

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

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The Transfiguration of the Lord

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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.



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## *From the Pastor's Desk*

### I WAS ONCE A CATHOLIC... (Part 2)

I began reading the Missal emphasizing certain words to prove my point:

“Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, you are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.”

Likewise, the doxology spoken just prior to communion reads,

“Through him, with him, in him; in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is your, almighty Father, for ever and ever.”

As I looked up, I could see the lady intently reading the page. She couldn't believe that she had prayed these prayers for years and never noticed what it was saying. Yet, there it was in black and white. I continued with the third step - the acknowledgment that Jesus Christ died on the cross for our sins and to bring us to God.

The Profession of Faith reads,

“For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.”

In the Eucharistic Prayer 1, the priest prays:

“Remember [Lord] all of us gather here before you. You know how firmly we believe in you and dedicate ourselves to you. . . We pray to you, our living and true God, for our well-being and redemption . . . Grant us your peace in this life, save us from final damnation, and count us among those you have chosen.”

The prayer ends with an appeal to God for salvation through Jesus Christ:

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## Mass Schedule August 5 — 13

Saturday 08/05: <small>Transfiguration of the Lord</small>	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. †Barbara Ferrell (J. & S. Skaggs and Family)
Sunday 08/06: <small>Transfiguration of the Lord</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish  SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Frank Nogoda and Amelia Gould Families
Monday 08/07:	No Mass
Tuesday 08/08:	OLH No Mass—Father out of town
Wednesday 08/09:	SA No Mass—Father out of town
Thursday 08/10:	SA No Mass—Father out of town
Friday 08/11:	SA No Mass—Father out of town
Saturday 08/12: <small>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. †Virginia Groves (O. & P. Groves)
Sunday 08/13: <small>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish  SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Shae Franklin (prayer gift)

### Stewardship Report for July 29 & 30, 2023

#### St. Anthony

Offertory	\$ 1,789.07
St. Anthony Caring Fund	20.00
Memorial Donations	650.00
Attendance    Saturday—46    Sunday—40	

#### Our Lady of the Hills

Offertory	\$ 700.13
Attendance    Sunday—35	

**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](http://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.

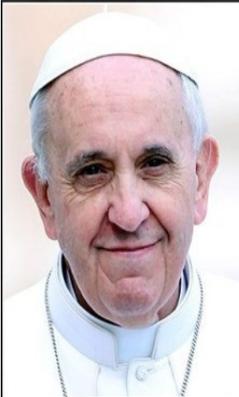
**Mass Intention requests are scheduled in the order they are received.**

### Prayer List for the Sick & Homebound

**St. Anthony**—Michael McCallister, Robin Holly, Michael Bee, Chris Newman, David Wuletich, Linda Davis, Ursula Paezold, Christine Hansbarger, Barbara Williams, Mary Jo Zsoldos

**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.**



Listen to Jesus and follow him.  
That's the message of the  
Transfiguration.

— Pope Francis —

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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 July, 2023, St. Anne's has served 7 children this year.**

Balance as of 12/31/22	\$ 3,933.23
Contributions Received	580.00
Less: Expenses	( 39.08)
Balance as of 07/31/23	<b>\$ 4,474.15</b>

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## Music for Liturgy



<b>Entrance:</b>	Christ in Me Arise — #528
<b>Gloria:</b>	Mass of Renewal — #875
<b>Offertory:</b>	God, We Praise You — #208
<b>Communion:</b>	Christ, Be Our Light — #601
<b>Recessional:</b>	I Sing the Mighty Power of God — #431

## Minister Schedule

	August 6, 2023	August 13, 2023
	Transfiguration of the Lord	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b><u>St. Anthony</u></b> <b>5:00 p.m. Mass</b>		
Lector:	R. Stonestreet	M. Doneghy
Eucharistic Minister:	M. Doneghy	D. Hess
<b>10:30 a.m. Mass</b>		
Lector:	B. Ashworth	M. Ferguson
Eucharistic Minister:	B. Ashworth	M. Hamilton
Counters:	C. Joseph & S. Bossie-Maddox	K. Layne & S. Spencer
<b><u>Our Lady of the Hills</u></b>		
Lector:	M. Swecker	R. Stodola
Eucharistic Minister:	J. Felber	T. Lanna

**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**—There will be a second collection this weekend to support the St. Anthony Caring Fund. Thank you for your support of our local brothers and sisters through this collection.



### **Father Thomas's Vacation**

Father Thomas will be leaving on Monday, August 7, 2023, to travel to India for his vacation. He will return on Friday, September 8. During this time, Father Charles Anemelu will cover the weekend masses. There will not be any weekday masses. For Sacramental emergencies, please call the office at 304-342-2716. Let us pray for Father Thomas to have a safe and wonderful vacation.

