

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

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The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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From the Pastor's Desk

Why are Catholics required to attend Mass?

In 587 BC, the powerful Babylonian empire conquered Judah and people of Jerusalem were taken into exile. The city of Jerusalem and the great Temple were completely destroyed. The people who were taken in exile were forced to worship their God in a foreign land. The Psalmist says, “by the waters of Babylon, there we sat down and wept when we remembered Zion. On the willows there we hung up our lyres. For there our captors required of us songs, and tormentors, mirth saying ‘sing us one of the songs of Zion.’ How shall we sing the Lord’s song in a foreign land” (Ps 137). This captivity was formally ended in 538 BC when Persian Emperor, Cyrus the Great, gave Jews permission to return to Jerusalem. The prophet Ezekiel was one of the prophets who kept alive their hope of one day returning home. This was probably the time when Jews started Synagogues, where Sabbath and religious holydays were observed. The book of Ezra and Nehemiah reports what happened upon their arrival back in Judah. The people who were returned and who were serious of their faith decided to rebuild their Temple so that they could resume their Temple worship again. They wept with joy at their restoration. Having been deprived so long of the freedom to worship God as he had instructed them, they had learned to treasure their sacred assemblies in the house of the Lord.

These ancient events illustrate why the Catholic Church requires attendance at mass on Sundays and certain holy days. Worship is the primary duty owed to God by his creatures, who receive from him not only their very existence, but every other good gift as well. Worship is also a privilege, a precious opportunity to encounter the great king of the universe who loves his people beyond all telling.

The ancient Jews who recognized this awesome duty and privilege made every effort to come to the temple to offer their sacrifices of grain and animals. How much more then should Catholics be eager to attend mass where the glorious sacrifice of the lamb of God himself is offered on the altar.

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Mass Schedule February 11—19

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| Saturday 02/11: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time | SA Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish |
| Sunday 02/12: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time | OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. Paul Massanopoli (Mosier Family) SA Mass 10:30 a.m. † Nazira Joseph (Mr. & Mrs. J. Guido) |
| Monday 02/13: | No Mass |
| Tuesday 02/14: | OLH Mass Cancelled |
| Wednesday 02/15: | SA Mass Cancelled |
| Thursday 02/16: | SA Mass 9:00 a.m. † Virginia Ann Craft (S. Riddle) |
| Friday 02/17: | SA Mass 9:00 a.m. † Nazira Joseph (Mr. & Mrs. J. Guido) |
| Saturday 02/18: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time | SA Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish |
| Sunday 02/19: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time | SA Mass 10:30 a.m. † Nazira Joseph (M. & A. Kawash Families) OLH Mass 12:00 p.m.—Luncheon 1:00 p.m. Special Intention (F. & C. Mosier) |

Stewardship Report for February 4 & 5, 2023

St. Anthony

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| Offertory | \$ 2,056.50 |
| Donation | 350.00 |
| Other | 131.73 |

Attendance Saturday—38 Sunday—52

Our Lady of the Hills

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| Offertory | \$ 1,275.13 |
| LERMA | 155.00 |
| Other | 155.00 |

Attendance Sunday—44

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.

Church Missions within the United States: February 11 & 12

The collection for the Church Missions within the United States is to provide funds for our mission dioceses and groups that help those who live on the margins of society within the United States. This single collection includes support for the former separate collections for Black and Indian Missions and the Catholic Home Mission Appeal. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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 January, 2023, St. Anne’s has served 1 child this year.

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| Balance as of 12/31/22 | \$ 3,933.23 |
| Contributions Received | 210.00 |
| Less: Expenses | (0.00) |
| Balance as of 01/31/23 | \$ 4,143.23 |

Thank you for your generosity!

Music for Liturgy



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| Entrance: | As We Gather at Your Table — #315 |
| Gloria: | Mass of Healing — sheet music |
| Offertory: | Holy Wisdom, Lamp of Learning — #529 |
| Communion: | Eye Has Not Seen — #473 |
| Recessional: | Rain Down — #621 |



February Birthdays

- 1 Nathan Bowles
- 1 Beverly Scarpelli
- 6 Rodney Bailey
- 7 James Namey
- 7 Rachel Rollins
- 7 Debra Jo Romano
- 11 Monica Hamilton
- 11 Thomas Kirkhope
- 12 Debra Kleinberger
- 12 Virginia Leonoro
- 13 Frank Mosier
- 14 Colin Hart
- 17 Joe Armstrong
- 17 Rebecca Hoh
- 20 Jacqueline Canterbury
- 20 Barbara Williams
- 24 Charles Stodola
- 26 Susan Jarvis

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

Minister Schedule

| | February 12, 2023 | February 19, 2023 |
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| | 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| St. Anthony | | |
| 5:00 p.m. Mass | | |
| Lector: | D. Hess | M. Tyler |
| 10:30 a.m. Mass | | |
| Lector: | J. Bowles | S. Kawash |
| Counters: | S. Kawash & Volunteer | C. Joseph & S. Bossie-Maddox |
| Our Lady of the Hills | | |
| Lector: | C. Stodola | G. Kozera |
| Eucharistic Minister: | J. Felber | L. Kozera |

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!



| Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule | | |
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| Our Lady of the Hills | Tuesday, February 21, 2023 | 5:30 p.m. |
| St. Anthony | Wednesday, February 22, 2023 | 5:30 p.m. |

Weekday Masses on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 14 & 15, 2023, are cancelled.



