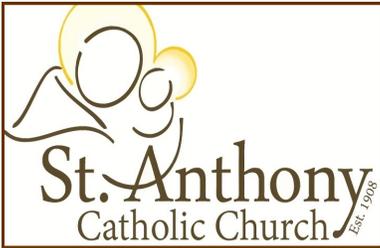


Catholic Parishes of St. Anthony and Our Lady of the Hills

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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From the Pastor's Desk

Holy Week

With the celebration of the Messianic entrance of Jesus to Jerusalem (Palm Sunday), we are entering into the Holy Week celebrations. On Palm Sunday, the Church recalls the solemn entrance of Our Lord Jesus into Jerusalem to accomplish his paschal mystery. Since Christ accomplished his work of human redemption and of the perfect glorification of God principally through his paschal mystery, in which by dying he has destroyed our death and by rising restored our life, the Sacred Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord shines forth as the high point of the entire liturgical year. Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord begins with the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday) and culminates with the solemnity of the Easter.

Most of us assume that we celebrate some historical events, that is, on Thursday, we commemorate the day Jesus instituted the Eucharist, Friday commemorates the day he was executed on the cross, and the vigil commemorates his emergence from the tomb. Added to that, these days liturgies are little dramatic "reenactments" of the historical events. But history cannot be repeated or reenacted as such. That's why the church's long tradition insists that what happened once in history passes over into the mystery of the assembly's liturgical/sacramental celebrations. Paschal triduum is not the celebration of history but mystery, *anamnesis* not *mimesis*. The liturgies of these days do not take us back to the upper room or the path to Calvary. The purpose of liturgy is not to trace what once happened to Jesus but is now happening among us as a people called to conversion, gathered in faith, and gifted with the spirit of holiness. They celebrate God's taking possession of our hearts at their deepest core, recreating us as a new human community broken like bread for the world's life. A community rich in compassion, steadfast in hope and fearless in the search for justice and peace (reference Ordo 2023, p.104). Let us try to attend this weeks liturgies without fail and enrich our love for the Lord who suffered, died and resurrected for us.

Mass Schedule April 1—9

Saturday 04/01: <small>Palm Sunday</small>	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 04/02: <small>Palm Sunday</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. † Deceased Earthquake Victims in Turkey SA Mass 10:30 a.m. † Virginia Ann Craft (S. Riddle)
Monday 04/03:	Chrism Mass at Sacred Heart 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday 04/04:	OLH Mass 5:30 p.m.—Stations 6:00 p.m. † Deceased Earthquake Victims in Syria
Wednesday 04/05:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. Rev. Dan Mindling OFM Cap.
Thursday 04/06: <small>Holy Thursday</small>	SA Mass 6:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Friday 04/07: <small>Good Friday</small>	SA & OLH Stations 3:00 p.m. SA Passion of the Lord 6:30 p.m.
Saturday 04/08: <small>Easter Vigil</small>	SA Blessing of Easter Food 11:00 a.m. SA Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 04/09: <small>Easter Sunday</small>	OLH Easter Mass 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish SA Easter Mass 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Stewardship Report for March 25 & 26, 2023

St. Anthony

Offertory	\$ 1,460.00
Memorial Donation	100.00
Easter Flowers	30.00
Other	89.00

Attendance Saturday—42 Sunday—65

Our Lady of the Hills

Offertory	\$ 1,330.13
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Attendance Sunday—43

**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.



But Palm Sunday tells us that... it is the cross that is the true tree of life.

— Pope Benedict XVI —

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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.

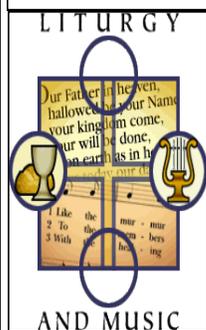
Call 304-965-7670 to schedule an appointment.

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

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

Thank you for your generosity!

