

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

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Fourth 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



The Christmas Prayer

"O sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas. Put into the hearts of men and women this peace for which they sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give to them. Help them to know one another better, and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness and purity. Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness. Join them all together in your love. And give us your heavenly peace. Amen."
— Pope John XXIII, "The Christmas Prayer"

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

**Wishing you, your family, and your friends a very
Blessed and Merry Christmas!**

Mass Schedule December 23—31

Saturday 12/23: 4th Sunday of Advent	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 12/24: 4th Sunday of Advent	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish SA Mass 10:30 a.m. Barbara Williams (prayer gift)
Sunday 12/24: Nativity of the Lord	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish OLH Mass 8:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Monday 12/25: Nativity of the Lord	SA Mass 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
Tuesday 12/26:	OLH No Mass
Wednesday 12/27:	SA No Mass
Thursday 12/28:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †Bianca Leonoro (R. & N. Swecker)
Friday 12/29:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m.
Saturday 12/30: The Holy Family	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 12/31: The Holy Family	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish SA Mass 10:30 a.m. Roger & Matt Tyler (M. Tyler)

Stewardship Report for December 16 & 17, 2023

St. Anthony

Attendance Saturday—36 Sunday—57


Our Lady of the Hills

Offertory	\$ 610.13
Holiday Flowers	25.00

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.

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.

“Rejoice and be glad that so great and good a Lord, on coming into the Virgin's womb, willed to appear despised, needy, and poor in this world, so that men who were in dire poverty and suffering great need of heavenly food might be made rich in him.”

St Clare of Assisi

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

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

Thank you for your generosity!

Music for Liturgy



Entrance:	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel — #39
Offertory:	Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming — #94
Holy:	Mass of Christ the Savior — #918
Communion:	Taste and See — #348
Recessional:	People, Look East — #43

Minister Schedule

	December 24, 2023 4th Sunday of Advent	December 31, 2023 The Holy Family
<u>St. Anthony</u> 5:00 p.m. Mass		
Lector:	D. Hess	R. Stonestreet
Eucharistic Minister:	W. Leach & Volunteer	J. Bowles & Volunteer
10:30 a.m. Mass		
Lector:	M. Tyler	B. Ashworth
Eucharistic Minister:	B. Ashworth & Volunteer	B. Morton & Volunteer
Counters:	N. Swecker & S. Bossie-Maddox	K. Layne & S. Spencer
<u>Our Lady of the Hills</u>		
Lector:	R. Stodola	G. Kozera
Eucharistic Minister:	T. Lanna	L. Kozera

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.

OLH Eucharistic Revival Program—On December 24th after morning Mass, we will continue our Eucharistic Revival program, “Jesus and the Eucharist.” We will finish session 3, “Am I Saved?” This is a very uplifting program for the Christmas Season. All are welcome! Attendance at a previous session isn’t necessary.



SA Christmas Eve Nativity—If a child would like to participate in our Christmas Eve Nativity before our 5:00 p.m. Mass, please call Jennifer Burdette at 304-553-6601.

St. Anthony: Socks, Gloves & Hats—THANK YOU to everyone for your generous donations of socks, gloves & hats for our veterans.



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!



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.



We extend our condolences to Ellen Asbury and family. Ellen's sister, Deloris Snyder, passed away on Wednesday, December 20, 2023. Arrangements were incomplete when this bulletin was published. Please pray for Deloris, Ellen and their family and friends. **May she rest in peace.**



Christmas Mass Schedule

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

Weekday Mass Cancellations: At Our Lady of the Hills, the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Tuesday, December 26, 2023, is cancelled. At St. Anthony, the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesday, December 27, 2023, is cancelled.



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.**

Catholic Charities West Virginia: Christmas Masses

Support Catholic Charities West Virginia!

Catholic Charities West Virginia helps tens of thousands of our brothers and sisters in need every year. Your donation allows us to provide hope, provide safety, provide food and provide care. In giving, we live honorably before God who gives us all we have. Through your support, we can continue providing caring and compassionate support to West Virginians in need. **Thank you for your heart to give.**



Catholic
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West Virginia

Give to the second
collection at Christmas
Mass to support Catholic
Charities

Help Those In Need.



Come to me, all who are
weary and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.
-Matthew 11:28

Donate online at
www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org



Office Announcement

The office will be closed on Monday, December 25, 2023, for Christmas and on Monday, January 1, 2024 for New Year's Day.