

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

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Second Sunday of Advent

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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



Good of the Spouses (continued)

The first account in Genesis clarifies the distinction of sexes in God's creation and it is the key to man's mission to carry on the work of creation by procreation. The second version stresses that man is incomplete if he remains on his own and this is not a good thing. The normal plan of God is that man will find the goodness he lacks in union with a member of the other sex; and this union should lead to the good of each and of both: to the good of the spouses. Through dedication and sacrifice, mutually giving and receiving, becoming a gift to the other, husband and wife grow and mature and find fulfillment and satisfaction. It is not just a decision to give oneself, it is equally a decision to accept each other. This is clear in the words of marital consent exchange each other in the wedding ceremony. "I give myself to you and I accept you, for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health ... all the days of my life."

True love is always about going out of oneself and accepting the other. There is a sincere giving of oneself, but all the more important is the sincere acceptance of the other - sincere acceptance of who he or she really is, i.e. with all defects. True married commitment - "for better or for worse"; "till death do us part" - is always the pledge of two defective people trying to love each other as they are, defects and all, and to stick to the task. That contributes powerfully to their maturing, their growth and fulfillment as people, their genuine good - their "bonum." The incapacity or inability to give and accept leads to the nullity in certain cases of marriage.

Mass Schedule December 9— 17

Saturday 12/09: 2nd Sunday of Advent	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 12/10: 2nd Sunday of Advent	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Jeff & Barbara Ferrell (Brocato Family)
Monday 12/11:	No Mass
Tuesday 12/12:	OLH Mass 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday 12/13:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. +Barbara & Jeff Ferrell (M. & A. Kawash Families)
Thursday 12/14:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m.
Friday 12/15:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m.
Saturday 12/16: 3rd Sunday of Advent	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 12/17: 3rd Sunday of Advent	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Melanie Becker (L., P., B., D., & P. Bowles)

Stewardship Report for December 2 & 3, 2023

St. Anthony

Attendance Saturday—32 Sunday—67

Our Lady of the Hills

Offertory	\$ 1,640.13
LERMA	340.00
Holiday Flowers	230.00
St. Anne's Outreach	50.00

Attendance Sunday—39

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, Barbara Williams, Mary Wuletich, Opal Potesta

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.

— Saint Basil —



There is still time for endurance, time for patience, time for healing, time for change. Have you slipped? Rise up. Have you sinned? Cease. Do not stand among sinners, but leap aside.

— AZ QUOTES —

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

Balance as of 12/31/22	\$ 3,933.23
Contributions Received	955.00
Less: Expenses	(39.08)
Balance as of 11/30/23	\$ 4,849.15

Thank you for your generosity!

Music for Liturgy



Entrance:	On Jordan's Bank — #41
Offertory:	A Voice Cries Out — #46
Holy:	Mass of Christ the Savior — #918
Communion:	Like a Shepherd — #614
Recessional:	Come, Emmanuel — #62



December Birthdays

- 1 David Wuletich
- 8 Christian Magaña
- 8 Carter Wells
- 10 Marjorie Azevedo
- 12 Pat Booker
- 14 Terry Hess
- 17 Craig Arnold
- 21 Dottie Hess
- 24 Jansen Mosier
- 27 Tina Stodola
- 30 Sophia Arnold
- 30 Thurman Arnold
- 30 Nikki Bowling
- 30 Andrew Ferguson

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

Thank you!

Minister Schedule

	December 10, 2023 2nd Sunday of Advent	December 17, 2023 3rd Sunday of Advent
<u>St. Anthony</u> 5:00 p.m. Mass	Lector: C. Harmon	M. Doneghy
Eucharistic Minister:	M. Doneghy & Volunteer	D. Hess & Volunteer
10:30 a.m. Mass	Lector: M. Ferguson	J. Bowles
Eucharistic Minister:	M. Hamilton & Volunteer	J. Bowles & Volunteer
Counters:	K. Layne & S. Spencer	S. Kawash & C. Joseph
<u>Our Lady of the Hills</u>	Lector: G. Kozera	M. Swecker
Eucharistic Minister:	L. Kozera	J. Hall

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.

Retirement Fund for Religious: December 9 & 10—Support a lifetime of service. Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education, and care for those in need—usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously.

HELP WANTED
Your parish needs you!

