

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

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The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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From the Pastor's Desk

Season of Lent

By marking our forehead with ashes, we enter into the season of Lent. For the next forty days, it is a time of prayer, fasting and penitence which concludes on the Holy Thursday. The early Church did not celebrate Christmas day or feasts in honor of our Lady or any other holy days. There was only the weekly celebration of the Lord's Resurrection. For them this was the central event of their faith in a unique way. The Christians attached great importance to this feast.

To reap the spiritual fruits of Easter, they later introduced the custom of observing two days of prayer, reflection, and fasting to express their sorrow for the death of Christ. They gradually prolonged the preparation period: in the third century, it became a week, then three weeks, until it was extended to forty days in the fourth century: the Season of Lent thus began.

The custom of distributing ashes to everyone on Ash Wednesday came from imitation of the practice of wearing ashes by public penitents in the early church. Public penitents were those doing penance for sins such as murder, apostasy, and adultery. When they completed their public penance, they were able to be readmitted to communion with the Church. As Lent increasingly focused on the themes of repentance and renewal, Christians sensed their own need for repentance.

Spring is already at the door, and it is time to prepare our garden for a fruitful spring. The dead plants and debris have to be cleared, the soil turned over, the beds fertilized. Everything has to be prepared so that the garden is to be ready for new seeds. Lent, like the thaw between winter and spring, is a time of preparation. It's a season when we are invited to prepare the soil of our lives for growth. We need to clear out the debris, but we also need to plant new seeds. Both are essential for growth.

The Catholic Church asks her faithful to do at least the minimum during lent. She asks us to fast and abstain from meat on certain days. Fasting means to limit food to one full meal a day with the possibility of two smaller meals (not adding up to a full meal) as needed. Abstinence means not eating meat, although fish is allowed. *(continued on p. 4)*

Mass Schedule February 18—26

Saturday 02/18: <small>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 02/19: <small>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	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)
Monday 02/20:	No Mass
Tuesday 02/21: <small>Ash Wednesday</small>	OLH Mass 5:30 p.m. Danny Jones
Wednesday 02/22: <small>Ash Wednesday</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. † Virginia Ann Craft (S. Riddle)
Thursday 02/23:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving to St. Anthony (D. Wuletich)
Friday 02/24:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. † Virginia Groves (C. & S. Newton) SA Stations & Benediction 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 02/25: <small>1st Sunday of Lent</small>	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 02/26: <small>1st Sunday of Lent</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. Rev. James Kurtz, OFM Cap. SA Stations 10:00 a.m.—Mass 10:30 a.m. † Nazira Joseph (Mr. & Mrs. J. Guido)

Stewardship Report for February 11 & 12, 2023

St. Anthony

Offertory	\$ 1,533.60
Church Missions within the U.S.	345.05
Other	49.49
Attendance	Saturday—36 Sunday—76

Our Lady of the Hills

Offertory	\$ 585.13
Church Missions within the U.S.	190.00
Other	183.00
Attendance	Sunday—29

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.



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.

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



Entrance:	O Bless the Lord, My Soul — #563
Gloria:	Mass of Healing — sheet music
Offertory:	Christians, Let Us Love One Another — #486
Communion:	Loving and Forgiving — #664
Recessional:	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling — #481

Minister Schedule

	February 19, 2023 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	February 26, 2023 1st Sunday of Lent
St. Anthony 5:00 p.m. Mass	Lector: M. Tyler	R. Stonestreet
10:30 a.m. Mass	Lector: S. Kawash	B. Ashworth
Counters:	C. Joseph & S. Bossie-Maddox	K. Layne & S. Spencer
Our Lady of the Hills	Lector: G. Kozera	T. Stodola
Eucharistic Minister:	L. Kozera	J. Felber

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

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

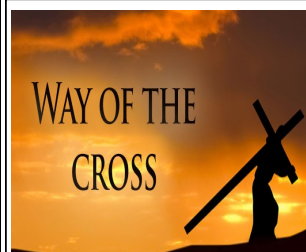


February Birthdays

- 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!

Schedule for Stations of the Cross during Lent



St. Anthony (beginning February 24)

Fridays: Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Sundays: Stations of the Cross at 10:00 a.m. followed by Mass at 10:30 a.m.

Our Lady of the Hills (beginning February 28)

Tuesdays: Mass at 5:30 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m.

OLH Luncheon—February 19: Please join us after Mass today as we celebrate Mardi Gras.

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.

Spaghetti Dinner for HOPE—Charleston Catholic's HOPE Project will host a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, 5:30-7:30, on Sunday, Feb. 26th and the CCHS Commons. Tickets are \$10 a plate. Children, age 5 and under, eat for free. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time at the school office or at the door on Feb. 26th. All of the proceeds from the dinner will go toward the costs for the week-long project in June. HOPE participants commit to raise \$25,000 so that the Cabwaylingo Appalachian Mission can build a house for a family in need. Students and adult volunteers spend the week repairing homes and helping with the new construction. HOPE has the dual purpose of improving the quality of housing for low income folks in need and instilling the habit of service in students with a commitment to living the works of mercy.

Season of Lent *(continued from p. 1)*

Those 14 years of age or older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. Catholics between the ages of 16 and 59 are also to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. They may eat one full meal on these days, and two small meals to maintain strength. If one's work or health make it inadvisable to fast or abstain from meat, they are not obligated to do so. Pregnant and nursing women are exempt from the fast.

Lent is not just "to give up something." Throughout our history, Christians have found prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to be an important part of repentance and renewal. Many Catholics now add something during Lent rather than giving up something, either to address personal habits that need work or to add some outreach to others in need. A good practice is to do something extra in prayer, something involving fasting, and something involving almsgiving (giving money or goods to the needy or doing extra acts of charity). Most importantly attend the Sunday mass and listen to the word of God. It is not necessary to be perfect, but we should put forth a little effort to grow to Christ. Lent is a time to clean out the debris in our lives to make room for new growth.

Wishing you all a very fruitful Lent.

Do Not Return Evil for Evil

Meditation: If someone insults you or tries to take advantage of you, how do you respond? Do you repay in kind? Jesus approached the question of just retribution with a surprising revelation of God's intention for how we should treat others, especially those who mistreat us. When Jesus spoke about God's law, he did something no one had done before. He gave a new standard based not just on the requirements of justice - giving each their due - but based on the law of grace, love, and freedom.

Law of grace and love

Jesus does something quite remarkable and unheard of. He transforms the law of mercy with grace, forbearance, and loving-kindness. Jesus also makes clear that there is no room for retaliation. We must not only avoid returning evil for evil, but we must seek the good of those who wish us ill. Do you accept insults, as Jesus did, with no resentment or malice? When you are compelled by others to do more than you think you deserve, do you insist on your rights, or do you respond with grace and cheerfulness?

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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.