

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

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The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

The Sacrament of Eucharist

Holy Eucharist is the final sacrament of 'initiation' into Jesus Christ and his Church. It is the source and summit of the Christian life (LG 11). Vatican II council says, "at the last supper, on the night he was betrayed, our savior instituted the Eucharistic sacrifice of his body and blood. This he did in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the ages until he should come again, and so entrust to his beloved spouse, the Church, a memorial of his death and resurrection: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a paschal banquet, in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace and a pledge of future is given to us" (SC 47).

We Catholics believe that when Jesus said, "this is my body... this is my blood" he literally meant it. There is nothing in his words suggesting that he was speaking symbolically. He repeatedly stated that whoever eats his flesh and drinks his blood will have eternal life. When some of listeners objected to this statement, he did not try to explain it saying that he was speaking only figuratively, instead he let them go. If he was concerned about the confusion caused by his words, certainly he would have clarified. But he did not. St. John in his gospel emphasizes that Jesus really meant that he expected his followers to eat his flesh and drink his blood (John 6:51-57), and he predicted that many would be scandalized and fall away from him because of this teaching (John 6:60-66)

According to St. Luke's account of the Emmaus encounter, our Lord took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them... Then they recognized him, and he physically vanished from their sight (Luke 24:30-31). This shows that apostles understood the words of their master literally and they observed the breaking of the bread from the very next day onwards. The writings of the Early Church fathers also confirm this belief of the Church. For example, St Justin, the Martyr, writes, "For we do not receive these

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Mass Schedule July 1 — 9

Saturday 07/01: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. †Michael Layne (J. Bowles & B. Ferrell)
Sunday 07/02: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Raymond Keener, Jr. (M. & A. Kawash Families)
Monday 07/03:	No Mass
Tuesday 07/04:	OLH No Mass
Wednesday 07/05:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift)
Thursday 07/06:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †Reparation to Divine Justice (prayer gift)
Friday 07/07:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift) SA Adoration 9:30 a.m.—10:00 a.m.
Saturday 07/08: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 07/09: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. Special Intention (F. & C. Mosier) SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Frank Nogoda & Amelia Gould Families

Stewardship Report for June 24 & 25, 2023

St. Anthony

Offertory \$ 1,473.50
Votive Candles 85.77
Attendance Saturday—32 Sunday—68

Our Lady of the Hills

Offertory \$ 1,320.13
Attendance Sunday—30

**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.

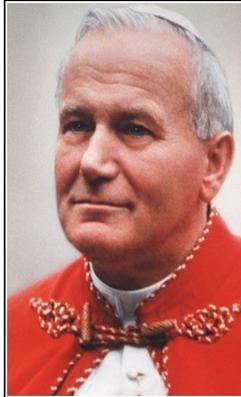
Mass Intention requests are scheduled in the order they are received.

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.



From the Eucharist comes strength
to live the Christian life and zeal to
share that life with others

— Pope John Paul II —

AZ QUOTES

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

Balance as of 12/31/22	\$ 3,933.23
Contributions Received	540.00
Less: Expenses	(39.08)
Balance as of 05/31/23	\$ 4,434.15

Thank you for your generosity!

Music for Liturgy



Entrance:	Canticle of the Sun — #429
Gloria:	Mass of Spirit & Grace — #924
Offertory:	Whatsoever You Do — #627
Communion:	The Supper of the Lord — #337
Recessional:	America the Beautiful — #745

Minister Schedule

	July 2, 2023	July 9, 2023
	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
St. Anthony		
5:00 p.m. Mass		
Lector:	M. Doneghy	D. Hess
Eucharistic Minister:	J. Polak	M. Doneghy
10:30 a.m. Mass		
Lector:	M. Tyler	B. Ashworth
Eucharistic Minister:	M. Hamilton	B. Ashworth
Counters:	K. Layne & S. Spencer	C. Joseph & N. Swecker
Our Lady of the Hills		
Lector:	G. Kozera	R. 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!

BIBLE STUDY 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 to provide direct aid to our parishioners and neighbors in our West Side Community in need. Thank you for your support of our local brothers and sisters through this collection.

The office will be closed on Tuesday for the 4th of July holiday.

The 5:30 p.m. Mass on Tuesday, July 4, 2023, at Our Lady of the Hills is cancelled.



