

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

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Sunday of Divine Mercy

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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

Divine Mercy Sunday

We celebrate II Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday with special importance to recitation of the Divine Mercy chaplet. Divine Mercy is often associated with visions and revelations of St. Faustina, a cloistered Polish nun. She had some private revelations from Jesus, and she recorded it all in her diary, which is about 600 pages. Generally private revelations are not part of the official teaching of the Church, but Pope St. John Paul II decided to promote divine mercy as part of the Church's mission. This not something different from what the Church and the Bible teaches. During her short life, Lord Jesus assigned St. Faustina three basic tasks:

- To pray for souls, entrusting them to God's incomprehensible mercy,
- To tell the world about God's generous mercy
- To start a new movement in the church focusing on God's mercy.

On April 30, 2000, St. John Paul II canonized this nun as a saint. At the canonization event, the pope said, "The cross, even after the resurrection of the Son of God, speaks and never ceases to speak, of God the Father, who is absolutely faithful to His eternal love for man... believing in this love means believing in mercy." St. John Paul II had a great devotion to this saint, and so he declared the 2nd Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday.

The painting "Jesus I trust in you" is based on the vision given to St. Faustina. It shows Jesus raising his right hand in a gesture of blessing and with left hand on his heart from which gush forth two rays, one red and other white. Red stands for the blood of Jesus which is the life of souls and white for the baptismal water which justifies the souls. The whole image is symbolic of the mercy, forgiveness, and love of God. His heart is like a prism, the same ray coming out with different colors.

Sacred scripture is full of stories of God's mercy and compassion. The whole creation is the revelation of His love and compassion. He did not abandon the human race because of the disobedience of the first parents, but instead promised a Messiah to save the human race. Mercy was a central theme of Jesus' public ministry. In response to the Pharisees, he said, "go and learn the meaning of I desire mercy not sacrifice." Before Ascension, Our Lord commissioned his Apostles with the power to free human beings from the bondages of sin. The power to administer the sacrament of reconciliation was an act of mercy. God forgives our sins because of his mercy. As members of the mystical body of Christ, we have to approach *(continued on page 3)*

Mass Schedule April 15—23

Saturday 04/15: <small>Divine Mercy Sunday</small>	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 04/16: <small>Divine Mercy Sunday</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Laurie Felber (J. Felber) SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Frank Nogoda & Amelia Gould Families
Monday 04/17:	No Mass
Tuesday 04/18:	OLH No Mass—Father out of town
Wednesday 04/19:	SA No Mass—Father out of town
Thursday 04/20:	SA No Mass—Father out of town
Friday 04/21:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †Jim & Jean Denton (prayer gift)
Saturday 04/22: <small>3rd Sunday of Easter</small>	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. †Virginia Ann Craft (Sheila Riddle)
Sunday 04/23: <small>3rd Sunday of Easter</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. Special Intention (F. & C. Mosier) SA Mass 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Stewardship Report for April 6, 7, 8 & 9, 2023

St. Anthony

Offering	\$ 3,919.50
Holy Day—Easter	1,356.50
Holy Land Collection	556.00
Other	13.00

Attendance Thursday—62 Friday—58
Saturday—50 Sunday—130

Our Lady of the Hills

Offering	\$ 1,786.13
Holy Day—Easter	380.00
Holy Land Collection	170.00
Other	155.00

Attendance Sunday—62

Thank you for your generosity!



“Let us make haste to surmount our conflicts and divisions, and to open our hearts to those in greatest need. Let us hasten to pursue paths of peace and fraternity.”

~Pope Francis tweet on 04/09/23

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.



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.

As of March, 2023, St. Anne’s has served 3 children this year.

Balance as of 12/31/22	\$ 3,933.23
Contributions Received	390.00
Less: Expenses	(0.00)
Balance as of 03/31/23	\$ 4,323.23

Thank you for your generosity!

Music for Liturgy



- Entrance:** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy— #490
- Gloria:** Mass of Spirit & Grace — #924
- Offertory:** We Walk by Faith — #514
- Communion:** Ye Sons and Daughters — #172
- Recessional:** Let Heaven Rejoice — #573



April Birthdays

- 4 Jose Magaña
- 5 Mark Isabella
- 7 Rick Mogielski
- 8 Teresa Hart
- 10 Karen Lanham
- 10 Linda Nehr
- 13 Vernon Johnson
- 13 Magdalena Martinez
- 14 Michael Sisler
- 15 Marjorie Swecker
- 15 Diana Whitman
- 17 Darlene Young
- 20 Deborah McDougall
- 22 Alfred Azevedo
- 24 Jo Stump
- 30 David Anderson

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

Thank you!

Minister Schedule

	April 16, 2023 Divine Mercy Sunday	April 23, 2023 3rd Sunday of Easter
St. Anthony		
5:00 p.m. Mass		
Lector:	D. Hess	R. Stonestreet
Eucharistic Minister:	S. Spencer	M. Doneghy
10:30 a.m. Mass		
Lector:	J. Bowles	M. Tyler
Eucharistic Minister:	J. Bowles	M. Hamilton
Counters:	S. Kawash & C. Joseph	N. Swecker & S. Bossie-Maddox
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.

Congratulations First Communicants!



Congratulations to **Sophia Arnold** and **Andrew Ferguson** who will make their First Holy Communion at St. Anthony today. May God bless these children as they continue their faith journey.

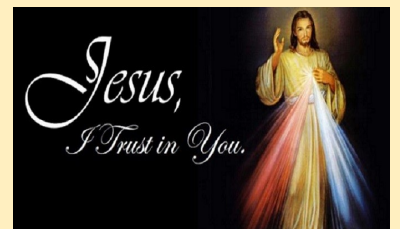


Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA) Update—As of **April 11, 2023**, St. Anthony has raised **\$2,135.00**, which is **20%** of our parish goal of \$10,470.00. Our Lady of the Hills has raised **\$3,995**, which is **65%** of our parish goal of \$6,100. Remember every dollar raised over the first 50% of each 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.

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God through this sacrament of reconciliation to experience his mercy and forgiveness in our life.

We are also called to practice works of mercy and forgiveness in our life. It includes volunteering to help somebody, helping in parish activities, giving guidance to someone who is really in need - especially in matters of faith, comforting the sorrowful, making a meal for a friend who is facing a difficult time in their life, spending some time with someone who needs comfort to get through a difficult time, being patient and forgiving, and praying for the living and the dead or offering a mass for someone. Sometimes we struggle very hard with forgiveness, forgiving the mistakes of our own spouses and children, parents, colleagues, boss, employees, or employer, even to our own pastor... Where there is love, there is forgiveness. Jesus loves us, so he forgives our sins. If we want to enjoy his forgiveness, we must be ready to forgive others as we pray in the Lord's prayer.



Weekday Masses from Tuesday, April 18, through Thursday, April 20, are cancelled.

The Chaplet

Of The Divine Mercy



(0) Begin with the Sign of the Cross

- (1.) Our Father,
- (2.) Hail Mary,
- (3.) The Apostles Creed.

(4) Then on the Our Father Beads say the following: Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

(5) On the 10 Hail Mary Beads say the following: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

(6.) Conclude with (three times): Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.



Jesus I trust in You.



Jesus said later to Sister Faustina:

...When they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person not as the just judge but as the Merciful Savior".

Mercy