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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.

From the Pastor's Desk

October - Month of Holy Rosary

In our Catholic tradition, the Month of October is especially dedicated to praying the Rosary. As usual, I wanted to remind you about the importance of the Rosary prayer in our family life. The place where I am from has a strong tradition of praying the rosary before the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction for ten continuous days. Though there are many Marian prayers, the Rosary is considered as

the most popular devotional prayer. Though not essential to a Catholic's spiritual life and growth, millions of Catholics have benefited through the ages by prayerful reflection on the mysteries of the life of Christ and his mother commemorated in the Rosary.

Pope John Paul II's Letter on the Rosary, <u>Rosarium Virginis Mariae</u> of 2002 tells us that the Rosary played an important part in his own life.

"From my youthful years this prayer has held an important place in my spiritual life...To it I have entrusted any number of concerns; in it I have always found comfort. Twenty-four years ago, on 29 October 1978, scarcely two weeks after my election to the See of Peter, I frankly admitted: "The Rosary is my favorite prayer. A marvelous prayer! Marvelous in its simplicity and its depth..." (§2)

According to him, the Rosary is nothing other than contemplating Christ with the face of Mary (§3) and is among the finest and most praiseworthy traditions of Christian contemplation (§5). Mary in many apparitions in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, especially of Lourdes and Fatima, encouraged people to pray the Rosary. At Fatima, Mary told the children that she was the 'Lady of the Rosary' and asked them to pray the Rosary daily. Since that time, praying the Rosary either as individuals or in families or groups has become a characteristic of the prayer life of many Catholics.

The Pope says the Rosary is a prayer of and for the family. He writes, "At one time this prayer was particularly dear to Christian families, and it certainly brought them closer together. It is important not to lose this precious inheritance. We need to return to the practice of family prayer and prayer for families, continuing to use the Rosary." (§41)

Mass Schedule September 30 — October 8

Saturday 09/30: SA Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday 10/01: OLH Mass 8:30 a.m.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time †Hans Robinson (P. & D. Young)

SA Mass 10:30 a.m.

†Barbara Ferrell (J. & S. Skaggs & Family)

Monday 10/02: No Mass

Tuesday 10/03: OLH Mass 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday 10/04: SA Mass 9:00 a.m.

Thursday 10/05: SA Mass 9:00 a.m.

Friday 10/06: SA Mass 9:00 a.m.

First Friday †Barbara & Jeff Ferrell (M. & A. Kawash Families)

SA Adoration 9:30 a.m.—10:00 a.m.

Saturday 10/07: SA Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday 10/08: OLH Mass 8:30 a.m.

†Hans Robinson (P. & D. Young)

SA Mass 10:30 a.m.

†Frank Nogoda & Amelia Gould Families

Stewardship Report for September 23 & 24, 2023

St. Anthony

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Offertory \$ 1,729.50 Catholic University of America 203.00 Attendance Saturday—28 Sunday—60

Our Lady of the Hills

Offertory \$ 1,000.13 Catholic University of America \$ 395.00

Attendance Sunday—35

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.

<u>Mass Intentions</u>—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.

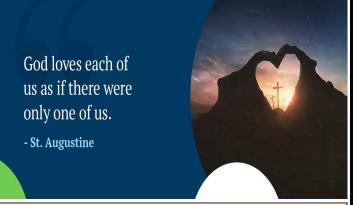
Mass Intention requests are scheduled in the order they are received.

Prayer List for the Sick & Homebound

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

Our Lady of the Hills—Violet Edwards, Ursula Paezold, Bill & Nancy Audia, Paul Stodola, Patti Stodola, 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.



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

Balance as of 12/31/22 \$ 3,933.23 Contributions Received 740.00 Less: Expenses (39.08) Balance as of 09/30/23 \$ 4,634.15

Thank you for your generosity!

Music for Liturgy



Entrance: Come, Christian, Join to Sing — #560

Gloria: Mass of Renewal — #875

Offertory: What Wondrous Love Is This — #484

Communion: Jesus, the Lord — #411

Recessional: Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens — #569

Minister Schedule

	October 1, 2023	October 8, 2023
	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
St. Anthony		
5:00 p.m. Mass		
Lector:	D. Hess	R. Stonestreet
Eucharistic Minister:	M. Doneghy	M. Doneghy
10:30 a.m. Mass		
Lector:	J. Bowles	M. Tyler
Eucharistic Minister:	J. Bowles	B. Morton
Counters:	S. Bossie-Maddox & C. Joseph	K. Layne & S. Spencer
Our Lady of the Hills		
Lector:	R. Stodola	C. Stodola
Eucharistic Minister:	T. Lanna	T. Stodola

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.

