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

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

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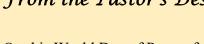
Office Hours:

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.

From the Pastor's Desk



On this World Day of Prayer for vocations, I request all the parishioners to pray for vocations to priesthood and make all efforts to promote good vocations as members of the Church.

The situation of priestly vocations is alarming in the western world today. While in the West there is the problem of a decline in vocations, on other continents, despite their lack of resources, there is a promising increase in priestly vocations. In traditionally Christian countries, the worrying fall in the

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number of priests, the rising of their average age and the requirements of the new evangelization are shaping a new situation for the Church. In our own diocese, about 65% of active priests are from other countries.

Vocation is an invitation on the part of God and not a commandment. God will not force us to do something. Prophet Elijah was hiding in a cave at Mt. Horeb to escape from Jezebel. An angel told him to stand upon the mount before the Lord for the Lord to pass by. First, a great and strong wind occurred, but the Lord was not in the wind. Then an earthquake happened, but the Lord was not in it. Next, there was fire, but the Lord was not present in the fire. After the fire, a still, small breeze was felt, and Elijah heard the voice of the Lord in that breeze (1Kg 19:11-13). God always speaks in a still, small voice as he did to Elijah, though there are some exceptions. For example, the Call of Prophet Samuel, or the vision Prophet Isaiah had in the Temple. Isaiah heard someone saying, "Whom shall I send?" He replied, "Here I am, send me." Apostle Paul was called on his way to Damascus. He was knocked down and struck blind.

Jesus called his first disciples while they were fishing. They followed Jesus leaving behind everything. God's call is sometimes dramatic, but often it is in an ordinary way. Vocational discernment is the process of asking God questions and listening patiently for answer.

In the life of a Catholic, from birth to death, and even after death, we can see the presence of a priest. He baptizes, confirms, celebrates mass, gives communion, hears confessions, visits and anoints the sick, celebrates weddings, administers last rites, celebrates funerals, preaches the Gospel, gives counsel and guidance, (continued on page 4)

Mass Schedule April 29—May 7

Saturday 04/29: SA Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday 04/30: OLH Mass 8:30 a.m.

4th Sunday of Easter †Victor Wilford

SA Mass 10:30 a.m.

†Raymond "Bud" Keener (M. Hacala)

Monday 05/01: No Mass

Tuesday 05/02: OLH No Mass—Priests' Convocation

Wednesday 05/03: SA No Mass—Priests' Convocation

Thursday 05/04: SA No Mass—Priests' Convocation

Friday 05/05: SA Mass 9:00 a.m.

†George & Elizabeth Denton (prayer gift)

SA Adoration 9:30 a.m.—10:00 a.m.

Saturday 05/06: SA Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday 05/07: OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish

SA Mass 10:30 a.m.

†Raymond Keener, Jr. (M. & A. Kawash Families)

Stewardship Report for April 22 & 23, 2023

St. Anthony

Offertory \$ 1,278.50 St. Anthony Caring Fund 5.00

Attendance Saturday—25 Sunday—57

Our Lady of the Hills

Offertory \$ 720.13 St. Anne's Outreach 5.00

Attendance Sunday—30

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.

<u>Mass Intentions</u>—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.

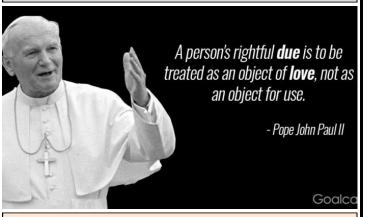
Mass Intention requests are scheduled in the order they are received.

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

Thank you for your generosity!

