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From the Pastor's Desk

The Partnership of the Whole of Life

According to the Catholic teaching, marriage is a partnership of the whole of life. We all may know well what it means but when it comes to practical life, it can be a spectacular disaster. Partnership is a skill people have to achieve.

Are you a good partner? I am sure we all will answer yes, but we know there are moments of differences, distrust, infidelity, power tactics, etc. It is like a movie where two characters are forced to work together but hate each other. Finally, by the time they realize that they have to work together to defeat their enemy, it will be too late.

Marriage is between two people with different personalities, opinions, backgrounds, mind setup, communication styles, temperaments etc. Most of these personality traits will come out only after the wedding. With the wedding, as we are told, the two become one flesh which sounds romantic, but in real life, it tends to be quite messy. In the initial stage, it may be easy to adjust for many reasons, but slowly differences widen and the couple start to drift apart. That is why I said it is a skill to be achieved slowly facing the realities of life.

Marriage is a blessing God has inscribed in the very nature of man and woman. It is a gift from God but corrupted by the original sin which ruptured the union between man and woman. Jesus restored its original blessing by elevating it into the level of a sacrament. It is a sign of love between the Christ and the Church. It is a source of blessing to the couple, to their families, and to society when it is lived in full harmony and love. Many couples are living this marital life in fidelity and commitment. Many lived through the good times and bad, in health and sickness, in richness and poverty and bear witness to the blessing of God. At the same time, there are many who do not understand what it means to say that marriage—both as a natural institution and a Christian sacrament—is a blessing and gift from God. There is a growing tendency today to view marriage as a private matter and oriented towards personal satisfaction. But the growing tendency today *(continued on page 4)*

Mass Schedule December 16— 24

Saturday 12/16: 3rd Sunday of Advent	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 12/17: 3rd Sunday of Advent	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Melanie Becker (L., P., B., D., & P. Bowles)
Monday 12/18:	No Mass
Tuesday 12/19:	OLH Mass 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday 12/20:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m.
Thursday 12/21:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m.
Friday 12/22:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m.
Saturday 12/23: 4th Sunday of Advent	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 12/24: 4th Sunday of Advent	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish SA Mass 10:30 a.m. Barbara Williams (prayer gift)

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 Wuletich, Opal Potesta

Our Lady of the Hills—Violet Edwards, Ursula Paezold, Bill & Nancy Audia, Paul Stodola, Patti Stodola, Judy Killough & Family, The Dorseys.

Please call Father Thomas Kalapurackal at 304-342-2716, if you would like a visit and to receive communion or a home blessing.



Patience, prayer and silence-these are what give strength to the soul.

— Mary Faustina Kowalska —

AZ QUOTES

Stewardship Report for December 9 & 10, 2023

St. Anthony

Attendance Saturday—50 Sunday—47

Our Lady of the Hills

Offertory	\$ 835.13
Retirement Fund for Religious	795.00
Holiday Flowers	95.00
Other	110.00

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.

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 November, 2023, St. Anne’s has served 7 children this year.

Balance as of 12/31/22	\$ 3,933.23
Contributions Received	955.00
Less: Expenses	(39.08)
Balance as of 11/30/23	\$ 4,849.15

Thank you for your generosity!

Music for Liturgy



Entrance:	The Advent of Our King — #59
Offertory:	Come, Lord Jesus — #40
Holy:	Mass of Christ the Savior — #918
Communion:	Come Lord! Maranatha (Week 3 verses) — #66
Recessional:	The King of Glory — #728



December Birthdays

- 1 David Wuletich
- 8 Christian Magaña
- 8 Carter Wells
- 10 Marjorie Azevedo
- 12 Pat Booker
- 14 Terry Hess
- 17 Craig Arnold
- 21 Dottie Hess
- 24 Jansen Mosier
- 27 Tina Stodola
- 30 Sophia Arnold
- 30 Thurman Arnold
- 30 Nikki Bowling
- 30 Andrew Ferguson

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

Thank you!

Minister Schedule

	December 17, 2023 3rd Sunday of Advent	December 24, 2023 4th Sunday of Advent
<u>St. Anthony</u> 5:00 p.m. Mass		
Lector:	M. Doneghy	D. Hess
Eucharistic Minister:	D. Hess & Volunteer	W. Leach & Volunteer
10:30 a.m. Mass		
Lector:	J. Bowles	M. Tyler
Eucharistic Minister:	J. Bowles & Volunteer	B. Ashworth & Volunteer
Counters:	S. Kawash & C. Joseph	N. Swecker & S. Bossie-Maddox
<u>Our Lady of the Hills</u>		
Lector:	M. Swecker	R. Stodola
Eucharistic Minister:	J. Hall	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!