First Friday at St. Anthony

July 7, 2023 is First Friday. After the 9:00 a.m. Mass, Adoration will be from **9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** Father will be available for confessions during this time.



“God looks with joy upon all those who serve the needy. This is how goodness grows: in the simplicity of hands and hearts stretched out to others and in the courage of the small steps that approach those who are most vulnerable in the name of Jesus.”

~Pope Francis tweet on 06/27/23



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!

 Barbara Ferrell, a St. Anthony parishioner, passed away on Sunday, June 25, 2023. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, July 2, 2023 at Bollinger Funeral Home at 1:00 p.m. with Father Thomas officiating. Visitation will begin one hour prior to the service. Please pray for Barbara, her husband Jeff, and their family and friends. May she rest in peace.

The Sacrament of Eucharist *(continued from page 1)*

things as common bread or common drink: but as Jesus Christ, our savior being incarnate by God's word took flesh and blood for our salvation, so also we have been taught that the food consecrated by the word of prayer that comes from Him... is the flesh and blood of that incarnate Jesus" (First apology, Ch 66).

The change of bread and wine into Jesus' body and blood is, of course, a mystery which we will never fully understand. But even though we may find it difficult to understand, we can be sure that God who created this universe with a word, and the same word who became a human being, has the power to accomplish his word into his own flesh and blood.

He Who Loves Father and Mother More Than Me Is Not Worthy of Me

Meditation: Who or what takes first place in your life - in your daily thoughts, cares, and concerns? God has put us first in his thought, care, and concern for our well-being and future. God loved us first and our love for him is a response to his exceeding kindness and mercy towards us. Even while we were hopelessly adrift through our own sinful pride, rebellion and unbelief, he choose to give us his own beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who laid down his life for our sake - to set us free from slavery to sin, Satan, and death.

Proof of God's unfailing love for us

There is no greater proof of God's love for us than the free-will offering of his Son who shed his blood for us on the cross. His death broke the curse of guilt and condemnation, and won for us pardon and adoption as beloved sons and daughters of God our Father. Through the victory of his cross and resurrection, the Lord Jesus offers us abundant new life through the gift and power of the Holy Spirit who lives within us.

The love of God comes first

The Holy Spirit reveals to us the love of the eternal Father and the eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who come to make their home with us and to unite us in a bond of peace and friendship. That is why the Lord Jesus commanded his disciples to give him their undivided loyalty and love above all else. We owe him a debt of gratitude for what he has done for us. The Lord Jesus gives us the assurance and promise that he will raise up our mortal bodies to be like his so that we may fully share in his resurrection for all eternity.

God has no equal - that is why we owe the eternal Father, Son, and Holy Spirit our undivided loyalty, trust, and obedience. Jesus challenges his disciples to examine who they love first and foremost. A true disciple loves God above all else and is willing to forsake all for the Lord Jesus who calls us to follow him. Jesus insists that his disciples give him the loyalty which is due to God, a loyalty which is higher than spouse or kin. It is possible that family and friends can become our enemies, if the thought of them keeps us from doing what we know God wants us to do.

True love overflows in kindness and mercy towards others

True love for God compels us to express charity (merciful deeds of kindness and goodness) towards our neighbors who are also loved by God because he created each of them in his image and likeness. Mother Theresa of Calcutta once told a marvelous story about a destitute family who had nothing to eat for days. When news of their impoverished condition came to the *Missionary Sisters of Charity*, Mother Theresa personally went to their home and brought them some food supplies. The mother of the family immediately divided the food in half and carried it off. When she returned, Mother Theresa asked her, "Where did you go?" She gave the simple answer, "To my neighbors, they are hungry also!" Mother Theresa said, "I was not surprised that she gave - poor people are really very generous. I was surprised that she knew they were hungry. As a rule, when we are suffering, we are so focused on ourselves, we have no time for others."

Jesus declared that any kindness shown and any help given to the people of Christ will not lose its reward (Matthew 10:42). Jesus never refused to give to anyone in need who asked for his help. As his disciples we are called to be kind and generous as he is. Jesus sets before us the one goal in life that is worth any sacrifice and that goal is union with God - uniting our heart, mind, and will with his heart and will for our lives. The reward of a life given over to God and obeying his voice is God himself - the source of true peace and joy that lasts forever. Does the love of Jesus Christ compel you to put God first in all you do (2 Corinthians 5:14)?