Vicariate Council Election—October 7 & 8

Two parishioners from each parish will be elected to serve on the Vicariate Council for a 3 year term. The purpose of the Vicariate Council is to bring the concerns of each parish to the Council so they can be discussed and considered. The Vicariate Council currently meets on the second Thursday of each month.

For our parishes, parishioners are asked to nominate 3 members of the parish to be placed with their permission on the ballot for the upcoming election to serve on the Vicariate Council. To nominate a parishioner, please see Father Thomas or contact the office. October 1st is the final day to nominate someone.

The election will be held on the weekend of October 7 & 8.

Eucharistic Revival

As part of our National Eucharistic Revival, Father Thomas invites each Parish Family to pick up "This Is My Body: A Call To Eucharistic Revival "by Bishop Robert Barron. At St. Anthony, the books are located on the tables at the church entrances. At Our Lady of the Hills, the books are located in the gathering space.

Please only take one book per parish family.



October **Birthdays**

- 2 Richard Boyle
- 5 Rhonda Ashworth
- 5 Rebecca Carroll
- 6 Gregory Chrobak
- 8 Cara Pogue
- 10 Fenner Hart
- 14 Thomas Resler
- 15 Christine Boyle
- 15 Elizabeth Jordan
- 15 Beckett Lindsev
- 16 Domenick Hoh
- 19 Marylin Giblin
- 21 Cindy Mosier
- 22 Molly Green
- 23 Elizabeth Arnold
- 26 Steve Kawash
- 26 Marilyn Mogielski
- 26 Rowena Rivera
- 28 Joan Namey
- 31 Melanie Green

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

Thank you!



"Faith deserves respect and honor: it has changed our lives, it has purified our minds, it has taught us the worship of God and the love of our neighbor. It is a blessing for all!"

~ Pope Francis tweet on 08/24/23

<u>First Friday at St. Anthony</u>—October 6, 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.

The office will be closed on Friday, October 6th, and Monday, October 9th.

<u>Attention St. Anthony Parishioners</u>—Due to the bulletins being distributed electronically and for security concerns, the Finance Council has decided that the weekly collection will no longer be reported in the bulletin after this week. In the interest of transparency, a verbal report will be given quarterly at Mass. If you questions or concerns, please see a member of the Finance Council.

Which Son Did the Father's Will?

Meditation: What kind of future are you preparing for? Jesus encourages us to think - to think about the consequences of our choices, especially the choices and decisions that will count not just for now but for eternity as well. The choices we make now will affect and shape our future, both our future on earth as well as in the life of the age to come.

Repaying a debt of gratitude and showing respect where it is due

Jesus tells a simple story of two imperfect sons to illustrate the way of God's kingdom. The father amply provided for his sons food, lodging, and everything they needed. Everything the father had belonged to them as well. The father also rewarded his sons with excellent work in his own vineyard. He expected them to show him gratitude, loyalty, and honor by doing their fair share of the daily work.

Converting both heart and will to do what is good and pleasing to God

The "rebellious" son told his father to his face that he would not work for him. But afterwards he changed his mind and did what his father commanded him. The "good" son said he would work for his father, but didn't follow through. He sought his own pleasure, contrary to his father's will. Now who was really the good son? Both sons disobeyed their father - but one repented and then did what the father told him. Jesus makes his point clear - Good intentions are not enough. And promises don't count unless they are performed.

A transformed heart filled with gratitude and respect

God wants to change our hearts so that we will show by our speech and by our actions that we respect his will and do it. God offers each one of us the greatest treasure possible - indestructible peace, joy, and friendship with him in his everlasting kingdom. We can lose that treasure if we refuse the grace - the free gift of God's blessing and strength - which the Lord Jesus has won for us through his victory on the cross. The Lord Jesus fills us with the gift of the Holy Spirit who works in and through us for the glory of God. Do you seek to please God and respect his will and loving plan for your life? Allow the Holy Spirit to fill your heart with the peace, joy, and righteousness of God's kingdom (Romans 14:17).

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GET US TO 1 MILLION!



It's not how many Rosaries you will say by Oct. 7th. October 7th is your pledge entry deadline.

"Your deadline to fulfill is between you and God!" - Sr. Martha Gomez, RGS



