

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

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The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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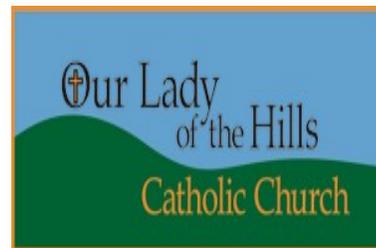
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Office Hours:

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Friday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm; Closed Wednesday and holidays.

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

I WAS ONCE A CATHOLIC... (Part 1)

"I was a Catholic once," said the lady a few yards from me in the parking lot. "Now I'm a Christian and you can be one as well." She proceeded to hand a tract to a gentleman standing next to the opened trunk of his car. I couldn't help it.

"Excuse me," I said to the lady "but could I too have a tract?" The lady's face beamed. "Are you saved?" she asked. "Of course, I am; I'm a believing Catholic," I retorted. She looked at me as if I had bad breath or something.

She continued, "I was just telling this gentleman that I too was a Catholic - a Catholic for thirty-some years in fact. Now I've found Christ and I'm trying to tell everyone I know about salvation through Christ."

"Wow, that's really something! May I ask why you left the Church?" I could tell that, by asking this question, my new acquaintance was getting excited. After all, she had probably been snubbed by dozens of people and now she has someone that she can "witness" to Christ. I didn't mind much either, but I tried not to show it.

"You see," she said, "I was born Catholic. I attended Mass every week, received the Sacraments and graduated from a Catholic school. Not once did I ever hear the gospel proclaimed. Not once! It was after the birth of my first child that a good friend of mine shared 'the gospel' with me and I accepted Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior and became a Christian. Now I belong to a 'Bible-believing' church and I'm sharing the gospel with whomever will listen."

This shocked me. "You mean you belonged to the Catholic Church for over forty years and you never heard the gospel?" I said. She was getting more excited. "Yes, I never once heard the gospel of (continued on page 4)

Mass Schedule July 29 — August 6

Saturday 07/29: <small>17th Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 07/30: <small>17th Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Hans Robinson (J. & C. Mosier) SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Mark Scarpelli (B. Scarpelli)
Monday 07/31:	No Mass
Tuesday 08/01:	OLH Mass 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday 08/02:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †Luther Frye (R. & N. Swecker)
Thursday 08/03:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †Russ McDaniel (R. & N. Swecker)
Friday 08/04: <small>First Friday</small>	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift) SA Adoration 9:30 a.m.—10:00 a.m.
Saturday 08/05: <small>Transfiguration of the Lord</small>	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. †Barbara Ferrell (J. & S. Skaggs and Family)
Sunday 08/06: <small>Transfiguration of the Lord</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Frank Nogoda and Amelia Gould Families

Stewardship Report for July 22 & 23, 2023

St. Anthony

Offertory	\$ 1,357.00
CCC & CCHD	5.00
Memorial Donations	140.00
Attendance Saturday—31 Sunday—52	

Our Lady of the Hills

Offertory	\$ 1,050.13
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.

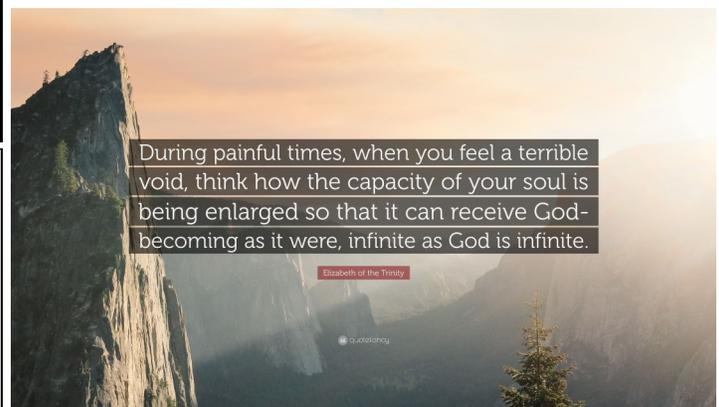
Mass Intention requests are scheduled in the order they are received.

Prayer List for the Sick & Homebound

St. Anthony—Mary Hanson, 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.



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

Thank you for your generosity!

