

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

March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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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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He Is Risen!

Mass Schedule March 30—April 7

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| Saturday 03/30: <small>Easter Vigil</small> | SA Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 p.m. People of the Parish |
| Sunday 03/31: <small>Easter Sunday</small> | OLH Easter Mass 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish SA Easter Mass 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish |
| Monday 04/01: | No Mass |
| Tuesday 04/02: | OLH No Mass—Father out of town |
| Wednesday 04/03: | SA No Mass—Father out of town |
| Thursday 04/04: | SA No Mass—Father out of town |
| Friday 04/05: <small>First Friday</small> | SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (M. J. Zsoldos) SA Adoration 9:30 a.m.—10:00 a.m. |
| Saturday 04/06: <small>Sunday of Divine Mercy</small> | SA Mass 5:00 p.m. †Shirley Michael Bossie (A. Wheeler) |
| Sunday 04/07: <small>Sunday of Divine Mercy</small> | OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Frank Nogoda & Amelia Gould Families |

Stewardship Report for March 23 & 24, 2024

St. Anthony

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| Offertory | \$ 2,009.50 |
| Holiday Flowers | 50.00 |
| Easter Holy Day | 30.00 |
| Donation | 40.00 |
| Attendance | Saturday—30 Sunday—70 |

Our Lady of the Hills

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| Offertory | \$ 625.13 |
| Attendance | Sunday—41 |

**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.

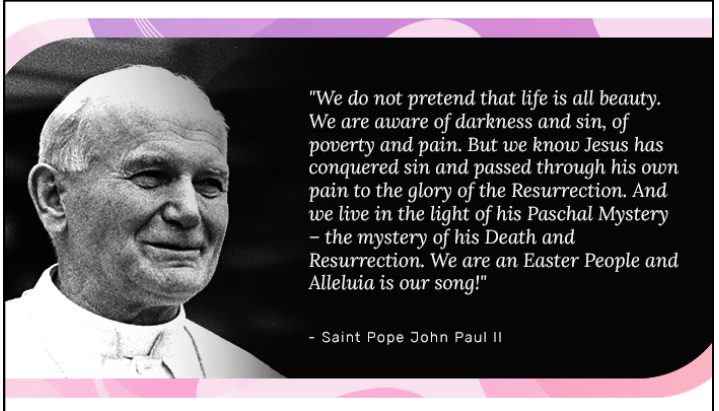
Mass Intention requests are scheduled in the order they are received.

Prayer List for the Sick & Homebound

St. Anthony—Michael McCallister, Robin Holly, Michael Bee, Chris Newman, David Wuletich, Linda Davis, Ursula Paezold, Christine Hansbarger, Mary Wuletich

Our Lady of the Hills—Violet Edwards, Ursula Paezold, Bill & Nancy Audia, Judy Killough & Family, The Dorseys.

Please call Father Thomas Kalapurackal at 304-342-2716, if you would like a visit and to receive communion or a home blessing.



- Saint Pope John Paul II

**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 February, 2024, St. Anne's has not served any children this year.

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| Balance as of <u>12/31/23</u> | \$ 4,240.27 |
| Contributions Received | 120.00 |
| Less: Expenses | (0.00) |
| Balance as of <u>02/29/24</u> | \$ 4,360.27 |

Thank you for your generosity!

Music for Liturgy



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| Entrance: | Jesus Christ Is Risen Today — #172 |
| Gloria: | Mass of Spirit and Grace — #925 |
| Offertory: | Alleluia! Love Is Alive — #171 |
| Communion: | Worthy Is the Lamb — #581 |
| Recessional: | Alleluia! Alleluia! — #175 |



March Birthdays

- 3 Dominic D'Alessio
- 3 Rebecca Stodola
- 9 Anthony Joseph
- 10 Albert Leonoro
- 12 Perriann Kawash
- 12 Wanda Leach
- 15 Doris Bohan
- 15 Michael Garton
- 15 Chris Newman
- 16 Madison Burdette
- 20 Hannah Ihnat
- 21 Saylor Bossie
- 21 Greg Kozera
- 21 Emily Wines
- 23 Carmela Mosier
- 25 Andrea Ferguson
- 31 Bonnie Starling

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

Thank you!

Minister Schedule

| | March 31, 2024 | April 7, 2024 |
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| | Easter Sunday | Sunday of Divine Mercy |
| St. Anthony | | |
| Mass | 8:00 p.m. | 5:00 p.m. |
| Lector: | M. Doneghy & R. Stonestreet | M. Doneghy |
| Eucharistic Minister: | M. Doneghy & Volunteer | J. Polak |
| 10:30 a.m. Mass | | |
| Lector: | J. Bowles | S. Kawash |
| Eucharistic Minister: | J. Bowles & S. Kawash | S. Kawash & M. Hamilton |
| Counters: | K. Layne & S. Spencer | S. Kawash & C. Joseph |
| Our Lady of the Hills | | |
| Lector: | M. Swecker | R. Stodola |
| Eucharistic Minister: | J. Felber | T. Lanna |

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 2:00 p.m. in the SA Parish Center.

