

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

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From the Pastor's Desk

Active Participation in the Eucharist: Part 1

The Second Vatican Council's *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* tells us that the Eucharist (which means "Thanksgiving") is the "source and the summit" of our faith life. Our faith life comes from the liturgy and when we celebrate the liturgy well, that celebration is the best expression of our faith life. As Catholics, we should all have "fully conscious and active participation" in the celebration of the Eucharist. We are going to the church not just to fulfill our Sunday obligation but for worshiping God by praising and thanking God. The proper disposition and the way we participate in the celebration is important for our spiritual growth. Our modern culture has done a lot that adversely affects our attitudes and behavior, so that we have lost the sense of reverence and devotion to the Eucharist. We can think about preparing for the liturgy the way we would prepare for anything we want to participate in fully. If we are going to see a new movie that is out, we might read several reviews about the movie. If we are going to a sporting event, it always helps our involvement if we stay up to date with the teams and know something about the players and some of the team stats. If we are going to a committee meeting or an organization gathering, we'd typically get ourselves ready to know the issues and be ready to participate in the event.

Although the Catholic Church has no real dress code for proper attire when attending Mass, there IS an unwritten dress code that demands we are properly dressed out of respect, honor and reverence for the Real Presence of Our Lord. Unfortunately, today a lot of people seem to forget they are attending church for the Sacred and Solemn Celebration of the Mass, and dress as if they are (continued on page 4)

Mass Schedule July 15 — 23

Saturday 07/15: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 07/16: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Hans Robinson (J. & C. Mosier) SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Mitchel & Agnes Kawash and Lou Aiello (The Kawash Families)
Monday 07/17:	No Mass
Tuesday 07/18:	OLH Mass 5:30 p.m. †Hans Robinson (J. & C. Mosier)
Wednesday 07/19:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †Donald G. McKeny (M. E. McKeny)
Thursday 07/20:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †Reparation to Divine Justice (prayer gift)
Friday 07/21:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift)
Saturday 07/22: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. †Mike Layne (prayer gift)
Sunday 07/23: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †William Ashworth (N. & J. Bowles)

Stewardship Report for July 8 & 9, 2023

St. Anthony

Offertory	\$ 1,732.50
St. Anthony Caring Fund	50.00
Donation	150.00
Attendance	Saturday—40 Sunday—52

Our Lady of the Hills

Offertory	\$ 1,297.13
CCC & CCHD—Early Donation	50.00
Other	35.00
Attendance	Sunday—34

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.

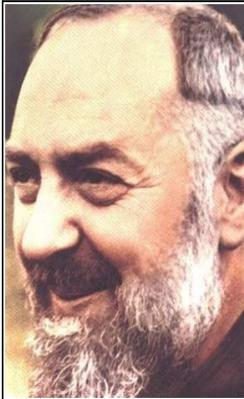
Mass Intention requests are scheduled in the order they are received.

Prayer List for the Sick & Homebound

St. Anthony—Mary Hanson, Christina Lopez, Michael McCallister, Robin Holly, Michael Bee, 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.



It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do so without the Holy Mass.

— *Pis of Pietrelcina* —

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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.

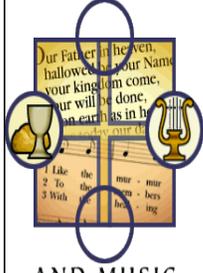
As of June, 2023, St. Anne's has served 7 children this year.

Balance as of 12/31/22	\$ 3,933.23
Contributions Received	555.00
Less: Expenses	(39.08)
Balance as of 06/30/23	\$ 4,449.15

Thank you for your generosity!

Music for Liturgy

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AND MUSIC

- Entrance:** Sing to the Mountains — #544
- Gloria:** Mass of Spirit & Grace — #924
- Offertory:** Seed, Scattered and Sown — #333
- Communion:** Gift of Finest Wheat — #332
- Recessional:** Sent Forth by God's Blessing — #381

Minister Schedule

	July 16, 2023	July 23, 2023
	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
<u>St. Anthony</u>		
5:00 p.m. Mass		
Lector:	R. Stonestreet	M. Doneghy
Eucharistic Minister:	W. Leach	D. Hess
10:30 a.m. Mass		
Lector:	S. Kawash	M. Ferguson
Eucharistic Minister:	M. Hamilton	B. Ashworth
Counters:	S. Kawash & S. Bossie-Maddox	K. Layne & S. Spencer
<u>Our Lady of the Hills</u>		
Lector:	M. Swecker	C. Stodola
Eucharistic Minister:	T. Lanna	C. Lothes

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.



“Let us pray together that Catholics place at the center of their lives the Eucharistic Celebration, which transforms human relationships and opens up an encounter with God and their brothers and sisters.”