Music for Liturgy



Entrance:	Our God Is Here — #304
Gloria:	Mass of Spirit & Grace — #924
Offertory:	All Is Well with My Soul — #471
Communion:	Be Not Afraid — #438
Recessional:	To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King — #736

Minister Schedule

	July 30, 2023	August 6, 2023
	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
<u>St. Anthony</u>		
5:00 p.m. Mass		
Lector:	D. Hess	R. Stonestreet
Eucharistic Minister:	J. Polak	M. Doneghy
10:30 a.m. Mass		
Lector:	M. Tyler	B. Ashworth
Eucharistic Minister:	M. Hamilton	B. Ashworth
Counters:	S. Kawash & N. Swecker	C. Joseph & S. Bossie-Maddox
<u>Our Lady of the Hills</u>		
Lector:	G. Kozera	M. Swecker
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.



“This is Christian prophecy: responding to evil with good, to hatred with love, to division with reconciliation. Faith transforms reality from within.”

~ Pope Francis tweet on 07/01/23

First Friday at St. Anthony—August 4, 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.

St. Anthony Caring Fund—There will be a second collection next weekend to support the St. Anthony Caring Fund. Thank you for your support of our local brothers and sisters through this collection.



Father Thomas's Vacation

Father Thomas will be leaving on Monday, August 7, 2023, to travel to India for his vacation. He will return on Friday, September 8. During this time, Father Charles Anemelu will cover the weekend masses. There will not be any weekday masses. For Sacramental emergencies, please call the office at 304-342-2716. Let us pray for Father Thomas to have a safe and wonderful vacation.



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!

Important Collection Announcement—Our Annual Authorized Mission Appeal (Glenmary Home Missioners) has been scheduled for the weekend of August 19 & 20, 2023. As a result, the date of the collection for the Education of Seminarians has been moved to August 12 & 13, 2023.

I Was Once a Catholic... Part 1 *(continued from page 1)*

salvation preached or taught or even mentioned in the Church. If you don't preach the gospel, excuse my bluntness, but you're simply not Christian." I scratched my head and said, "that's strange. I've been a Catholic all my life and I bet I hear the gospel ever week at Church." Her smile quickly faded into a look of curiosity. "Maybe, I'm missing something," I continued. "Tell me what you mean by 'the gospel?'"

The lady reached back into her purse to pull out a little tract and said, "This tract explains the simple gospel of salvation. It can be broken down into four easy steps.

"First, we acknowledge that we are all sinners in need of God's forgiveness.

Secondly, we recognize that only God can save us.

The third step is that Jesus Christ died on the Cross for our sins and to bring us to God.

And the fourth and final step is that each individual accepts Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior to be saved."

I thought for a couple of seconds and said, "If I could demonstrate to you that Catholics hear 'the gospel' every Sunday, would you agree to take a closer look at the Catholic Church?" Now, she knew she had me over a barrel. "Prove it," she said. I excused myself for a second and ran to my car to grab a Missal.

"Since you have attended Mass nearly all your life, you probably remember these prayers." I flipped open to the beginning prayers of the Mass and proceeded to show her how Catholics hear, pray, and live the gospel message every Sunday.

The first step in my newfound friend's tract stated that we are all sinners in need of God's forgiveness. After the Greeting, the Mass continues to what is known as the Penitential Rite. I read the text loudly to her while she followed reading silently.

"I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers, and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault. In my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do."

I mentioned that it is here in this section that each Catholic states publicly that he or she is individually a sinner - not merely in a general sense - but specifically in thoughts, words, and deeds. You can't get much more complete than that. I continued reading,

"And I ask Blessed Mary, ever virgin, all the angels and saints, and to you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God."

The priest reaffirms this confession of sin by praying,

"May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life."

And the whole congregation says "Amen," that is, "I believe." The priest continues.

"Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy,"

and finishes by saying,

"Lord show us your mercy and love. And grant us your salvation."

I looked at her and said, "You see, we Catholics start every Mass with a public declaration of our own personal sinfulness and look to God for forgiveness." She responded, "But Catholics don't believe that God alone can save them. They believe Mary and the saints will save them." I shook my head in disagreement. "No, we don't. Remember what we had just read in the Mass. Catholic ask Mary, the angels, the saints and the whole congregation to pray to God for mercy on their behalf - just like I would ask you to pray for me to God. Does that mean that I look to you to 'save' me? No, of course I don't believe that. I'm just asking for your help. Besides the 'Gloria' of the Mass proves that Catholics look to God alone to save us."

Credit to: Father Emmanuel Anyan (from Facebook page)

I Was Once a Catholic... Part 2 will be in the August 6, 2023 bulletin.