5:00 p.m. Mass	Lector: D. Hess	M. Tyler
10:30 a.m. Mass	Lector: J. Bowles	S. Kawash
Lector:	C. Joseph & Volunteer	K. Layne & S. Spencer
Counters:		
Our Lady of the Hills		
Lector:	G. Kozera	C. Stodola
Eucharistic Minister:	L. Kozera	T. Stodola

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!



Bible Study

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



March Birthdays

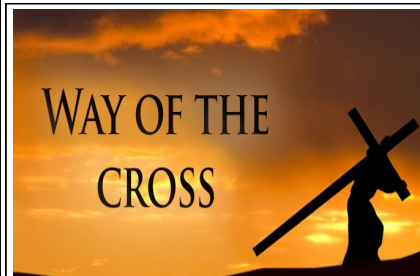
3 Anthony Joseph
3 Rebecca Stodola
10 Albert Leonoro
12 Wanda Leach
12 Perriann Kawash
15 Doris Bohan
15 Michael Garton
15 Chris Newman
16 Opal Potesta
16 Madison Burdette
20 Hannah Ihnat
21 Saylor Bossie
21 Greg Kozera
21 Emily Wines
23 Carmela Mosier
25 Andrea Ferguson
31 Bonnie Starling

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

Thank you!

The Office will be closed on Thursday, March 16, 2023.

Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund: March 11 & 12—A special second collection is scheduled for **March 11-12, 2023**, to support the **Priests' Health and Retirement Association (PHRA)**, a fund that provides health insurance and retirement benefits to retired priests of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Please take a moment to reflect on the many years of service by our priests and how we can take this opportunity to thank them in a very particular way with a gift to the PHRA collection.



Schedule for Stations of the Cross

St. Anthony

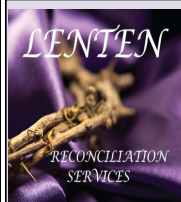
Fridays: Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

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

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



Lenten Reconciliation Services

OLH Reconciliation Service will be on **Tuesday, March 21 at 6:00 p.m.** (after our 5:30 p.m. Mass). Father Thomas and Father Charles will be available for Confessions during Stations of the Cross.

SA Reconciliation Service will be on **Wednesday, March 22 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Father Thomas and Father Charles will be available for Confessions.



The 2023 Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA)

As of **March 9, 2023**, St. Anthony has raised **\$1,345.00**, which is **13%** of our parish goal of \$10,470.00. Our Lady of the Hills has raised **\$1,550**, which is **25%** of our parish goal of \$6,100. Remember every dollar raised over the first 50% of each goal will be returned to the parish, including every dollar donated over the parish goal, making this a tremendous fund raising event for our parishes.

Thank you for your past generosity in support of the annual appeal and our parishes and for what we can accomplish this year! *To save postage, you may drop your CSA envelope in the collection basket, and we will forward it to the Diocese. PLEASE make your check payable to the Catholic Sharing Appeal.*

A Spring of Water Welling up to Eternal Life

Meditation: Would you do a favor for someone who snubbed you or treated you like an enemy? Jesus did just that and more! He treated the Samaritans, the sworn enemies of the Jews, with great kindness and respect. The Samaritans who lived in middle region of Israel between Galilee and Judaea and the Jews who lived in the rest of the land of Israel had been divided for centuries. They had no dealings with one another, avoiding all social contact, even trade, and inter-marriage. If their paths crossed it would not be unusual for hostility to break out.

Jesus broke through the barriers of prejudice, hostility, and tradition to bring the good news of peace and reconciliation to Jews, Samaritans, and Gentiles alike. He demonstrated the universality of the gospel both in word and deed. No one is barred from the love of God and the good news of salvation. There is only one thing that can keep us from God and his redeeming love - our stubborn pride and willful rebellion.

What is the point of Jesus' exchange with the Samaritan woman about water? Water in the arid land was scarce. Jacob's well was located in a strategic fork of the road between Samaria and Galilee. One can live without food for several days, but not without water. Water is a source of life and growth for all living things. When rain came to the desert, the water transformed the wasteland into a fertile field.

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CELEBRATE THE SPIRIT IN RECOVERY:
The Journey Toward Transformation

You Are Invited:

A free program to learn about recovery from alcohol and drug addiction.
Panel presentations, information tables, food, and sharing.
Enhance your Lenten journey!

Blessed Sacrament Church,
305 E Street
South Charleston, WV 25303

Wednesday, March 22, 2023
6:00pm - 8:30pm

A collaboration of:
Blessed Sacrament Parish (blessedsacramentwv.org)
Addiction Healing Center at St. Francis Hospital (wvumedicine.org/thomas-hospital)
The West Virginia Institute for Spirituality (wvis.org)

Triduum & Easter Services

- 04/06: Holy Thursday at SA at 6:30 p.m.**
04/07: Good Friday at SA
Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m.
Passion of the Lord at 6:30 p.m.
Good Friday at OLH
Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m.
04/08: Easter Vigil at SA at 8:00 p.m.
04/09: Easter Sunday at OLH at 8:30 a.m.
Easter Sunday at SA at 10:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

As requested by Bishop Brennan, we will resume distribution of the Sacred Cup to the faithful on Holy Thursday, April 6, 2023. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) are mandated by the bishop for a period of 3 years. Since the Sacred Cup has not been distributed from the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic 3 years ago, Bishop Brennan is taking this opportunity to renew the process of EMHC's training and certification. Father Thomas will hold two sessions to review instructions for all former and new volunteers to this ministry. At St. Anthony, the review will be held after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 19. At Our Lady of the Hills, the review will be after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 26. You are asked to please prayerfully consider renewing or volunteering to serve as a EMHC.