OLH Luncheon—February 19

Please join us next Sunday, February 19, 2023 as we celebrate Mardi Gras. On this Sunday, Mass will be celebrated at noon followed by a luncheon. Chicken and chicken nuggets will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.



St. Anthony Finance Council—The St. Anthony's Finance Council members are selected by the Pastor and serve a 3 year term. Members should have a financial background and be a member in good standing with our Parish. You cannot serve on the Pastoral Council and the Finance Council at the same time. If you are interested, please contact Father Thomas.

Employment Opportunity at St. Anthony—St. Anthony has a position open for a part-time Facilities Maintenance/Groundskeeper. Responsibilities include performing maintenance and minor repairs to the church facilities (e.g. painting, plumbing, etc.) and upkeep of the church grounds. This position is limited to 20 hours each week. Successful candidate must be able to pass a background check prior to hiring. St. Anthony is an equal opportunity employer. If you are interested in this position, please contact the church office at 304-342-2716.

REMINDER—Receipts for items that you purchase for the church and are turning in for reimbursement or as a donation to the church should **only have church related items on the receipt.** There should not be any personal items included on the receipt. **When shopping, please check out all personal items separately.**

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Just as under the old covenant God required proper observance of the sabbath, under the new covenant the church requires proper observance of Sunday, 'the Lord's Day,' the day of resurrection. This is the first day of the week, a time for rest and worship.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that on Sunday and other holy days of obligation the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, the performance of the works of mercy, and appropriate relaxation of mind and body. "Sunday is the day on which the paschal mystery is celebrated in light of the apostolic tradition and is to be observed as the foremost holy day of obligation in the universal Church" (2177).

Great Are Those Who Teach and Obey the Commandments

Meditation: Why do people tend to view the "law of God" negatively rather than positively? Jesus' attitude towards the law of God can be summed up in the great prayer of Psalm 119: "Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day."

Reverence and respect

Jesus taught reverence and respect for God's law - reverence for God himself, reverence for the Lord's Day, reverence or respect for parents, respect for life, for property, for another person's good name, respect for oneself and for one's neighbor lest wrong or hurtful desires master and enslave us. Reverence and respect for God's commandments teach us the way of love - love of God and love of neighbor. What is impossible to humans is possible to God who gives generously of his gifts and the power of the Holy Spirit to those who put their faith and trust in him.

God gives us the grace, help, and strength to love as he loves, to forgive as he forgives, to think and judge as he judges, and to act as he acts with mercy, loving-kindness, and goodness. The Lord loves righteousness and hates wickedness. As his followers we must love his commandments and hate every form of sin and wrong-doing. If we want to live righteously as God desires for us, then we must know and understand the intention of God's commands for us, and decide in our heart to obey the Lord. Do you seek to understand the intention of his law and to grow in wisdom of his ways?

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Disaster Relief Collection for Turkey/Syria Earthquake Recovery Effort: Ash Wednesday

On February 6, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake devastated large areas of southern Turkey and northwest Syria. The death toll has surpassed 20,000 and continues to climb. Thousands of people have been injured and many are trapped beneath the rubble. The earthquake is the worst to strike Turkey this century. Within the subsequent 24 hours, the region experienced multiple aftershocks and a second 7.5 magnitude quake.

Across affected areas, apartment buildings and schools have been leveled. Telecommunications are disrupted, preventing families from identifying and accounting for missing loved ones. In Syria, displaced people are seeking shelter in schools and community centers in areas already devastated by years of war. Across southern Turkey, schools are closed, airport transportation is impaired and hospitals have been declared unusable.

Catholic Relief Services is supporting local partners in their efforts to provide urgent relief and assistance for long-term recovery. CRS has partnerships with Caritas Turkey and Caritas Syria, as well as other local partners. To support the efforts of these organizations, Most Rev. Mark Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, has approved a special collection to be held on **Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023, and for collection baskets to remain available for the collection through the first Sunday of Lent.** Bishop Brennan appreciates your generosity this past summer to those affected by the severe storms and flooding in Eastern Kentucky and Southern West Virginia. But he feels impelled once again to ask you to do what you can to help those affected by this most recent disaster.

All funds collected in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will be given to Catholic Relief Services with the special designation for use in the Turkey/Syria Earthquake Recovery Effort.

Checks can be made out to your respective parish with "Disaster Relief" on the memo line. Donations can also be made on the diocesan website at <https://dwc.org/disaster-relief/>.

As we hold the victims and first responders in our prayers during these critical days, let us also spend time in prayer and discernment as we prepare for this upcoming collection. Let us come together now to support our brothers and sisters in Christ who are suffering this horrible loss.