BIBLE STUDY You are invited to Bible Study led by Deacon David on Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. in the SA Parish Center.

OLH Eucharistic Revival Program—On December 24th after morning Mass, we will continue our Eucharistic Revival program, “Jesus and the Eucharist.” We will finish session 3, “Am I Saved?” This is a very uplifting program for the Christmas Season. All are welcome! Attendance at a previous session isn’t necessary.

SA Christmas Eve Nativity—If a child would like to participate in our Christmas Eve Nativity before our 5:00 p.m. Mass, please call Jennifer Burdette at 304-553-6601.

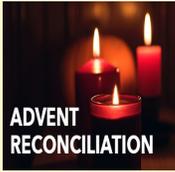
St. Anthony Angel Tree Gifts
Thank you to everyone who donated gifts to help make a child’s Christmas brighter.



St. Anthony: Socks, Gloves & Hats

We are now collecting **socks, gloves, and hats** to be donated to our Veterans. Please donate only **NEW** items. There is a container located in the back of the church for your donation. Donations will be accepted through this Sunday, December 17th.

Saint Anthony Food Bank Initiative—During December, we will be collecting gift cards to support the new food bank program of Catholic Charities. This food bank will be run by the Catholic churches of the Kanawha Valley and will serve all those in need with an emphasis on helping our Catholic community. Gift cards can be any denomination and can be from Kroger, Piggly Wiggly, Walmart, Dollar General, etc. After purchasing a gift card, place it in the red envelope, write the amount of the gift card on the envelope, and place the envelope in a slot on the wall hanging in the back of the church.



Advent Reconciliation

Tuesday, December 19 6:00-7:00 p.m. Our Lady of the Hills
(after 5:30 p.m. Mass)

Wednesday, December 20 6:00-7:00 p.m. St. Anthony



Father Thomas and Father Charles will be available for confessions. Father Thomas will also be available after the weekday 9:00 a.m. Masses at St. Anthony during Advent.

4th Sunday of Advent Schedule

Saturday, December 23	5:00 p.m.	SA
Sunday, December 24	8:30 a.m.	OLH
Sunday, December 24	10:30 a.m.	SA



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve	5:00 p.m.	SA
Christmas Eve	8:00 p.m.	OLH
Christmas Day	10:30 a.m.	SA



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God: January 1

Since the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God on January 1, 2024 falls on a Monday this year, it is not observed as a Holy Day of Obligation. **Mass will be celebrated at St. Anthony at 10:30 a.m.**

The Partnership of the Whole of Life (continued from page 1)

to view marriage as a private matter and oriented towards personal satisfaction. But the growing divorce rate and broken families disrupt the common good of society.

There is a common tendency among couples to dominate over each other. In many cultures, men dominate over their wives and women are treated as second class citizens. However, wives also fall into the same trap of trying to dominate over their husbands. The solution is a mutual subjection of husband and wife to each other respecting each other's dignity and unique feminine and masculine roles they have to fulfill in their marriage. When this mutual submission takes place, there will be harmony and peace. By supporting each other and fulfilling their own roles as husband and wife, marital union will be a blessing for each other.

The Lord Has Clothed Me with the Garments of Salvation and Righteousness

Meditation: Do you know the favor of the Lord? Every 50 years the people of Israel were commanded to celebrate a Year of Jubilee - a year of favor by the Lord (Leviticus 25:10-12). God did not want his people to forget all the blessings and favors he had shown them over the years. Isaiah prophesied in a year of Jubilee that God would send his anointed one to bring his people back from their time of exile (Isaiah 61). The anointed one would bring good news (the same word as "gospel") - news of freedom for those who were oppressed by sin, darkness, despair, and brokenness (Isaiah 61:1-2).

John's identity and our identity is derived from God's Son - Jesus Christ

John the Baptist bridges the Old and New Testaments. He is the last of the Old Testament prophets who points the way to the Messiah. He is the first of the New Testament witnesses and martyrs. He is the herald who prepares the way for Jesus and who announces his mission to the people: *Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!* (John 1:29). John saw from a distance what the Messiah would come to accomplish - our redemption from slavery to sin and our adoption as sons and daughters of God, our heavenly Father. Do you recognize who you are in Christ? The Lord Jesus has come to restore us to friendship with God and he has made us citizens of heaven - his everlasting kingdom of peace and justice.

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Catholic Charities West Virginia: Christmas Masses

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Help Those In Need.

Give to the second collection
at Christmas Mass to support
Catholic Charities.



Come to me, all who are
weary and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.
-Matthew 11:28



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