

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

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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

Anointing of the Sick: Sacrament of Healing

The sacrament of the anointing of the sick is an essential part of the Church's concern for the sick. Earlier, this sacrament was known as the last rite; it is no longer thought of as the last anointing or extreme unction, but as a sacrament that gives strength to sick people physically, psychologically and spiritually.

Besides the sacrament of reconciliation, this sacrament is also considered as a sacrament of healing.

Jesus commissioned his disciples "heal the sick, raise the dead, cure the lepers, drive out demons" (Mt 10:8). Mark's gospel records that, "They expelled many evil spirits and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them" (Mk 6:13). The early church based the practice of anointing the sick primarily on a passage from the letter of St. James (5:14).

The anointing of the sick is not some kind of magic. The healing action should be ascribed to prayer empowered by faith and to the knowledge through faith that the Lord can help us, as well as to firm conviction that he will actually do so. Ultimately, it is always Jesus himself who heals the sick if the priest out of faith asks him to do so.

The sacrament of the anointing of the sick "is not a sacrament for those who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly arrived" (CCC 1514). Sometimes people wait till the last moment to call the priest and often miss the priest. It is encouraged for the faithful to contact the priest when the sick person can prepare himself/herself with good disposition to receive the sacrament.

In addition to the anointing of the sick, the church offers those who are about to leave this life the Eucharist as Viaticum. That is communion in the Body and blood of Christ received at the moment of 'passing over' to eternity.

Music for Liturgy



Entrance:	Sing a New Song — #556
Gloria:	Mass of Renewal — #875
Offertory:	Lord of All Hopefulness — #410
Communion:	Spirit and Grace — #348
Recessional:	Glory and Praise to Our God — #558

Minister Schedule

	October 22, 2023	October 29, 2023
	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
<u>St. Anthony</u>		
5:00 p.m. Mass		
Lector:	M. Doneghy	D. Hess
Eucharistic Minister:	W. Leach	J. Polak
10:30 a.m. Mass		
Lector:	S. Kawash	J. Bowles
Eucharistic Minister:	B. Ashworth	J. Bowles
Counters:	N. Swecker & S. Bossie-Maddox	K. Layne & S. Spencer
<u>Our Lady of the Hills</u>		
Lector:	M. Swecker	R. Stodola
Eucharistic Minister:	C. Lothes	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 2:00 p.m. in the SA Parish Center.

The Feast of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation, is celebrated on **Wednesday, November 1, 2023.** Mass will be celebrated at St. Anthony at 5:30 p.m. and at Our Lady of the Hills at 7:00 p.m.

World Mission Sunday: October 21 & 22—Today is World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call—to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.



All Souls Remembrance—Each November we remember our departed loved ones with candles to honor them. If you receive collection envelopes, you may complete the back of the envelope with the names of your deceased and drop it in the collection basket. If you do not receive envelopes and wish to remember your departed loved ones, you may list them on a blank envelope and drop it in the collection basket. The suggested giving level is \$5.00 per candle.



“The welcoming gaze of Christ toward the suffering and discarded invites us to be a welcoming Church that repeats to everyone: ‘Come, you who are weary and oppressed, come, you who have lost your way, you who have closed the doors to hope: the Church is here for you!’” ~ Pope Francis tweet on 10/07/23



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 Lindsey
- 16 Domenick Hoh
- 19 Marilyn 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!

Give to God What Belongs to God

Meditation: What do we owe God and our neighbor? Scripture tells us to give to everyone whatever is their due and to "owe no one anything, except to love one another" (Romans 13:6-8). The Jewish authorities sought to trap Jesus in a religious-state issue. The Jews resented their foreign rulers and despised paying taxes to Caesar. They posed a dilemma to test Jesus to see if he was loyal to them and to their understanding of religion. If Jesus answered that it was lawful to pay taxes to a pagan ruler, then he would lose credibility with the Jewish nation who would regard him as a coward and a friend of Caesar. If he said it was not lawful, then the Pharisees would have grounds to report him to the Roman authorities as a political trouble-maker and have him arrested.

Coins inscribe the owner's name and authority on them

Jesus avoided their trap by confronting them with the image of a coin. Coinage in the ancient world had significant political power. Rulers issued coins with their own image and inscription on them. In a certain sense the coin was regarded as the personal property of the ruler. Where the coin was valid the ruler held political sway over the people. Since the Jews used the Roman currency, Jesus explained that what belonged to Caesar must be given to Caesar.

We have been "stamped" with God's image and likeness

This story has another deeper meaning as well. We, too, have been stamped with God's image since we are created in his own likeness - "God created man in his own image ..male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:26-27). We rightfully belong not to ourselves, but to God who created us and redeemed us in the precious blood of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ (see 1 Corinthians 6:19-20). Paul the Apostle says that we are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God (Romans 12:1). Do you acknowledge that your life and everything you possess belongs to God and not to yourself? And do you give to God what rightfully belongs to him?

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Why is it so important that we register in a parish?

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years or still living with their parents believe they are still signed up as members under their parent's registration. But membership requires you to sign up, to formally enroll yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social and ministerial activities of your parish. It is a statement of your faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish. We encourage and invite all adult members of our faith community (18 years or older) to register in one of our parishes. Registration shows you belong. Being a registered parishioner makes the process much easier when it is time for infant baptisms, weddings, or when you are asked to be a baptismal or confirmation sponsor. To register in one of our parishes, please visit our parish websites or call the office at 304-342-2716.



The 2023 Catholic Sharing Appeal Update

As of **October 19, 2023**, St. Anthony has raised **\$12,225.00**, which is **117%** of our parish goal of \$10,470.00. Our Lady of the Hills has raised **\$7,115**, which is **117%** of our parish goal of \$6,100. As both parishes have exceeded 50% of their parish goals, every dollar that is donated now will be returned to the parish. Thank you for your support of our parishes and diocesan ministries!



The St. John Paul II Foundation and the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston present the ***Together in Holiness Formation series***

Year-round marriage enrichment for small communities of spouses that equips them with the formation, encouragement, support, and practical tools to grow together in holiness and to form their children in the Catholic faith.

To get involved, contact Daniel Maul at dmaul@dwc.org.

Also available for Spanish-speaking couples through captioned videos and translated materials

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