Attention St. Anthony Ministers
Please contact Michele Bays (phone: 304-342-2716 or email: secretary@stanthonywv.com) as soon as possible if you would like to volunteer to serve at Mass on **Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m.** or **Christmas Day at 10:30 a.m.**



St. Anthony: Socks, Gloves & Hats
We are now collecting **socks, gloves, and hats** to be donated to our Veterans. Please donate only **NEW** items. There is a container located in the back of the church for your donation. Donations will be accepted through December 17th.

Saint Anthony Food Bank Initiative—During December, we will be collecting gift cards to support the new food bank program of Catholic Charities. This food bank will be run by the Catholic churches of the Kanawha Valley and will serve all those in need with an emphasis on helping our Catholic community. Gift cards can be any denomination and can be from Kroger, Piggly Wiggly, Walmart, Dollar General, etc. After purchasing a gift card, place it in the red envelope, write the amount of the gift card on the envelope, and place the envelope in a slot on the wall hanging in the back of the church.



Advent Reconciliation

Tuesday, December 19 6:00-7:00 p.m. Our Lady of the Hills
(after 5:30 p.m. Mass)

Wednesday, December 20 6:00-7:00 p.m. St. Anthony



Father Thomas and Father Charles will be available for confessions. Father Thomas will also be available after the weekday 9:00 a.m. Masses at St. Anthony during Advent.

4th Sunday of Advent Schedule

Saturday, December 23	5:00 p.m.	SA
Sunday, December 24	8:30 a.m.	OLH
Sunday, December 24	10:30 a.m.	SA



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve	5:00 p.m.	SA
Christmas Eve	8:00 p.m.	OLH
Christmas Day	10:30 a.m.	SA



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God: January 1

Since the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God on January 1, 2024 falls on a Monday this year, it is not observed as a Holy Day of Obligation. **Mass will be celebrated at St. Anthony at 10:30 a.m.**

From the Office of Evangelization & Catechesis for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston:

A five-week course, *RCIA: A Process of Conversion, Catechesis and Community*, is being offered through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF).

RCIA: A Process of Conversion, Catechesis and Community is intended for leadership teams and individuals who are or will be involved in implementing the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) – soon to be called the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) – in their parishes. The content of the course will help students appreciate the character of the RCIA as an extended process of formation for discipleship that focuses on conversion. Students will be able to explain how this process takes place within community, is supported by liturgical celebrations, and is enriched by appropriate and complete catechesis in each of its periods. We highly recommend leadership teams take this course together.

It is offered **in-person** at St John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston on 5 consecutive Thursdays from 6-7:30 p.m., beginning January 18th. Registration is required and space is limited. The course is being underwritten by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, which pays 100% of the tuition and the cost of any books associated with the courses. The facilitator is Gerri Wright. For further information or to register, please contact Gerri at gwright@dwc.org or 304-720-8311. Registration deadline is January 5th.

The Baptism of Repentance and Purification in the Holy Spirit

Meditation: John the Baptist's life was fueled by one burning passion - to point others to Jesus Christ and to the coming of his kingdom. Who is John the Baptist and what is the significance of his message for our lives? Scripture tells us that John was *filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb* (Luke 1:15, 41) by Christ himself, whom Mary had just conceived by the Holy Spirit. When Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth John leaped in her womb as they were filled with the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:41). The fire of the Spirit dwelt in John and made him the forerunner of the coming Messiah. John was led by the Spirit into the wilderness prior to his ministry where he grew in the word of God and was tested in preparation for his prophetic mission. John's clothing was reminiscent of the prophet Elijah (see Kings 1:8).

Called to hear and obey the Word of God

John broke the prophetic silence of the previous centuries when he began to speak the word of God to the people of Israel. His message was similar to the message of the Old Testament prophets who chided the people of God for their unfaithfulness and who tried to awaken true repentance in them. Among a people unconcerned with the things of God, it was his work to awaken their interest, unsettle them from their complacency, and arouse in them enough good will to recognize and receive Christ when he came. Are you eager to hear God's word and to be changed by it through the power of the Holy Spirit?

Let the Holy Spirit purify and transform your mind and heart

John's baptism was for repentance - turning away from sin and taking on a new way of life according to God's word. Our baptism in Jesus Christ by water and the Spirit results in a new birth and entry into God's kingdom as his beloved sons and daughters (John 3:5). The Lord Jesus comes to baptize each one of us in his Holy Spirit so that we may walk in his truth and holiness and radiate the joy of the Gospel to all we meet. God's word has power to change and transform our lives so that we may be lights that point others to Jesus Christ. Like John the Baptist, we too are called to give testimony to the light and truth of Christ. Do you point others to Jesus Christ in the way you live, speak, and treat others?

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