Music for Liturgy



Procession:	Hosana to the Son of David — #140
Entrance:	All Glory, Laud, and Honor— #141
Offertory:	O Sacred Head, Surrounded — #151
Holy:	Sanctus — #859
Communion:	Jesus, the Lord — #411
Recessional:	Were You There — #150

Minister Schedule

	April 2, 2023 Palm Sunday	April 9, 2023 Easter Sunday
St. Anthony 5:00 p.m. Mass		8:00 p.m.
Lector:	M. Doneghy	M. Doneghy & R. Stonestreet
Eucharistic Minister:	D. Hess	S. Spencer & W. Leach
10:30 a.m. Mass		
Lector:	S. Kawash	M. Ferguson
Eucharistic Minister:	M. Hamilton	M. Hamilton & J. Polak
Counters:	C. Joseph & N. Swecker	K. Layne & S. Spencer
Our Lady of the Hills		
Lector:	T. Stodola	M. Swecker
Eucharistic Minister:	J. Felber	J. Felber

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



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!

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



Our Lady of the Hills will have Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m. (after Mass) on Tuesday, April 4, 2023.



Blessing of Easter food at St. Anthony on Holy Saturday, April 8, 2023 at 11:00 am.

The office will be closed on Friday, April 7, 2023.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection: April 7

This annual collection not only supports the Holy Places, but above all provides for those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of the Christian brethren and of the local communities. “Moreover, for two consecutive years, the Christians of the Holy Land have celebrated Easter and Christmas in a sort of isolation, without the warmth and solidarity of pilgrims visiting the Holy Places and local communities. Families have suffered beyond measure, more from the lack of work than from the immediate effects of the pandemic itself. It is by the express wish of the Popes that the collection “*Pro Terra Sancta*” was begun and continues to be taken up on the day of the saving Passion of our Lord, Good Friday. It is not something ancient or outdated, because it expresses above all our awareness of being rooted in the proclamation of redemption, which spread from Jerusalem and reached us all. The gesture of offering, even a small one, but by everyone, like the widow’s mite, allows our brothers and sisters to continue to live, to hope and to offer a living witness to the Word made flesh in places and on the streets that saw his presence.” **Please be generous.**

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.



The 2023 Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA)

As of **March 31, 2023**, St. Anthony has raised **\$1,710.00**, which is **16%** of our parish goal of \$10,470.00. Our Lady of the Hills has raised **\$3,775**, which is **62%** 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.*



St. Anthony Easter Egg Hunt

St. Anthony will have an Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.

SA—Extraordinary Ministers Needed for Sunday Mass: Father Thomas would like to have **2 Extraordinary Ministers** available to serve at the Sunday morning 10:30 a.m. Mass. Currently, we do not have enough volunteers to schedule 2 people to serve at this Mass. Please pray about serving and if you are interested, please see Father Thomas who will arrange an instructional session with you.

Blessed Is the King Who Comes in the Name of the Lord

Meditation: Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your home and heart? Jesus went to Jerusalem knowing full well what awaited him - betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion. The people of Jerusalem, however, were ready to hail him as their Messianic King! Little did they know what it would cost this king to usher in his kingdom. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem astride a colt was a direct fulfillment of the Messianic prophecy of Zechariah (9:9):

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem. Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, and riding on an donkey and upon a colt the foal of a donkey.

Those who believe, hope, and love receive Christ's kingdom of peace and eternal life

The colt was a sign of peace. Jesus enters Jerusalem in meekness and humility, as the Messianic King who offers victory and peace to his people. That victory and peace would be secured in the cross and resurrection which would soon take place at the time of Passover.

Augustine, the great 5th century church father, comments on the significance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem:

"The master of humility is Christ who humbled himself and became obedient even to death, even the death of the cross. Thus he does not lose his divinity when he teaches us humility... What great thing was it to the king of the ages to become the king of humanity? For Christ was not the king of Israel so that he might exact a tax or equip an army with weaponry and visibly vanquish an enemy. He was the king of Israel in that he rules minds, in that he gives counsel for eternity, in that he leads into the kingdom of heaven for those who believe, hope, and love. It is a condescension, not an advancement for one who is the Son of God, equal to the Father, the Word through whom all things were made, to become king of Israel. It is an indication of pity, not an increase in power." (*Tractates on John 51.3-4*)

Psalms 24 is another prophetic passage which echoes this triumphal procession of the King of glory:

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

Jesus Christ came to bring us the kingdom of God. He is the true King who offers peace, joy, and everlasting life for those who accept his kingship. Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your heart and home? Do your walls echo with the praise of his glory?

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“Every human person is sacred and inviolable. To ensure that a society has a future, it is necessary that a sense of respect be matured for the dignity of every person, no matter in what condition they find themselves.” ~Pope Francis tweet on 03/21/23