Music for Liturgy



Entrance: Christ Before Us—#412

Gloria: Mass of Spirit & Grace — #924

Offertory: Like a Shepherd — #616

Communion: Eye Has Not Seen — #473

Recessional: Alleluia! Alleluia! — #171

Minister Schedule

	April 30, 2023	May 7, 2023
	4th Sunday of Easter	5th Sunday of Easter
St. Anthony		
5:00 p.m. Mass		
Lector:	M. Doneghy	D. Hess
Eucharistic Minister:	W. Leach	J. Bowles
10:30 a.m. Mass		
Lector:	B. Ashworth	M. Ferguson
Eucharistic Minister:	B. Ashworth	M. Hamilton
Counters:	K. Layne & S. Spencer	C. Joseph & S. Bossie-Maddox
Our Lady of the Hills		
Lector:	M. Swecker	C. Stodola
Eucharistic Minister:	T. Lanna	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!



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

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!

Weekday Masses from Tuesday, May 2, through Thursday, May 4, are cancelled.



We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Bertell "Bert" Zodorozny. Bert, a former Our Lady of the Hills parishioner, passed away on Tuesday, April 18, 2023. Please pray for Bert, her family, and her friends. May she rest in peace.

CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA) Update

As of **April 28, 2023**, St. Anthony has raised **\$9,205.00**, which is **88%** of our parish goal of \$10,470.00. Our Lady of the Hills has raised **\$5,670**, which is **93%** 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.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Encourage your children, grandchildren or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

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prays for the people, comforts the suffering, consoles the afflicted, administers the parish and the list goes on like this. In short, the priest is an essential part of the Catholic life. This good shepherd Sunday reminds us of our grave responsibility to promote, encourage, and pray for good vocations to priesthood and religious life.

<u>Eucharistic Congress Book of Prayer</u>—Spanning from the 2022 Feast of Corpus Christi to Pentecost 2025, the faithful in the United States will celebrate the National Eucharistic Revival. The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is hosting three regional Eucharistic Congresses to gather all the faithful to celebrate Christ's real presence in the Eucharist this spring. Each Congress will feature Mass, Adoration, dynamic national presenters, inspiring break out sessions focused on the Eucharist, and fellowship. **Our local regional Eucharistic Congress will be held on June 2-3 in Charleston at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.**

You are invited and encouraged to write your personal intentions and prayers in our parish Eucharistic Congress Book of Prayer, which will be presented to Bishop Brennan during our regional Eucharistic Congress. At St. Anthony, our Book of Prayer will be located on the table at the main entrance to the church. At Our Lady of the Hills, our Book of Prayer will be located in the Gathering Space.



May Crowning—May Crowning at both parishes will be held on Sunday, May 14, 2023. If your children/grandchildren would like to participate, please let us know so that we can adequately prepare. For St. Anthony, please contact Susan Bossie-Maddox at 304-541-0068. For Our Lady of the Hills, please contact Cindy Mosier at 304-437-0643



Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

Christ is Present! Will you be?

June 2-3 at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Charleston



7 pm - Taizé Prayer Service & Reception

Saturday:

9 am - Registration/Coffee and Donuts

10 am - Morning Prayer Service

- Keynote Address (immediately following prayer service)
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins (concludes before closing Mass)
- Tours of the church
- Lunch and Q/A session with Keynote

Afternoon - Two Breakout Presentations (10-12 sessions to choose from all to inspire our recognition of Christ's Presence in the Eucharist and our lives)
5:30 pm Closing Mass with Bishop Mark Brennan as presider





RSVP & more info:

Joe Freedy



First Friday at St. Anthony

May 5, 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.

Looking for the perfect Mother's Day gift?

Honor the special mother in your life with a donation to Catholic Charities West Virginia in her name. We will send a Mother's Day card to her notifying her of your gift. Your donation will help us

provide support for mothers and others who need a hand up to build better lives.

Please visit www.CatholicCharitiesWV. org/MothersDay or call 304.905.9876.

Happy Mother's Day!

"We discover we are children of God at the moment we discover we are brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. This is why it is essential to be part of a journeying community.

No one goes to the Lord alone."

~Pope Francis tweet on 04/25/23