Dear parishioners of St. Anthony and Our Lady of the Hills,

We are delighted to invite you to see and purchase handmade religious articles made by the Sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent (Belarus). **The exposition will take place on the weekend of April 13 & 14, 2024, after the Mass.**

The Sisterhood of St. Elisabeth was founded in 1996. Our missionary work began in the National mental hospital located not far from the Convent. Our Sisters take care of mentally challenged children and adults. The life of children with diagnoses, such as Down syndrome, birth traumas or congenital physical defects, may be quite short and it is painful to see them suffering. Also, the adult patients need constant support owing to the fact that their illnesses make it impossible for them to adapt socially.

In recent years, a shelter and house of Labor for former drug and alcohol addicted people was organized 20 miles away from the Convent. A lot of homeless, struggling, and lost people get a chance for new start in life to find God.

In order to help these people, some workshops were organized on the premises of the Convent where vulnerable people have a possibility to express themselves in art for God—working together with nuns and sisters to make icons (including hand-painted), crosses, crucifixes, wood carvings, embroidered and ceramic gifts, rosaries and vestments. All these goods are made with love and prayer to bring blessings to their owners.

We are happy and thanking God for the opportunity to introduce our mission and offer these items for purchase to you.

With Love in Christ,

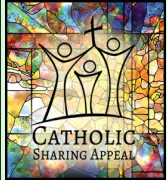
Sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent



St. Anthony Easter Egg Hunt—St. Anthony will have an Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday. If the weather is inclement, the Easter Egg Hunt will be held in the Parish Center.

Weekday Masses from Tuesday, April 2, through Thursday, April 4, are cancelled.

Next Sunday, April 7, is Divine Mercy Sunday. We will recite the Divine Mercy chaplet at the end of Mass. Please remember to bring your rosary.



The 2024 Catholic Sharing Appeal Update

As of **March 26, 2024**, St. Anthony has raised **\$1,705**, which is **17%** of our parish goal of \$9,915. Our Lady of the Hills has raised **\$3,775**, which is **65%** of our parish goal of \$5,800. Please remember that 100% of all donations above 50% of our parish goals will come back to the parish.

Thank you for your commitment and generosity!

Why Do You Seek the Living among the Dead?

Meditation: Early Sunday morning the women went to the tomb to pay their last tribute to a dead body. The disciples thought that everything had finished in tragedy. Neither were ready to see an empty tomb and hear the angel's message, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." (Mark 16:6-7). The angel urged them to believe that Jesus had indeed risen just as he had promised. In joy then went to share the good news with the other disciples.

Is it any small wonder that it was the women, rather than the apostles, who first witnessed the empty tomb and the resurrected Lord? Isidore of Seville, a 7th century church father comments on this: "As a woman (Eve) was first to taste death, so a woman (Mary Magdalene) was first to taste life. As a woman was prescient in the fall, so a woman was prescient in beholding the dawning of redemption, thus reversing the curse upon Eve." The first to testify to the risen Lord was a woman from whom Jesus had cast out seven demons.

What is the significance of the stone being rolled away? It would have taken several people to move such a stone. And besides, the sealed tomb had been guarded by soldiers! This is clearly the first sign of the resurrection. Bede, a church father from the 8th century, comments: "[The angel] rolled back the stone not to throw open a way for our Lord to come forth, but to provide evidence to people that he had already come forth. As the virgin's womb was closed, so the sepulcher was closed, yet he entered the world through her closed womb, and so he left the world through the closed sepulcher." (From Homilies on the Gospels 2,7,24) Another church father remarked: "To behold the resurrection, the stone must first be rolled away from our hearts" (Peter Chrysologus, 5th century). Do you know the joy of the resurrection?

It is significant that the disciples had to first deal with the empty tomb before they could come to grips with the fact that scripture had foretold that Jesus would die for our sins and then rise triumphant. They disbelieved until they saw the empty tomb. Bede explains why the Risen Lord revealed himself gradually to the disciples:

"Our Lord and redeemer revealed the glory of his resurrection to his disciples gradually and over a period of time, undoubtedly because so great was the virtue of the miracle that the weak hearts of mortals could not grasp [the significance of] this all at once. Thus, he had regard for the frailty of those seeking him. To those who came first to the tomb, both the women who were aflame with love for him and the men, he showed the stone rolled back. Since his body had been carried away, he showed them the linen cloths in which it had been wrapped lying there alone. Then, to the women who were searching eagerly, who were confused in their minds about what they had found out about him, he showed a vision of angels who disclosed evidences of the fact that he had risen again. Thus, with the report of his resurrection already accomplished, going ahead of him, the Lord of hosts and the king of glory himself at length appeared and made clear with what great might he had overcome the death he had temporarily tasted." (From Homilies on the Gospels 2,9,25)

One thing is certain, if Jesus had not risen from the dead and appeared to his disciples, we would never have heard of him. Nothing else could have changed sad and despairing men and women into people radiant with joy and courage. The reality of the resurrection is the central fact of the Christian faith. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Lord gives us "eyes of faith" to know him and the power of his resurrection. The greatest joy we can have is to encounter the living Lord and to know him personally. Do you celebrate the feast of Easter with joy and thanksgiving for the victory which Jesus has won for you over sin and death?