**Education of Seminarians: August 12 & 13**—This collection supports our seminarians in their journey to the priesthood in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Funds collected help defray the cost of tuition, books and other materials at the seminary in which they are enrolled. In addition to our constant prayers for their vocation, our seminarians also need our financial support as they answer the call to the priesthood.

**Please note the date of this collection has been moved due to our Annual Mission Appeal on August 19/20.**

**The 2023 Catholic Sharing Appeal Update**—As of August 3, 2023, St. Anthony has raised \$11,655.00, which is 111% of our parish goal of \$10,470.00. Our Lady of the Hills has raised \$6,865, which is 113% of our parish goal of \$6,100. Funds raised after 50% of goal come back to our parishes. **Thank you for your continued generosity!**



## August Birthdays

- 1 Maria Colon
- 8 Matthew Giblin
- 9 Susan Bossie-Maddox
- 9 Arturo Magaña
- 9 Elizabeth Mosier
- 10 Christine Hansbarger
- 11 Paula Chrobak
- 11 Brenda Jackson
- 11 Conner Jarvis
- 11 Terrence Prettyman
- 14 Jonathan Jarvis
- 14 Lynnda Kozera
- 14 Joshua Swecker
- 15 Isabel Magaña
- 16 Scott Bossie
- 18 Abbey Burdette
- 18 Eric Ihnat
- 20 Brenda Ashworth
- 20 William Crede
- 21 Halie Fields
- 23 Peggy Shamblin
- 25 Isabelle Colon
- 27 Ricky Inscore
- 29 Lillian Mosier

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

**Thank you!**

## **I Was Once a Catholic... Part 2** *(continued from page 1)*

“May, these and all who sleep in Christ, find in your presence light, happiness and peace. For ourselves, too, we ask some share in the fellowship of your apostles and martyrs . . . Though we are sinners, we trust in your mercy and love. Do not consider what we truly deserve, but grant us your forgiveness. Through Christ our Lord you give us all these gifts. You fill them with life and goodness, you bless them and make them holy.”

Similarly the second Eucharistic Prayer proclaims,

“Dying you [Jesus] destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory. . . Have mercy on us all; make us worthy to share eternal life with Mary, the virgin Mother of God, with the apostles and with all the saints who have done your will throughout the ages.”

Likewise, Eucharistic Prayer 3 reads,

“All life, all holiness comes from you through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, by the working of the Holy Spirit . . .

Father, calling to mind the death your Son endured for our salvation, his glorious resurrection and ascension into heaven, and ready to greet him when he comes again, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice. Look with favour on our your Church’s offering, and see the Victim [Christ] whose death has reconciled us to yourself . . .

May he make us an everlasting gift for you and enable us to share in the inheritance of your saints . . . “

Lastly, the fourth Eucharistic Prayer reads,

“Father, you so loved the world that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior . . .

In fulfillment of your will he gave himself up to death; but by rising from the dead, he destroyed death and restored life.”

In this prayer, the congregation proclaims the mystery of faith:

“Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free. You are the Savior of the world.”

“You see, every week Catholics proclaim that Jesus died for them,” I said to the lady who was now searching for something to say. After a brief moment of silence, she shot a response back at me.

“What about accepting Jesus Christ and their personal Lord and Savior?” She retorted. “They may be saying all this stuff, but they don’t make a personal act of acceptance.” What she didn’t know was that I deliberately didn’t mention the last “step” of her “gospel.”

I explained that if Catholics don’t believe what they are praying, they ought not to be publicly proclaiming it. Since we can’t read the dispositions of other people’s hearts, we ought not to judge whether they truly believe what they are saying. Next, I pointed out the last step - where Catholics are accepting Jesus into their hearts. Right before communion the priest holds up the host (which is now the body, blood, soul and divinity of Our Lord under the appearances of bread and wine) and prays.

“This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.”

And the congregation responds,

“Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.”

I looked straight into the lady’s eyes and said, “It is here that all those who are prepared to receive Jesus Christ walk up to the front of the church but they don’t just believing in Christ or merely asking Jesus into their hearts.”

“They don’t?” She asked. “No,” I answered, “they receive that same Christ who died on the cross on Calvary into their mouth and into their stomachs - body, blood, soul and divinity - and become one with him in an unspeakable way. Now that’s accepting Christ!” She didn’t have a response. I’m not sure that she had ever really thought about the Mass and Christ’s real presence in the Eucharist because she appeared to be both surprised and intrigued.

I gave her my phone number and invited her to a study group I was heading in the neighborhood which examined the Biblical foundation for Catholic doctrine. As we departed, I couldn’t help but wonder how many other people, like my new friend, left the Church thinking that it had nothing to say about salvation. Yet the richness of the liturgy of the Mass and even more so Christ’s real substantial presence in the Eucharist so outshines our separated brethren’s “low church” prayer services that there is no comparison!

**Credit to: Father Emmanuel Anyan (from Facebook page)**