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

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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.



From the Pastor's Desk

Easter Prayer

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope.

Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal.

Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it and the strength to complete it. Amen.

May the glory of the risen Lord fill your heart with joy. I wish you all a Blessed and Happy Easter.

Father Thomas

Mass Schedule April 8—16

Saturday 04/08: SA Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday 04/09: OLH Easter Mass 8:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday People of the Parish

SA Easter Mass 10:30 a.m.

People of the Parish

Monday 04/10: No Mass

Tuesday 04/11: OLH No Mass

Wednesday 04/12: SA Mass 9:00 a.m.

Chris Newman (S. Wyatt)

Thursday 04/13: SA Mass 9:00 a.m.

†George Denton (prayer gift)

Friday 04/14: SA Mass 9:00 a.m.

†John & Virginia Palmer (prayer gift)

Saturday 04/15: SA Mass 5:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Sunday People of the Parish

Sunday 04/16: OLH Mass 8:30 a.m.

Divine Mercy Sunday †Laurie Felber

SA Mass 10:30 a.m.

†Frank Nogoda & Amelia Gould Families

Stewardship Report for April 1 & 2, 2023

St. Anthony

 Offertory
 \$ 2,613.50

 Easter
 40.00

 Other
 118.18

Attendance Saturday—32 Sunday—63

Our Lady of the Hills

Offertory \$ 1,480.13 LERMA 185.00 Other 90.00

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.

<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.

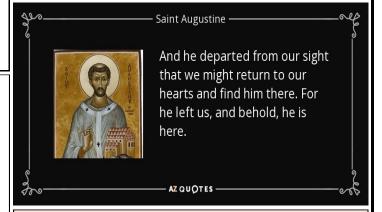
Mass Intention requests are scheduled in the order they are received.

Prayer List for the Sick & Homebound

St. Anthony—Mary Hanson, Christina Lopez, Michael McCallister, Robin Holly, Michael Bee, Wanda Graham, Chris Newman, David Wuletich, Linda Davis, Ursula Paezold, Melissa Tyler, Christine Hansbarger

Our Lady of the Hills—Bert Zodorozny, Violet Edwards, Wanda Graham, 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 February, 2023, St. Anne's has served 3 children this year.

Balance as of 12/31/22 \$ 3,933.23 Contributions Received 390.00 Less: Expenses (0.00) Balance as of 03/31/23 \$ 4,323.23

Thank you for your generosity!

Music for Liturgy

| | SA 8:00 p.m. | OLH 8:30 a.m. & SA 10:30 a.m. |
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| Entrance: | Enter in silence | Jesus Christ Is Risen Today—#178 |
| Gloria: | Mass of Spirit & Grace — #924 | Mass of Spirit & Grace — #924 |
| / Sequence: | Springs of Water, Bless the Lord — #175 | Christ the Lord Is Risen Today—#181 (2 verses) |

Preparation of Gifts / Offertory: River of Glory — #652 Baptized in Water — #651

> **Communion:** Christ Be Our Light — #158 (Easter Vigil verses) Worthy Is the Lamb—#583

Recessional: Alleluia! Alleluia! — #171 Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise — #169

Minister Schedule

| | April 9, 2023 | April 16, 2023 |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Easter Sunday | Divine Mercy Sunday |
| St. Anthony | | |
| Mass | 8:00 p.m. | 5:00 p.m. |
| Lector: | M. Doneghy & R. Stonestreet | D. Hess |
| Eucharistic Minister: | S. Spencer & W. Leach | S. Spencer |
| 10:30 a.m. Mass | | |
| Lector: | M. Ferguson | J. Bowles |
| Eucharistic Minister: | M. Hamilton & J. Polak | J. Bowles |
| Counters: | K. Layne & S. Spencer | S. Kawash & C. Joseph |
| Our Lady of the Hills | | |
| Lector: | M. Swecker | G. Kozera |
| Eucharistic Minister: | J. Felber | L. Kozera |

Bulletin & Mass Announcements—The deadline this week for bulletin announcements is Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. & for Mass announcements is Thursday at 9:00 a.m. Thank you!



Sprinkling Rite /

Congratulations!—Congratulations to Dominic Robert D'Alessio, son of Carmine and Natalie D'Alessio, who will be baptized on Baptism Sunday, April 9. He is the grandson of Dan & Karen Lanham and the great-grandson of Kathy Scalise. Let us pray for God's light to guide him as he begins his spiritual journey.



You are invited to Bible Study led by Deacon David on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in the SA Parish Center.

Next Sunday, April 16, is Divine Mercy Sunday. We will recite the Divine Mercy chaplet at the end of Mass. Please remember to bring your rosary.



April Birthdays

- 4 Jose Magaña
- 5 Mark Isabella
- 7 Rick Mogielski
- 8 Teresa Hart
- 10 Karen Lanham
- 10 Linda Nehr
- 13 Vernon Johnson
- 13 Magdalena Martinez
- 14 Michael Sisler
- 15 Mariorie Swecker
- 15 Diana Whitman
- 17 Darlene Young
- 20 Deborah McDougall
- 22 Alfred Azevedo
- 24 Jo Stump
- 30 David Anderson

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

Thank you!

The 2023 Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA)

As of March 31, 2023, St. Anthony has raised \$1,710.00, which is 16% of our parish goal of \$10,470.00. Our Lady of the Hills has raised \$3,775, which is 62% of our parish goal of \$6,100. Remember every dollar raised over the first 50% of each goal will be returned to the parish, including every dollar donated over the parish goal, making this a tremendous fund raising event for our parishes.

Thank you for your past generosity in support of the annual appeal and our parishes and for what we can accomplish this year! To save postage, you may drop your CSA envelope in the collection basket, and we will forward it to the Diocese. PLEASE make your check payable to the Catholic Sharing Appeal.

The 5:30 p.m. Mass on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at Our Lady of the Hills is cancelled.

SA—Extraordinary Ministers Needed for Sunday Mass: Father Thomas would like to have 2 Extraordinary Ministers available to serve at the Sunday morning 10:30 a.m. Mass. Currently, we do not have enough volunteers to schedule 2 people to serve at this Mass. Please pray about serving and if you are interested, please see Father Thomas who will arrange an instructional session with you.

Why Do You Seek the Living among the Dead?

Meditation: Do you receive the news of Jesus' resurrection with skepticism and doubt or with faith and joyful wonderment? On Sunday morning the women who had witnessed Jesus death on the cross 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, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise." (Luke 24:5-76). 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?

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Meals on Wheels Needs Volunteer Drivers

Meals on Wheels is seeking volunteer drivers to deliver meals on the West Side of Charleston. If you would like to volunteer or need more information, please call Valerie Rist at 304-552-6347.

Literacy Volunteers of Kanawha County

LVKC teaches reading and writing as well as English as a Second Language (ESL) to ADULTS for FREE. Tutoring is one-on-one with flexible hours. To register, please call: 304-898-9481 or email: brperrone@aol.com.