~ Pope Francis tweet on 07/03/23



July Birthdays

- 4 James Felber
- 5 Luca D'Alessio
- 5 Amanda Wines
- 8 Maria Magaña
- 8 Nancy Swecker
- 9 Linda Baughman
- 9 Nathaniel Burdette
- 9 Harry Sweeney
- 12 Carol Sweeney
- 13 John Bohan
- 13 Nancy Johnson
- 13 Elizabeth Mosier
- 14 Samuel Curia
- 15 Harrison Garton
- 15 William Nehr
- 20 Jonathan Burdette
- 20 Jerry Jackson
- 22 Lorie Collingwood
- 22 Connie Crede
- 22 Thomas Hart
- 24 Anthony Curia
- 24 Anthony Lanna
- 30 Jeremi Turley

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

Thank you!

Catholic Communication Campaign & Catholic Campaign for Human Development: July 15 & 16

On July 15 & 16, our second collection will support two special campaigns:

Catholic Communication Campaign—Today we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps CCC engage and build Catholic communities in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio and print media! Half the fund we collect remain here in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message. Support the collection today! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development—Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, more than 11% of the population lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and support those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.

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going to a fashion show, or to a grocery store, or watching a movie. When you dress for Mass, you are not dressing to impress others, you are dressing for God. One should dress modestly and decently for Mass firstly, out of respect and reverence for God, and secondly, in order not to be a distraction or stumbling block to our fellow participants.

Ministers including, cantors, instrumentalists, choristers, lectors, and extraordinary ministers should be particularly mindful of how they dress for Mass. They should be setting an example for the parishioners.

“Active Participation in the Eucharist: Part 2” will be in the July 23, 2023 bulletin.

 **Thank You!**—We would like to thank all those who worked hard to make our St. Anthony parish picnic last Sunday so successful!

Why Do You Speak to Them in Parables?

Meditation: What is the best and easiest way to help people understand God's kingdom? Like the rabbis of his time, Jesus very frequently used parables - short stories and images taken from everyday life - to convey hidden truths about the kingdom of God. Like a skillful artist, Jesus sketched memorable pictures with short and simple words. A good image can speak more loudly and clearly than many words. Jesus used the ordinary everyday illustrations of life and nature to point to another order of reality - hidden, yet visible to those who had "eyes to see" and "ears to hear". Jesus communicated with vivid illustrations which captured the imaginations of his audience more powerfully than any abstract presentation could. His parables are like buried treasure waiting to be discovered (Matthew 13:44).

What can the parable about seeds and roots teach us about the kingdom of God? Any farmer will attest to the importance of good soil for supplying nutrients for growth. And how does a plant get the necessary food and water it needs except by its roots? The Scriptures frequently use the image of fruit-bearing plants or trees to convey the principle of spiritual life and death. *Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit* (Jeremiah 17:7-8; see also Psalm 1:3)

How do you listen to God's word?

Jesus' parable of the sower is aimed at the hearers of his word. There are different ways of accepting God's word and they produce different kinds of fruit accordingly. There is the prejudiced hearer who has a shut mind. Such a person is unteachable and blind to what he or she doesn't want to hear. Then there is the shallow hearer. He or she fails to think things out or think them through; they lack depth. They may initially respond with an emotional reaction; but when it wears off their mind wanders to something else.

Another type of hearer is the person who has many interests or cares, but who lacks the ability to hear or comprehend what is truly important. Such a person is too busy to pray or too preoccupied to study and meditate on God's word. Then there is the one whose mind is open. Such a person is at all times willing to listen and to learn. He or she is never too proud or too busy to learn. They listen in order to understand. God gives grace to those who hunger for his word that they may understand his will and have the strength to live according to it. Do you hunger for God's word?

The refusal to believe and understand

Jesus told his disciples that not everyone would understand his parables. Did Jesus mean to say that he was deliberately confusing or hiding the meaning of his stories from his listeners? Very likely not. Jesus was speaking from experience. He was aware that some who heard his parables refused to understand them. It was not that they could not intellectually understand them, but rather, their hearts were closed to what Jesus was saying. They had already made up their minds to not believe. God can only reveal the secrets of his kingdom - that which is hidden to the spiritually blind - to those who hunger for God and humbly submit to his truth.

What can makes us ineffective or unresponsive to God's word? Preoccupation with other things can distract us from what is truly important and worthwhile. And letting our hearts and minds be consumed with material things can easily weigh us down and draw us away from the heavenly treasure that lasts for eternity. God's word can only take root in a receptive heart which is docile and ready to hear what God has to say.

How God's word takes root in us

The parables of Jesus will enlighten us if we approach them with an open mind and heart, ready to let them challenge us. If we approach them with the conviction that we already know the answer, then we, too, may look but not see, listen but not understand. God's word can only take root in a receptive heart that is ready to believe and willing to submit. Do you submit to God's word with trust and obedience?

One lesson from this parable is clear: *the harvest is sure to come*. While some seed will fall by the wayside and some fall on shallow ground and never come to maturity, and some be choked to death by the thorns; nonetheless a harvest will come. The seed that falls on good soil, on the heart that is receptive, will reap abundant fruit. God is always ready to speak to each of us and to give us understanding of his word. Are you hungry for his word? And do you allow anything to keep you from submitting to God's word with joy and trusting obedience? copyright © 2023 Servants of the Word, source: dailyscripture.net, author [Don Schwager](#).